

Village of Arkport

Arkport NY 14807

May-July '25—7th Edition

VILLAGE STAFF:

Mayor: George Prete
Deputy Mayor: Mike Brewer
Trustees:
Patricia Amidon
Ryan Beers
Ezra Geist
Clerk: Theo Holder

Treasurer: Patty Lupo
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Message from the Mayor

Greetings all—

Happy Spring and Summer to you all! We hope you had a safe, healthy and warm winter.

Our DPW/Water Department Supervisor has resigned. We are in the process of seeking a replacement so in the interim, please be patient with certain aspects of the different services the village provides. For example, please adhere to the following conditions listed below under “**DPW NEWS**” for picking up your yard waste. We are running out of space for brush and grass so if you have any thoughts on alternate locations for dumping brush, grass clippings, etc., please reach out; we are open to any/all ideas.

In March we held elections for two Board Members. It is my pleasure to announce that Mike Brewer and Ezra Geist were re-elected as Trustees for another two-year term. Thank you for showing your support by coming out to vote!

The Village Park is open from Dusk to Dawn for residents to take advantage of the walking trails and for kids to enjoy our playgrounds. Keep in mind that **NO** vehicles (including ATV's) are permitted inside the park at any time in order to keep everyone safe. The pavilion and gazebo are available for rent throughout the spring, summer and fall; something to consider for your next large gathering. If you would like more information on this or want to check availability, please stop by our Village Office (6 Park Avenue) or give us a call at 607-295-7346. A reservation form and deposit are required. You can also find this form on our website www.villageofarkport.com. Our park is a SMOKE-FREE area and here's a friendly reminder that we are a pet-friendly community and ask that you please be respectful and clean up after your pet whether walking in the park or village.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

Your mayor, George Prete

DPW NEWS - Village Brush and leaf pick-up as follows:

Chipping Brush: sticks 1" - 4" diameter; 3' or longer - all cut ends facing the road.

The following items will **NOT** be picked up: **Chipped brush that doesn't follow the instructions above;** anything in plastic bags, piles mixed with garbage, large tree logs. **Grass clippings are not considered brush and will not be picked up.** You can dispose of these at our “Brush Drop Area” (corner of Oak Hill Street and Lisman Lane) - across from DPW building.

Mix Brush: Anything under 1" diameter, anything that can't be chipped.

Tree Removal done by Contractors: The **ONLY** thing we will accept are wood chippings at the brush drop area.

Building Permits

Building Permits are required for pools, construction of sheds, replacing roof, accessory building in need of repair or if building is beyond repair and in need of demolition. There are additional fees if you build without a valid building permit. Stop in the office to inquire about the necessary permits.

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Arkport Central School is gearing up for PreK and Kindergarten “Round-Up 2025-2026.” Screening Day is Monday, May 5, 2025. Please call to be added to the list! Pre-K Registrants students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2025. Kindergarten Registrants students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2025. Items to bring with you on Screening Day: Immunization records; proof of residency, birth certificate and a current physical. Stop in at the school to pick up a registration packet (35 East Avenue) or give them a call: 607-295-7471/ext. 1140.

Cemetery News

Fresh flowers may be placed on graves in metal, ceramic, granite, concrete or plastic cemetery vases or urns only. Potted plants may not exceed 8 inches in diameter. NO GLASS can be used either above or below the ground for flowers. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove decorations that have become withered or unsightly, in order to maintain the best appearance of the grounds. Obtain revised rules and regulations from the website or from the Village Office.



The Historical Society News

This year, the Canisteo Valley Historical Society will be recognizing and celebrating its 150th year, with Sesqui-centennial events and dates TBD. The seven trustees from the Upper Canisteo Valley met in Hornellsville (later called Hornell) and signed the Articles of Association, filed in the Office of the Secretary of State in 1875. Officers elected were from Arkport and Hornell.

Arkport Public Library News: The Library is pleased to announce that it has been the recipient of two grants so far this year! The first grant was awarded by The Arts Council of The Southern Finger Lakes and will fund Folk Art classes for children, teens, and adults throughout the year. The second grant was awarded by The Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries and will fund a new Library of Things—a community resource that offers a collection of physical objects (not just books) for borrowing! This will include tools, kitchen appliances, craft machines, electronics, and more.

Events/Programs taking place in the upcoming months: Story Hour for 2 -5 year olds is held every Thursday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Join in for stories and crafts! Adult Craft Night will be held the second Monday of each month from 6:00-7:30. Adult Book Club will be held the fourth Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm. Watch their Facebook page for sign-up announcements and book club selections at <https://www.facebook.com/ArkportPublicLibrary/>

Lastly, the Summer Reading Program will begin on July 7th and will run for 5 weeks. This program is for all ages, from Babies to Adults! Participants will track the number of minutes they read and will be entered to win prizes at their Celebration Party. Stop by the library in June to sign-up and grab your tracking sheets!

The 2024 Village Annual Water Quality Report available online at: <https://www.villageofarkport.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Village-of-Arkport-Water-Quality-Report-2024.pdf>. Copies are also available in the Village of Arkport office (6 Park Avenue) should you wish to pick up a copy in person. Or you can send an email to clerk@villageofarkport.com should you want a copy mailed to you.

Bone Builders:

An exercise program for our Senior Citizens.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00-11:00 AM**

Village Hall Community Center

VILLAGE MEETINGS:

Third Tuesday of each month

7:00 PM

May 20
June 17
July 15

Community Room Rates:

Village Residents - \$75.00
Outside Village - \$100.00
Deposit - \$50

Park Rental Rates:

Park Rental - \$65.00
Park Deposit - \$45.00

Arkport Summerfest: The Summerfest committee has been hard at work preparing for another great community event. The dates are: **July 11-13, 2025**. There will once again be the ever popular 5-K run/walk, parade, fireworks and plenty of entertainment and vendors in the park. Check out their website (www.arkportsummerfest.com) for more information.