Village of Brockport

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From the Mayor's Desk

Mayor Blackman and the prepped location for Rent Fun kayak lockers - soon to be installed next to the Welcome Center.

As a Park Avenue resident, I am daily reminded of the Main Street bridge closure when I try to turn left (south) out of my driveway and have to wait through a long line of cars coming from the 5 corners stoplight. That's a minor inconvenience compared to what our downtown merchants have been facing. First the pandemic, followed by 380 days of the Main Street bridge closure, have challenged Brockport businesses, especially those north of the canal, a few of which have closed or relocated. At the same time, there is a piece of good business news that will have a notable economic impact on the community. Evergreen Retail, Brockport's first and only cannabis dispensary, opened in April at 51 North Main. The other good news is that the reopening of the bridge is on the horizon for late fall, 2024, in time, we hope, for Small Business Saturday on November 30th.

Once the calendar year turns over, budget season for the village begins. Starting in January an internal budget committee (treasurer, village manager, village trustee) begins the work of examining, with department heads, the village revenues and expenses and projecting the upcoming year's budget. By May we have been through the budget process with a public hearing and adoption of the 2024-25 budget. Not surprisingly, this year the need to override the tax cap for a second year in a row was met with public disgruntlement accompanied with an incomplete understanding of all the factors that drive a municipal budget

I want to comment on one unchanging factor in Brockport's budget and how it has been addressed over the last decade: *Brockport is a highly taxed community. It has been for more than 30 years and will likely always be*, for one primary reason—the high percentage of tax-exempt property in the Village.

Our tax rate (11-12% over recent years) is directly and primarily attributable to tax exempt property within the village, namely SUNY Brockport. As an institution of higher education SUNY is tax exempt. Were it taxed, it would be paying 59% of the village tax levy and village taxes would decline from $11.96 to $5.01/$1000. But that won't happen here or in any other SUNY municipality.

So, we accept the inevitable, acknowledge the economic, cultural, and intellectual asset SUNY Brockport is to our community, take pride in our excellent relationship with the university, and continue to look for other sources of funding to help relieve the tax burden and make life easier for our residents. These have included going to municipal solar, buying back our streetlights from National Grid and outfitting them with LEDs, offering community solar for residents and businesses, aggressively seeking grants for village improvements, and even establishing an effective village court.

The single most promising and direct relief to the cost of hosting a SUNY institution is something called SUNY Impact Aid, which was in the state budget in 2018 when we received $210,000 of this aid. It was designed to offset the costs to a municipality of Police, Fire, and Codes due to hosting a SUNY Institution. SUNY Impact AID disappeared from the State budget in 2019, but we are continuing to seek its reinstatement in collaboration with other SUNY municipalities through the Governor and the state legislature. It's a difficult lift, but we will keep at it.

Look inside for more information on the adopted budget. And for how grants are helping the Brockport community.

Summer begins, with Low Bridge High Water, our canal opening celebration on June 8, followed by Brockport's Old-Fashioned 4th of July at the Morgan Manning, the Summer Serenades in July and August, the July Sidewalk Sale, Shake on the Lake's Shakespeare on the lawn, and the always eagerly anticipated August Brockport Arts Festival.

Don't forget Village elections on June 18th; two trustee seats are up for election. Vote at Village Court, noon to 9pm.

Margay Blackman, Mayor

Brockport Police Department—Hats Off to Chief Cuzzupoli!

Mark Cuzzupoli Day, June 14, 2024 In the Village of Brockport

WHEREAS, You, Chief Mark Cuzzupoli, have served the Brockport Police Department with distinction since 1994, first as a part-time officer, then full-time two years later, and then Sergeant, Lieutenant, and now Chief, and

WHEREAS, you were instrumental in numerous department reaccreditations, and the recipient of more departmental awards throughout your career than can be listed, the highlights being the Life Saving Award, Community Service Award, and Excellent Police Service Award, and

WHEREAS, you and your department's efforts during your tenure as Chief have been recognized with multiple STOP DWI awards, equipment grants, traffic safety awards, and most recently the Mark Tuchey Jr. Award from Monroe County and the Brockport School Board BEST Award, and

WHEREAS, you brought community policing to the Brockport Police Department and made it a mission of the department, putting cops on bikes and feet on the street, in the words of one resident and in the hearts of many more, you "fundamentally changed law enforcement in Brockport…with an emphasis on relationship building," and

WHEREAS, as part of that mission, you instituted a monthly morning Coffee with the Chief for the Brockport public, and announced an "open door policy," presenting yourself to the public as available, approachable, and relatable.

