Village business continues as usual, despite the additional demands the Dissolution initiative has placed on Village Hall staff and elected officials since Village clerk Leslie Morelli certified petitions received January 25. We’ve met with the Board of Elections to assure a smooth voting process for the special village taxpayer financed election, set up an information page on our village website (http://www.brockportny.org/) where voters can educate themselves about dissolution, provided numerous invited statements to the press, and processed more than 50 Freedom of Information Requests since the petitions were certified.

We, the Village Board, are steadfast in our belief that dissolution would be a huge mistake for our 187-year-old municipality. Opposing dissolution is not about protecting our elected positions nor the jobs of village employees. It’s about doing what’s right for our village and its residents. Dissolution may be the answer for some small villages that struggle financially and provide few services to their residents, but as we have said before, Brockport is not that kind of village! As the largest village in Monroe County and home to the College at Brockport, we need a strong code enforcement office and community policing, along with the other regular services villagers demand—upkeep of our own water and sewer infrastructure, paving, sidewalk and snow plowing, brush pickup, tree planting/pruning/removing and much more. Were dissolution to occur, we do not know what services would continue, at what level, or at what cost.

We fully understand Brockport’s tax rate and the reasons for it—the loss of most manufacturing, low assessment of village properties (especially rentals) and the large amount of tax exempt property (nearly 70%), led by the College at Brockport. That’s why we have given considerable thought and effort to find other sources of revenue to continue to provide services—even as costs go up. We have been successful in doing so, recouping over $100,000 in delinquent parking fines, securing nearly $1,000,000 in grants, turning to solar for municipal energy and buying back our street lights from National Grid. We are also urging the state legislature to pass the SUNY Impact Aid Assistance Act which, when law, would provide tax relief to SUNY municipalities for the services they provide to their SUNY colleges.

When looking at the tax levy, residents should keep in mind that since 2010 health insurance costs have risen 38% and retirement 91%. All increases that we must meet while keeping the tax levy under the cap.

In 2010, even under a fractious village board, at a time of fiscal stress and a tax increase of 6%, residents of this village wisely recognized that dissolving Brockport was not an answer to its financial challenges. Six years later, Brockport has a smoothly functioning village board, is financially healthy; the tax rate is inching down, and we are below the current tax cap (only 0.12%) for the third year in a row. This will yield another rebate check from the State to village taxpayers.

Our message to village residents; In 2010 you said NO to dissolution. On May 24, say NO to dissolution again—even stronger this time.

Trustee Katherine “Kathy” Kristansen, Trustee Annette “Annie” Crane, Mayor Margaret “Margay” Blackman, Trustee William “Bill” Andrews and Trustee John LaPierre
The Village of Brockport and the Town of Sweden (outside the Village) are two different communities demanding two different governing bodies. The contrasts below highlight the stark differences in the governing needs of an urban village and a rural town.

► The Village has a dense population
The Town does not

► The Village has a large college student population
The Town does not

► The Village has substantial code enforcement staffing
The Town does not

► The Village has rental property inspections and registrations
The Town does not

► The Village has a local police force
The Town does not

► The Village has its own water & sewer infrastructure
The Town does not

► The Village has largely historical housing stock
The Town does not

► The Village has a vibrant Canal front and welcome center
The Town does not

► The Village has small shops in historic buildings
The Town does not

► The Town has big box retailers and large shopping malls
The Village does not

► The Village has assessment authority for both communities’ properties, housing, rentals, and businesses
The Village does not

These differences have created different problems, perspectives, and strategies for their governing bodies. Consider the following:

**Rental Properties.** The Village has a significant percentage of rental properties, many of which are single-family homes converted to student housing. Property code enforcement is essential to safeguard life, property, public welfare, and preserve the Village’s historic character—making it a friendly environment for families and homeowners. Sweden, by contrast, has no rental inspections and no rental registrations, two essential components of Brockport’s property codes. Brockport has a very busy codes office with one full-time code enforcement officer, two part-timers, and one fulltime codes secretary. Sweden requires only two part-time officers.

**Law Enforcement.** A densely populated village containing a State College has law enforcement needs different from those that don’t, particularly when many students live off-campus in the Village. Fourteen of the 16 municipalities hosting a 4-year comprehensive SUNY college or a university have a local police force, and with good reason.¹ It allows us to remain a safe and livable community.

