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PLANS OF THE MARCHAM HALL ADDITION

by *Caroline Ware Rusten*

At the July meeting of the Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees, a proposed addition to Marcham Hall was presented and approved. I had a chance to meet with Todd Zwigard of Todd Zwigard Architects of Skaneateles to discuss his plans for our village hall.

The 550 square-foot addition will be built at the back of Marcham Hall. It will consist of a ramp and angled public entrance, hallway, handicapped-accessible bathrooms for men and women, an area for office machines, and a new office for the police chief, including an armory.

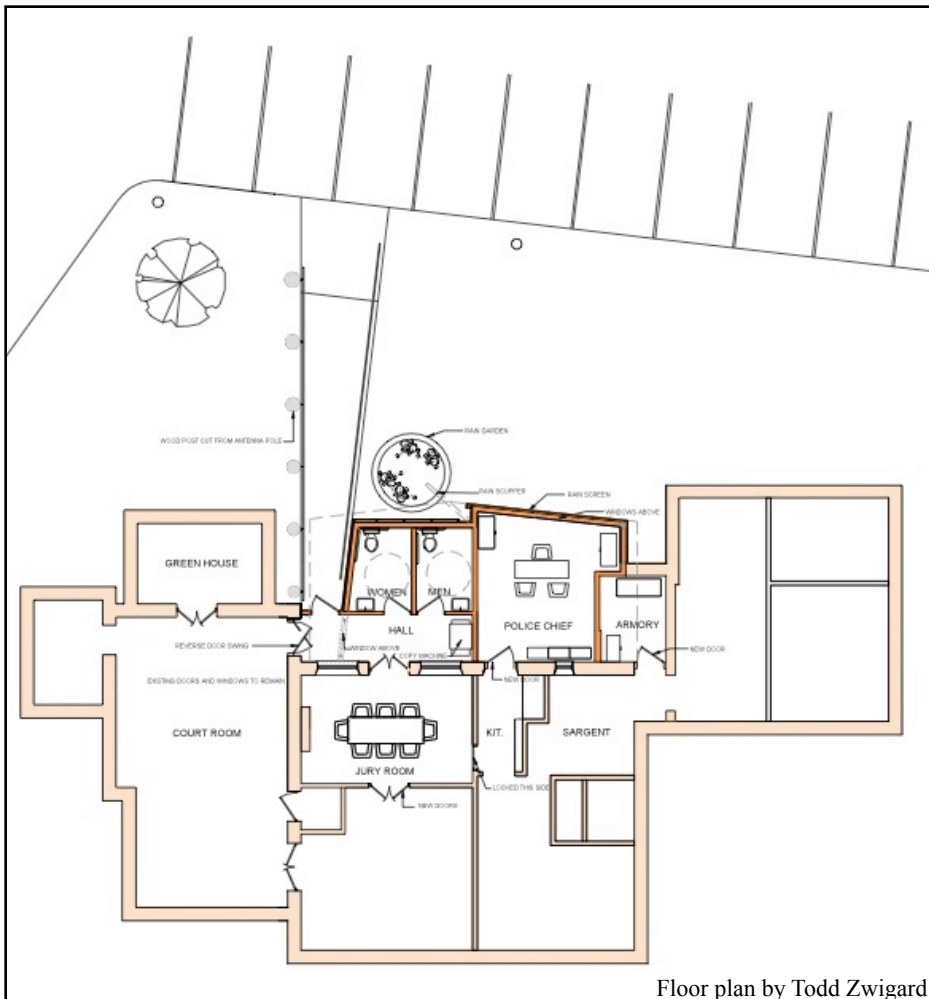
Village Justice Glenn Galbreath secured a matching grant of \$30,000 to fund what he intended to be a jury room.

Mr. Zwigard explained, however, that it made more sense to use the existing police chief's office as the jury room and to move the chief into the addition. "The new jury room will be centrally located and can be entered from the foyer or the back hallway. The new office also puts the chief on the police side of the firewall," Mr. Zwigard explained.

"The project had some interesting challenges," Mr. Zwigard noted, "but the mayor and the board of trustees agreed with me on the overall approach for a building of its time and not an imitation of the past."