WHEREAS, you established a solid and productive relationship with SUNY Brockport and its administration, particularly student conduct, as a valued member of the Town Gown Committee, and

WHEREAS, you have been recognized for your teamwork and contributions to safety within the County and your significant role in local law enforcement utilizing the education of motorists and citizens as a valuable performance indicator, not just tickets, and

WHEREAS, you willingly and gracefully participated in a year-long citizen committee in 2020-21 to review current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices as requested by former Governor Cuomo under Executive Order 203, and

WHEREAS, for 6 years (2018-2024), you have worked tirelessly to create a smoothly running department of talented, professional, and caring officers that the Brockport Community is proud of, and were instrumental in the creation of the Investigator Position and an Officer Wellness Program for the BPD, leading the department to be the best it can be, and

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor of your retirement as Chief of the Brockport Police Department, the Village Board does hereby proclaim June 14, 2024 "**Chief Mark Cuzzupoli Day**" in the Village of Brockport.

Thank you for serving and protecting the Village of Brockport, we are grateful for your dedication to our community. Well wishes in your retirement!

"Do what's right, do the very best you can, and treat others the way you would want to be treated."

- Words to live by, from Coach Lou Holtz and Chief Mark Cuzzupoli

Department of Public Works

NEW Summer Hours Through Labor

New this summer, the DPW has begun summer hours. 6:30 AM till 4:00 PM; Monday - Thursday and Friday 7:00 AM—11:00 AM

Annual Water Quality Report

Our Annual Water Quality Report is available to view on the Village website: https://brockportny.org/public-works/

Hard copies have been delivered to each address as an insert in the Penny Saver and also available at the Village Hall, Department of Public Works and the Seymour Library.

Brush Pickup Reminder

If you miss the scheduled pickup as listed in the schedule below, schedule a brush with the DPW . Do not leave at the curb for the next months pickup.

2024 Brush Pickup Calendar

Please have brush ready and at the curb the night before pickup begins. Each street will get one pass during the week of pickup.

- **Pickup Starts Monday, June 24th**
- **Pickup Starts Monday, July 22nd**
- **Pickup Starts Monday, August 26th**
- **Pickup Starts Monday, September 23rd**
- **Pickup Starts Monday, October 21st**

Please note:
Keep limbs under 10ft in length.
Do not place between poles or signs.
Do not place brush in road.

Keable Court—CDBG Grant Update

DPW is finishing the water-main replacement on Keable Ct, paid for by a Community Development Block Grant. In the next phase we will connect services for all the residents, adding roughly 200 feet of drainage pipe with catch basins, milling, new curb installations, paving, and final restoration work to follow.

2024 Roadwork Update

Paving

- Clark Street (Main-Smith)
- Keable Ct
- HillCrest Pkwy
- Water Street Parking lot
- Seymour Library

Cracksealing/Oil-Stone

- TBD

Building Inspection and Code Enforcement Department

New Code — Expected to Launch July 2024

Over the past two years, we've worked diligently toward a defensible and enforceable Village Code. The Building Department staff worked alongside the Village Attorney and Ingalls Planning to develop this new version. It's a complete rewrite and reorganization. We cut over 20 chapters in the process, so it'll be a thinner, easier read.

We hope this much shorter document lends itself better to property maintenance issues and improves resident, landlord, and Village relationships by clearly defining property owner responsibilities using clear language and graphics.

The essence and intent of the code remain the same: to foster a sense of community and maintain property values through appropriate property maintenance.

We've eliminated redundancies and ambiguities from the old code along with severely out-of-date rules, some of which go so far back that they referred to horses on sidewalks, gun cotton, and making noise with sticks rattling picket fences. While endearing, these throwbacks to an earlier time added clutter and bulk.

