

Sockets To Me

A quarterly newsletter for Sackets Harbor, with jokes

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Village Festival Reaches Milestone



Founded in 1971, the Can-Am Festival is a village tradition celebrating the national friendship between the United States and Canada. After a few years of being light on the "Can" due to closed borders, we're excited to welcome our northern neighbors back to the festival this year!

The 2022 lineup of activities and attractions will be the best one yet! Like last year, there will be a speedster derby, craft fair, cornhole tournament, and firework show. Returning to the Fair since Covid will be a beer & wine garden, lots of food options, and our parade. For the Fair's golden anniversary, there will be a special musical headliner, plus Canadian and American military flyovers (weather and politics permitting).

The festival's organizer, Cheryl Payne, began work last fall to make sure that the 50th Anniversary will be something special. Stop in at Calla Lillies on Main Street and thank her for her countless volunteer hours putting it all together!

Be sure to sign up for festival email alerts at CanAmFestival.com

LED there be light

After a few years of paperwork from the Village's longest-standing staff member, 40+ year Treasurer Jim Yuhas, the village has been outfitted with new and efficient LED streetlights. Although Adams Road and a few other stray lights have yet to be swapped out, the majority of the lights are installed. All lights will be completed by May 15. You may have noticed that they're brighter than before - that's because these lights come with some high-tech customizability. Once the installation is completed and the software is enabled, the Village office will have control over the brightness of each individual light. This will allow the Village to consider traffic patterns and the visibility needs of each street. The new lights will also save the Village over \$10,000 per year in power!

Project Updates

Website Upgrade

A complete revamp of the village website is underway and scheduled for release on May 1st. It's powered by ProudCity.com, and will be a significant communication update for the village.

Market Square Park



This multi-site, active project includes new docks, new parking lots, and more for Main Street and the surrounding area. The grant money has been issued and engineering work is nearly complete. The Village hopes to start construction late this summer or early next spring, depending on contractor and material availability.

Water Intake



Replacement of the village's 100+ year-old water intake has passed another milestone: the final grant funding has been awarded, and our engineering has begun. The Village estimates that construction will begin in summer of 2023.

DRI Meetings

Our Heritage Area Advisory Committee, headed by Dave Altieri & Mark Pacilio are working to win the competitive \$10MM NYS Downtown Revitalization Grant. They're hosting informational and brainstorming meetings with stakeholders every few weeks. The more help they have, the better our chances of winning, so make time to attend!

Hellos & Goodbyes

- If you see **Sherry Derouin**, congratulate her on retirement and thank her for her 16 years of service as a judge in the Town of Hounsfield Court.
- **Kathy Keating** has joined our community as both a resident and the new Visitor Center Coordinator!
- A new shop, **Market on Main**, will open on West Main Street. It will offer unique gifts and local flair. Proprietress **Kelly Clark** has been working hard to get ready for its opening day on Saturday, April 23rd.
- Say your last goodbyes to the old **Harbor Motel** on Route 3. While not in the village proper, we're all familiar with its burned-out shell. After some hard work from **Marlene Lennox & Todd Farrington**, it will be torn down in the next few months.
- **Fargo's Family Market** is turning the old IGA space in Madison Barracks into a new grocery store, tentatively scheduled to open in May. We're in for some hearty deli offerings and other tasty treats!
- **The Bottle of Sackets Harbor**, a fine wine and spirits store at 201 W Main Street, will host its Grand Opening on Memorial Day weekend. Full disclosure: I own and operate this business. Don't let that scare you away, though!

Upcoming Events

more details at visitsacketsharbor.com/events

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| April 8 & 15 | — | Fish Fry Friday @ American Legion 4-7PM |
| April 23 | — | Easter Egg Hunt @ Visitor Center Lawn & Battlefield 12PM |
| April 23 | — | Great Lakes Poetry Reading @ Sackets Ballroom 1-5PM |
| May 6 & 7 | — | Spring Flower Sale @ Sackets Fire Station #1 9AM-1PM |
| May 14 | — | AANNY Spring Art Show Opening @ 119 W Main St 1-4PM |

A Note from the Mayor

My first four months as mayor of our little village have been a blast. I can't overstate how much I appreciate the help and support I've received from my family, friends, the village board & staff, and the village's many community organizations and volunteers. I've been particularly encouraged by the work on our new, more user-friendly Village website. Also, you may not be aware that the board did a complete budget overhaul this spring, reevaluating and authorizing every penny of the Village's spend! It took a lot of time, but I'm confident this has created a leaner, meaner, better-spent budget. I'm looking forward to our village's continued work together, so if you aren't already involved with village activities, I hope you'll consider getting active. Attend the events listed here, come to the monthly town & village board meetings, or join one of our many amazing civic organizations. If you want to help and aren't sure where you'd be most useful, message me and I'll help you figure out where to start!