Don’t look for us dressed like this at the next village board meeting. Just putting on the holiday spirit as we bring you up to date.

Since our last newsletter there have been some changes at village hall. Code enforcement officer David Miller left us at the end of May to take a job with the Town of Newstead in Erie County. David leaves behind a solid list of accomplishments and codes infrastructure. Moving on, we are very pleased to have the fulltime services of Chad Fabry as CEO. Chad comes to us from Clarkson where he was employed part-time for 10 years.

You may have seen Brockport police officers out of their cars, walking village streets and chatting with residents during their rotations, a welcome community policing initiative of Chief Cuzzupoli. To learn more about what’s happening at our police department, head down to Java Junction for Coffee with the Chief.

Our partnership with the college continues to grow. The Town/Gown Committee which focuses on college/community relations is in its fourth year under the co-chairmanship of President Heidi Macpherson and myself. It has expanded to some 40 members, equally divided between college and community, and including representation from Sweden and Clarkson in addition to the village. The real work is carried out by its three subcommittees, but the sheer number of its members and the valuable information shared at our quarterly meetings is testimony to the commitment of college and village working together for a better Brockport. We are fortunate to have in Dr. Macpherson a college president heavily invested in the Brockport community. See the article on rowing for another of our partnerships with the college.

The saga of our cost savings attempts to go green for municipal electric and to buy back our streetlights continues. We are now partnered with Greenspark Solar which is moving ahead with our solar array targeted to be in place before the end of 2019, some 4 years after we first sought to bring municipal solar to Brockport. Some things just move slowly. As for the streetlights, we now have a fixed price offer to buy back 474 village street lights from National Grid, which we are accepting. That agreement will have to go before the Public Service Commission for final approval.

There’s lots more inside—on our village departments, our new village board member, grants, celebrations, and our comprehensive plan.

With season’s greetings as we anticipate the holidays,

Margay Blackman, Mayor
**Grants, Grants!**

Brockport has been busy requesting and getting grants. We received a local government records management (LGRMIF) grant for $74,324 in partnership with the Town of Sweden. This shared services grant will provide for digitizing our property files and make it much easier to search and locate records on individual properties. We were just awarded a Department of Environmental Conservation [DEC] urban forestry grant to upgrade our Tree Board webpage, conduct pruning workshops for interested citizens and DPW workers, and plant 27 trees on Holley Street. The William Pomeroy Foundation awarded us funding for National Register of Historic places signage for our downtown historic district and for the Park Avenue/State Street historic district.

We’re awaiting word on a co-authored grant with the Town of Sweden to install sidewalks on Owens Road continuing down route 31 to Route 19 and a Parks Improvement grant focused on Corbett Park.

Currently we are applying for a grant to rehab the cement retaining wall and staircase to the Smith Street bridge and create an ADA compliant sidewalk to the east side of the bridge on both Smith and Clinton Streets. This federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) grant will increase access and safety for pedestrians crossing the bridge as well as improve the structure and aesthetics of the long cement wall. We are investigating the possibility of adding a traffic light here, which will greatly increase the safety for vehicular traffic crossing this one lane bridge. We are looking for letters of support for this project—please contact mblackman@brockportny.org or elinden@brockportny.org for a support letter template.

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**Water Billing**

**Coming Soon!**

Your water bill will have a new look — our blue postcards are being replaced with a white card with blue ink. It will provide the same information but should be easier to read.

**Online Bill Pay!**

The village is working with InvoiceCloud to provide our residents with an online bill pay option. We are starting with water bills and will eventually add other options such as taxes or rental registration fees. Go to www.brockportny.org and click on Pay My Bill under Quick Links. There is a service fee for this option of $1.95 to pay by ACH (by using your checking account, like an electronic check) or $2.95 for credit card processing. You will need to know your account number to login, the system will only accept the 000000XXXX.01 format—the decimal point is required.

Our water billing department can be reached at (585) 637-5300 x111 if you have any questions. Please be patient with us as we launch this new system! As always, water bills can still be paid with cash, check, or money order by mail, in our locked drop box out front of 127 Main Street, or in person. Or, as before, use the online bill pay option through your bank.
Happy Holiday Season Everyone! As of November 1st I will have served seven months as your Chief of Police. I am happy to report that our main goal of increasing our community service efforts is taking shape. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive. We have managed to increase our citizen contacts and hopefully build strong, long lasting relationships. Directed foot patrols on a daily basis in the schools, neighborhoods, canal paths and in the business district has been one of our top priorities.