NEW STORMWATER PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEC

The Village of Brockport is designated as a permittee with a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit. For the first time in 10 years, the MS4 Permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has implemented several, significant changes for the Town to follow on our permit. The new MS4 Permit (GP-0-24-001) became effective on January 3, 2024. The new MS4 Permit has significant changes that will affect the 500+ municipalities and non-traditional MS4s across New York.

A MS4 is a stormwater conveyance system owned or operated by the State, County, Town, City, Village, or other public body. According to the Federal Clean Water Act, discharges of stormwater from a regulated MS4 must be permitted. Municipalities are automatically designated as regulated MS4 based on population density and proximity to an urbanized area.

We must still meet the 6 Minimum Control Measures focusing on:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement/Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (an illicit discharge is any non-stormwater contribution to the drainage system that may contain contaminants or pathogens)
4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management,
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping. Many of these measures are completed with the assistance and team efforts of the Monroe County Stormwater Coalition, which consists of each of the municipalities within the county and Larry the H2O Hero that you may have seen on billboards or websites. Key changes for the new MS4 Permit enhance many of the prior requirements.

Christmas Tree in Sagawa Park

You may have noticed our holiday tree, paid for by donations, is dying. We are very sad to see this happening and decided to investigate. Superintendent Verace had the soil pH tested and we've learned that the soil is far too acidic (for reasons unknown) for most pine trees to prosper in this location. We are currently reviewing our options with DPW and the Tree Board, but you will see the tree removed shortly.

Brockport—Locally and Globally

World Canals Conference 2025

The Village continues to be recognized as a leader in canalside recreation thanks to our many partnerships at the state and local level.

The World Canals Conference will be held in Buffalo in 2025, and Brockport has been named one of the day trip locations for 150 participants from all over the globe. We have been asked to showcase our Welcome Center, adaptive dock, lift bridges, and the forthcoming pedestrian bridge and surrounding amenities.

Brockport will also be a docking destination for the replica of the Seneca Chief, a project of the Buffalo Maritime Museum that will launch during the World Canals Conference and head east and south to New York City, just as the original line boat did with Governor DeWitt Clinton on board. The boat will have tours, interpretive panels, and hands on paddle making demonstrations. Prior to the World Canals launch, the Seneca Chief will do a trial run to western ports. Brockport has been chosen as a lucky destination in early fall this year.

We are very excited to be seen as a port to be proud of and look forward to welcoming tourists to our community. Stay tuned for more information!

Village Election:

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Noon-9pm

Village Court, 49 State St.

Voting for 2 Trustee positions

Sign up for alerts and information!

SAVE THE DATE!

Low Bridge High Water: June 6, 7, 8 (see flyer on back page)

Old Fashioned 4th of July, Morgan-Manning House Museum, July 4

BMA Sidewalk Sale, Main & Market Streets, July 11, 12, 13

Shake on the Lake, Morgan-Manning House Museum, August 3

Arts Festival, Main & Market Streets, August 10-11

Morgan-Manning House Museum, Peddlers Market, September 7

On the Canals—June-August weekends, pre-register on Event Brite, more info at https://onthecanals.com

Farmers Market—Sundays, June 9-October 20, Main Street

Summer Serenades —Thursdays, July (7pm) -August (6:30pm), Welcome Center

Midnight Madness— October 25, Main & Market Streets

2024-2025 Budget and Taxes

TAX LEVY The NYS Comptroller's Office provides a formula for each municipality to use to determine their allowed tax levy under the tax cap. The basic idea of the tax cap is that local governments will raise taxes no higher than 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever number is lower. In practice, the formula takes into consideration a state provided "Growth Factor", payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS), carryover, and adjustments/exclusions. This year, the Comptroller's Office provided for an exclusion for municipalities who pay into the Police & Fire Retirement System. This exclusion was not released until after the Village's original tentative budget presentation. With this exclusion, the NYS allowed tax cap for the Village of Brockport this year is 3.43%. The Village Board passed a local law on April 1, 2024 to override the tax cap for the 2024 fiscal year.

