Sustainability is both a watchword and goal as New York looks to smart economic development, renewable energy, careful waste management, alternative transportation, and conservation of natural resources. Brockport is taking steps towards sustainability by working to become a Certified Climate Smart and a Clean Energy Community. We are looking into Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) to leverage buying energy at reduced rates for residents and businesses, replacing our streetlights with lower energy LED lights, and going to Solar municipal power.

Our municipal solar project, as anticipated, moves along slowly. National Grid has just approved and priced the interconnection from the grid to the solar array. The interconnection will be completed by the solar installer and approved by National Grid before any construction on the solar array can begin. That translates to 12-14 months following installation of the interconnection. These projects take time as more and more communities are going to solar municipal power and have to work with the major energy distributors in doing so.

We heard your concerns about high taxes following the failed dissolution vote in May and appointed a Tax Relief Task Force of community members who, under the chairmanship of Trustees John LaPierre and Annie Crane, have begun scrutinizing the village budget with an eye towards tax savings.

The October 31 Rochester Democrat and Chronicle’s lead article, “Taxed Off: SUNY Schools Stress Town Budgets” prominently featured Brockport in a discussion of the impact of SUNY tax exemptions on host communities. Our tax rate of $11.87/1000 is primarily due to the exemption of 65% of the value of village property that is owned by the college from taxation; were the college taxed, our rate would fall to $4.30/1000. The D and C article is posted at the following link on our website http://www.brockportny.org/news/news-announcements/266-taxed-off-news-article.

The solution to our primary tax issue and that of other SUNY municipalities is passage of the SUNY Impact Aid Assistance Act in the NYS legislature. The proposed legislation would provide State aid to municipalities that host SUNY institutions to compensate them for the services they offer to their colleges. The Village Board has met with Senator Ortt and Assemblyman Hawley who have promised to make this legislation a priority. We are also asking the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) to make the SUNY Impact Aid Assistance Act one of it’s legislative priorities for 2017.

Read on to learn about the progress of the Tax Relief Task Force, the newly installed playground equipment in South Avenue Park, the intricate process of paving our village streets, news from our Village Departments, and from the Emily Knapp Museum.

Don’t forget the annual Stetson’s Club Holiday of Lights Parade—with fireworks— on Sunday, December 4th, at 5pm. Village businesses will hold an open house from 3-5pm, before the parade begins. From all of us on the Village Board, our best wishes for very Happy Holidays!

Margay Blackman, Mayor
Tax Relief Task Force Convened

Mission: to recommend to the Village Board actionable ideas that will result in lowering the tax rate village owners pay to sustain the village. The task force itself has no authority to implement change; its function is strictly advisory.

Thursday, September 22 marked The Village of Brockport’s first Tax Relief Task Force (TRTF) meeting. The nine-member task force was established following the Village’s failed dissolution vote last May. All members are village residents, including two members of the Village Board, Trustees Annie Crane and John LaPierre, and one member on the Sweden Town Board, Councilwoman Mary Rich.

While the task force itself has no authority to implement change, the task force will make recommendations to the Village Board that could result in lowering the village’s tax rate. The tax rate currently stands at $11.87 per $1,000 of assessed value.

During the inaugural meeting, Treasurer Dan Hendricks reviewed the village budget by department, including income and expenditures. The following meeting focused on budget changes since 2009.

Another topic of note is the village’s current efforts to support the SUNY Impact Aid Assistance Act. If passed, this legislation would provide aid to municipalities that host SUNY colleges and universities. The tax exempt status of state owned colleges and universities has a huge impact on a community’s tax levy. “We are going to stay with our local legislators and keep them appraised of our situation here financially and make them understand that it is an absolute necessity that the state give us the funds,” Trustee John LaPierre said.

Future meetings will include Department Heads to discuss departmental budgets and possible cost savings measures, such as shared services. TRTF meetings are held on Thursdays, once a month at 7pm and are open to the public. December 8th is the next scheduled meeting, with the full schedule available online at www.brockportny.org.