**Historic Preservation.** Since 1990 the Village has had an active historic preservation board. They have placed 131 structures on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and have designated 110 structures as historic landmarks locally. They have secured more than $100,000 in grants, and overseen Brockport’s designation as a Certified Local Government and a Preserve America Community. The Town of Sweden has a Landmarks Advisory Committee that meets rarely, has designated 9 structures locally, placed no structures on the State/National Registers since 1993, and is not eligible to receive grants.

**Trees.** The Village has a municipal Tree Board that has secured Tree City status for the Village, planted over 300 village trees since 2006, secured over $34,000 in grants and donations for trees, and completed a tree management plan. The Village DPW oversees 1,750 public trees, all entered and managed on a database. Chapter 46 of the Village Code is dedicated to trees and vegetation. The Town of Sweden has nothing comparable in legislation, maintenance or management of public trees.
**Village Code.** Rental properties, law enforcement, and trees are but a few examples of some of the codes embedded in our local village laws. If dissolution happens, local laws will disappear at the end two years, “except that the town board shall have the power at any time to amend or repeal such local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations in the manner as other laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of the town.” With dissolution, there is no way of knowing whether any local village law would remain.

Under the present administration, the Village and the Town are working together to share information and services. The Mayor and Town Supervisor meet regularly to discuss common concerns and issues and both serve on the Town/Gown college-community committee co-chaired by the Mayor and the College President; Village DPW and the Sweden Highway Department regularly share equipment; and the town assessor serves both town and village.

Dissolution and incorporation of the village into the town will only create more problems. Village residents value their quality of life in this canal community and deserve to keep it.

¹Morrisville has a State Police sub-station in the village, and Stony Brook relies on the Suffolk County Police
² New York Municipal Law Section 789

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**May 10th — Informational Forum on Dissolution for the Public**

New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) General Counsel, Wade Beltramo, will give an overview of the dissolution process and its implications at the A.D. Oliver Middle School Auditorium, 40 Allen Street, on Tuesday May 10th at 7pm.

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**2016-2017 Budget Highlights**

The final budget for fiscal year June 1, 2016-May 31, 2017 was adopted by the Village Board on April 18, 2016.

- Maintains property tax rate at current level. In fact, a $.01 decline in the Village tax rate has been adopted.
- Complies with the Governor’s Tax Cap, which for the 2016-17 Village Budget, the tax levy cannot increase by more than $7,169. The new budget tax levy will increase $7,139.
- Staffing remains at current levels. During the current fiscal year, Village Trustees authorized increases in hours for several part-time positions. These included an increase in hours for clerks in the Village Court, Code Enforcement and Police Department offices.
- Budget includes funding of all current village services, including improvements to Village facilities, parks and recreation repairs and upgrades, additional trees, street and sidewalk maintenance and repairs.
- The budget for employee benefits is lower by $21,190, chiefly due to a reduction in retirement rates for staff who are enrolled in the NYS Employee’s Retirement System and NYS Police and Fire Retirement System.
- Water and Sewer rates remain unchanged and have not increased since 2010.
Meet Trustee Crane

When I moved to Brockport 32 years ago with my husband David Newman, I brought a degree in chemistry and our first child. The degree in chemistry came with attention to detail; raising our two daughters in Brockport taught me to appreciate the community in which we live.

I’ve spent the past 25 years working at the Lift Bridge Book Shop on Main Street. I use my skills to manage, order and solve problems. I understand how retail fits into our community. Small businesses like Lift Bridge and Evergreen Family Medicine, my husband’s medical practice, cannot afford to be wasteful; neither can our village. The village budget should balance the present and future needs of all segments of our population: its purpose is to enhance the quality of life in the community in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

David and I are active in the Brockport Jewish Community; my hobbies include reading and cooking.

Village Tax Bills for the 2016-2017 Year Will Be Mailed on May 31, 2016

We will no longer be using Lock Box services. Lock Box is moving to an incompatible platform and will cost more; the decision was made to return all tax collection work to Brockport Village Hall. To pay your taxes please return a check or money order, payable to the Village of Brockport, with the payment stub in the envelope provided with your bill via mail, the drop box on our driveway, or in person at Village Hall, 49 State Street.

Full payment or first installment is due by July 1, 2016. Second installment is due by August 1, 2016.

If you do not receive a bill within the first week of June, and your taxes are not escrowed, please call Village Clerk Leslie Morelli at 637-5300 x12.

Village Court

Brockport Village Court marked its one-year anniversary on January 1. Since its inception, the court has seen 3,007 cases. These include: 146 DWI cases - 145 of the DWI were Brockport Police Department arrests and 1 was referred from the University Police Department. There have been 27 underage drinking cases, 55 evictions or small claims proceedings, and 250 village code offenses. The court has also seen 4 dangerous dog cases.

