

# THE TRUSTEE REPORT

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The Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees would like to thank those who completed our communication survey. Per the results of the survey, this newsletter will be sent out via digital format and printed and placed in public locations for resident access.

Volume 1 was viewed online 951 times! We are happy to provide residents with updates as to what is happening in the village.

## What's Happening:

The Sackets Harbor Historical Society has installed a restroom in the Old Stone Chapel. The former Episcopal Church never had a restroom or running water, so water & sewer lines also had to be installed. The project was partially funded by a grant from the Village's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) money. The restroom will expand the potential uses for the building for public and private events.



If you haven't already heard, Sackets Harbor will have its very first marathon on September 3, 2023 @ 7:00 a.m! Karyn Reinhardt, native of Sackets Harbor and Mark Congel conceived the idea at the beginning of this year with the goal of attracting 300 runners.

To date, almost 700 runners (and their families) will descend on the village the weekend of September 3rd!

**Thank you for your support!**  
**This would not be happening without the help of the community of Sackets Harbor!**

The Sackets Harbor Marathon & Half Marathon would like to say thank you to so many people that have helped make this the size that it has become!

We are about to reach 700 runners! They are traveling from all over the country and Canada to come run our inaugural race!

- There are 24 Sackets residents
- There are 232 first timers
- There are at least 90 coming to try to qualify for the Boston Marathon
- There are runners coming from a total of 32 different states and provinces

They are coming because we have this community helping us in so many ways to make this event possible!

# Department Reports

## Department of Public Works

Our DPW crews have been busy working on our walking trails. You may have seen crews using equipment to cut back trees and brush for future resurfacing work on the trails.

DPW crews have also been very busy with maintenance items throughout the village while assisting with village wide events such as Can-Am.



The Village's sewer plant has been experiencing some issues and is in need of some repairs. DPW crews will continue to keep us updated with the status of the sewer plant as needed.

Thank you to the DPW crew for how beautiful our village looks!

## Village Board

The Village Board voted on and approved a shared service agreement for operations and maintenance of a fuel facility with the Sackets Harbor Central School. Operational and maintenance costs will be shared between the Village of Sackets Harbor and the Sackets Harbor Central School District with each entity paying their own fuel costs. This is a one year agreement to be renewed at the end of the year unless one party wishes to not renew.

Resident historian, Constance Barone recommended to the village that we officially name the grassy slope at the end of Hamilton Street from General Smith Drive to the harbor, Robinson's Hill. Lawrence Robinson and his family lived across the street at 214 General Smith Drive.

"Robinson's Hill" became a favorite winter sledding site for generations of Sackets Harbor children. Mr. Robinson taught math and science at Sackets Harbor High School and became principal in 1935. After a 41 year tenure he retired as a significant Sackets Harbor educator and leader. The Village Board agreed and upon completion of work being done to Install a kayak launch, resident Jay Kramer has agreed to donate and install signage.



The Village Board approved utilization of \$20,000 In ARPA funds to support a proposed Dog Park. The Joint Recreation Committee will move forward and begin work soliciting bids for installation.

### **SHFD Receives Federal Funding:**

In early July, it was announced that \$648,000 was being awarded to seven fire departments in Jefferson County.

The Sackets Harbor Fire Company, Inc. was one department included in these federal funds to purchase new personal protective equipment, to include a coat, pants, boots, a helmet, two hoods, and two pairs of gloves. Interior firefighters began getting sized for that gear in mid-August.



### **Market Square Park REDI Project Phase 1 Update:**

Chapin Alley is complete except for asphalt coloring. Market Square Park West and East abutment and retaining wall installation is complete. The east side stairs are being formed and poured. The bandstand roof has been stripped and new underlayment and shingle installment has started. The west side boat ramp's old asphalt approach existing asphalt has been removed. Installation of utilities has been completed. Asphalt around Market Square Park crosswalks has been installed, and the crosswalks are complete.