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Process

The Village has begun development of its June 1, 2017– May 31, 2018 fiscal year budget. Department Heads are challenged to develop a budget that meets the needs of the department and the community. Developing a budget that meets the Governors Tax Cap will be difficult, but our Treasurer, Dan Hendricks is hopeful that the Village can meet that objective. A slight reduction in the New York State retirement rate is welcome news, along with slight revenue increases in court fees and fees from the Code Enforcement Office will hopefully offset expenditure increases. The budget review process will begin in earnest after the start of the new year. Suggestion from the Village’s Tax Relief Task Force may be incorporated into the budget process.
The Police Department had several retirements over the past year. When considering the recruitment process, civil service process, exams, background investigation and training it can take over a year to replace an officer. I’m happy to say that by January 2017 we will be at full staff. You will see many new faces, since over the last couple of years, we have hired 6 new police officers. When you consider we have 15 officers, including myself, 6 new officers represents a “turnover” of more than 33% of the department. As you see these officers out on directed patrol, please don’t hesitate to walk up and introduce yourself. You will meet someone who is committed to serving you and the officer(s) will feel appreciated.

In October we implemented a Brockport Police Department Facebook page. We invite everyone to take a minute and view this page on a daily basis; it is monitored regularly and contains new data and news that is relevant to our village. We have received hundreds of “likes” and many very positive comments. I’m confident you will find this “page” interactive and informative.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t remind everyone that December 4th will be our annual holiday of lights parade. As in past years, this is a great opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy yourself before winter takes a strong grip on our community. Fireworks will be on display at the conclusion of the parade. Please take advantage of this police department sponsored great event that has become a family tradition for many.

Lastly, all members of the Brockport Police Department would like to wish everyone a Happy, Safe and Healthy Holiday Season. As always, thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Chief of Police, Daniel P. Varrenti

Pictured left to right are new BPD members:
Officers Christopher Clawson, Zachary Wakefield, John Vadas, and Evan Blodgett.

News from the Clerk’s Office

Business continues in the Clerk’s office while court is in session; however, the lobby area and entry way can be very crowded. We suggest village residents use the drive-up if possible on Friday afternoons (court activities are underway by 1pm on Fridays) but warn you the parking lot area and drive can be crowded also. For the quickest service, residents should conduct business at Village Hall when court is not in session (typically Mon-Thurs). Alternatively, a lock box is available as you enter the driveway; payments can be left here during court or after business hours.

Village Board meetings are now filmed and will be posted online in a video format beginning in January, 2017. The video links will be available on our website homepage at www.brockportny.org.

Clerk Morelli, Freedom of Information Officer for the Village, was crowned “Queen of Foil” on her birthday.
Paving: Your Questions, DPW’s Answers

As the 2016 paving season in the Village comes to a close the Mayor sat down with Superintendent of Public Works, Harry Donahue, to talk about what paving our streets involves and to get answers to villagers’ questions about our annual street paving. This season eight streets and one municipal parking lot were paved. Sometimes we also do paving on county roads that run through the village—e.g. West Avenue—and the county reimburses us. As you'll see below, street paving provides a good example of shared municipal services.

What affects the timing of paving?

DPW’s workload is a big part of it. This summer they were heavily involved in the West Avenue water main replacement. In June and July everyone is paving and the later we can pave the more help we can call on from other towns and villages. This paving season, Clarkson, Sweden, Hilton, Hamlin, and Spencerport all pitched in to haul away millings (see below) from our streets, and asphalt to our streets for paving. We reciprocate by loaning them our equipment for their needs.

What steps are involved in paving a street?

Milling is the first step, and Brockport residents are very familiar with milled streets, having bumped and rattled over them this fall.

We rent a milling machine and operator. The behemoth machine (pictured) runs on tracks and has a large drum with carbide teeth which groove the pavement. It can be digitally set to remove a given amount of pavement (typically 1 ½ inches) as well as set for the slope of the street. We line up enough streets to rent the milling machine for an entire day at a time which is more cost effective than renting it for a half day. Milling also involves lining up dump trucks from the surrounding municipalities in addition to ours, to haul the millings away. We stockpile the millings at our old landfill. We have used them in the past for base instead of purchasing stone for a parking lot base. We have even used them for back filling ditch lines when we have been doing a water main replacement on Village streets. This year’s milling required two days.

