

BCAnews

BAYBERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Bayberry Community 1956-2016 – 60 years young

From now until June, the Bayberry Community Association newsletter will feature a little of the early history of the first planned community in the Northeast. The "Instant Village" can be found on page 2.

Share your early memories of Bayberry

At the 40th and 50th anniversaries, the BCA received letters from some of our first residents that were included in supplements to the Liverpool Review. This year, we would like to hear from individuals who lived in Bayberry between 1956 and 1976. We'd especially like to hear from first and second generation Bayberryites!

Please contact old friends, family members and classmates. Remember the theatre? The summer pool parties? The skating rink? The blizzard of '66? The Continental Billiard Parlor?

Please mail in your memory letters, before May, to Bayberry Historian, 7 Maryland Lane, Liverpool, NY 13090.

Town affairs: Concensus update By Joyce Cirrito

Clay Town Supervisor Damian Ulatowski spoke to a packed hall March 29 regarding the Consensus merger and the state of the town of Clay, which is doing well. He compared our town with the city of Syracuse on several issues, which included both numbers of employees and budget issues. He also compared services such as police and fire departments. He noted that the merger of the Town of Clay Police Department with the Sheriff's has worked well and been an advantage fiscally for the town of Clay. He demonstrated how our town has shared some services with other towns while remaining independent.

The Consensus group's plan

is to merge the city of Syracuse and Onondaga County in order to decrease duplication of services. Towns and villages can choose to remain independent. Specifics on how this merger would be implemented are unclear.

In a follow-up question by the BCA to County Legislator Kevin Holmquist, the Concensus committee comes out with its final recommendations in May.

"The County Legislature could vote later on to allow a public referendum on an up or down vote on the plan," he said. "The County Legislature could also amend the plan before bringing it forward for a public vote."

See Concensus on page 2

NEXT BCA MEETING:

Sun., March 13 at 7:00pm United Church of Christ 215 Blackberry Road

Meetings open to all residents!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Snow Sculpting Contest currently in progress.

To enter, submit your photos to bayberrynews@gmail.com.

Call for Candidates Want to run in the BCA elections? See page 3

Don't forget to vote!

LHS Phase 3

Capital Project
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 10
in the LHS gym

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Concerned with D2D solicitors?

With the recent influx and concerns with door-to-door solicitation in Bayberry, the BCA has invited Town of Clay clerk and Bayberry resident Jill Hageman-Clark to address this situation and answer questions from Bayberry

residents at the next BCA meeting.

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting, set for 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at the United Church of Christ, 215 Blackberry Road.

Apply now for the BCA scholarship

The BCA will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior whose family has been a dues paying member during 2015-16. Volunteer work is a main requirement. Private school children are welcome to apply. Application will be available for downloading on the BCA website, bayberrycommunity.org. Any questions, email BCAscholarship@gmail.com. Application deadline

is Friday, April 15. We will again be taking donations during dues collection for next year's scholarship. Please donate your bottles and cans for BCA's ongoing account at MKS Bottle return on Route 57. Tell them it's for the "BCA Scholarship Fund." Additionally, we could use a couple new members to our Scholarship Committee, a great opportunity for residents to volunteer!

Concensus from page 1

There has been much discussion at several meetings around the county, and numerous articles have been published in the local newspaper. It is important that we all be informed regarding the plan and the implications for the town of Clay. I encourage all of you to attend a meeting. Times and places will be posted on the town of Clay website (townofclay.org). Current plans by Consensus state that

a decision will be made in May. There is much dissension by the public over this. We all need to voice our opinions and have this plan run as a democratic voice.

You can get more information on the Consensus website (consensuscny.com) and decide for yourself. The meeting at the Clay Town Hall demonstrated that the public is very involved in this issue and wants to be heard. Join in the conversation!

More Town affairs: Electronic signs

Both the Clay town and planning boards have discussed electronic signs for commercial establishments in the town of Clay. Issues have related to size, placement and lighting. The final decision will be with the Clay Town Board. Its next meeting will be in March.

At this time, it is not clear if there will be public hearing or just a discussion at this meeting. If you are interested, be sure to look on the March agenda, which will be posted online at townofclay.org the afternoon of the meeting. March meeting dates have not yet been announced.

Instant Village

Bayberry: A look back at the beginning

Early in 1955, according to the Liverpool-Salina Review, the construction of arterial highways (Thruway, Route 81) was expected to dramatically impact the Liverpool area. Another impetus for home construction was the new guarantee of the federal government for GI home loans.

According to a census report, there was a dramatic increase, nationwide, in the number of couples settling in their own households. More families planned to buy houses with four or five bedrooms, near good schools.

By July 1955, surveying had begun for Bayberry, a planned community on an initial site of 475 acres purchased from the estate of James Melvin, the Zogg Farm, Howard Melvin, James Jaankowski and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Roe. The west boundary was the Seneca River, east was Morgan Road.

In applying to a zone change of the property on behalf of Bayberry Communities, the firm of Melvin and Melvin described plans for the self-sufficient community of some 1,200 homes along an extension of Buckley Road through the community to the river. Streets were to be of a cul-de-sac or horseshoeshaped design reducing traffic and insuring safety for children.

One school would be located on a 10-acre lot to be deeded to the school district. Commercial property would be on the perimeter for the convenience of residents. A marina would be built on the river, as well as parking area and a private sewerage treatment plant. Two swimming pools were included in the plans as well as other recreational facilities. An R-3 zoning was created for Bayberry, including parks and recreation areas, church and school buildings, as well as home and professional buildings within the community.

To be continued ...

A message from Laura, the BCA Welcome chair

In 2015, 64 new families moved into Bayberry. Almost every area had a new family move in. I have been blessed to meet so many of these new families and let me tell you, they are tremendous people! They come from out-of-state, out of the area, relocating for a job, familiar with the Liverpool area already, or they found a bigger or smaller house just a few streets over.

Hove to ask new residents how and/or why they found the home they did in Bayberry. Some have told me they grew up here and they wanted to stay in the community. Some have told me they always wanted to

live in this community. One person told me they looked at literally hundreds of houses and fell in love with the one they found in Bayberry. One family told me they moved from their newly built home to Bayberry to have a yard with mature trees and to have a home they knew was built with quality. Some people told me they chose to live in Bayberry and commute upwards of over an hour to live in this community.

I don't know about you, but hearing these stories helps me to have pride in my community. Please take a moment and say hello to your new and old neighbors and share your story!

Call for candidates

If you are interested serving as an Officer in the Bayberry Community Association, Inc., or may know of someone who is interested in running for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary for the term of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, please email Christine Moen at cneon@verizon.net with the nomination and a short biography/autobiography and all your contact information.

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