We are proud of our Explorers program, where our current participants took First Place in the Pierson Games on October 13th against the Greece and Rochester Explorer Posts. The annual competition included six different stations: room clearing, firearms simulation, problem de-escalation, defensive tactics, traffic stops and a mock officer physical fitness test. A plaque with the students’ names on it will be added to the trophy and the trophy will be on display at the Brockport Police Department until the next Games.

A new program we are starting to increase our level of community service is “Coffee with the Chief”. The initiative will be the first Wednesday of each month from 9-10:30 am at Java Junction on Main Street. Bring your questions and feedback to help us become a more responsive community police department.

Please don’t forget our Holiday of Lights Parade, put on by the Brockport Police Officers Union, The Stetson Club on December 2nd at 5pm.

There is so much going on with the Brockport Police Department -- I highly encourage you to check out our website at www.brockport.police.org or on our Facebook page.

For all of our K9 Brock fans you can also follow him on Instagram @k9_Brock

The Brockport Police Department wishes everyone a safe and relaxing holiday season!

Village Court

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As the season changes, we are out on the streets picking up leaves, and hanging holiday lights. As with our summer paving, road repair, and water line maintenance, thank you for driving slowly around our work crews and keeping everyone safe!

**Leaf Collection**
Leaf collection will continue until December 12th or a heavy snowfall. Please keep leaves on the curb, out of the street, and free of tree branches and brush debris.

**Winter Operations**
The village plow equipment has been checked over and is ready to go. The DPW is manned 24 hours a day, Monday-Friday in order to respond to snow storms and provide spot salting as needed to keep our school buses running on time and get our residents safely on their way during the work week. Someone is always on call during the weekends to provide the necessary response to changing weather. This schedule is in effect December 1st through mid March, but as with everything, it can change depending on our weather patterns.

During the winter months, when our team is not plowing, we have several building maintenance projects to keep our municipal buildings in good shape.

**Christmas Tree Pickup**
DPW will continue curb side Christmas Tree pickup. Starting after Christmas and running through spring. Please place at the curb without a bag.

**Idlewood Drive Water Main**
Thank you to the residents of Idlewood Drive and Clark Street for their patience with the water main replacement project in their area. The project included a water main replacement, termination of old lines, new catch basins, curbing, and paving. The project is complete except for some top soil that will be added to affected areas in the spring.

**Looking Ahead**
If spring weather allows, we will begin the Perry Street/Clinton Street storm sewer replacement before our seasonal road work. This replacement is funded by a Monroe County CDBG block grant.

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**Department of Public Works**
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hdonahue@brockportny.org
A Message from the Building/Code Enforcement Department

You may have noticed there has been a complete turnover in the Building and Codes Department at Village Hall. There are no familiar faces from this time last year. I’m Chad Fabry- I’ve been in the code official business for about ten years. I worked for a neighboring town and they, through intermunicipal agreements, rented me out to other towns. In total, I’ve worked with four municipalities while being on just one payroll. The exposure to four local codes, four local governments, and four local government attorneys has provided a depth of experience that I hope to use to the village’s benefit.

It’s clear there have been various programs in place to fight urban blight, to protect property values and to enforce the NY Property Maintenance Codes. Over the winter, I along with some soon-to-be hired staff, will review the programs. If they’re awesome, we’ll run with them. If we find ways to improve them, we’ll take those opportunities. By spring, we’ll have our plans sorted out and we’ll share them in the spring newsletter.

I am very much looking forward to working with the village; it’s vibrant and full of energy but the real excitement lies in the historic housing stock- I have a background in 19th century homes and hope to provide helpful solutions to those of you who are interested in preservation.

Now though, it’s late fall and every year as the weather cools and people scramble to stay cozy, chimney fires proliferate.

Have a professional take a look at your chimney and clean it before you really need to have a fire- or worse, before you really need the fire department.

Daylight savings ended the first week of November- you should have changed the batteries in your smoke detectors then. If you didn’t, I hope this note reminds you that it’s important-especially if you don’t bother to clean your chimneys.

Coincidentally, at this same time each year the leaves fall off the trees. Vegetation dies and landscapes previously hidden by lush summer foliage lie barren.

It’s all part of nature’s cycle and the predictable result is now your neighbors can see your project car, your spare mower saved for parts and the scrap metal pile you’ve been working on to help with holiday expenses.

Please, be pro-active this year and save the village and your neighbors the expense of providing you with a visit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Be considerate, keep your “stuff” inside your shed or garage.

