



Galway Get Together

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A bi-monthly online newsletter promoting local resources and opportunities.

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Galway Preservation Society's book, *Galway 1900 – 1949, A Photographic History of Life in the Town of Galway, Saratoga County, New York*, will be for sale for \$40 at the **Galway Public Library on Saturday, December 20 from 10:00 to 1:00**. Or purchase it at: Galway branch of the Ballston Spa National Bank; Galway Town Hall; Providence Town Hall; Waterwheel Village. All are welcome to attend the Galway Preservation Society meetings at 7:00 on the first Monday of each month at Galway Town Hall. We'll have books for sale there, along with great refreshments and interesting programs! On our website www.galwaypreservationsociety.org you will find a form for ordering the book to be mailed to you – or to a friend!

Sponsors Needed - Sheelagh Baily is looking for sponsors for her very first Lake George Polar Plunge on New Year's Day to benefit the Galway Public Library Capital Fund. Please contact Sheelagh with any suggestions about how to arrange sponsorships, at 882-6706 or email shbaily@nycap.rr.com.

It would be helpful to know who is willing to sponsor her and for how much. Checks should be made out to the Galway Public Library Capital Fund and be sent to the Library at 5264 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY 12074. Thank you so much!

The Galway Get Together seeks to help build a more cohesive and conservation-minded community through local trade and networking. The Galway Public Library is not responsible for the outcome of any exchange.

Nature Notes: The Backyard Bird Feeder: Tis' the season to make everybody happy – including the birds. Backyard bird feeding is a fun, educational pastime as well as a benefit to the birds in your backyard. Buying seed can be confusing, so don't waste money on inexpensive mixes that contain red millet, oats or other fillers. Black oil sunflower seed is the best bet. It's preferred by the widest variety of birds in our area, including Chickadees, Nuthatches, Goldfinches, Cardinals, Blue jays and many others. Suet is also a good energy supplier and is a favorite of Nuthatches and Woodpeckers.

Expect squirrels to visit your feeder, too. A squirrel baffle will help keep their numbers down, but that's no guarantee. Squirrels are very talented at baffling attempts to baffle them.

A nearby water source is a big plus for your bird feeding station. Be sure to keep the feeders away from windows and in an area that is sheltered by shrubbery or trees. Birds look for shelter, perching places and cover while feeding. And don't let the cat out! Cats – domestic cats – account for more bird fatalities than any other predator. With a little care, you can brighten your winter and help out the birds. More on bird feeding and birds at <http://www.allaboutbirds.org>



Backyard Birds

Photo Credit: Thomas Ford

Please be advised: At the Galway Town Board meeting held on December 9, 2014, the Town Board set the following date for their Organizational meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Found: Small change purse open & empty. Midday on November 21 on Crane Rd., 50 feet north of the Ballston Galway Rd. Possibly related to the thefts that took place from unlocked cars in the area the night before. Email Daviddrb23@aol.com to describe for its safe return.

Order your poinsettias for the holidays at the Sweet Briar flower shop. We have several colors and sizes as well as 12 inch balsam wreaths with bows. Call us at 882-5132. Support your community and buy local!

Charlton General Store & Café is looking to hire a responsible adult for part time flexible hours to prepare and plate Breakfast, Lunch, Pizza, etc. Open 6:30AM to 7PM. Some experience preferred but not necessary. Apply in person to Charlton General Store & Café, 747 Charlton Road, Charlton, NY.



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Send your news to: galwaygettogether@gmail.com

Your community news, ads, announcements and photos are always welcome!

Message from Norm Griffin - It has been an honor to have served as the president of the Greater Galway Food Pantry over the past two years as it now enters its 36th year of existence. Please join me in welcoming the following new officers while wishing them all of the very best: Mrs. Karen English, Co - President, Mrs. Mary Baxter, Co - President, Ms. Tina Blay, Vice - President, and Mrs. Judy Knowlton, Chairperson for the "3 Pantry Holiday Food Baskets" Projects. Both Mrs. Val Borfitz and Mrs. Monica Maxwell have agreed to continue on in their roles of secretary and treasurer, respectively. And finally, thank you to every one of our donors over the years. Their ongoing support to the pantry and its all-important mission is truly an awesome feat!

Greater Galway Food Pantry News - On Monday, November 24 the pantry gave out 91 prepared Thanksgiving Food Baskets to families who live here in our local community which were consumed by 29 elderly, 178 adults and 99 children! Contents of a "basket" included fresh potatoes, butternut squash, celery, butter, eggs, stuffing, gravy, pie, cake / pie mix, frosting, canned corn, green beans and carrots, cranberries, crackers, applesauce, juice, dinner rolls, yams, a milk coupon and a \$10.00 Price Chopper gift card towards a frozen turkey. All of this was made possible through the generosity of individual and family donors, our local churches / organizations,

Towns, the Village of Galway, Stewarts, Pepperidge Farms, Hannaford & Price Chopper Supermarkets and the food pantry itself. This holiday project was just one more example of why the Greater Galway community is such a special place to live! Thanks again to all those who helped to make this happen!

The Community Holiday Basket Project is in need of flattened gift boxes (shirt, sweater/coat, robe sizes). Gift boxes can be dropped off in the gift collection boxes found in the following local merchants: Galway Wine & Spirits, Galway Veterinarian Clinic, Galway Market, Galway Family Health, Village Pizzeria, Cock n Bull, Top Notch Restaurant, John Sutton's office, and Ballston Spa National Bank as well as the following churches (only during church hours): Galway Methodist Church, Barkersville Church, First Reformed Church of West Glenville, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and West Charlton United Presbyterian Church. The project is also in need of copy paper boxes with lids (or boxes of similar size). These can be dropped off at the pantry on Thursdays between 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

Are you interested in helping with any part of the Community Holiday Basket Project? Call and leave a message with Connie 882-6684, our volunteer coordinator, and she can explain the different aspects of the project and help you find your niche. Aspects include: box assembly, gift wrapping, filling boxes with non-perishables, and filling boxes with perishables, as well as delivery of boxes on Christmas Eve.

The Providence Volunteer Fire Department is looking for NEW MEMBERS to join our ranks! Come learn valuable skills and become a GO TO person within the Community. There are many jobs that you can help with. By joining the Emergency Service Community many friendships are made and resources developed. We are neighbors helping neighbors every day. Stop by any Wednesday night and see if the Fire Service is for you. Look for us at the Hagadorn Station on Fish House Road or the Barkersville Station on Barkersville Road.

Glenville Hills Garden Club members joined other groups across the country at noon on December 13 as they lay wreaths in honor of our Veterans at the Galway Village Park monument, Galway Town Hall, Galway Central School, Providence Town Hall, Charlton and the graves of several local residents who gave their lives so that villages and towns like ours could carry on the traditions of freedom that they enjoyed.

Cookie Exchange at the Galway Public Library Dec. 18 at 7:00. Bring 4 dozen cookies & empty container to take home a variety of your neighbor's goodies! Swap recipes and enjoy the company!

We're reaching more subscribers, & receiving more submissions, with each issue! The *Galway Get Together* is a completely volunteer, free resource, limited to one page when printed - so please be aware we may need to edit submissions to fit, or hold until there's room.