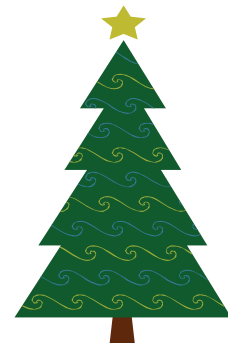




CELORON PRIDE

THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2011



FROM THE MAYOR: With the elections behind us and speaking for Scott Schrecengost, Norm Mattison and myself, I want to thank those who have placed their trust in us to lead our Village. This current Board has been together for over two (2) years which is enough time for one to measure success and failures. We encourage all residents to become involved with the events of the Village to whatever degree they can.

HOLIDAY TIME: From the Mayor, Trustees, Clerk's Office and the Highway Department, we wish you all a happy and bountiful Thanksgiving. Since this will be the last newsletter of 2011, we also wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: The Village of Celoron has begun an annual award called "Celoron Community Outstanding Hero" going to the community member who has been a leading example of service to their community. This year and every year, the award will be made at the November meeting, the month of Thanksgiving, at the Board of Trustees meeting. At Thanksgiving as we give thanks for our family and the bounty our country has afforded, we also wish to thank community residents for their dedication to service. The 2011 Celoron Community Service Award went to two persons: Dorothy Lindstrom and Mark Smith. We want to thank them for their community service.

L.W.R.P.: The first week of November proved to be an explosion of work on the Local Waterfront Revitalization Project for the Village of Celoron. On Wednesday evening, November 2nd, the project advisory committee met for two hours with peter j. smith and company. The consultant came with an organized list of ideas and priorities developed from previous meetings with the advisory board. The meeting that evening allowed advisory board members the opportunity of adding to the list and expressing their personal ideas on the techniques for economic growth. On Thursday, November 3rd, peter j. smith and company met with two (2) different focus groups. In the morning, a group focused on the natural environment and in the afternoon a group focused on business and recreation. These focus groups were made up of invited persons from all over Chautauqua County and numbered between 10-15 people who presented a number of outstanding ideas. At noon and over lunch, the advisory board presented the consultant a visual presentation of the history of Celoron and of Celoron Park, from the journey down the lake of Pierre-Joseph Celoron de Blainville to Celoron Park to Lucille Ball to the present day. The day ended with an open public meeting that included a visual presentation and an interactive workshop that allowed participants to express their vision for the future of the Village of Celoron. The consulting firm has now returned to Buffalo to organize this new material and information and begin to put the ideas on paper. The consulting firm, peter j. smith and company, will next meet with the advisory board on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. For our residents, a second public meeting will be held on that same date: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. If you did not attend the first meeting, you need to attend the second. If you attended the first meeting, you need to come back and see your ideas on paper as well as express new ones.

SURVEYS: Please find enclosed a copy of the survey results on how you rated your municipal government.

VETERANS' DAY: Veterans' Day at the Veterans' Memorial in Lucille Ball Memorial Park – November 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The Herman Kent Post #777 with the Village of Celoron presented a special ceremony to honor all service Veterans. Special honorees placing the memorial wreath were Mr. Larry Muntz, United States Marine Corps and Mr. Larry Bimber, United States Navy.

HELPING HANDS: Trustee Norm Mattison and friend, Jim Eck, two members of the "Celoron Corps" (seniors helping seniors) aided a West Duquesne Avenue resident that had a deer impaled on her back fence. With the assistance of the town of Ellicott Police, they moved the deer to the front roadway where the Village Highway Department could pick it up.

CHRISTMAS SEASON EVENTS: The following are four (4) special events during the Christmas season:

Children's Christmas Party @ The Resource Center on Dunham Ave. Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. children up to 12 years of age will receive a special gift from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Fun and refreshments will be available for all, but, you must register your child or grandchild at the Village Hall by Thursday, December 1st. We need to give Santa time to complete making the presents. This will be your final notice – get your child registered.

Seniors Living Alone Dinner @ the Celoron Community Center. Wednesday, December 14th at 4:30 p.m. The dinner will be served and prepared by Village employees and there will be a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus. In order for staff to plan for the correct number of persons, you must register at the Village Hall by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**. Don't miss the food and fun.

Village Home Lighting Contest (sponsored by Brigiotta's Greenhouse and Garden Center). All Village households, don't forget to sign-up for our Home Lighting Contest. Judging will take place December 12th, 13th and 14th. You must register by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH** at the Village Hall.

Olde Fashion Christmas Celebration. Sunday, December 18th from about 3:00 p.m. to about 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center and at Lucille Ball Memorial Park.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Horse drawn wagon rides leaving from the Community Center
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Christmas music and hot cocoa at the Community Center
4:15 pm	Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Bandshell
4:45 pm	Performance by Jamestown Harmony at the Bandshell
5:15 pm	Presentation of gift certificates from Brigiotta's Christmas Store to the lighting contest winners. Lighting and judging of trees that were decorated by community service groups and some by Village businesses, such as Industrial Welding, Store and Lock and Carlson's Boat Livery. Presentation of a gift certificate from Brigiotta's for the Best Decorated Tree. All trees will be lit every evening for the balance of the Christmas season as a sign of our Village unity and strength to serve as a beacon of the New Celoron. The event will conclude with the singing of Christmas carols at the Lucy Statue.