Because there is “iron” in the streets—water and gas valves, manhole covers, storm sewer grids, the milling machine must avoid these. So we finish the job, using our small Bobcat with a millhead for this time consuming technical work. Sometimes storm sewer catch basins need to be replaced before paving which delays the process.

The Tack Coat is the next step prior to paving. We usually rent this truck and driver from the county bid list. A truck sprays a coat of diluted asphalt emulsion on the street which will bind the milled pavement to the new asphalt that will be laid down. This is done just prior to paving on the same day.

Paving County vendors are typically booked up weeks in advance, so DPW uses a local paver who matches the county bid and is easier to schedule. Scheduling is a big part of the process as is measurement of streets for each step of the process. The paver, tack coat truck and assistance from other municipalities with asphalt pickup from the plant are all coordinated in the scheduling. As the asphalt is laid in place, we typically use two rollers, one of ours and a second and its operator from another municipality.

If my street is scheduled to be paved, how will I know when it will happen?

When the paving date is locked in, the information is posted on the village website, [www.brockportny.org](http://www.brockportny.org) and Facebook (search Village of Brockport).
LEAF COLLECTION
Leaf collection will continue until December 9th. In the event of heavy snow before, the period of leaf collection will be shortened.
- Do not bag leaves.
- Do not place rocks, sticks or twigs into the piles; they will break our equipment.
- Place in loose piles between the sidewalk and the street.
- Do not rake your leaves into the street. Keep leaves out of storm drains.

BRUSH PICK-UP
Although at the time of publication our fall brush pick-up service has ended, a dump truck is still available to be dropped off at your home. You put the brush in the truck and we will haul it away. Call 637-1060 to schedule.

SNOW REMOVAL
As a reminder, all village parking regulations are in effect. This means no overnight parking between the hours of 2am-6am on all village streets; cars on streets hinder snow removal. Violators will be towed at owner’s expense.
Please keep snow out of the streets; do not plow, blow or shovel snow into the street.
Snowmobiles are not permitted on the canal path within village limits or on streets or sidewalks. Violators can incur fines up to $250 and 15 days in jail with an additional $200 fine if the vehicle is not registered.

FIRE HYDRANTS
If you have a hydrant in front of your home or your neighbor’s, please keep it clear of snow. A 3-foot radius is recommended.

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS
Please leave a forwarding address for your water/sewer bill or you are welcome to prepay. We also request a phone number or contact for a house sitter in case of emergency. Call Debbie at 637-5300 x11
We strongly recommend that you turn the water service off on the inside of your house if you are gone for an extended period of time.

SEWER TROUBLE?
As a reminder, the village has a sewer camera. We can televise your lines and determine what and where the problem is. This is a free service. If you have a plumber coming to assist you, the plumber can coordinate this service with the village.

In Gratitude —
Our community has benefited from significant volunteer hours and dedication of many. We would like to express our thanks for the contributions of the following residents.
Douglas Wolcott, Welcome Center Harbor Master and volunteer coordinator, Zoning Board of Appeals member and former ELK Museum Board member, who recently passed away.
Jim Foote, local musician whose music was enjoyed at numerous community gatherings such as the Farmer’s Market and the holiday parade each year, who recently passed away.
Jacqueline Morris, Village Historian emeritus and ELK Museum Board and Tree Board member is under hospice care.
Dr. Sriram Bakshi, Historic Preservation Board, Seymour Library Board and Low Bridge High Water Committee member is under hospice care.
As we move towards the holiday season and the rapidly decreasing temperatures, statistics show that residential fires increase during the winter months. More than 65,000 residential fires nationwide are attributed to heating equipment each year. These fires result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions of dollars in property damage. In this edition of the newsletter, we touch on some winter safety for mechanical equipment you may have in your home.