After some attrition and work load adjustments, the village court has settled into a rhythm. We have good, knowledgeable staff who handle a large volume of traffic. Corey Stepanek is our full-time Court Clerk, and Jenny Kimmel (pictured) has recently been hired part-time to assist with daily tasks, court proceedings, and to fill in for Corey when she is unavailable. The clerks understand that a court appearance is the first experience people may have interacting with a court, and they take the time to explain the process to each individual and try to be as helpful as possible.

A court clerk is available to the public 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday. The first through fourth Fridays a month, court is in session. If a month has a fifth Friday, no court is scheduled that day.

Village court is open to the public. The third and fourth Fridays are disposition days with heavier case loads. Once a month court is held for contested parking tickets and code violations. This court session includes the village attorney and starts at 3pm.
April 5, 2016

An open letter to the people of Brockport, New York

If ever a village needed a police department it is the Village of Brockport, NY. I am familiar with Brockport; I had the pleasure of living there while I attended SUNY Brockport. It is a wonderful, unique village with its own character and charm. Every day and every night during the school year the village is full of college students who are - well - doing what college kids do. Most of the SUNY Brockport students are well behaved and respectful, but some are not. With over 8,000 students, if even only a small percentage of the students misbehave, that’s still a big problem. A police presence is vital in the village to ensure public order and to protect life and property.

The college aside, like all communities, Brockport is also preyed upon by criminals from both inside and outside the jurisdiction. Crime is a harsh reality in the world we currently inhabit. This is not a time when we need less police presence; we need more. Brockport police respond to almost 20,000 calls for service a year and make around 140 arrests a year. That includes approximately 60 DWI arrests, keeping the streets of Brockport safe. Not to mention traffic and parking enforcement and the investigation of felonies, misdemeanors, and violations. That’s a lot of work.

In every community that has dissolved their government and police, the local sheriff’s office has told the community that they can adequately police their jurisdiction. And it’s true, if you dissolve the village and you call 911 a sheriff’s deputy will come; they have to come. Where will the sheriff’s deputy come from? Will he respond from Brockport? Maybe. Or maybe he will respond from Hamlin or Chili or Parma? It’s really anyone’s guess. Will the sheriff’s office provide the same level of service? Of course not, under no circumstances will the people of Brockport receive the same level of service they currently receive from the Brockport Police. Every dissolution case is a little different. The size of the communities vary as do the services. Every village that has a small police department should ask itself: can we afford our own police department? Sometimes the answer is, we can’t afford it, and I get that concept. But in the case of Brockport I think you should ask: Can we afford not to have our own police department? I think you'll find the answer is that you can’t afford to lose your police department. You need the Brockport Police and you are a better community for having the Brockport Police.

Chief Patrick D. Phelan
President, Western New York Association of Chiefs of Police

During my tenure with University Police, I was occasionally asked “Why can’t the SUNY Police just take care of the village as well as the campus?” The answer to that question is very simple — it is prohibited by state law.

— Robert J. Kehoe, Chief of University Police Emeritus, The College at Brockport
The Brockport Police Department is a 24 hour, 7 day a week, full service public safety service protecting the Village of Brockport. Since 2004, the Department has achieved the highest standard, including New York State Accreditation,* 7 AAA Community Traffic Programs awards, 6 of which were Platinum Awards (the highest awards given to law enforcement) and 2 Monroe County STOP DWI Awards for leading the county in per officer DWI arrests.

Brockport police officers monitor criminal activity, take part in community patrols, respond to emergency calls, issue tickets, make arrests, investigate crimes and testify in court as needed. They provide a daily and nightly presence in our community. Studies show where there is a constant police presence, criminal activity is reduced.

A police officer's first order of business is to serve and protect. In fact, the phrase "Serve and Protect" is the credo of our Police Department. Brockport Officers take their job and the community they serve personally. They provide the quickest emergency and non-emergency response in Monroe County. They have knowledge of every street within the Village and are aware of the trouble spots in the community. Specifically trained youth officers are better able to deal with youth related problems. With an intimate knowledge of the community, suspicious individuals are readily recognized and identified. Brockport police respond to medical emergencies with AED’s in every police car.

The Brockport Police Department holds the highest DWI arrests ratio to police officer in Monroe County. Consistent, effective Stop-DWI initiatives keep our families safe on village streets. Each DWI arrest is a potential life-saving incident. The Brockport Police performs routine bar checks for under-age drinking and recently brought bribery charges against employees of a local bar this past year. These allegations were upheld by the NYS Liquor Authority who ultimately revoked the bar’s liquor license.

