

THE TRUSTEE REPORT



The Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees, in seeking to provide residents with regular updates on the great things that are happening in the village, are providing this new monthly report. In previous administrations, the mayor provided a monthly report. Upon hearing a great amount of feedback from residents who we hear miss those reports, we are happy to provide this new report to you.

Please be on the lookout for a Communication Survey to tell us how you would like to be updated!

The Village of Sackets Harbor mourns the loss of famed thoroughbred horse and winner of the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, Funny Cide. A New York-bred gelding, Funny Cide was owned by Sackatoga Stables which includes six friends from Sackets Harbor. The 'Sackets Six' includes Jack Knowlton, Peter and Mark Phillips, Harold Cring, and Larry Reinhardt and former Mayor Jon P. Constance.



Funny Cide was a true hero for the Village - in a fairytale-like story - a horse that a group of residents took a chance on by investing in, and in accomplishing the unthinkable - a New York-bred horse that won two of the three Triple Crown races in 2003. Residents of the Village also took pride in the notion that it felt like this was 'their horse' as well. This was best demonstrated when the Village organized a public watch party of the Belmont Stakes on West Main Street in June 2003, which drew thousands of people from all over the region in hopes of witnessing the first New York-bred horse to win the Triple Crown.

While the dream of winning the Triple Crown fell short, the Village of Sackets Harbor continued to exude great pride for Funny Cide. Residents and visitors alike even got a chance to see Funny Cide up close when the horse visited the Village several years ago.

On behalf of the entire Village, the Board of Trustees extends its deepest sympathies to the owners of Sackatoga Stables, trainer Barkley Tagg and Jockey Jose Santos.

Department Reports

Treasurer Report

The Village Board approved to take advantage of NYCLASS, New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System which is a short term, highly liquid Investment fund designed specifically for the public sector. At the time of this report, the Daily Yield Is 4.9207%, Seven Day Yield 4.9208% and Thirty Day 4.8957% on funds In the account.

Department of Public Works

Our DPW crews have been busy getting our village ready for what we hope is a very busy tourist season. Veteran banners have been rehung for the season, flower baskets are out and our village looks amazing. You may have noticed some paving being done. The parking lots on Edmund Street and Main Street have been done as well as Barn and Chapin Alley.



Village Board

Concerns about traffic on Chapin Alley was discussed. It was recommended to first improve signage before recommending changing the one-way direction which is a more complicated process that would require a local law change, resident notification and a public hearing.

The Village Board is currently in discussion with Superintendent, Jennifer Gaffney at Sackets Harbor School to discuss the feasibility of a shared diesel fuel storage and pumping facility with the school district.

Trustee Townsend and Mayor Morgia attended the Hounsfield Senior Citizen's picnic on July 10 at the American Legion to award Senior Citizen of the Year to Joan Townsend.

Mayor Morgia asked for an extension for the Infrastructure Agreement with Lawman to September 1, 2023 to give them more time complete the project. He also indicated that budget letters will be going out after Can-Am to community groups that requested and received funding from the village for the fiscal period of June 1, 2023 - May 30, 2024.

The Joint Recreation Committee has been asked to research and provide recommendations to the Village Board regarding a potential dog park in the village. Paul Trudeau and Christina Best-Thayer attended our July 11th board and provided some recommendations. The Village Board will review the recommendations and make a report at our next meeting.

Market Square Park REDI Project Phase 1 Update:

Chapin Alley asphalt has been installed and stamped. The Bandstand paint and polyurethane is complete. The new roof of the bandstand is expected in a month or so. Floats have been installed on the docks. Installation of utilities to abutments is expected next. Asphalt around Main Street crosswalks has been installed and are now complete.



Thank you to Brenda Derouin and her volunteers who pulled off another success with this year's Can Am Festival. It was a great event!

Congratulations to this year's Volunteer's of the Year Dick and Jane Lawlee and Citizen of the Year Suzie Brockman.