Prices are up, now is a great time to cash in that scrap metal.

Please Note

All permit applications must include the associated fee to be considered complete.
Trustee Shawn Halquist was appointed to the Board of Trustees when Bill Andrews retired, in June 2018. A native of northwestern PA, Shawn joined the Brockport community in 1997 when he became band director at Brockport High School. Shawn holds degrees in trumpet performance from Edinboro University and SUNY Binghamton, and a teaching certification from Edinboro.

Brockport High School bands have won numerous awards under his tutelage, where he is also the department chair. The Brockport Schools have been recognized as a NAMM best school district for music education in 2013 and 2015. Shawn was named the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra’s Outstanding HS Band director for the 2015 school year.

Shawn has an impressive portfolio of musical accomplishments, including writing arrangements for ensembles across the country, marching with regional drum corps, judging all types of musical performances, and serving as a guest conductor in the mid-Atlantic region. Shawn currently performs with the Brockport Big Band and the Eastman Music School’s Educators Wind Ensemble.

Shawn and his wife Dee live in Brockport and are proud parents of twin sons, Noah and Cody, both professional musicians.

Fiscal Highlights

You may be asking yourself what impact the new assessed property values will have on your village tax rate. The new assessed values will likely result in a lower Village tax rate! Not a lower levy, just a reduced tax rate.

Village department heads are diligently preparing their budget requests that will be reviewed by the Village Board early in the new year.

The village continues to search for cost savings for village taxpayers, including the solar project at the former landfill, the purchase of street lights, and working to establish an electricity purchasing consortium via recently approved NYS legislation.

Notice: If you use online bill pay through your bank and have not updated our mailing address to 127 Main Street you run the risk of late fees. Please check your bill pay settings.
We are fortunate our merchants and local community have such great spirit! Halloween Happenings was a successful event, held Friday October 26th, and sponsored by the downtown merchants. The weather was dry and participation was high! Even Mayor Blackman and Trustees Kristansen and Crane joined in the fun.

New Brockport business, Designer Dogs, coordinated a free dog costume party on October 27th at the Sweden Town Lodge. With the help of local business donations, the first time event was a success, with 60 people and 20 dogs attending. Mayor Blackman and Sweden Town Supervisor Kevin Johnson were among the judges.

With the holiday season upon us, the Brockport Merchants Association has, in part, sponsored a “Holiday Passport to Downtown Brockport Shopping,” through December 9th. By the time this publication is in your hands, the Morgan Manning House’s annual Candlelight Sale November 30-December 1st will be over, but it’s not too late to put their December 18th program on your calendar. Plan to attend the “Oral Reading of the Christmas Font,” by Mary Jane Holmes, presented by Christopher Albrecht and the youth of Brockport at 7pm.

In the new year, we have much to look forward to, with events like the Merchants Wine Walk, Canal Cleanup/Earth Day Celebration, Arbor Day, Low Bridge High Water, the Sidewalk Sale, the Historic 4th of July Celebration, Summer Serenades, the Farmers Market and the Arts Festival.

Please keep in mind, the village has volunteer opportunities to serve on boards and committees, regularly posted on our website, www.brockportny.org. Our local service clubs are always looking for new volunteers as well, including the Arts Festival Planning Committee. Brockport has a strong tradition of giving and volunteerism—we’d love to have you join us!
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VILLAGE HALL—127 MAIN STREET—DROP OFF LOCATION FOR DONATIONS

♦ Matt’s Coats for Kids: new and gently used coats, new mittens/gloves/hats
  ♦ Brockport Toy Shelf: new toys for all ages
♦ Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf: non perishable food items and toiletries
♦ Seymour Library: used books, fabric and yarn for annual fundraisers/sales

Although collection is only once a year for some charities, we are willing to accept donations all year to pass on to these important community services. Call the Village Clerk with questions: (585) 637-5300 x112
**Low Bridge High Water**
Brockport’s 6th Low Bridge High Water Festival (May 10-12th) featured a slide talk on the expansion of the Erie Canal in 1918 to create the Barge Canal. Stoneyard’s popular Craft Beer Festival, and Saturday’s family friendly canal front vents. The last included rock painting, Bert’s Box Fitness, Genesee Rowing, and performances by the BCSD 4th grade chorus, the 5th grade Hill Hawk strings, the Brockport Buskers, and Vocalist Chris Wilson.