The Brockport Police Department helps with enforcement of village codes. Teamwork with the Village Code Enforcement Office is important to ensure quality housing and village life.

There is close collaboration between Brockport Police Department and University Police, ensuring a safer college environment. Close cooperation with college administration, directly relating to off-campus student conduct, is also an important component of local policing.

The Department welcomes interaction with the community. Citizens have the ability to communicate directly with the Chief of Police or any member of the staff. The Police Station is located within the Village. The Police Department has a Youth Explorer Program. There is a satellite police office located at Oliver Middle School that promotes interacting with students. The police department maintains a foot patrol in the downtown district and in the Village parks. They regularly check business doors during night time hours. You will sometimes find the Brockport police officers on bike patrol. You are welcome to use the pharmaceutical drop box located in the Police Department lobby for unneeded prescriptions.

**Statistics for the Last Three Years**

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Other important services provided include:

- House checks performed as requested when residents are out of town.
- Special attention performed when requested during funerals, weddings, etc.
- Fingerprinting for job applications, licenses, citizenship, etc. at no cost to village residents.

Our officers are invested in our community. The Brockport Police Union Law Enforcement Scholarship ($500) is awarded annually to a graduating senior of Brockport High School funded by the Brockport Police Department's Stetson Club. The Stetson Club provides the Home town hero banners, sponsors the Holiday of Lights Parade, pays and serves lunch for attendees of Camp Abilities, and sponsors the Judge William Cody annual blood drive.

Mr. Shawn Lessord, Director of Operations for “Renewable Rochester,” donated the solar panel in the picture above the speed sentry. In addition to the solar panel Mr. Lessord donated a new battery and his labor, allowing the speed sentry on State Street to run 24/7 without the need to periodically replace the battery.

PARK AVENUE BRIDGE REPAIR

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) will begin repairing the Park Avenue lift bridge on May 2nd. The NYSDOT will place the bridge in the raised position on Wednesday, April 27th where it will remain until repairs are complete, anticipated by May 23rd, if not earlier. At that time, the NYSDOT Bridge Maintenance crew has agreed to repair and reopen the sidewalk across the bridge. Please visit our website for updates on repair status, detour routes, and the reopening dates for bridge and sidewalk at www.brockportny.org.

Boards/Committees/Volunteer Opportunities

Consider filling a vacancy on the following Boards/Committees. If interested, and a village resident, please complete a position interest form online at www.brockportny.org/departments-services/forms-and-applications or pick one up at Village Hall to submit by 6/24/16.

- Planning Board – meets 2nd Monday at 7pm (only upon application)
- Zoning Board of Appeals – meets 1st Thursday at 7pm (only upon application)
- Historic Preservation Board – meets 3rd Thursday at 7pm
- Tree Board – meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm (September – May)
- Emily L. Knapp Museum Board – meets 4th Wednesday at 6pm
- Ethics Board – meets only as needed (very rare)
- Code Review Committee – meets 4th Monday at 6pm
- Parks Committee – meets 2nd Monday at 7pm (at Seymour Library)
News from the Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is responsible for upgrading, repairing, and maintaining the village's infrastructure, from its water lines to its sanitary and storm sewers and cleaning catch basins twice a year. We maintain village streets and sidewalks in all seasons, plant and prune village trees, and do fall leaf pickup. We maintain all of the village's buildings' interiors and exteriors. We pick up brush twice a year, and sweep village streets during the warmer months. We read water meters, flush water hydrants and mow and maintain the Village's 9 parks.

WATER QUALITY—NO LEAD IN BROCKPORT'S PIPES!

There has been national concern regarding clean water supplies since the problems in Flint, MI were reported. We are fortunate in the Village of Brockport to have a plentiful source of water and lead free pipes. In the 32 years our Superintendent has been working on our infrastructure, he has replaced hundreds of galvanized pipes but only one lead pipe.

The water laborers conduct weekly and quarterly water quality tests at 8 different locations throughout the village. These samples are taken to the Monroe County Shoremont Lab for testing; quarterly samples are driven directly to a testing facility in Canandaigua where they are tested for numerous containments.

All water quality information is available in an annual report that is published June 1 of each year. This publication can be found on our website at [http://www.brockportny.org/departments-services/public-works](http://www.brockportny.org/departments-services/public-works) or a hard copy may be obtained from Village Hall.

In Monroe County, there have been no documented cases of lead poisoning through tap water. Almost all of lead poisoning cases occur from paint and dust chips found in older homes. The Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning has an abundance of information at [www.letsmakeleadhistory.org](http://www.letsmakeleadhistory.org).