Tax Levy **allowed** under the Tax Cap Formula: $3,553,909 at 3.43%
Tax Levy adopted: $3,676,642 at 7% **Difference: $122,733**

The tax rate, what you pay per $1,000 of your property value, is a function of the levy. In order to achieve the levy amount set, the rate is adjusted across the tax roll. Not everyone pays the same, as tax exemptions exist for those meeting eligibility requirements for senior citizens, disabled individuals, veterans, or volunteer fire and ambulance workers. Tax rates fluctuate from year to year. **This year's tax rate is $11.96 per $1,000 in order to achieve the tax levy**.

Village of Brockport tax rates for the last six years:

2018	$12.20	2021	$11.64
2019	$11.50	2022	$11.75
2020	$12.11	2023	$11.18

The average home, assessed at $157,000 saw an increase in taxes by roughly $122 this year.

ASSESSMENTS Town of Sweden reassessments were recently mailed to property owners. The new assessed value for your home will be reflected on **next** year's village taxes. The March 2023 assessment value will be used to calculate this current village tax bill. **Reassessment does not increase Village revenues. Only an increase to the tax levy will increase Village revenues.**

BUDGET SUMMARY Village property taxes support 51% of the total Village Budget. Sales tax contributes 30% with the remaining coming from various state, federal, interest, and departmental income sources. Appropriated Fund Balance and Reserves contributes 4% of the budget.

The **General Revenue Budget** includes the Board of Trustees, Village Court, Village Clerk/Treasurer Office, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Building Inspection & Code Enforcement, and the Planning/Zoning Board. This also includes the Village portion of the Seymour Library operating budget.

The **Water Budget** and **the Sewer Budget** are self-supporting funds that do not use taxpayer dollars. Monroe County Water Authority raises its rates to purchase water each year. The Village of Brockport maintains all its own water and sewer lines but purchases water from Monroe County Water Authority. The Village has not raised water rates in two years; this year water rates will go up $0.11 per 1,000 gallons consumed beginning in June for our in-district accounts, and $0.25 for out-of-district accounts.

Tax bills were mailed 5/31/24. **Taxes are due July 1st.** If you choose to make payments, the 1st installment MUST be made by July 1st to avoid a penalty, and the second payment by August 1st.

Contact elinden@brockportny.org or tweed@brockportny.org with questions or for help getting a copy of your tax bill, which can be found on our website under Quick Links/Property Taxes.

BOATHOUSE FACTS

A great deal of misinformation is circulating about the boathouse. Let's set the record straight!

Funds needed to build a basic boathouse: $211,684
Cole Construction of Rochester, experienced with boathouses, provided a quote, as of January 23, 2024, including required prevailing wage. We will go out to bid to ensure the best value for the best product is secured.

Funds acquired to build the boathouse:

Primary Funding Source

2023 Canalway Grant (NYS)	$150,000	Match required: 50% or $150,000 in cash or in-kind contributions

Link to the press release: 2023.11.09_EDC_Round_XIII_Canal_Corporation_Grants_Press_Release.pdf (ny.gov)

Match Funding Source

DASNY /SAM Grant	$50,000	No match required
Fundraising to date	$22,000	Cash donations
In-kind*	$78,000	Multiple sources—see below

*In-kind contributions will include:
Village Manager's time to administer/report on the grant
DPW's time - *labor and equipment* use to clear the land, pour the cement pad, and stub out basic plumbing
Volunteer time—to assist with the project, estimated at the national rate of $33.49/hr

Bringing rowing to Brockport is an established priority, worthy of funding, by the state over and over again. It is also one of the reasons the Ralph Wilson Foundation agreed to co-fund the Reimagine Pedestrian Bridge, as they have a keen interest in the connectivity of the Empire State Trail and outdoor recreation. Developing our recreational opportunities on the canal is one key way to developing a more prosperous economic future and over all quality of life for our community.

The Village Board will hold a workshop on the Boathouse project on Monday, June 24th at 7pm. You can join us at Village Court, 49 State St. or via zoom (check the website for login information). Public comment is not taken at a workshop, but we will do our best to answer questions in the meeting if submitted in advance. Come to our workshop and learn what rowing has to offer our community. You may be surprised what an inclusive and therapeutic activity it is and how other clubs are using it to assist veterans with PTSD and cancer survivors, as well as providing a sense of belonging and community to regular people every day.

