



# PULTENEY GRAPEVINE

SUMMER 2011

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Pulteney Grapevine, a newsletter about services and happenings in Pulteney. This newsletter is compiled and distributed by the Pulteney Free Library to help spread information throughout the community. A grant to the Steuben Senior Services Fund (SSSF) from Keuka Area Fund of the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes is making this newsletter possible. Included in this issue are services available in Pulteney from local organizations and county agencies.

**Congratulations to the Pulteney Free Library for 130 years, the Pulteney Fire Department for 75 years, and the Ladies Auxiliary for 50 years of service to Pulteney residents!**

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Steuben Senior Services Fund sponsored the Aging in Place & You Event at the Pulteney Fire Department in conjunction with the Firemen's Breakfast. Thirty-one Pulteney residents came in and talked to representatives from various organizations to find out about the services available in the Town. Information was available from N Y Connects, Project Care, Steuben Area Rides (Arc of Steuben's Transportation Program), Hammondspport Community Services, Food Bank of the Southern Tier, 2-1-1 Helpline, ProAction's Home Delivered Meals Program, Steuben Coordinated Transportation, Bone Builders, Pulteney Free Library, and Steuben County TRIAD. We would like to thank all the attendees of this event for visiting with agency representatives and providing information about your needs. If you were unable to attend, but would like information about services, please feel free to contact Kathy Burns at 664-2298, or 868-3163 in the evenings or weekends.

Patty Baroody from N Y Connects providing information at the Aging in Place & You Event



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

The Pulteney Aging in Place Advisory Group compiled information provided to us through surveys and our "graffiti walls" and discovered that there is interest in the town in developing a community garden/park that would include a walking area. That information was shared with the Town Board.

If you would be interested in serving as a volunteer on a planning committee to investigate various options, please contact Donna Conley, Town Clerk, at 868-4222. She will take your name and phone number, and someone will contact you when the committee meetings are scheduled. Thanks in advance for helping to make Pulteney a great community in which to live!



## PULTENEY FREE LIBRARY

The Pulteney Free Library celebrates 130 years of service in 2011. Information will be upcoming about a special celebration. We're trying something new this summer – musician Nan Hoffman will be giving an outdoor concert August 20 at 7:00. This will be a fun evening for the whole family. We have Brett Steeves teaching acrylic painting and Sandi Cirillo giving a nuno felting workshop this summer. These programs are sponsored by The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes.

### HOURS:

TUES - 12 - 8:00

WED - 12 - 6:00

THUR - 12- 8:00

SAT - 9 - 1:00

We have been participating in a NYS Family Literacy grant and now have Read to Me Bags, flannel board kits, read-a-long books & CDs, music CDs, and new picture books. These are all designed for using with babies and young children to prepare them for reading. Parents, grandparents, and care givers can check these out.

Our Summer Reading Programs have now started. Not only kids can participate, but so can adults. Come on in for details.



## Pulteney Volunteer Fire Department

## PULTENEY FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE CORPS

On August 28 from 10:00 - 2:00 the Fire Department is celebrating their 75th anniversary. It's also their 30th year of serving Sunday breakfast. A full slate of events are planned, including waterball, audience participation games, extrication demos, a slide show, truck tours, and fire truck rides. The Office for Aging will be present with free Files of Life and the Ambulance Corps will be giving free blood pressure checks. Everything is FREE, including hot dogs & drinks. Come help celebrate 75 years of service.

## BONE BUILDERS EXERCISE PROGRAM

"Bone Builders" is the place to be on Monday and Wednesday mornings! People older than 50 meet at the Pulteney Fire Hall shortly before 9:00 am for exercise of body and mind. Tufts University Medical School faculty developed an osteoporosis prevention program which has become very popular in our community, with as many as 28 women and men participating. Trained volunteer coordinators lead the group in stretching, weightlifting, and balance exercises and share current information about nutrition, and medicine. (News from the community is ALSO shared among the gang.) All are welcome to this no-fee program sponsored by Pro-Action of Steuben. A training day for new volunteers is coming up in September, if you think you'd like to be one of the leaders.

Registered Republican voters in the Town of Pulteney will be going to the polls at Pulteney Town Hall for a Primary Election on Tuesday September 13th to choose candidates for Town Supervisor, 2 Town Council seats, the Highway Superintendent, and the Town Justice. Those who win the Primary will appear on the ballot for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Election.. Democrats will soon meet in caucus to determine their candidates for various offices, as well.