Marcham Hall did serve as an inspiration for the main materials of the exterior of the addition. It will be built of dark brown wood and some stonework (but minimally because of the cost of stone today). The roofs of the existing buildings also led to the creation of the addition's roof lines. "The addition will sit tucked in between three pavilions and it completes the assembly as a mirror of those three roof forms," Mr. Zwigard said.

The roof in turn led to the creation of a scupper. Mr. Zwigard explained that a



Floor plan by Todd Zwigard

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SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS

Send comments & ideas about the Courier
to courier@cayuga-heights.ny.us
or to Diana Riesman at the Village office.

CORRECTION OF THE VILLAGE BROCHURE

from Mary Mills, Village Clerk

Greetings VCH residents!

I first would like to apologize to you all for the confusion regarding the recycling information contained in the green brochure which you received with the last Courier. The calendar of collection dates for the Tompkins County recycling was off by one week in the green brochure. Thank you those of you who called asking questions and pointing out the error. The brochure has been corrected and a revised copy has been put up on the Village website. www.cayuga-heights.ny.us. You have also received in the mail the Tompkins County Solid Waste Division brochure which includes their correct schedule.

Again, I apologize for any inconvenience to you. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

(Please check on p.7 for a revised chart of the brush, bulky and recycling pick-up dates.)

TICK MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK

Here is a link for the excellent and comprehensive "Tick Management Handbook" which was published by the State of Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station in 2007.

<http://www.ct.gov/caes/lib/caes/documents/publications/bulletins/b1010.pdf>

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

There are several volunteer positions open in Cayuga Heights. If you are interested in any of the openings shown below, please contact Mayor Kate Supron (mayor@cayuga-heights.ny.us) or the Village office (info@cayuga-heights.ny.us).

Editor, Cayuga Heights Courier
Alternate, Planning Board
Representative, Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization
Village Historian

KENDAL BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Kendal at Ithaca on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 from 9:30am to 2:30pm. For an appointment call Ann Mayer 257-2465. Walk-ins are welcome between 10:00 and 2:00pm.

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scupper is “like the spout of a teapot and will catch rain and snow melt in a single point because of the v’s of the roof and will pour water away from the building and be caught by a rain garden.” The water collected could be diverted to the greenhouse cistern. If this is not feasible an alternate solution would be for the water to percolate through the rain garden to the watershed. For Mr. Zwigard the rain garden represents not only public art, but “it is also a symbol of water as a precious resource.”

Mr. Zwigard also wanted to make the new entrance from the back parking lot more welcoming by widening the ramp and angling the door. He is pleased with his solution of the ramp’s handrail by using an outdated utility pole behind Marcham Hall. “It’s almost serendipitous the way the pole tapers as it goes up. It’s maybe fifty feet high and when you cut it into shorter lengths each post is narrower.” The widest posts will be installed at the widest section of the ramp and each succeeding post will get narrower up to the door. “This narrowing begins to create a false perspective play.”

Brent Cross, the Cayuga Heights Superintendent of Public Works (among other titles), will oversee the construction of the addition which is set to begin in late fall. The exterior should be completed by March or April of 2012.

This is an exciting and much needed addition. “They are simple spaces,” said Mr. Zwigard, “that I hope will fill the Village needs and will function well for the next 20 years or so.”

FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK...

by Kate Supron

So much public service and involvement goes into the running of our Village.

In addition to the six Trustees (all volunteer), we have a Zoning Board of Appeals (5 members, 2 alternates) and a Planning Board (5 members and 1 alternate - vacant.) We have a Village Forester, a Village Gardener, a Village Historian (vacant), and of course our Courier Editor. The Mayor and the Village Justice, both elected officials, and the appointed Village Treasurer all receive modest salaries for their part-time work. Further, we have community representatives on a wide variety of inter-municipal organizations, including the Environmental Management Council, Ithaca Youth Council, Cable Public Access Oversight Committee, Cornell Neighborhood Council, Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (vacant), Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water

Commission, Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council, and TCAT Neighborhood Council.

