



Galway Get Together

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

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Snow Removal Services

H&K Snow Removal and Plowing --

We will remove snow from roof, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and more. Residential and commercial. Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. Fully insured. Free estimates. Call 883-7676.

C & J Snow Removal -- Snow blowing, shoveling and removal. Give us a call to line up your snow removal for the winter or one time clean ups. Free estimates. Call Colyn or Jim at 701-1479.

Roof Snow Removal -- Insured. Call 752-5433.

The Galway Senior Citizens Group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 1:00 at Galway Town Hall. If you are 55 or older, you are welcome to join or to visit our meeting. Call 882-9153 for more information. The February 19 meeting will feature Bob Cudmore, a freelance columnist who speaks on local history. He will be signing his new book, *The Hidden History of the Mohawk Valley*. All seniors are welcome.

Beltane Pottery presents Winter Break Pottery Lessons - Sign up today! The perfect way to have fun inside while avoiding all that snow. 6 sessions of 1 1/2 hours each @ \$195 plus materials fee. Don't want to sign up for 6 sessions? That's ok. We can customize your clay sessions. Located in Village of Galway. Session schedule Feb 16 – 20; 10-11:30am, 1-2:30pm, 4-5:30pm. Call 581-8976 for information.

The Galway Preservation Society will meet on March 2 with Sam Hildebrandt speaking. His topic is "Sanford Farms Revisited." Meetings are held at the Galway Town Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. with a social time and refreshments. A business meeting follows at 7:30, and the program starts at approximately 7:45. The public is invited to attend. For more information, visit our website at www.galwaypreservationsociety.org.

The Galway Preservation Society's book *Galway 1900-1949, A Photographic History of Life in the Town of Galway, Saratoga County, New York* is available for purchase for \$40 at the Galway branch of the Ballston Spa National Bank, at Galway and Providence Town Halls, and at Waterwheel Village.

Need a Babysitter or a Tutor? I can help! My name is Rachel Germain. I am 12 years old and currently in 7th grade at Galway. I am a babysitter and a tutor. I love kids and would love to babysit your child(ren). I can tutor anyone from pre-k to 6th grade and I babysit children age 2 and up. I have been tutoring for the past year. Babysitting: \$5 an hour per child, \$4 an hour per child for 2 or more children. Tutoring is the same pricing as babysitting. Please call me at 882-5589.

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.



Photo by MC Perez

Eva Hoffman of East Galway celebrates her 100th birthday February 7 at the Galway United Methodist Church. Crowds of friends, family and well wishers braved the snow and cold to honor Eva who moved with her family from Providence to the farm in Galway when she was five years old. She's lived there happily ever since.

Charlton General Store & Café is looking for a responsible adult who would like to work flexible part-time hours as a "Short Order Cook." We are open from 6:30am to 7pm, Monday thru Friday, Saturday 7am to 7pm and Sunday 7am to 4pm. Please apply in person to the Charlton General Store & Café, 747 Charlton Road, Charlton, NY.

Winter Haiku by Patricia Kay

Fierce icy winds blow, push.
Tree limbs sing crackle songs.
Flames struggle to dance.

Sweet Briar Flower Shop is getting ready for Spring! We have CUT tulips, CUT daffodils, crocus bulbs, hyacinth bulbs and much much more! Phone 518-882-5132.



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Send your news to: galwaygettogether@gmail.com
Your community news, ads, announcements and photos are always welcome!

The Galway Public Library is pleased to offer a free **Winter Break Special: Tutoring with Josh**. Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to drop in for schoolwork help from our teacher volunteer any time on Feb 17 from 10– 6; Feb 18 from 2 – 8 and Feb 19 from 2 – 8. For more details call the library 882-6385.

Town of Greenfield Historical Society – Tues Feb 17 – meeting at 7 pm at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. Program: Show and Tell – members bring an item they can briefly talk about – anything that has a story.

Are you interested in genealogy? Want to find out more about your ancestors? The Galway Public Library can help! We now offer our patrons access to the online **Ancestry.com, Library Edition**. Come in to the library and use one of our four public computers to start your search!

Healthy Strong and Fit Personal Training Service - Patty Matthews certified personal trainer, nutrition coach, aromatherapist and aromatouch therapeutic massage practitioner- I would love to help you reach your fitness and weight management goals. I teach group, individual and family programs! Give the gift of health- Offering buy 1 get 1 free aromatouch massage and personal training certificates to any new clients! Offering snowshoeing, weight training, chair and reformer pilates, spinning etc. Call 641-8121 for a free consultation.

Saratoga PLAN Petitions for McGregor Land: Saratoga PLAN is petitioning the State to transfer management of the western portion of the State-owned lands surrounding the former McGregor Prison to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, as an addition to Moreau Lake State Park. The petition received 1,093 signatures; 244 of which occurred in just one day. A link to the petition and 263 public comments can be found at <https://www.change.org/p/>.

In addition the National Audubon Society re-posted the petition and added another 145 signers in 3 weeks. “There is tremendous public support for this land transfer to happen, as demonstrated by the results of the petition,” said Saratoga PLAN Executive Director Maria Trabka. “The 763-acre section of former McGregor Prison lands has the potential to greatly contribute to the health and economy of the region, providing the public with access to an expanse of vitally important, untamed natural resources, significant cultural heritage, and an extended trail network.”

Position Available: School Break and Summer Camp Faculty. Saratoga Arts is seeking applicants to fill several school break and summer camp faculty positions. Faculty must be certified to teach in NYS (or currently be active on the BOCES substitute teacher registry), have a passion for the arts and experience working with children between the ages of 5-14. Hours for our school break and summer camp faculty vary, the schedule is flexible and based on a teacher’s availability. Please send resume including three personal / professional references to Tanya Tobias, Associate Director – ttobias@saratoga-arts.org.

Nature Notes by MC Perez: Winter Deep

While small mammals bustle through a network of tunnels beneath the deep snow, the larger mammals and ground-feeding birds are finding life much harder. If you’re out on your skis or snow shoes, you can’t miss the paths plowing or plunging through snow as deer flee coyotes, or foxes and fishers track rabbits and squirrels. The night prowling of the wild canines is even busier this time of year as they pursue mates, scent mark and defend territories. Tracking these forays is a challenge in deep snow, but wildlife makes use of manmade trails – snowmobile, ski, snowshoe – often leaving readable tracks. Canine tracks have similarities (an X can be drawn between toe and heel pads), but tracks of wild canines, such as coyotes and foxes, are neat and purposeful, unlike those of domestic dogs that ramble about in all directions. Fox tracks are smaller than coyote tracks and shaped like arrow heads. The red fox has hairy feet, making their prints less distinct than those of the gray fox, but the red fox print has a distinguishing feature – the front heel pad has a raised chevron-shaped bar that is often detectable. Foxes trot in an almost straight line as the rear foot lands on top of the track left by the front foot, and they make use of stone walls and fallen logs in their travels. If tracks disappear up a tree, that’s a gray fox you’re following, as gray fox can climb trees.

Learn more about animal tracking at the **Wilton Wildlife Preserve’s Animal Tracking Snow Shoe Walk** on February 17, starting at 11am. Register by calling 450-0321.