THE WATER FUND WORKS FOR YOU

The water fund pays for the water department, salaries, benefits, equipment and supplies. It also funds the annual bond payment on the Main Street infrastructure upgrade that was authorized in 2011. This payment will continue until 2031.

We sell water to the College, half at in-district rates and half at higher, out-of-district rates, which is a source of income from that tax exempt property. Brockport sells water to other out-of-district users at the higher rate, including Brockport Central School District (only Oliver Middle School is considered in-district) and the Owens Road Fire Hall. Although the price of wholesale water through the Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA) has risen five times over the last six years, Brockport has not increased its water rates since January 2010. MCWA also charges a rental fee for their water meters to their customers and the Village does not.

As the manager of our water, village residents and businesses receive a quicker response time and quicker remediation for any problems that may arise. In winter months, when the risk of broken or frozen pipes increases with the severe temperatures, DPW monitors our streets and neighborhoods, hoping to catch problems quickly and keep damage and disruption to a minimum for our residents.
As the 2016 construction season gets underway, the first priority for our DPW is to continue working on and completing the West Avenue water main replacement. This project must be completed as scheduled as the Monroe County Department of Transportation has plans to pave this stretch of road early this season.

Our DPW has slated several streets for milling and paving. These are:
- Park Avenue from South Street to the canal
- Beverly Drive
- Morgan Court
- Idlewood Drive
- Locust Street
- South Avenue from Main Street to Quakermaid Street

Additionally, several streets are being evaluated for either crack sealing or a slurry sealing this summer. Roadwork is contingent upon weather and staffing.

Brush pick-up began April 25th and will continue until all streets have been passed through. If you need further brush removal, please call DPW and schedule a truck to be left at your residence overnight or over the weekend. You fill the truck, we haul it away the next day.

**Brockport Secures Grants to Bring Rowing to the Village**

In December the Village of Brockport received a Canalway Grant of $75,000 and in April a Dormitory Authority of the State of New York Grant of $50,000 to Bring Rowing to Brockport.

This is exciting, for establishing a rowing program will offer recreational and sport activities for the community, the Brockport Central School system, and the College at Brockport. In addition, having a boathouse and rowing program will allow the village to host regattas, which will bring tourists to our downtown businesses. Currently there is no rowing program between Rochester and Buffalo.

The grants will allow the village to build a boathouse similar to the Pittsford boathouse shown here to house rowing shells, oars and other equipment, and to build a dock on the canal. The Department of Public Works will construct the boathouse; cash donations from BISCO, a private donor, and the annual LBHW fundraiser, and the donation of an 8 shell and oars will help us realize this goal.

The first step in this project is determining exactly where the boathouse will be built. Corbett Park, our largest, is ideally situated on the canal just east of a straight 2000 meter stretch that is ideal for sprint races, and it has sufficient space for the boathouse. Two possible sites in the park have been suggested and the next order of business will be looking at the pros and cons of each including proximity to nearby residents, access to parking and the water, and construction issues.

An important part of this process will be the organization of a community group, “Brockport Rowing” which will oversee the daily operations of the boathouse, its equipment, and establish the rowing program.

As a part of the location study, residents whose properties abut the park or live nearby will receive a letter regarding an onsite meeting to get their input.

For more information on this project and/or to learn about Brockport Rowing, contact Mayor Blackman at mblackman@brockportny.org or (585)230-5966 (cell).
I am Katie Brown, the new Building & Code Enforcement Department Clerk. My first day was February 8th and am delighted to be a new member of the Village of Brockport staff. I value the opportunity to support a team of code enforcement officers who work to promote the safety of residents and the historic beauty of Brockport. The duties of my role require me to wear many hats and keep me quite busy. As Building & Code Enforcement Clerk, I process applications for permits, inspections, registrations, and licenses. I handle scheduling inspections, billing, and manage general correspondence. I compile data monthly and annually to complete the NYS Uniform Code Administration & Enforcement Report and reports for the U.S. Census Bureau. In addition, I serve as clerk to the Village Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. I am responsible for meeting agendas, minutes, assisting the applicants appearing before the board, and providing secretarial support to the board members. My standard office hours are Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm. I can be reached at 585-637-5300 x14. I am happy to assist with questions regarding our department’s processes and policies, so feel free to call or stop by Village Hall.