A YOUTH SUMMER CONCERT: In our last newsletter, I spoke of a program to assist our teens and pre-teens in taking "THE NEXT STEP". As part of that program, I need some help from some of our young people who are into music and have some knowledge of Alternative Rock Bands. In a recent Post-Journal article, the alternative rock band "BEYOND THE ILLUSION" discussed how hard it was to get venues to play their music and to acquire exposure. We may be able to do something like have a group such as this come in and be a part of our Summer Concert Series. There is no reason why a concert or two, over the summer, could not be by new youth bands for the enjoyment of our teens, pre-teens and young adults. I have the experience and knowledge of the music of the 50's and 60's; but, I am lost when it comes to contemporary music and the music enjoyed by our teens and pre-teens. This is a cry for help – I need your help. I need your advice on what band/bands to invite. I need a few of our youth (male and/or female) who would work to present a summer youth band concert. Call the Village Hall at 487-4175, or stop in if you are able to help me with this project.

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS: In the last newsletter, we reminded you that November 1st began the Village's Winter Parking Rules. I have been asked by the Highway Department to remind you of exactly what those regulations are and the consequences of failure to comply. Between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 1st to April 1st, the Village of Celoron does not allow roadside parking. All persons with access to driveways and/or garages are expected to park off the roadways. All this is necessary for winter snow plowing. In order to complete the required task of snow plowing, the Village will do the following: A note on the car windshield will be your first and only warning of a violation the winter parking regulations. A second violation during this winter season could result in your vehicle being towed at your expense. The Village of Celoron takes the responsibility of snow plowing seriously and asks that you cooperate with the Village's attempt to serve the entire Village. If you have any questions on this policy, contact Village Hall at 487-4175.

CELORON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: All of us at the Village Hall, as well as you, have worked hard from the beginning of Spring through Summer and now into the Fall. It's hard to believe that any group has worked harder than the Celoron Highway Department, headed by Terry Schrecengost, with workers, Barry Archer and Steve Mancari. The Highway team (with only a three man crew instead of last year's four) has performed all the year-round jobs such as general maintenance and garbage collection, but added the seasonal up-keep of Lucille Ball Memorial Park and the Burtis Street Playground, as well as assisting residents with Spring and Fall Cleanup Days. The bigger jobs in the Village can be divided into three categories:

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT: Over 800 feet on Alleghany, W. Livingston and Dunham

DRAINAGE AND CATCH BASINS: 210 feet of pipe and 3 catch basins on Dunham, 80 feet of pipe on Waverly

PAVING ROADS: Avon, Waverly, East and N. Butts

When you have the chance, give a wave of thanks to Terry and his crews.

HOW DID YOU RATE YOUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

The over 30 surveys returned was good, but could have been better. Still we were able to get an idea of what you are thinking. Here are the scores you gave us and some of your comments.

	<u>POOR</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>NO RESPONSE</u>
OFFICE:						
Access to Mayor/Trustees	1	0	1	10	17	2
Access to Office	0	1	0	9	20	1
Office Appearance	0	0	0	12	17	2
Counter Services	0	1	1	9	19	1
Access to Public Meetings	0	0	1	8	15	7

- Suggestions:**
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| 1. Continue to develop Village Website. | 2. Too many newsletters – Mayor hides behind his door. |
| 3. Coming to the Village Hall is enjoyable. | 4. The new office looks good. |
| 5. Wow, we are using the Community Center. | 6. Public meetings in a place where all can attend. |

HIGHWAY SERVICES:

Snow Plowing	1	1	1	4	23	1
Garbage Collection	0	0	0	3	26	2
Parks & Lawns	0	0	0	7	23	1
Road Repairs	0	1	5	9	13	3
Sidewalk Repairs	0	0	6	9	13	3

- Suggestions:**
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| 1. Rah for the CFD. | 2. Garbage crew treats our garbage cans and lids poorly. |
| 3. Create a bike/pedestrian path on the lakeside. | 4. Linwood should be ground down and re-paved. |
| 5. Highway department does a great job. | 6. My driveway was plugged with snow. |
| 7. Form a garden committee to take care of the gardens in the Park. | 8. Thanks for having garbage collection |

GENERAL SERVICES:

Code Enforcement	3	5	4	4	8	4
Animal Control	3	3	3	4	7	7

- Suggestions:**
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| 1. A program of spay and neuter for feral cats. | 2. Streets marked "No Trucks" enforced. |
| 3. Barking dogs are a problem. | 4. Dog licenses should be checked. |
| 5. Control cat population. | 6. Cats should not be allowed to run free. |
| 7. Would like a copy of the Village Code. | 8. Control the cats. |
| 9. Clean-up the Village – have a junk pick-up rather than a junk drop-off. | |

