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**Holley's Many Treasures...**



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I've been in Holley for just over a year now. Since my arrival, I've had the unique privilege of viewing Holley with a fresh set of eyes. As an outsider looking in, what struck me most was its potential. In many ways Holley is similar to where I lived for 24 years. While some may argue Holley does not have the resources Honeoye Falls has, the two villages are roughly the same size in area and population. What's more, both have many vacant storefronts. Both have local residents who do not always see, know, or appreciate the many assets placed in front of them. Like Honeoye Falls, Holley has so many "hidden treasures" – their friendly people, their scenic parks, and their beautiful waterfalls (Holley's far more beautiful in my humble opinion). What's more, both are rich in history; Honeoye Falls as a Seneca Indian Village and Holley as part of the Erie Canalway. In many ways.... both Holley and Honeoye Falls are a reflection of all who have not yet reached full potential. I don't know about you, but knowing this ... gives me the urge to unbury all those "hidden treasures". Then once uncovered, it is in the cutting away of what is not needed, in the shaping and polishing to downplay flaws and to accentuate the positive that treasures become their most brilliant. One day soon, I sense each one of us and Holley too will no longer be "diamonds in the rough"; we'll be finely polished jewels for all to see!

**Panel 2: The Waterfall**

Holley's Glen Falls is a man-made waterfall created during the enlargement and relocation of the Erie Canal's route. Considered, the highest abutment on the canal line (76'), it allows excess water to cascade into Sandy Creek below and flows beneath the canal to the east. For many years, the glen was so overgrown that the falls was literally hidden from view. Then in 1985, Wayne Fauci, Scott Parker, along with Village crew began clearing the area. Soon the waterfalls' natural beauty was evident with many residents amazed that something so incredibly beautiful was at the heart of the community. A few years later, New York State started to encourage tourism and development along the canal, offering grants statewide. Upon receiving a grant, Holley began beautifying the canal area. In 1997, a 300' boat dock was created. About the same time, the first nature trail opened from the glen to the lift bridge, with the trail named the "Andrew Cuomo Trail" in honor of his foresight and assistance in obtaining the funds. In 1999, the gazebo and the playground were built. In 2001, a bridge was erected over Sandy Creek at the falls with two pavilions added in 2002. John Ciccoline of Albion created and donated a beautiful cathedral birdhouse and a wishing well. In 2002, a visitors sign at the dock was created along with a fishing pond on the trail. By preserving this important historic section of our village, we have created a serene, beautiful setting abundant with nature trails, picnics, and play areas for everyone to enjoy!



Artist, Stacey Kirby

Many thanks to Town Historian, Marsha Defilippis for sharing some village history with us.



With support from the Holley Rotary Club and a GoArt grant, Artist/Muralist Stacey Kirby has been commissioned to create an eight-panel mural. To be placed on a gazebo-shaped platform in the Holley Canal Park in June 2010, this mural educates and encourages the public to visit Holley to learn what it has to offer. Sponsorship opportunities for the "Treasures of Holley" project are available. With half of the projected cost funded through the GoArt grant, labor and materials are needed. Anyone interested in providing supplies, labor, or materials are asked to contact John Pedley at [pedlj@pikeco.com](mailto:pedlj@pikeco.com). For info about this project, contact Stacey Kirby at [info@staceyrkirby.com](mailto:info@staceyrkirby.com).

## Village Government

### Public Hearing —Wed. November 18, 2009

The Village of Holley, as part of the development of a Comprehensive Plan, will hold a Public Information Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Holley Elementary School Cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the public to the Comprehensive Plan project, including the results of the recent community survey and other information collected to date. The meeting will be interactive and allow residents to help shape the vision and goals for the future of Holley. The Village recognizes the need for a comprehensive and strategic approach to the complex issues we face in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. As a small town, we need to be able to effectively leverage our assets and embrace opportunities for improving the quality of life of our citizens.