Others participate by following issues and developments and communicating their ideas and concerns to the appropriate Village officials or staff, via email, phone calls, Privilege of the Floor, or face to face meetings, both scheduled and impromptu. Email addresses for officials and board members are on the Village website, as are phone numbers for the Village Clerk, Court and Police Offices. Our Meeting Procedures and Guidelines for Privilege of the Floor are also available on the Village website <www.cayuga-heights.ny.us>, and are fully in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the recommendations of the Committee on Open Government.

The Village operates under the Open Public Meetings Law, which means that all meetings of Village Boards are advertised and open to the public. We hold Privilege of the Floor (not a requirement of the Open Public Meetings Law) at our monthly Board meetings as an avenue for people to share their views and concerns with the Board. It is not a time for conversation or dialogue with the Board. I have office hours and am also available by appointment, either in person or on the phone. I regularly talk with people on a variety of issues (fencing, deer control, TCAT, pedestrian safety) to discuss their varied views and concerns. Dialogue is a vital part of the process of running the Village, and I encourage you to take part in it.

We joke that it “takes a village” to run the Village but it is essentially true. Thanks to all whose efforts help to make the Village such a unique and lovely community to live in.

Updates

Deer Management – Attorney John Stevens represented the Village in the June 24 hearing in the Lawsuit filed against the Village. To date, Judge Rumsay has not made his ruling. We continue implementation of the deer population control program approved by the Board.

Northway & Parkway Intersection/TCAT – Please see the update posted on the Village website. <www.cayuga-heights.ny.us/>

Fencing – We continue the long process of revising the fence ordinance, and will discuss two versions at our 9/12/11 Board meeting, and can at that point choose to schedule a Public Hearing for our October meeting. Check the website for updated drafts.

Marcham Hall Addition – The Board approved additional funding for the planned addition to Marcham Hall at our July meeting. The \$100,000 project (\$70,000 from Village funds and \$30,000 from a NYS Justice Court Grant) will add handicapped bathrooms and a Jury Room, along with some improvements in the Police Department offices. Please refer to the front page article on the addition for more information.

2011 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

The next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event will be on Saturday, September 17 from 8am to 2pm at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center, 160 Commercial Avenue in Ithaca.

Acceptable items at HHW Collection events including:

- Oil-base Paints and Stains
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Automotive Care Products
- Workshop/Hobby Wastes
- Home Maintenance Products
- Products Containing Mercury

To participate, Tompkins County Residents need:

- A valid Solid Waste permit
- A completed and returned HHW Collection event registration form before the date of the event. Forms are available at Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division (TCSWMD) office and online.

Register soon because a limited number of appointments are available per hour.

There will be one more event in 2011 on November 19.

For more information, contact:

Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division
Phone: 273-6632

Email: www.recycletompkins.org

or

Paul Cowles, Enforcement Officer

Phone: 607-273-6632

Fax: 607-275-0000

Email: pcowles@tompkins-co.org

CATALOG CHOICE: CONTROL UNWANTED MAIL AND PHONE BOOKS

More than 100 billion pieces of unsolicited mail are received by Americans each year. To combat unwanted mail, Tompkins County has joined four communities across the country to debut a waste prevention initiative that will allow consumers to stop unwanted phone books, catalogs, coupons and credit card solicitations at the source. This free service, designed by Catalog Choice, will help Tompkins County shed thousands of pounds of waste. County residents, businesses, and other organizations can sign up for the mail preference service at <https://tompkins-co.catalogchoice.org/>

“The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division is committed to offering programs that foster waste reduction and recycling. This innovative online solution provides a convenient way for citizens to express their mail choices and reduce their environmental footprint at home and at work”, said Barbara Eckstrom, Tompkins County Solid Waste Manager. “This service gives Tompkins County a way to track progress toward our waste diversion goal of 75% by 2015.”

“Tompkins County is a leader taking strides preventing solid waste generation - and setting a positive precedent for consumer choice,” said Chuck Teller, Executive Director of Catalog Choice, the leading non-profit service for mail efficiency and privacy control. “The County is empowering their citizens to stop unwanted mail and phone books at the source while cutting costs for their community.”