Many residents turn to alternative heat sources, such as space heaters, to help warm their homes and create a more comfortable living environment. The 2015 International Property Maintenance Code requires that all residential occupancies intended for rent or for lease, shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the period from September 15th to May 31st. Although a convenient solution to warm up drafty areas of a home, space heaters are NOT intended to be used as the primary source of comfort heat in a dwelling.

The risk of fire from space heaters is 3 to 4 times higher than from central heating equipment. If you decide to use a space heater to work in tandem with your central heating system, please follow these simple precautions to keep your home safe and warm this winter:

- Choose a heater that bears the mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories).
- Read, install, and operate the space heater in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.
- Check the cord before plugging in the heater. If frayed, worn, or damaged, do NOT use the heater.
- Do not use extension cords with space heaters. Plug them directly into an outlet on an unburdened circuit.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can catch fire, such as bedding, curtains, furniture, clothing, and paper.
- Place space heaters on level, flat surfaces. Never place heaters on cabinets, tables, or furniture.
- Do not use a space heater in damp or wet areas unless it is specifically designed for use outdoors or in bathrooms.
- Keep space heaters out of high-traffic and exit areas.
- Do not use space heaters to warm bedding, cook food, dry clothing, or thaw pipes.
- Make certain the electrical circuit you use for the heater can adequately and safely handle the added demand.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn heaters off when you go to sleep or leave the room.
- Turn off, unplug, and safely store portable space heaters when not in use.
- Check with your property manager or landlord prior to using a space heater.

Many village homes have wood-burning stoves, pellet stoves, or gas fireplace inserts. Regular inspection and maintenance is imperative to the safe operation of these appliances. If new solid-fuel appliances are installed onto an existing chimney or flue, have the flue/chimney inspected by a qualified individual prior to use. Cracks in the flue or mortar joints can allow flames and heated gases to extend into the structure, which is a common cause of structure fires involving these types of appliances. Here are just a few things you can do to prevent unsafe conditions with your solid-fuel or gas-fired appliance:

- Many types of chimney fires occur due to a buildup of creosote, a tar-like byproduct of burning wood. Have your chimney flue cleaned before each heating season. Burn only dry, well-seasoned hardwood to reduce creosote accumulation.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start the fire and don’t store your wood or pellet supply against or near the wood stove or fireplace.
- Never leave children unattended near the stove, appliance or fireplace.
- Check that the damper is open before lighting the fire. Failure to do so can result in an accumulation of smoke and carbon monoxide within the home.
- Do not close the damper before the fire has died out and the embers are cold.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent flying sparks and embers from falling out onto the floor.
- Ensure that vents for gas-fired appliances are clear of any debris and not blocked by snow drifts and buildup. Failure to do so will result in the accumulation of carbon monoxide in the home.
- Ashes cleaned out from the stove or fireplace should be shoveled into a metal bucket with a metal lid and be placed outside on the ground, away from the building, to prevent fires. Do not place ashes into a paper bag or cardboard box. Ashes and embers can stay hot for days and can ignite combustibles.

Perhaps one of the most important safety precautions anyone can take to protect their families is to ensure that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are installed to alert any occupants to the potential presence of high carbon monoxide levels or a fire inside the home. Smoke alarms shall be installed in every bedroom or sleeping area, outside of each sleeping area, and on every story within the home, including basements.

Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed on the lowest story containing a sleeping area, within 15 feet of the sleeping area. More than one carbon monoxide alarm shall be provided where necessary to ensure that no sleeping area is more than 15 feet away from a carbon monoxide alarm.
Building/Code Enforcement (Continued)

Each of these alarms must be installed per manufacturer’s specifications, batteries checked monthly, and alarms must be replaced prior to the date recommended by the manufacturer. In the event that one of these alarms activate, immediately and safely exit the building then dial 911.