## NEWS FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR & TOWN BOARD

The former Town Justice, Sam Jack, has moved out of state, leaving a temporary vacancy. The State of New York will supply a Justice until the new local Justice is elected in November and inaugurated in January. Any matters requiring the services of a Justice will be handled by the substitute.

A questionnaire is being prepared by the Town of Pulteney Planning Board, under the direction of Chairman Lisa Stone. Citizens will receive this very important survey in the mail shortly. Opinions are being requested in order to prepare a "Comprehensive Plan" for the Town. All are asked to please complete and return the materials, so that the plan will accurately reflect the concerns of our community.

The Annual Financial report of the Town of Pulteney has been completed and filed with the State of New York. A copy is available to review at the office of the Town Clerk.

A lovely granite bench will soon be placed at the site of Helen Coombs' grave overlooking Keuka Lake. On the back, the words "Helen Parker Coombs", and on the front, "Come sit with me" will be permanently engraved into the granite. Upon completion of the installation, a dedication ceremony will be held for the community to honor Helen's memory.

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## PULTENEY TOWN HISTORIAN

Sharon Daggett is the Pulteney Town Historian, and she has a wealth of information available for individuals with roots in the Town of Pulteney. She gets calls and emails frequently from individuals all over the country trying to find out information about their ancestors. Sharon is almost finished getting all of the information from the 9 cemeteries in the Town on an excel spreadsheet so she can easily access information when contacted. She also has all the birth, death, and marriage information from books saved from the fire. Sharon has some special files of families from Pulteney that include newspaper clippings and photographs. If you need to contact Sharon, her hours at the Town Hall are Tuesday mornings from 9-12. The phone number there is 868-4222. You can also contact her at home at 868-3694 or email [sharon14873@empacc.net](mailto:sharon14873@empacc.net)

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## GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Grace Fellowship's building, on the corner of Roff Hill Road, is having a refreshing face-left! It is looking great. The congregation is growing, with some new children as well as adults in attendance. The traditional BBQ take-out dinner on July 23 was delicious and gave everyone a chance to inspect the hard work being done to spruce things up. Pastor Larry Slater is back at his "day" job full-time after recovering nicely from a Spring health issue. He and his wife Marsha are very thankful for the support they've received from the community – and very thankful for the "Grace" they've received, as well!

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Wednesdays at 11am, we are continuing with our Keukabiblia Bible study in 2 Corinthians. "Keukabiblia" is Keuka plus "Bible" in several languages, go to <http://www.keukabiblia.com/> to find out more about it. Also, you can visit <http://www.pulteneypres.org/index.html> for more information.

The Steuben County Office for Aging is in the initial planning stage of developing a meal site in the Town of Pulteney with ProAction. The Senior Dinner Club (hot lunch program) would probably start just a couple of days per week and could be available at a public site in Pulteney



or at a restaurant in Pulteney. I have heard from two residents that they would be interested. Are there other residents that would use this service? Do you have a preference where the meal would be served? Please contact Kathy Burns at 868-3163 (feel free to leave a message on my answering machine) if you or someone you know would be interested in a place to meet with neighbors and friends for a hot lunch in Pulteney! Feel free to give me your opinion of location, days of the week, or any other information you think would be helpful to our planning process.

## **ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR HOME**

In order to safely and comfortably remain in our own homes as long as possible, some of us may need assistance! Below is an overview of some of the organizations that provide help in the Town of Pulteney:

### **Joseph's Hammer**

Joseph's Hammer is a network of local volunteers who perform home repairs in our community for those who can't do for themselves. Examples of projects completed are replacing floor tile, rebuilding a porch, furnace repair, door, window, and cabinet repair, etc. Requests for assistance should be made to the Office for Aging at 664-2298.

### **The Ramp Guys**

The Ramp Guys are a network of Methodist volunteers that specialize in ramp building. They will install a ramp if needed for access to your home. When the ramp is no longer needed, they will dismantle it and use the materials to build another ramp. Requests should be made to the Office for Aging at 664-2298.