Catalog Choice is hosting <https://tompkins-co.catalogchoice.org/> as a special portal. Tompkins County will receive detailed reporting on local participation by zip code, solid waste diversion and environmental benefits.

Tompkins County joins Chicago, Kansas City, Marion County (Salem) and Berkeley, in partnership with Catalog Choice. This mail preference service for Tompkins County is sponsored by the Park Foundation.

Catalog Choice was founded in 2007 to provide consumers greater control over the marketing materials that enter their mailboxes. Catalog Choice is the world’s largest preference and privacy portal with more than 1.3 million consumer members and 4,000 direct marketing companies. By reducing unnecessary mail and phone books, Catalog Choice’s free and low-cost services reduce deforestation, greenhouse gases, solid waste and water consumption. Catalog Choice, a non-profit organization based in Berkeley, Calif., is supported by grants from the Overbrook Foundation, Kendeda Fund, Merck Family Fund and Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, as well as donations from members.

The mission of the Solid Waste Management Division is to manage the solid waste of Tompkins County in a manner that is environmentally sound, cost-effective, socially responsible and safe. This will be accomplished through coordinated administrative, operational, and educational projects in waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and disposal.

The Park Foundation primarily supports scholarships in higher education, quality media that heightens public awareness of critical issues, and protection of the environment.

FROM POLICE CHIEF TOM BOYCE...

It's hard to believe but summer is over and I hope everyone enjoyed it. As I see the nights getting cooler and the days just a little shorter, I have to say autumn is approaching. With the autumn season, we once again have to switch gears and focus on the up and coming events that the season brings. Yes, the college students are back and we've sent our younger students to school as well.

Please take a few extra moments to get where you are going because the village streets will be more congested with college students traveling through the Village of Cayuga Heights. Many of these college students are not familiar with the geographic area of the village, which can sometimes be a little frustrating for the rest of us. Also, remember that our younger students will be creating much more pedestrian traffic as they walk to school, so be watching for them as well.

Another area of caution that has to be addressed at this time of year is the deer mating season. Remember that in these fall months the deer will be very active as they chase each other throughout the Village of Cayuga Heights. This chasing activity occurs during the daylight hours as well as during nighttime hours. Please be extra vigilant and mindful of these activities, so that you are not an unhappy victim of a car-deer incident.

While we are on the deer subject, it has come to my attention that some Villagers do not know the procedure for the handling of a deer carcass found in their yard. If you find a deer carcass in your yard, just call the police department and we will have the Department of Public Works come down and remove the deer carcass from your yard. One of the reasons for contacting the police department is so we can have a record of the incident for statistical purposes. If an injured deer is encountered in your yard, it's the same procedure because the police officer will, in that type of case, respond and assess the situation and determine what course of action is needed.

Have a safe and enjoyable autumn season!

YOUTH FOR HIRE

compiled by Mary Berkelman

These young Cayuga Heights residents are willing to undertake the tasks shown following their names. Please contact them directly.

* Caleb Thomas, Age 12
607-257-0922
Snow shoveling, garage cleaning, raking, weeding, mowing and other yard work

* Catherine Watkins, Age 16
607-220-4694
stargazercw4@yahoo.com
Pet sitting, dog walking, babysitting

* Andrew Dev, Age 13
607-257-4570
andrew.dev00@gmail.com
Yard work, pet sitting, dog walking

* Emma Strawderman, Age 11
emopig02@gmail.com
* Tommy Strawderman, Age 13
trs304@gmail.com
607-220-0005
Yard work, pet sitting, babysitting, raking, snow shoveling, window washing (first floor, without a ladder), car washing -- Emma and Tommy would prefer to work as a team, but can be hired separately.

* Gibson, Age 16
607-257-6640
Car detailing, washing, waxing

Young Cayuga Heights residents (under 18 years of age) who wish to earn money by doing such jobs as yard work, watering plants, pet-sitting, walking dogs, etc., should contact Mary Berkelman at 257-6450 or mberkelman@netscape.net.