As of the beginning of October, New York State has officially implemented and adopted the 2015 International Code series with code supplements. As the Village continues to adopt our own practices and implement measures to become a more “Green Community”, so do building standards across the nation. Energy efficiency and conservation has become more prevalent in building practices today and is only one of the many highlights of the newly adopted code series.

In order to enhance Village efforts to be a leader in “Green” practices, the Building/Code Enforcement Department has recently obtained blower door equipment which is used to measure the amount of air infiltration of a building’s thermal envelope. Blower door testing is a requirement of the 2015 International Code series for new construction and now this service will be offered by the department as part of the building permit process, when applicable. The testing will be completed by your own Village inspectors to ensure accuracy and compliance with the energy efficiency regulations of the 2015 International Code.

The Building/Code Enforcement Department will always strive for ways to better serve the community and continue to have a positive impact on the future of the Village of Brockport. We welcome input from residents at any time and if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 637-1040 or kbrown@brockportny.org. We wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season and look forward to serving you in the New Year!

David J. Miller
Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal

South Avenue Playground Ribbon-Cutting

On Sunday, October 23 the Village of Brockport held a ribbon cutting ceremony at South Avenue Park, to open the village’s newest playground which serves families on the east side of Main Street. A single post swing set, a slide, a “boogie board,” and a “saddle spinner” were selected by Parkitects, the company working with the Village Parks Committee.

Three weeks prior to the ribbon cutting, DPW, the Parks Committee, and 30 students from the College at Brockport along with a few neighbors and members of the village board prepared the ground, spread chips, and muscled the equipment into place. Wegmans provided ample food to keep them all going for several hours.

The park is small, just 1 acre, but it includes ample green space and the historic copper beech tree that has shaded the site for over 100 years.

“I am heartened to hear that when the school bus comes down the street, some children don’t even go right home, they already told their parents ‘I’m going to the playground’,” Hanny Heyen, Chair of the Parks Committee said. “It makes all of us happy inside,” Heyen added. “The Parks are the hub of the community.”
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The village welcomed The College at Brockport’s 7th annual Saturday of Service event on August 27, 2016. Two hundred thirty one of the 1157 freshman participants volunteered at 14 sites located throughout the village. Local volunteer sites included Brockport First Baptist Church, United Methodist and Christ Community Churches, the Seymour Library, Brockport Central School District, Cornerstone Christian Academy, the Brockport Food Shelf as well as Monika Andrews, Corbett and Evergreen Parks.

The students cleaned up litter at the village parks, organized books at the local schools and libraries and sorted donations at the local churches and food pantry.

One group of student volunteers, led by team leader Mayor Blackman, went door to door in the village meeting with residents to promote positive college/community relations. Chair, Hanny Heyen, and Vice Chair, Linda Ketchum, of the Village Parks Committee hosted student volunteers in the parks.

Nikole Van Wie, Coordinator of Community Service at The College at Brockport said, “it is our hope that after participating in Saturday of Service that our students will continue to be contributing members of the Village of Brockport community.”
Brockport Historic Moment — by William Andrews, Deputy Mayor/Trustee

In August 1856, the Village paved the business sections of Main and Market Streets with cobblestones. They were undoubtedly an improvement over the dust and mud that they replaced. However, by 1880, the “rough and ungainly cobblestones” were deemed “a relic of the past and should be relegated to the waste places of mother earth”. Despite that evident dissatisfaction, the issue of Main Street’s paving did not arise until May 1912, at least 32 years after the first complaints about the cobblestones. The initiative came, not from the Village, but from the State, which was planning to run a main highway through the village on Main Street and would pave with bricks a 16-foot width. If the Village wanted the other 40-foot width paved, it would have to cover the cost.

In November of 1912, a referendum approved, 94 to 17, a proposition to raise $7,900 by bond issue to pay for that extra width. Another 25 months passed before any further action was reported. However, despite pleading by the Village to do the entire length, the State would pave only the business section of the street.