### **Arbor Housing and Development**

Grants are available for health, safety, and structural repairs such as leaking roofs, electrical hazards, heating and plumbing repairs, and septic and well replacements. Arbor Housing and Development has updated more than 1,200 homes in Steuben County. If you live in Steuben County, have owned and occupied your home for at least 12 months, and meet income and certain other criteria, you may be eligible for a grant to help repair your home. Call 776-7664, extension 229 or email Evie Lamb at [elamb@arbordevelopment.org](mailto:elamb@arbordevelopment.org)

### **Bishop Sheen Housing**

A Home Repair Program is available to home owners in Steuben County. Projects include fixing a leaky roof, septic problems, or dangerous electric. They can also make accommodations for disabilities (ramps, doorways, etc.) For an application or information, contact Bishop Sheen Housing at (585) 657-4114.

## **NEWSLETTER SPONSORS:**

- Pulteney Free Library
- A grant to the Steuben Senior Services Fund (SSSF) from Keuka Area Fund of the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.



## CAN PROJECT CARE ASSIST YOU TO STAY IN YOUR HOME?

There is no charge for any of the following services from Project Care.

We offer transportation within the greater Bath area for: grocery shopping; transportation for errands and appointments; friendly visiting; telephone calls both as safety checks and visits; occasional assistance with chores, other services agreed on by the coordinator and the recipient. For more information please call 664-2298.



You might be interested to know that during the last quarter, NY CONNECTS staff handled 374 intakes and 195 of those involved requests for home based services, including personal care aides, emergency response systems, home delivered meals, etc. That is not too surprising since these are the services that help people maintain independence in their homes as they age. The leap to having “outsiders” come into our homes is often a

difficult one and resistance is common. To help people with that transition, we remind them that there are still things that they can do independently, and it is better to have help for the tasks that are problematic than to move to a different setting for care. Also, as we age our world may become narrow, and a visitor in your home may be a breath of fresh air. We often hear about the positive bond that forms between home care workers and those they serve. One thing is true... you are in the driver's seat, and we are here to help you figure out what will work for you. To talk about your unique needs, call the caring professionals at NY CONNECTS at 1-866-221-7324.

Our community's elegant Playground located beside the Town Hall building is equipped with Tennis and basketball courts, swings and slides, picnic tables, a water fountain (and other necessary items) and is available for youngsters and young-at-hearts to enjoy the breeze and the view and the fun! Janet Stone, then a member of the Town Council, spearheaded the community-wide effort to fund and build the facility for the enjoyment of all. In addition to Jan, our thanks go to a long list of folks who contributed gifts of time, energy, tools, sweat, and of course funds, to make the playground a reality. A list of playground “players”, beginning with the project manager, Jason Tears, is being compiled, and will be on file at the office of the Town Clerk as well as in the Library. Stop by to take a look at the long list of Pulteney residents who helped create this wonderful resource for us to enjoy! Thanks to ALL!

## HAMMONDSPORT COMMUNITY SERVICES

Hammondspport Community Services was established in 1985 and serves families with in the Hammondspport School District. Each year we respond to a variety of emergency requests. In these economic times unforeseen circumstances arise and you may need assistance with heating, electric or even small medical bills. We can help.

We also provide Christmas baskets, support the Bath Area Hope for Youth's prevention counseling at the Hammondspport Central School and also support the Pulteney and Hammondspport Libraries. At the Pulteney Free Library, the funds purchase many of the large print books.

If you are in need of the Hammondspport Community Services, kindly contact Donna Colvin at 868-4893 or James Conklin at 569-2831.



**Pulteney Free Library**  
**P.O. Box 215**  
**Pulteney, NY 14874-0215**

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**CALENDAR:**

August 12, 13, & 14 - 6:00 - 9:00 - Acrylic Painting with Brett Steeves\* - Pulteney Free Library

August 19 - 7:00 pm - Pulteney Free Library Art Night

August 20 - 7:00 - Outdoor concert with Nan Hoffman \*- Pulteney Free Library

August 25 - 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Mobile Food Pantry - Pulteney Fire Department

August 28 - 10:00 - 2:00 - Pulteney Fire Department 75th Anniversary Celebration

September 3 - 1:00 - Nuno felting with Sandi Cirillo \*- Pulteney Free Library

September 16 - 7:00 pm - Pulteney Free Library Art Night

September 22 - 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Mobile Food Pantry - Pulteney Fire Department

October TBA - Pulteney Free Library 125th Anniversary Celebration

October 27 - 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Mobile Food Pantry - Pulteney Fire Department

Bone Builders - Mondays & Wednesdays - 9:00 am - Pulteney Fire Department

Pulteney Fire Department Breakfast - 7:00 - 10:00 am - Sundays - May 29 through September 4

Pulteney Free Library Story Hour - 9:30 am - Saturdays

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