Have a concern or complaint? Fill out a complaint form online at http://www.brockportny.org/files/Code_Enforcement_Complaint_Form.pdf. You can mail, fax (637-1045), scan and email the form to kbrown@brockportny.org or drop it off at Village Hall. Someone in the Building and Code Enforcement Department will promptly respond to your concern.

TRASH COLLECTION NOTICE

Beginning Monday, May 9, 2016 Village Code Enforcement Officers will begin patrolling neighborhoods to make note of addresses where refuse items are being piled up. At the end of each property’s regular garbage collection day, the Village of Brockport Department of Public Works will be making rounds to clean up any items left behind. Please note that this is not a free pick up. The property owner will be billed for the collection of any refuse by the Department of Public Works. To ensure this does not take place, contact your refuse collection company to verify what they will pick up and make sure any items left behind are brought back from the road.

Please keep all refuse in containers with adequately sealed lids and ensure that all refuse is placed neatly at the curb for collection. Do not place any refuse in the road or block any sidewalks. Refuse may not be placed curbside more than 24 hours prior to scheduled collection. Electronic items will not be picked up by refuse collectors.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Building/Code Enforcement Department at (585) 637-5300 x 14.

Thank you for doing your part to help our Village remain clean for everyone!

Sincerely,

David J. Miller
Code Enforcement/Fire Marshal
This is the third season that we have conducted exterior property maintenance inspections; each season a specific set of streets are designated for inspection with the goal of having the first set of comprehensive exterior village inspections completed at the end of summer 2017.

The goal for these inspections is to uphold a quality standard of exterior property maintenance for all property owners, as regulated by the New York State Property Maintenance Code and the Code of the Village of Brockport. Exterior property areas and structures must be maintained in good repair and in a sanitary condition to reflect a positive impression of not just the owner, but of the entire neighborhood and village.

**Exterior of Structures and General Maintenance**

The exterior of every structure and/or accessory structure, including fences, shall be maintained in good repair and be free of conditions reflective of deterioration or inadequate maintenance. For example, siding materials must be maintained in good repair without holes, loose or rotting materials, or peeling paint. Roof shingles must be in good repair, not worn or missing.

**Exterior Property Areas**

Premises shall be maintained so that lawns, hedges, and bushes shall not become overgrown and unsightly where exposed to public view and shall not constitute a blighting factor that impairs the good residential character of the neighborhood. Junk, debris, garbage/trash, litter and other similar items, including noxious or offensive materials, shall not be allowed to accumulate on a property. Garbage for collection shall be in approved, covered containers and have proper screening or enclosures. Motor vehicles parked outdoors must be in operable condition, in good repair, and carrying a current inspection and registration.

**Inspection Process**

During the inspection process, all inspections will be conducted from Village streets, sidewalks or rights-of-way; at no point will an inspector enter private property unless permission is given by the property owner to enter the premises. Property owners are encouraged to ask questions and be involved. **BE PROACTIVE! NOT REACTIVE!** If you know you have an issue, don’t wait until the scheduled week of inspection to find out it’s a violation. Please remedy the condition. Your neighbors will appreciate it!

**What to expect AFTER the initial inspection**

If there are property maintenance violations observed on premises, the property owner will be afforded an opportunity to rectify deficiencies within an allotted time frame based on the severity of the issue(s). You will receive a Notice of Violation detailing the code citation and section of code it violates, and it will contain the time deemed necessary to complete.
Spotlight on Business: Carbon

Coming Soon - Fine Dining at 36 Erie Street

Brockport residents have been watching the transformation of the 1840 Greek Revival structure on Erie Street known as Flash’s Tavern, The Colonial, and before them a ticket office for the interurban trolley than once ran from Brockport to Rochester. Now 36 Erie is soon to be a restaurant called “Carbon”.

The building is owned by Dave Enos, Hamlin resident and graduate of the Brockport Central School system. It’s his 4th restaurant—he owns three Napa Wood Fired Pizza restaurants—as well as two buildings in Brockport. Carbon will be more upscale than his other three restaurants and will serve pizza, steaks, burgers, and seafood. Dave grows the produce for all his restaurants on his Hamlin farm; Carbon will also be a farm brewery, with its own beer on tap. The single story addition to the back of the building is the brewery.

Mayor Blackman toured the building with Dave on a cold Tuesday in March. The second story, which most recently housed a fraternity, has had the roof raised to create a large upstairs dining area. This area is suitable for private parties of up to 80 people with a small bar at the back and a restroom towards the front. A large open area in the middle of the second floor provides a view of the first floor and the bar below.