Once the utility companies removed their “poles, wires and appurtenances” on the street, the property owners installed curbs “wholly at the[ir] expense”, and the water pipes and gas lines were “put in proper shape”, work began on September 1, 1915. On May 16, 1916, the Village Board received a bill from the state highway department for $8,686.15, the cost of the portion of Main Street for which the Village had been responsible. The Village paid it from the Street Fund’s balance of $8,796.13 and the saga of modernizing the business section of Main Street finally ended, 60 years after it began. The bricks were replaced by asphalt in 1945.

When the State laid down the brick paving in the business section, it improved a 16-foot width of the rest of Main Street and North Main Street with bituminous macadam, pavement made of layers of compacted broken stone bound with tar.

That seems, also, to have been done by the Village for other village streets. Mayor Harmon in 1917 said, “By the method which was adopted several years ago of building a street or part of a street every year or two, this Village is now said to have the best system of streets of any place of its size in Western New York, or perhaps New York State.” By “building” streets, he seems to have meant macadamizing them. Though the Village did the paving, it required the owners of the abutting properties to install the curbing and sidewalks at their expense.

While the Village was modernizing the surfaces of its streets and the curbs and sidewalks along them, it also worked on modernizing their lighting. Until the 1880s, kerosene lamps provided our street lighting. Then, in March 1885, the Republic reported that “A gentleman called at Brockport the other day to talk about lighting the streets with electricity. The cost would only be $9,000 a year, but it was concluded that we would get along with gas, kerosene, and moonlight awhile longer.”

In December 1887, the Village Board contracted for the installation of an electrical system in the Village, including street lighting. In November 1888, the resulting Brockport Electric Co. installed twelve arc-lights and sixteen incandescent lamps for street lighting at a cost to the Village of $2,000 per year.

Still another aspect of the modernization of Brockport’s streets was effected in 1899, when the Board contracted with Cornelius C. Flagler to “furnish and place in their positions signs designating the names of the streets of the Village for 16¢ each.” Presumably, house numbers were added at the same time. This pretty much completed the modernization of Village streets.

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Village Board Elections to be held June 2017

Village Elections will be held Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Polls, located at Village Hall, will be open 12pm through 9pm. Two Trustee seats and the Mayoral position are up for election, positions currently held by Trustees Kathy Kristansen, Annie Crane and Mayor Margay Blackman. A legal notice will be published in February for those interested in running and a notice will be published again in late May or early June noting who is on the ballot and who is eligible to vote.
This fall season was quite active at the Emily Knapp Museum & Library of Local History, with many visitors, building improvements, and events.

On Friday, October 7th, the Emily Knapp Museum Board was pleased to host Richard O. Reisem, author and historian, who presented on Myron Holley, a Rochester abolitionist, innovator, thinker, and canal builder. Holley, after whom New York’s Village of Holley and Brockport’s Holley Street is named, worked closely with James Seymour, co-founder of Brockport during the construction of the portion of the Erie Canal that moved through Brockport. The evening was a success and after Reisem presented, his book, *Myron Holley: Canal Builder/Abolitionist/Unsung Hero* was available for purchase and is still available for purchase at [www.landmarksociety.org](http://www.landmarksociety.org).

The Knapp Museum map restoration project has been completed. Amidst the maps restored is an original 1861 Village of Brockport map. Local professional photographer Gregory Lawrence will be digitizing the maps for greater community access. Retired builder Jim Glidden will build large shadow boxes to display and preserve the restored maps.

Norm Knapp and Allan Berry have painted the museum vestibule, while Sue Savard and Pat O’Brien have painted the Mary Jane Holmes room and museum office.

Work will continue at the museum through the cold season with College at Brockport Professor Paul Moyer’s history students, and is open to the public by appointment. Please email villagehistorian@brockportny.org to schedule an appointment. The museum will reopen in May with regular visitor hours, please check our website for exact dates and times at [www.brockportny.org](http://www.brockportny.org).

