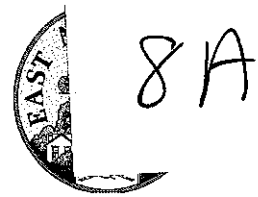


Annual Report of the Historian



2015



Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora, New York

Robert Lowell Goller
Historian



Top and left, exactly 100 years after the original memorial procession down South Grove Street for Elbert and Alice Hubbard, community members joined members of the Hubbard family for a centennial memorial procession. (Bottom photo courtesy of the East Aurora Advertiser.) Bottom right, the time capsule that originated at the East End Fire Hall on Olean Street.



OFFICE OF
THE TOWN HISTORIAN

Town of Aurora & Village of East Aurora, New York

29 January 2016

Town Supervisor James J. Bach
The Southside Municipal Center
300 Gleed Avenue
East Aurora, New York 14052

Mayor Allan A. Kasprzak
East Aurora Village Hall
571 Main Street
East Aurora, New York 14052

Mr. Supervisor and Mr. Mayor:

Pursuant to Section 57.07 the New York State Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, which requires the Historian to file an annual report each January with his or her appointing officer and the State Historian, please find on the following pages my annual report for 2015. As I hope you will see from this report, the year was quite eventful and transitional on many levels, and we are about to embark on a number of exciting projects.

I never take my appointment for granted, so I thank you for your continued confidence. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the community as Historian. This annual report serves as a means to officially share with you (and with the public and future generations) the activities of the Town and Village Historian, but I appreciate our open dialogue throughout the year. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if I can be of assistance with any project.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert".

Robert Lowell Goller
Town and Village Historian

cc: Acting New York State Historian Jennifer Lemak; Members of the East Aurora Village Board; Members of the Aurora Town Board; Village Administrator Bryan R. Gazda; the Aurora Historical Society; Town Clerk Martha Librock; Village Clerk Joyce Jezewski; Erie County Legislator Joseph Lorigo; Erie County Historian Douglas Kohler.

The Southside Municipal Center, 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, New York 14052
www.townofaurora.com/departments/historian historian@townofaurora.com 716-652-7944

The year 2015 was a transitional and milestone one for the Town Historian's Office. There were a number of exciting anniversaries, including the centennial commemoration of the sinking of the Lusitania. The tragedy off the coast of Ireland 100 years ago took the lives of Roycroft founders Elbert and Alice Hubbard. The year also marked the end of my employment as director of the Aurora Historical Society. Funding for the position expired in July. Although I am no longer an employee of the Historical Society, which is a distinct and separate entity from the government function of the Town Historian's Office, we still work very closely with one another. My new part-time position as secretary to the Town Supervisor complements my position as Town Historian very well, and as a result we will be able to better serve the public.

This year was also marked by sad news. My immediate predecessor, Donald H. Dayer, who served as the seventh Town Historian from 1996-2007, passed away on July 23. He was a tremendous resource and his expertise and guidance certainly will be missed.

This report is divided into three sections, which represent the main functions and missions of the Historian's Office:

- The Archives and Research Center at the Southside Municipal Center
- Community Outreach, including newspaper articles, presentations and social media
- Events

The Archives

One of the main functions of the Historian's Office is to assist residents with historical research and maintain the archives. With my new position in the Town Supervisor's Office, we were able to change public research hours from Friday afternoons to Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m., effective Jan. 1, 2016. This allows the office to be open at the same time as other museums throughout the community during summer months, enabling visitors to stop at all the historic sites throughout the community on the same day. Of course, special appointments are still available for those who are not able to visit the office during regular office hours.

Visits to the office for research in 2015 remained about the same as 2014, when we experienced a dramatic increase. The office was closed for two additional holidays that landed on Fridays in 2015 (Independence Day and Christmas).

