



Galway Get Together

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

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Get ready for Spring and Mother's Day—right around the corner! Visit us at the **Sweet Briar Flower Shop**, 1363 Hermance Road, or call us at 882-5132.

Allegheny 100% hardwood pellets -- \$255 per ton while supplies last, at Village Home and Garden, in the heart of Galway Village.

Village Home and Garden is the closest you'll come to an old time variety/hardware store, with everything from agricultural supplies to local products, including goat's milk soap from Lady Lilac Farm and books by local authors. The store carries a full range of farm and garden supplies and supplies for home repair. With spring here, you'll find a good selection of vegetable, herb and perennial and annual flower seeds, and by the end of the month, onion sets and seed potatoes will be arriving. The green house will open and be stocked with vegetable and flower plants by Mother's Day. Stop by or call 882-5600.

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.

Horses boarded at Galway farm – lots of fenced pasture, run-in sheds and stall for each horse. Riding ring and plenty of trails. Board includes hay and grain and twice daily care. To board at the farm, your horse must be manageable and get along with the other three horses. \$300/month. Call 944-5843.

The Thirteenth Annual West Charlton Community Tag Sale & Craft Fair is Fri, April 24 and Sat April 25, 9-3pm. Still a few slots open for crafters to join us! Contact Hillary Skeans. The Craft Fair is located at the West Charlton Volunteer Fire Department, 1293 Eastern Ave, West Charlton. At the Firehouse, get a map that shows the area garage sales that you won't want to miss! Map will not be available until 8:30 am on April 24.

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society - Tues, April 21 meeting at 7 pm at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. Program: Stuart Lehman, assistant curator, NYS Office of General Services, will speak about Lincoln's & Grant's funerals in commemoration of the 150th and 130th anniversaries, with emphasis on the funeral procession in Albany.

Please be aware the GGT Editor may need to edit your submissions to fit, or hold until there's room.



Bloodroot, one of the earliest spring wildflowers.
Photo by MC Perez

The Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church will be holding its annual rummage sale on Fri, April 24 from 9am to 3pm and Sat, April 25 from 9am to 2pm. We are accepting donations of toys, housewares, baby items, decorative items, linens, lightly used clothing, sporting goods, furniture, and Christmas decorations on Tues, April 21 from 10am to 1pm and Thursday, April 23 from 11am to 2pm. at the Academy building at the church (no electronics or books, please).

Pork Roast Dinner - The Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church located at 768 Charlton Rd., Charlton is having a Pork Roast Dinner on Sat, May 2nd from 4-6:30 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$11.00 adults, \$5 for children age 5-10 (free for children under 5). The menu includes pork roast, potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, applesauce, and a variety of pies for dessert.





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Send your news to: galwaygettogether@gmail.com

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

The Dockstader Charitable Trust is accepting requests from not-for-profit organizations for the funding of projects that benefit the residents of the Galway Central School District. The application deadline is May 1. To receive more information or request a grant application form, contact Julie Roy at 882-9101. Applications are available at the Galway Public Library and on the library and school web sites.

During the past year the Trust has contributed \$104,109 in funding for 12 projects in the greater Galway community. Galway Emergency Medical Services received \$73,037 in funding toward the purchase of a new ambulance. Saratoga PLAN was awarded \$10,828 toward the costs associated with the donation of a conservation easement on 106 acres of land in the Town of Galway. The Galway Preservation Society was awarded \$5,500 to help with the cost of printing a photographic history book. The Trust also provided funds for historical markers in the Towns of Galway and Providence, parking lot improvements at the West Galway Presbyterian Church and fencing along the soccer field at the Galway Central School.

During 2014, the Trust continued to help fund Galway Senior Citizens' bus trips, the GGCSA spring and winter community basket projects, Camp Colby and Boy Scout Camp scholarships, and the printing of the Bible Baptist Church publication Life in Galway.

Funds for the Trust were provided in the wills of Galway Village residents, Clayton R. Dockstader and his wife Katherine Flickinger Dockstader.

Healthy Strong and Fit Personal Training Service by Patty Matthews-certified personal trainer, holistic nutrition coach, aromatherapist, and aromatouch therapist. I specialize in weight and pain management, offer family, group and individual exercise and nutrition classes, teach free classes on essential oils that help reduce inflammation and pain, and help people lose weight and replace all of the synthetic drugs in their medicine cabinet! Contact me at healthystrongfit@aol.com or at 641-8121.

The annual roadside trash pickup for the Town of Galway is May 2. This is an opportunity for residents to volunteer to pick up trash and other debris along town roads. The town will provide you with bright orange garbage bags to collect litter and other roadside trash. Town employees will pick up the bags. Bags will be available on the morning of May 2 at the Town Hall beginning at 8am, or volunteers can contact Councilman Fred Arnold at 882-9057 or Highway Superintendent Dave Costanzo at 265-0426 to make other arrangements. This is a great opportunity to improve the appearance and safety of the roadside. We are hoping for a great turn out!

Nature Notes:

Night of the Journeying Moon

The Journeying Moon is a new moon in early spring that signals the mass migration of thousands of woodland amphibians from their winter burrows back to their breeding pool, or vernal pool. Under the cloak of a darkened sky, on a warm, wet night, salamanders and frogs travel as far as a mile away to return to these woodland pools that form from spring run-off. These ephemeral pools are often little more than puddles and easily overlooked, but they are critical habitat for amphibians and other forms of wildlife.

The journey to the vernal pool (on very short legs!) is arduous, to say the least. Salamanders and frogs must make their way through the forest, avoiding owls and other predators, and crossing a gauntlet of obstacles, including the most perilous of all -- roadways. The males arrive first and immediately call to potential mates. You'll know there's a breeding pool nearby by the exuberant chorus -- first comes the quacking call of wood frogs, followed by the loud trill of spring peepers, and later the bass of green frogs and bull frogs. The silent salamanders are there, too, including the familiar newts, the striking spotted salamanders, red-backed salamanders and more. During their brief existence, vernal pools team with life as hatching amphibians race to reach adulthood and leave the vernal pool before it dries up -- usually by August.