The Plan, to be completed over the course of the next year, will create a vision and framework of policies, objectives, and strategies that will help guide decision-making in the Village over the next 10 to 15 years. Topics to be addressed in the Plan include, but are not limited to, Main Street revitalization, tourism and economic development, recreation, public infrastructure, and community resources. The Village has contracted with Bergmann Associates, a firm specializing in community planning in Upstate New York, to assist in the development of the Comprehensive Plan.

## HBA News

With the Holley Business Association now meeting monthly, our next meeting is scheduled for **Wed. November 18th at noon in the Community Library Conference Room**. The guest speaker is Artist/Muralist Stacey Kirby who has been commissioned to paint an eight-panel mural for installation in the Holley Canal Park in June 2010. HBA and non-HBA members are welcome!

## Winter Parking Hours

The Holley Police Department would like us to remind you that in accordance with Village Law, vehicles are not to be parked on any street within the Village Limits from 2:00 am to 7:00 am, November 1st through April 1st. Violators are ticketed. In addition, vehicles may be towed at owners expense during snow removal operations.

## Eastern Orleans Community Center

Another one of Holley's treasures is the Eastern Orleans Community Center—a program of Community Action of Orleans and Genesee County ([www.caoginc.org](http://www.caoginc.org)). Located at 75 Public Square and servicing Clarendon, Murray, and Holley for over 25 years, it's more than a place for seniors to go to play cards. In fact, according to Debbie Whittier, Coordinator, it is a multi-generational place where local residents, young or old, go for friendship, a hot meal, guidance, and more. For example, partnering with St. Vincent de Paul, they distribute vouchers to low income residents to purchase personal care items and collaborating with the Salvation Army, they help the homeless find emergency shelter and assist low income residents with finding grants to offset heating and medication expenses. Other services include:

- A food and clothing pantry for low income residents of Eastern Orleans County
- A Community Kitchen where lunches are served Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays, and Friday from 11:30am to 12:30 pm. Open to residents of Orleans County, a \$2.00 donation is appreciated, but not required
- Case management and family development services
- Public access to three computers with Internet access. Hours are coordinated with the library to maximize use
- Senior activities such bingo and monthly crafts
- A surplus food distribution site for low income residents
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners
- An Adopt of Family program, which adopts a family in need for the holidays through the Community Action Angels

Recently, the Center expanded with the purchase of an additional storefront. Since July 2009, the Center has also been home to a Teen Center. Serving youths 11 to 18 years of age, it is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. A Youth Worker plans daily activities and field trips, and in cooperation from the school district, all activities are announced daily at the middle and high schools.

Funding for the center is provided through donations from local churches and grants from Community Action, FoodLink, and Community Service Block Grants. Community donations are accepted and very much appreciated. Last, but not least, the Community Center is available to the public for group meetings. Call (585) 638-6395 for details or to make reservations.

## Can & Bottle Drive

The Murray-Holley June Fest this past June was a huge success. To help with expenses for the 2010 event, there's a bottle & can collection box located between Danny's Small Engines (122 W Albion) and Dave Dill's house (120 W Albion). Please consider dropping off your 5 cent deposit cans and bottles ... it's a no-fuss, no-muss, and generous way to get rid of all your cans and bottles!

## Community Calendar — November

- 3—Planning Board Mtg 7:00 pm Village Offices
- 3—Election Day
- 5—19—Book Fair, Elementary School Library
- 10—Supervisor Mtg, 6:30 pm Village Offices
- 10—Village Board Mtg, 7:00 pm Village Offices
- 16—Board of Education Mtg, 6:30 pm, District Office
- 17—Comprehensive Planning Mtg, 7:00 pm Village Offices
- 18—Holley Business Association Meeting, Noon, Library—Guest Speaker: Muralist Stacey Kirby
- 18—Public Hearing on Community Survey Results @ 7 pm in the Elementary Cafetorium