**Shake on the Lake**
On Saturday July 28, Shake on the Lake, a Shakespeare Company from Silver Lake performed Richard III on the lawn at the Morgan Manning. The village secured a Rochester Community Foundation grant for $2,000 to help bring them to our community. The artistic director of the company, Josh Rice, is a graduate of the College at Brockport, and this was the second Shakespeare play they have performed here. The theatre company is dedicated to bringing Shakespeare to rural communities in Western New York. It’s events like these that remind us who live here of the rich cultural life that comes to our doorstep.

**Cycle the Erie Canal**
July 9th saw hundreds of cyclists come through Brockport on the Cycle the Erie Canal tour. Walk!Bike! Brockport! and the Brockport Lions Club was there to greet them and provide some respite and cold drinks. The Brockport Buskars set a friendly mood, playing tunes for those who stopped to admire our village!
The 2018 season at the Emily Knapp Museum of Local History was unusually busy. We hosted a pizza and beverage gathering for the harbormasters to acquaint them with the museum - just a few steps away from the Welcome Center.

A visit to the museum was part of the class reunion activities for the 1958 and 1968 graduates. The attendees enjoyed reconnecting with their high school friends as they strolled down memory lane in the museum's picture gallery. They shared laughter and stories from their years in Brockport.

Fourth and fifth grade teachers joined us for a tour of the museum's many rooms and were impressed by its size and all we have to offer.

Throughout the year, visitors arrived from California, Indiana, and the state of Washington to research their families' histories. From Texas we received an email inquiry and descendants living in Poughkeepsie and Webster, New York came through our doors. In all cases, we provided them with a wealth of information.

More and more, Brockport residents visit and appreciate the value of our collection. Residents are especially excited when they spot an item that once belonged to a relative. In the next few months, Doug Bull and his cousin will be creating additional storefronts depicting the Dobson Drug and Book Store and the John Kent Photography studio.

We invite you to put a visit to the museum on your 2019 calendar. The museum is open from April through October.

Brockport Community Rowing Club (BCRC) is making progress in its efforts to bring rowing to Brockport. The club received a Canal Corporation permit this fall to build a dock at Commissary Park at the college. Initial construction of that dock took place on Saturday September 15 under the volunteer direction of DPW Superintendent Harry Donahue and 61 volunteers that DPW secretary Carol McNees recruited from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Brockport congregation. A front page story in the October 1, 2018 edition of the Suburban News by Doug Hickerson documented the dock building and the club’s progress (http://www.westsidenewsny.com/features/2018-10-01/boat-dock-brings-rowing-club-plans-closer-to-fulfillment/).

On November 7, BCRC board members met at Commissary Park with college officials Jim Wall, VP for Administration and Finance, and Mike Andriach, VP for Advancement, along with architect Dave Strabel, to determine the location of the boathouse. Next steps are architectural drawings and preparing the site for construction. Oh, and getting a permit from the Canal Corporation for the structure.

BCRC has two boats donated to them, by Genesee Rowing Club and the U of R. Construction of the dock and boathouse are funded by two grants to the Village of Brockport, generous donations from BISCO, Stoneyard Brewing and a private donor. The BCRC board is grateful for the college’s support and guidance as it works to bring rowing to Brockport.

Interested in rowing? Contact BCRC on Facebook and by email at brockportcommunityrow@gmail.com.
An open house was held on September 27, 2018 for residents to engage with each other and Ingalls Planning about our vision for the village—areas to address, and goals to pursue. Thank you to all who participated!

A 28 question survey is available online: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Brockportcomprehensiveplan](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Brockportcomprehensiveplan)  **Your opinion matters!**  If you prefer, an abbreviated version is below. Please return this page to Village Hall, 127 Main St., or in the locked drop box on our driveway. Thank you!

## Community Survey—please circle your answer or check the box provided

1. **Which of the following was the primary reason you decided to live in Village of Brockport?**

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5. How long have you lived in the village?

Less than 1 year  
1-4 years  
5-10 years

11-20 years  
21-30 years  
30 + years

6. Do you rent or own the place where you live?  
Rent  
Own

7. Do you plan on living in the Village of Brockport long-term?

Yes, and I don’t foresee moving  
Yes, but I may move in the future  
No, I plan to move within the year  
No, I plan to move in the next 3-5 years

8. What is your age?

18 to 24  
25 to 34  
45 to 54  
65 to 74  
75 or older

9. What is your preferred method of receiving communication from the village?

Village website  
Facebook  
Twitter  
Area newspaper  
Email / RSS feed

Please share any other comments you have below:

Thank you for participating in the Comprehensive Plan Survey. Please return to Village Hall, 127 Main St.