

## Mayor Liendecker's 2012 Report

2012 was an exciting and busy year for the Village of Lyons Falls. To follow is an abbreviated list of all the many accomplishments our Village has achieved:

**Elected officials, appointed officials and staff:** (our first November election, saving \$1000 annually) and Jeff Hoskins did not run for re-election after 10 years of service:

**Mayor:** Katie Liendecker

**Trustees:** Ron Dorrity, Mike Skorupa, Donna Dolhof and Tim Munn (one year appointment)

**Treasurer:** Wendy Hoskins; **Clerk and Assist. Treasurer:** Kathy Levesque

**Registrar:** Agatha Walker; **Deputy Registrar:** Mary Pat Faduski

**Staff:** Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent: Mike DeLano; Shane Rogers DPW; Jeremy Rogers, DPW; Dave Myers, Certified Waste Water Treatment

**Ethics Committee:** Jason Gibson, Elizabeth (Tink) Bruce Cook, Katie Liendecker

**Safety Committee:** Jeff Hoskins, Mike DeLano, Katie Liendecker

**Pavilion coordinator:** Linda Higby

**New Law:** A village wide curfew law for all minors under the age of 18 years old.

**New Policy:** Garbage & Recycling, each residence & business is allowed a maximum of 4 thirty gallon garbage bags for the weekly garbage pick-up. The rest of the policy is on the village website: [www.villageoflyonsfalls.webs.com](http://www.villageoflyonsfalls.webs.com)

### Streets:

- Decorative LED snowflake lights on Center Street, 2 donated by Lyons Falls ALIVE, 4 by the village.
- New "Welcome to Lyons Falls" sign on the corner of Cherry & McAlpine Street purchased with NYS Main street/streetscape monies, administered by Snowbelt Housing.
- All fire hydrants were painted red and black by the DPW staff.
- Lyons Falls ALIVE Volunteers planted watered and maintained annual plants in 6 wooden planters.
- Children at play signs were put on lower McAlpine and Fulton Streets.
- Several American flags were purchased to replace old tattered ones.
- All man holes were inspected and documentation of their depth, width, flow and general condition of each by the DPW staff
- Stripping of McAlpine, Center and Franklin Streets.
- A new hydrant was installed on the corner of Cherry and McAlpine Streets.
- Dock and New Streets were paved; Barrett will return in the spring to do some repairs.
- Old wrought iron, Yerdon fence that was on the Center Street Bridge was refurbished by Westward Painting. Our DPW staff moved it to Laura Street by the 3-way-bridge monument.
- A new street light was installed at the mill end of High Street.
- DPW staff removed the old sidewalks in front of the Snowbelt Housing Apartments on Center Street. Snowbelt paid for the cement and installation. DPW staff replaced the water service curb box at that time.

### Riverside Park:

- A storage building by the pavilion was donated to the Village by Lyons Falls ALIVE.
- A 20 Station fitness trail was installed by the DPW staff and spear headed by Anne Huntress. The main contributors were Iroquois Gas, Lyons Falls ALIVE, Forest Presbyterian Church, Re-energy, town of Lyonsdale and Pratt Northam Foundation.
- Electricity was connected to the new Little League score board.
- Lyons Falls ALIVE donated money to update the electricity in the Auxiliary Building.
- A port-a-potty was provided at the southern end of the park by Lyons Falls ALIVE and the Village.

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- Special wood chips were distributed around the playground equipment.
- The tennis and basketball courts were resurfaced and restriped with funds from the town of Lyonsdale, Village of Lyons Falls and Lyons Falls ALIVE.
- "No dogs allowed in ball field" signs were put up.
- Lewis County did some hydro seeding at no cost to the Village in different areas of the park.
- The road around the ball fields was enlarged at the corner of the new little league ball field.

### **Basin Canal Park:**

- The octagon picnic table was replaced due to vandalism.
- The deck, stairs and picnic tables were stained by "Community Connections" a group of young caring citizens with Mary Rhodes as their advisor and some Lyons Falls ALIVE volunteers.
- ALIVE volunteers also created a small rock garden at the entrance of the deck.
- The Basin Canal sign was repaired after vandalism and repositioned on the upper level of the Basin Canal Park.