From the first floor dining area and spacious bar one will be able to look back towards the kitchen to the coal and wood fired ovens. Outside, a covered dining deck runs the length of the east side of the restaurant and along the front; a second story covered dining deck at the front is accessible from the second floor. Seating capacity on two floors and the decks is approximately 240.

Carbon will serve lunch and dinner seven days a week, and possibly Sunday brunch, closing at 10 on weekdays, 11 on weekends. Dave is aiming for a July 1 opening. Brockport is eagerly waiting.

Arbor Day Celebration, Friday, May 6th, 10am-noon

Volunteers welcome to join the tree planting effort. Meet on the lawn at the intersection of South Avenue and Brook Terrace for the planting of 20+ trees.

Dress to dig. Shovels provided. Refreshments served.
On Friday, February 5, the Emily L Knapp Museum & Library of Local History collaborated with the College at Brockport to celebrate the lives of Ms. Fannie Barrier Williams and Mr. William Page, presenting the histories of these two prominent Black Brockport residents and their families to a crowd of 180 that included students, faculty, and Brockport residents.

The evening began with a timely introduction by Dr. Neal Keating of the College at Brockport’s Anthropology and Museum Studies Program and continued with remarks from Dean Darwin Prioleau, President Heidi Macpherson, and Mayor Margaret Blackman, who all spoke about the College at Brockport and Village of Brockport’s commitment to preserving and celebrating the two institutions’ unified histories and successes.

The presentation began with Village Historian Sarah Cedeño’s presentation on William Page, who was born into slavery in 1834 in Florida and sent to western New York via the Underground Railroad. Page was the first African-American to graduate from the University of Rochester and earned certificates in engineering before raising his family in Brockport, NY. He worked as an engineer for Brockport’s most successful businesses including the Moore-Shafter Shoe Factory and Gordon Lumber. He and his daughter Gertrude Page had close ties with abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Musician and former Brockport music teacher Greg Turner performed a 1940’s ragtime style song on the piano and sang lyrics written by Harold Page, William Page’s son.

Former Brockport High School History Teacher Ann Frey’s presentation featured a discussion of the life of Brockport-born Fannie Barrier Williams. Mrs. Williams was a nationally known lecturer who worked tirelessly to promote programs to benefit the free and newly freed black women. She helped establish the NAACP and Chicago’s Provident Hospital—the first black-owned and operated hospital in America.

The evening ended with College at Brockport student Oscia Miles’ performance of a Fannie Barrier Williams’ oration and a vocal spiritual, followed by a birthday cake for Fannie Barrier Williams, whose birthday was February 12.

Brookport Historic Moment — by William Andrews, Deputy Mayor/Trustee

On the topic of early history of African-Americans in the area: The 1814 census shows no blacks in town; the 1825 state census registered nine “colored” residents, including a couple and small daughter. The husband, John Johnson, was a barber, a common trade for African-Americans in the 19th century. He was the first of some 21 African-American men who practiced—and practically dominated—that trade here.

The best known of the barbers was Anthony J. Barrier, who barbered in Brockport from his arrival in 1829 at the age of fifteen until his death in his shop in 1890, 61 years later. He was a prominent and respected member of the business and religious community and the father of civil rights leader, Fannie Barrier Williams. His brother-in-law, Troy A. White, also had a barber shop in Brockport. The Barriers were a Brockport family from 1829 until Anthony’s daughter, Ella, died here in 1946.
Low Bridge High Water

A Village of Brockport Signature Event

~ Thursday, May 12, 2016 ~

Boom and Bust: America’s Journey on the Erie Canal
7pm at Morgan Manning House
Film Screening & Discussion with Dan Ward, co-producer of the film

~ Friday, May 13, 2016 ~

Local Craft Beer Big Tent Event 5-11pm Water St
Local Craft Beverages ★ Live Music
Tasting Tickets: $20 advance; $25 at door; $10 designated driver ticket
For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/events/147146458993824/
Proceeds to benefit: Bring Rowing to Brockport, Camp Abilities Brockport and Mary Cariola Childrens Center

~ Saturday, May 14, 2016 ~

~ Barge Charge 5K Run 10am at Corbett Park, Smith St ~
advance sign up available through: runsignup.com/bargecharge2016

~ Historic Mural Dedication 10am, Sagawa Park, Main St/Erie St ~

~ Festivites at The Welcome Center 11am-4pm, Water Street ~
~ Canal Opening Ceremony and Awards ~ Golden Eagle String Band ~
Free Pizza Picnic ~ Rowing Demonstrations ~ Erie Canal Sal Storyteller
Kayak Rentals ~ and much more!