Questions for the Workshop?

Please submit them to Deputy Clerk Treasurer Barbara Krizen before Monday, June 17, 2024 at bkrizen@brockportny.org or drop them off at Village Hall.

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PO BOX 1635
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10602-1635
Attn: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEPARTMENT
For submitting electronically: APCanal@nypa.gov

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127 MAIN ST
BROCKPORT NY 14420-1907

PO number/date
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Item	Order Qty.	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Price
00001	150,000	EACH	1	150,000.00

Grant award for Brockport Boathouse through the 2023 RD13 Canalway Grant Program.

Total Purchase Order Value USD 150,000.00

Grants Received Since January 2024

The village works to apply for local, state, and federal grants to help reduce the expense of projects we need to do and to allow us to enhance our community with amenities that we would not be able to afford otherwise. Grants, particularly state and federal grants, often require a match in cash or in-kind contributions, as the funder wants assurance the municipality has buy-in and will execute and manage the project and resulting improvement well. We work with a grant writer from RJ Miller and Associates and other subject experts in order to create competitive applications and have had excellent success. In 4 years, our grant writer has secured over $1.4 million in funding for the village. Our departments also submit smaller or less complicated grant applications as the opportunities arise, all of us working as a team to bring the best value and greatest opportunity to our community.

NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION: $10,632

The village received a DEC Urban Forestry grant of $10,632 for tree planting to cover our costs for the next two year's tree purchases. We were the only municipality in the Finger Lakes Region to receive an award this round. As a proud Tree City USA community for 16 years with a dedicated Tree Board, Brockport remains committed to urban forestry and a healthy future for all our residents.

NYS ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: $10,000

The village received a NYSERDA grant for clean energy communities for $10,000 to purchase an electric gator 4-wheel utility vehicle for our DPW to use in their work caring for our public spaces. (No matching funds required.)

NYS JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT: $70,000

The Brockport Police Department received a Justice Assistance Grant for $70,000 to upgrade their taser equipment to the latest technology and train our officers on the new equipment. (No match required.)

NYS LAW ENFORCEMENT & TECHNOLOGY GRANT: $46,765

The Brockport Police Department also received a grant for license plate readers through Monroe County for $46,765 to purchase stationary license plate reader cameras that will assist with enforcing vehicle and traffic law, finding suspects, and informing future traffic studies. (No match required.)

ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE COORDIDOR: $9,500

The village received an ECNHC grant for Tourism Infrastructure, for $9,500 specifically to install a bank of four kayak lockers that will stack vertically at the Welcome Center. The kayaks will be rentable through a downloadable app on your phone, allowing people who want to be out on the water to kayak anytime during the season, not just when our sponsored canal excursions take place. We have many requests for this option and are excited to be able to enhance recreation on the waterfront.

NYS POWER AUTHORITY/CANAL COPRORATION: $29,000

Brockport's On the Canals Excursions will take place again, thanks to grant funding of $29,000 through NYPA/Canal Corporation. Excursions include kayaking, biking, birding, and plein air painting, STEM workshops, and rides on the Sam Patch packet boat, coming to Brockport in September. Participation is free, reserve your space at Eventbrite.com. Adaptive equipment and resources are available for all adventures thanks to our partnershipwith Rochester Accessible Adventures and Erie Canal Boat Company. Visit https://onthecanals.com for more information. (No match required.)

Working Hard to Secure More Funding for Brockport

Sewer Infrastructure Receives Congressional Support

We are excited to announce that Congressman Joe Morelle has pledged his support for up to $3 million dollars towards the village's 19.56 miles of sanitary sewer infrastructure. If received, the project funds would be put into relining the sewer mains. It will be some months before the village learns of the outcome, as this congressional appropriation is tied to the federal budget.

This relining process is minimally invasive and will not cause a large disruption to residents.

This upgrade will add a structured lining to the inside of sewer mains in order to reduce potentials for sewer backups, overflows, and infiltration from the aged clay pipes underground.