### **Youth**

- The Village contributed \$1,906 to the Town of Grieg's South Lewis Central School Summer recreation program. The amount we give depends on the number of children from our Village who attends the program.
- \$200 was donated to the library for a Halloween party for the youth.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> we had our annual Community tree lighting AND caroling event, chaired by Lyons Falls ALIVE. It is great having several groups working together to make this event memorable, rain and all. Many thanks to all that contributed to our new lights for the tree. I can't say enough about our faithful, energetic firemen. We are very appreciative of all of their volunteer time and energy.

### **Equipment:**

- The Village's old plow truck chassis was sand blasted and painted by Westward Painting which they donated.
- A second hand box was refurbished by our DPW staff and installed on our old plow truck.

### **Sewer:**

- Our sewer main pipes were jetted (flushed with water) at no cost by the Village of Boonville, they will be returning in the spring to finish the jetting.
- New York State Rural Water did a televised videotaping of our sewer mains and will also be returning in the spring to finish the project. This also was done at no charge.
- The Village was awarded, with the assistance of the Tug Hill Commission, a \$30,000 grant from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a Waste Water treatment engineering grant. It will allow us to assess our present sewer system and assess various potential developments that could go into the mill site. We will progress with this in the spring of 2013.

### **Grants:**

- SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Application) and GIS (Geographic Information System) systems were completed. A web-based GIS displays water and waste water infrastructure. The GIS also included properties of water and sewer customers of the Village. The SCADA system monitors and alarms the Well Site (on Burnt Shanty Rd.), Storage Tank and the secondary pressure zone on McAlpine St. The Master Remote Terminal Unit is located in the DPW garage office area. Anyone interested may make an appointment with Mr. DeLano (348-8633) to see the computer system in action. This project was done by DANC (Development Authority North Country) through the Lewis County NBRC project.
- The Village received a records management grant from NYS Records Archival Department. New shelving and map storage equipment were installed and decades of records were sorted and filed.

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- The Village finished and approved the Step 2 BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Area) grant. We have applied for a step 3 BOA. Go to [www.lyonsfallsboa.wordpress.com](http://www.lyonsfallsboa.wordpress.com) to get an update and over view of the BOA project. A copy of the BOA is at the village office, 4059 Cherry St., for your review.
- Snow Belt Housing assisted the Village in applying for a Community Development Block grant; we were not awarded the grant. We will re-apply when it is available.
- Thanks to a NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research Development Authority) the Firemen were able to get a 75% rebate on two energy star refrigerators. The Village also got a 75% rebate on energy star lighting, a fax/scanner/printer and a new refrigerator for the youth baseball concession stand (25% of the refrigerator's cost was donated). Having these energy efficient items will save energy and decrease our electrical bill.
- The lighting in our Village buildings was evaluated by National Grid at no charge. They gave us 70% discount on upgrades. This coming year the Library will be done, the Village will pay for the upper level and the library will pay for the downstairs. This will make this building energy efficient and decrease our electrical bill.

#### **Mill site:**

- In 2011 LCDC (Lewis County Development Corporation), a non-profit organization-not the Municipality of Lewis County, purchased the mill site property. They recently received a one million dollar grant to clean up the site. The Village has an agreement with DANC (Development Authority of North Country) as the project manager for the mill site projects. DANC makes monthly reports with the project progress and future plans. These reports are available for review at the Village Office or by email at [lfvillage@live.com](mailto:lfvillage@live.com); or at the LCDC website: <http://sites.google.com/site/lewiscountydevelopmentcorp/home> Assessments and testing have been done at the site. In the spring the removal of asbestos, etc. will begin and then the demolition of some of the buildings.

#### **Reminder**

- Our Village Board meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, unless it's a holiday. The meetings are held at the Village Offices, 4059 Cherry St. (the old medical building, the round brown building next to the High Falls Apartments) at 6 pm. Our meetings are open to the public.
- Our Village Clerk's hours are every Monday 5 pm to 6 pm; Wednesday s and Fridays at 9 am to 11 am. I am usually at the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Please feel free to call or visit me anytime. You may also email me at the Village Office: [lfvillage@live.com](mailto:lfvillage@live.com)

It is a pleasure serving the residents of our fine Village.