### Looking Ahead—Upcoming Events

**NOVEMBER 26**  **Small Business Saturday**, Main & Market Streets

**DECEMBER**

2 & 3 **Candlelight Christmas Sale**: Fri; 10a-9p; and Sat; 10a-5p; Morgan Manning House; by Western Monroe Historical Society

4 **Merchants Open House**: Sun; 3-5p; downtown commercial district; by Brockport Merchants Association

4 **Pictures with Santa**: Sun; 3-5p; Morgan Manning House; by Western Monroe Historical Society

4 **Holiday Lights Spectacular** parade, tree lighting, & fireworks Sun; 5p; Main St/Sagawa Park; by the Stetson Club

### Notice to Community Groups and Organizations

Please give 2017 event information to Village Clerk by March 1st.

Events eligible for village calendar publication must be open to the public and held within village limits.

Events Calendar to be published in April 2017, available on our website and available—in part—in the spring village newsletter.
Spotlight on Business: Market Street is Booming!

Just around the corner from Main Street, little Market Street bustles with a diversity of businesses. There’s the dentist, the family counselor and the masseuse; the popcorn shop and dog groomer. The insurance agent, the lawyer and eye doctor, the computer sales and repair shop. Brockport’s only art gallery. That big, busy restaurant on the canal.

Less than two years ago these establishments were joined by four more businesses: the first StartUp NY business in the village (Precision Optics, featured in the fall 2015 newsletter) and Lightways Journey at 31 Market St, with “tools, products, workshops, events …to guide your personal and spiritual journey.” Thania’s Boutique at 24 Market Street advertises personalized design, dress creation and tailoring. And right next to the longstanding Brockport Computer is Agent Mobile at 16 Market Street, specializing in computer, cell phone, tablet, and electronics repair and support. As their name suggests, they make house calls.

New on the block this fall are Aromantium, and across the street from it, Sweet Tastes Bakery. On a recent mayoral walkabout, I paid a visit to both.

**Aromantium**

Rosa Davila is the enterprising and creative owner behind Aromantium at 5 Market Street. A Village resident, born and raised in Spain, she had a career as a massage therapist in London before coming to the United States. Her training and certification as a clinical aromatherapist and licensed esthetician are the expertise behind the products and services offered at Aromantium. Rosa manufactures her own 100% organic products for a range of facials and body treatments which she applies in the quiet back room behind the sales and consultation area.

A facial consultation begins with the Skin Scope. One places one’s face beneath the curtained hood of the portable machine and its ultraviolet light bulbs pick up and reflect seemingly hundreds of skin imperfections in the machine’s mirror. Full disclosure: the mayor is a serious candidate for Aromantium’s therapies.

A trifold brochure explains Aromantium’s treatments and products. Rosa added that she will be offering specials, Groupons, Guest Passes, along with Senior and Student discounts.

The esthetic of this small shop is estate sale antiques and artistically repurposed objects. Hanging lights in green Mason jar fixtures cast a warm glow and the Victorian couch welcomes visitors. Rosa ticks off the various services she offers and the anticipated clientele, musing, “I want to make this a community place.”

Aromantium’s grand opening is Saturday, November 19, 6-9pm. Regular hours are Tuesday—Saturday, 10 to 5. You can also find them on Facebook.

**Sweet Tastes**

Several businesses in Brockport provide baked goods, but Sweet Tastes is the first exclusive bakery in the Village in many years.

Evy O’Brien, the owner, has a licensed commercial kitchen in her North Greece home where she makes the products she sells at 4 Market Street, her only outlet. She does wedding and sheet cakes for all occasions, and she especially likes theme cakes, as the photos of her artistry on the wall of the shop testify.

Her specialty cakes include peanut butter delight (peanut butter icing), decadent chocolate, carrot cake, and her award winning chocolate cappuccino torte. She also makes several flavors of Italian sugar cookies, and, I might add, a mean coconut macaroon which I could not resist buying.

The space is tiny; at 7 X 12 feet Sweet Tastes may be the smallest shop in Brockport. “I’m looking to expand,” Evy says. And she’s looking to expand her offerings. Soon she’ll have breads and muffins. Pies too, starting small with 4” ones.

Check out Sweet Tastes by Evy on Facebook or call 944-2612. Hours are currently Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 10 to 5.
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