## December

- 1—Planning Board Mtg 7:00 pm Village Offices
- 7—10—PTSA Holiday Gift Shop
- 8—Village Board Mtg, 7:00 pm Village Offices
- 14—PTSA Mtg, 5:00 pm ES Teacher Lounge
- 15—Comprehensive Planning Mtg, 7:00 pm Village Offices
- 16—Holley Business Association Meeting, Noon, Library
- 21—Board of Education Mtg, 6:30 pm, District Office

## Young Entrepreneurs

Three cheers to the Holley and Kendall Central School Districts for participating in the Young Entrepreneurs Program (YEA!) for the 2009 - 2010 school year. The YEA! Program (<http://www.yeausa.org>) provides students with an opportunity to create their own business. With local business owners, employees, and community members serving as mentors, students explore and experience every step of the business process, including writing a business plan; filing a DBA; presenting their plan to an Investment Panel; as well as producing, marketing, and selling their product or service. After leaving high schools, students continue to run their businesses!

This is not only a great opportunity for students to learn from experienced professionals, but it's a great way for a local business to promote their company.

According to Jim DiSessa, Business Teacher at Holley High School, "We are still looking for volunteers for graphic designers, web developers, printing, and investors to sit on the Investment Panel." If you or somebody you know is interested in participating in the YEA! Program, please contact Jim DiSessa at [jdissessa@holleycsd.org](mailto:jdissessa@holleycsd.org), or (585) 507-1623.

## 3rd Annual Candy Buy Back

Once again, Dr. Steven Thompson is sponsoring his Candy Buy Back Program on Monday, November 2nd, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Trick-or-treaters are asked to bring in their excess candy to his dental practice at 42 Public Square. He purchases the candy for a \$1.00 a pound then ships it to our Troops overseas. This year his goal is 150 lbs or more!! Refreshments and prizes! Tell all your friends. For more information, call Dr. Thompson at (585) 638-5435.

## Honey Applesauce

4-6 Twenty ounce apples, peeled & sliced

2-3 Tbsp of honey

1-1.5 cups of water

½ lemons juiced

Cinnamon & nutmeg

1. Peel and slice the apples.
2. Place the in a pan on a medium heat.
3. Squeeze the juice of the lemon over the top of the apples.
4. Add ½ cup of water and stir as apples cook down and begin to look like applesauce.
5. Lower heat to low and add water as needed to create desired consistency.
6. Add 1-2 tablespoons of honey to naturally sweeten your applesauce. (Use an immersion blender to smooth, if you like.)
7. After apples have the consistency you like, sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg and serve warm.
8. Place any leftover in a container and place in the fridge.

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## Old-Fashioned Ideas for a High Tech World

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We've heard the new "buzz" words surrounding nutrition and exercise. Phrases such as: eat healthy snacks, turn off the TV, get your kids outside, eat less, move more, control portions, get the kids involved with cooking, grow your own, spend time together, and a million more. They're all great ideas! Some of these ideas are easier to follow than others; especially in the fast-paced world of our families today. Often times the simplest solutions are also the easiest to do.

Here are a few ideas for the family "exercise" thing:

- Turn off the TV
- Park farther than you usually do when shopping
- Do a few chores together
- Dance while dinner is cooking
- Take a family walk
- Go outside and play together.

Here a few ideas for the "Nutrition" thing:

- Shop your local markets
- Give the kids a plastic knife and plate then let them help you cut up fresh fruits & vegetables. (Make sure they tuck their fingers "under the claw" to help cut-knuckles hold the fruit or vegetable)
- Mix a simple cereal mix with frosted flakes, nuts, and dried fruit. Package in baggies for an easy grab on the way out the door.
- Grow a garden together.

Here a few ideas to spend time together:

- Play cards
- Go bowling
- Play board games

## Unburying Holley's Treasures

Believing Holley has so many "treasures" yet to be unburied, promoted, and explored, Theresa Fischette, Editor of the SaltPort Press, recently started a blog with the purpose of sharing those treasures with our community. So in between issues of the SaltPort Press, be sure to check out her blog at <http://VisionsofHolley.wordpress.com> for the latest news on Holley. Comments and contributions are welcome and encouraged!

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