The Village will take no responsibility for the services listed, will not evaluate the young people or the quality of the services offered and, by allowing the listing, will not endorse the use of any of the individuals or services. The Village reserves the right, at its discretion, not to publish any listing, and will obtain the written, signed, and dated consent of the individual's parent or guardian.

PEGASYS Training Schedule Fall 2011

Information provided by Wies Van Leuken

DEER-VEHICLE COLLISIONS - PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

by Bea Szekely, Trustee

You can produce your own television program for public access channel 13. Training, studio and field equipment access, and a cable channel open to the public for free expression. All that's missing is YOU!

Training Classes: *No pre-requisites, but enrollment requires students to have the intent to produce programming for channel 13. All classes are held at the 612 W. Green St. studio. There is no charge for residents of the City or Town of Ithaca or Cayuga Heights. There is a \$30 fee for residents of other areas of Tompkins County.*

Orientation / Course sign-up [no registration required]

Monday, September 26, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Monday, October 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Basic Studio Video Production [register at the orientation]

Learn how to operate the PEGASYS studio and crew on one or more programs.

Completion of this course requires attendance at classes plus working on one or two volunteer productions.

Course dates:

November Course: 4 Wednesdays: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30
5:30-7:30pm

Basic Mini-Studio Video Production [register at the orientation]

Learn how to make your own show, including live and call-in shows, without a crew in our new mini-studio.

October course: 2 Wednesdays: Oct. 5 & 12
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Basic Portable Production [register at the orientation]

Learn to use our digital camcorders and linear or non-linear editors.

Completion of this course requires attendance at four 2-hour classes plus two homework assignments.

November course:

Part 1: Digital camcorder

Tuesdays, November 8 & 15
6:30-8:30pm

Part 2: Digital editing [Adobe Premiere]

Tuesdays, November 22 & 29
6:30-8:30pm

Deer-vehicle collisions (DVAs) are the most serious and expensive collisions of all wildlife-related accidents in Cayuga Heights, as they are for our entire region. Twenty-nine deer incidents and thirty motor vehicle accidents were reported for the 2010 calendar year. Information about the 2011 calendar year will be available early in 2012.

The approach of fall and the October to December deer rutting season makes this a good time to remind ourselves about the best ways to minimize the risk of a DVA and what to do when one does occur. Preventive measures may seem pretty weak, especially to the many villagers who have experienced DVAs, but they are worthy of review.

Hit the horn if you see a deer; that's pretty obvious. We've all been doing that for years.

Slow down because of the likelihood that the deer on the road is not traveling alone or may double back across the road in front of you.

Be especially alert at sundown because deer are nocturnal creatures. Watch for eyes in your headlights.

Drive defensively within the posted speed limits, and slow down where you have seen deer browsing by the roadside.

If you do have a deer-vehicle collision, please call the Police Department at 911 anytime; in fact this is required by law for any type of auto accident in New York State when the damage is estimated at \$1,000 or more.

Your DVA reporting is important for several reasons. It enables the Police to keep an accurate record, and you will have a police record on hand to support any insurance claim.

If a deer has died as result of a DVA or is wounded, the Police will coordinate with the Department of Public Works to remove the carcass or an officer will destroy the animal if it is seriously injured and has not left the accident site.



**CROSSWALK AT KENDAL
ENTRANCE**

A crew from the Department of Public Works has been constructing the crosswalk at the entrance of Kendal at Ithaca. The crosswalk will make crossing North Triphammer much easier.

2011	Brush	Bulky	Recycling
Sept	2	16	9, 23
Oct	7	21	7, 21
Nov	4	18	4, 18
Dec	2	16	2, 16, 30
2012			
Jan	6	20	13, 27
Feb	3	17	10, 24
Mar	2	16	9, 23
Apr	6	20	6, 20
May	4	18	4, 18
Jun	1	15	1, 15, 29

**REVISED BRUSH, BULKY &
RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

*provided by
Mary Mills, Village Clerk*



AN ADDITION FOR MARCHAM HALL

This rendering of the proposed addition to Marcham Hall was created by Todd Zwigard. Please see the front page story written by Caroline Ware Rusten for more information and contact info@cayuga-heights.ny.us if you have any questions.



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