Thank you to our Sponsors: Bonduelle; Bateman Orthodontics; Brockport Lions Club; Brockport Merchants Association; Brockport Rotary Club; College at Brockport; Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor & NYS Canal Corporation; Greater Brockport Chamber of Commerce; Java Junction; Oak Orchard Health; Precision Optics; Stoneyard Brewing Co; Strong West; Sunnking; Walk!Bike!Brockport!; Wegmans; 58 Main

For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/LowBridgeHighWater
**Erie Canal (NYSCC)**
May 1–May 25; 7a-5p  
May 26-Sept 7; 8a-6p  
Sept 8-Nov 20; 7a-5p

**Welcome Center at Harvester Park;** 11 Water St. (VoB)
Open daily May 1-June May 25; 8a-5p  
May 26-Sept 7; 8a-6p  
Sept 8- Nov 20; 7a-5p

**Farmers Market (VoB)**
Sundays; June 19-Oct 30; 8a-1p; Market St.

**Emily L. Knapp Museum & Library of Local History (VoB)**
Open May 1st- Oct; 49 State St.  
Tues; 6pm-8pm  
Wed; 2-4p & 6-8p  
Beginning June 1st, add’l hours Sun; 2pm-4pm

***MAY EVENTS BY DATE***

1 **Be a Historian for an Afternoon;** Sun; 2-4p; ELK Museum; 49 State St.; sleuthing for items and refreshments; (ELK/VoB)

1 **CROP Hunger Walk;** Sun; 1:30p; Newman Center; 101 Kenyon St.; (BFS)

1 **Erie Canal Celebration Concert;** Sun; 4p; St. Luke’s Episcopal Church; 14 State St.; (BSO)

6 **Arbor Day Celebration;** Fri; 10a; South Ave. Ext., planting 20+ trees (VoB)

12-14 **Low Bridge High Water Festival (see box)**

15 **Walk a Mile in My Shoes;** Sun; north side canal towpath across from 1 Main St; donations to 4th floor Strong Memorial (BHSSPP)

17 **“Antiques & Hidden Treasures;”** Tues; 6:30-8pm; McCue Aud.; SUNY; Park in Lot T; (WMHS & FDML)

20 **Health Fair for Seniors;** Fri; 10am-4p; The Center; 133 State St.; (The Center)

28 **Fallen Veterans Ceremony;** Sat.; 11a; 222 West Ave.; (BAVC)

**JUNE**

4 **Navy Club Pig Roast;** Sat; activities2-10p; food 4-7p; 21 Clinton St.; $10 tickets; raffle; call (585) 637-6110; (NCLO/SHIP1812)

10-12 **Special Olympics State Summer Games;** Fri-Sun; SUNY

10 **Cool Kids;** Fri; 7-8p; Sagawa Park; rain location First Baptist Church, 124 Main St.; (GenCool)

17 **The Off-Monroe Players & Dinner;** Fri; Dinner at 5:30p, Show 7p-8p; $15 a ticket; 133 State St.; (The Center)

17 **Cool Kids;** Fri; 7-8p; Sagawa Park; rain location First Baptist Church, 124 Main St.; (GenCool)

18 **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party;** Sat; 11am-1p; Seymour Library (SL)

18 **Morgan-Manning Grand Wine Tasting;** Sat; 7-9p; Morgan-Manning House; $50 tickets by reservation; (WMHS)

19 **Farmers Market;** Sun; 8a-1p; Market St.; (VoB)

24 **Lions Club Cruise-In;** Fri; 5-9p; Brockport Vets Club; West Ave

24 **Cool Kids;** Fri; 7-8p; Sagawa Park; rain location First Baptist Church, 124 Main St.; (GenCool)

26 **Golf Tournament;** Sun; Time TBA; Salmon Creek; (BVFD)

26 **Farmers Market;** Sun; 8a-1p; Market St.; (VoB)

**JULY**

1 **Cool Kids;** Fri; 7-8p; Sagawa Park; rain location First Baptist Church, 124 Main St.; (GenCool)

3 **Farmers Market;** Sun; 8a-1p; Market St.; (VoB)

4 **Old Fashioned 4th of July;** Mon; 10a-3p; Morgan Manning House; (WMHS)

7 **Summer Serenades: Fat City;** Thurs; 7p; Welcome Center; (GDBC)

8 **Cool Kids;** Fri; 7-8p; Sagawa Park; rain location First Baptist Church, 124 Main St.; (GenCool)

8-10 **Sidewalk Sale;** Fri-Sun; 9a-5p; various merchants; (BMA)
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