Shared Services Save Money—Joint Grant Application with the Town of Sweden

Our grant writer just submitted a NYS Local Government Efficiency grant request for $400,000 on behalf of the Village and Town of Sweden to purchase a new shared Sanitary Sewer Vacuum ComboTruck. This grant, if awarded, will fund 90% of the cost of the new equipment. The versatility of modern sewer vacuum trucks allows for hydro excavation, reduced field time, and reduced manpower requirements in a time of labor shortages. Without a truck, completing excavations and maintenance is significantly more costly and time consuming. The current truck, shared between the two municipalities, needs to be replaced due to age and condition. This funding source would be a great opportunity to do so!

Water & Sewer Improvements

The village is working with professional engineer, Square Engineering D.P.C, to complete utility system evaluations and work with our grant writer to secure funding assistance for capital improvement projects.

Funding applications include:

- Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) (Includes Sewer Funding)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

NY Forward Application

The village is working on this year's application for the $4.5 million NY Forward grant, armed with feedback and encouragement from the grant reviewers from last year. We have every reason to believe Brockport can be — and will be — a NY Forward community! This grant would be transformative to our Main Street and downtown corridor and we continue to work with property owners, potential business investors, and community stakeholders.

We will be hosting a community meeting at Seymour Library this summer and continue asking for your input and vision for our community at the Farmers Market and through online surveys. Use the QRCode here to take a brief survey today!

Volunteerism in Brockport

Award Committee members pictured with the awardee, L to R: Robert Westbrook, Awardee Allan Berry, Jean Berry, Linda Ketchum, and Patricia Galinski

Allan Berry won the Monika Andrews award for Creative Volunteer Leadership for, among many other contributions, his work as the president of the Brockport Community Museum -(BCM) a museum without walls. In this role, he has been tireless in the development and installation of all of the historic interpretive panels throughout our community. Allan has also overseen the installation of maintenance of historical markers throughout the Village and under Allan's leadership the BCM has installed several interior interpretative display cases filled with artifacts of Brockport's history in businesses and other organizations around the Village and at SUNY-Brockport. Most recently, a case was installed near the patient elevators at Strong West Hospital. The BCM under Allan's leadership has constructed a website (www.brockportcommunitymuseum.org) which serves as a valuable archive of local history. Thank you, Allan!

This year we had over twenty volunteers planting trees on Arbor Day on South Avenue, including the Tree Board, BISCO, and BCSD students. Another thirty volunteers helped with the village led Canal Clean Sweep effort, including the BCSD chapter of the National Thespian Honor Society, SUNY Brockport students, and many community members.

We are kicking off the navigation season at the Welcome Center with a full slate of ambassadors, many thanks to those of you who answered the call for help!

The CommUNITY Builder Award Nomination Period will be open June 7, 2024. Brockport, Clarkson, Hamlin, and Sweden residents are eligible to be nominated. You can find award nomination rules at www.brockportny.org. Please consider highlighting the good work you or your neighbor contributes to the greater Brockport area; we appreciate you!

PARK/PLAYGROUND UPDATES

Sensory playground equipment is coming to Sagawa Park this summer! Thanks to the BISCO/ReMax Duck Derby donation, and the work of our Parks Committee and DPW, upgrades to parks and playgrounds around the village are in the works. First up is Sagawa Park with sensory play elements, including: four musical flowers, a sensory path, a standing tic tac toe game, a picnic table with an inlaid checker board, a storage tree (for holding checkers), and a low backless bench that can double as a balance beam in the near future. These elements will be installed after some repair to our irrigation system is complete. Interestingly, Sagawa Park used to be a parking lot, and in order to keep the park green, it has an irrigation system to water the root system of the grass and plantings. No other village park has an irrigation system. Thanks to Laurie Torrance for offering to volunteer her experience, expertise, and time by painting the sensory path for us. Once the work is complete, a ribbon cutting and "grand opening" will be announced!

The Parks Committee has plans developing for Corbett Park and Monika Andrews Playground, and will determine with DPW which areas to prioritize for next year's improvements.

Summer Events & Community Partnerships

SUMMER SERENADES

Many thanks to the volunteers and donors who make our wonderful concert series a reality. This year's schedule is below, in case of a weather question, look on the Village web site, *brockportny.org*. Better yet, on the Village site, go to *Quick Links* and sign up for *"Get Notifications"* and you'll be kept informed or download the free App, My Brockport Village and sign up for Event notifications to get reminders and any rain location updates.

Save your Thursday evenings in July and August for the annual Summer Serenades music performances at the Welcome Center, 11 Water Street just off Main Street. Start time in July is 7:00pm; in August it is 6:30pm.

2024 Concert Schedule

July 11 – The Swooners

July 18 – Feedback

July 25 – Big Mike and the Motivators

August 1 – Brockport Big Band

August 8 – Eight Days a Week

August 15 – Hannah PK

August 22 – Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra

Low Bridge High Water

The annual celebration of water returning to the Erie Canal, Low Bridge High Water, is multi-part. On Thursday, June 6, Dr. John Montague of the Buffalo Maritime Center will be speaking at the Morgan-Manning House at 7pm about building a replica of the Seneca Chief line boat and its planned voyage from Buffalo to New York City in September 2025. Spoiler Alert – it will be docking in Brockport! Friday, June 7, is the gallery opening for our popular 4th grade poster contest, at Hart Gallery 27 on Market Street from 6-8pm. Come support our students, participate in the build a boat lego station and enjoy light refreshments. Saturday, the festivities at the Welcome Center will be from 11-3pm and feature the BHS's new acapella group "Unaccompanied Minors," and the well-known "Heart Strings" as well as local favorite "She Sings," and the vocal stylings of BHS graduate Rylie Pearce. Boat building with recycled items and motors with IBiB, free mini-sessions in a kayak, information tables, Kiwanis' famous strawberry shortcake, pollinator plant sales, and more will be happening at the waterfront. The art show will again be open at the gallery and awards will be given to the winners at noon at the Welcome Center. Thanks to our many community partners for making this annual community celebration happen!

FARMERS MARKET

Starting a week earlier and ending a week earlier to take advantage of peak weather, our Farmers Market is back on Main Street on Sundays, starting June 9th and running to October 20th from 9am to 1pm. This year's co-managers, Shane Camman and Mandy Kirby, are excited to work with vendors, tried and true and new, to bring produce, local goods, music, and community to downtown Brockport! Like our new Facebook Page and Follow the new Instagram Page for up to date details, "Brockport Village Farmers Market" and sign up for reminders in our App!

ARTS FESTIVAL

The annual Arts Festival will be held Saturday, August 10th—Sunday, August 11th. New features to look for this year: Food Truck Face Off, Student Alley Artists and Marketplace Vendors! Our signature lineup will be back with artisan vendors, wine garden, live music, Duck Derby, and Arts Festival After Dark. Thanks to our many community partners who continue to make this amazing event happen for the benefit of our greater community! Join in the fun — Volunteer sign-up link at https://brockportny.org/brockport-arts-festival/

Low Bridge High Water

BROCKPORT, NY

Canal Opening Festival

A Village of Brockport Signature Event

200 Years of Navigation on the Erie Canal

Thursday, June 6, 2024

7 pm ~ Morgan Manning House ~ 151 Main Street

"Building a Replica of DeWitt Clinton's 1825 Canal Boat Seneca Chief"
Dr. John Montague, Buffalo Maritime Center, Professor Emeritus, Buffalo State College

Friday, June 7, 2024

6-8 pm ~ Hart Gallery 27 ~ 27 Market Street

4th Grade Poster Contest ~ all entries on display, Friday & Saturday

Saturday, June 8, 2024

11am-3pm ~ Brockport Welcome Center ~ 11 Water Street

4th Grade Poster Awards

Vendor Pop-Up! Native Plants Sale & Etched Glass by **MPJGlass.com** (pre-orders available)

Music by: ***She Sings ~ Heart Strings ~ Unaccompanied Minors ~ Rylee Pierce***

FREE Mini-Kayak Sessions

IBiB Mini-Makerspace boat building with BoB LeSuer

Fresh Strawberry Shortcake by Kiwanis Club ~ **Hots & Chips** by Lions Club

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