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Visitors	157	189	253	231

These visits represent both office hours and special appointments. As has always been the case, most research requests involve genealogy and house histories, but other visits included members of three local churches researching the history of their congregations for important upcoming anniversaries; a volunteer researcher compiling sports statistics from the *East Aurora Advertiser* digital archives for an upcoming project at the school; a variety of miscellaneous questions about local history; assisting the East Aurora Fire Department with its history for the opening of the new Central Fire Station on Center Street; and researching and providing information to the village's Historic Preservation Commission and other governmental boards for their reviews of proposals under consideration.

Additionally, our office assisted and provided Tops Friendly Markets with photo scans for the East Aurora store’s remodeling project in 2015. The entrance of the store now includes nearly 50 large historic photographs from the collection in the Town Archives. In previous years, other businesses, including Mighty Taco restaurant and Tony Rome’s Globe Hotel, sought image scans, which they had enlarged and printed to put on display. This has been a great way to share with the community images that would otherwise remain in the archive drawers.



Historical photographs at Tops Friendly Market

In addition to in-office visits, we also continue to respond to requests via email and U.S. Mail. The number of requests increased dramatically in 2015 and it was the highest number since I became Town Historian in 2007.

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Requests for information via email or U.S. Mail	51	112	75	133

Due to time constraints, the volunteers and I do not personally conduct genealogical research unless the information requested is easily accessible and brief. Much like a public library, the Historian’s Office is open for citizens to conduct their own research and we do our best to assist them in locating the information they need.

Because the staff of the Town Historian’s Office is extremely limited (a very part-time Town Historian), the office relies heavily on the generosity of volunteers. Nancy DeWitt has once again volunteered nearly 100 hours during the year. A college student, Lucas Dana, volunteered for his second summer, and helped us scan and organize a number of photographs. Thanks to these volunteers, we have been able to make a great deal of progress on several projects. These projects included:

- An update to the digital card catalogue, which allows citizens and researchers to easily find out what files we have in the collection and where they are located in the archives.
- The cataloguing of property and building information by street. Previously, if someone sought information or photographs about a particular home or building, that information was located in three or four different files. Now all the information we have on a particular property is located in one file.
- Throughout 2015 we have prepared a number of items, including the digital card catalogue and answers to Frequently Asked Questions, that will be added to the Town Historian’s website in early 2016. This will save visitors a great deal of time because a lot of groundwork for their research will be able to be completed before they visit the office.

In addition, Joseph “Potts” Stapleton has digitally scanned a number of photographs from the collection, many of which have been well received on Facebook.

Community Outreach

A major focus of the Town Historian is to “get out of the office,” and take our community’s history out on the road. The Town Historian’s Facebook page (“Aurora Town Historian”) has been a great way to share photographs, old newspaper articles and other tidbits of local history with a much broader audience several times per week.

I also write a monthly “Historian’s Corner” column for the *East Aurora Advertiser* (usually the last week of each month) and provide information and interviews to all the local newspapers several times throughout the year.

Topics of the monthly “Historian’s Corner” column have included:

January: Change of Village House Numbers in Mid-1920s Still Poses Challenges for Researchers

February: When Doctors Made House Calls

March: East Aurora Survived the Great Telephone War of 1906

April: Presidential Pardon Sealed Elbert Hubbard’s Fate

May: What Happened to the Hubbards? Roycroft Founder’s Son Spent Decades Trying to Find Out

June: EA’s Fourth of July Airplane Show Struggled to Get Off the Ground

July: Hamlin’s Gift Saved East Aurora’s “Central Park”

August: Touch-Tone “Phone of the Future” Made its East Aurora Debut 50 Years Ago

September: Does East Aurora Legally Exist? Village Leaders Panicked After a Judge Said ‘No’ in 1968

October: A Century Ago, Men in New York Said “No” to Women Voting

November: Longtime Chief Robert O’Neil’s 1945 Retirement Ended an Era in the East Aurora Police Dept.

December: Community Groups Hosted Holiday Dance for Returning Service Members in 1945

I continue to serve as treasurer of the Government Appointed Historians of Western New York, and I attend (and help organize) the group’s twice-a-year training meetings in the region. The group consists of municipal historians from 10 Western New York counties.

I also worked with the Roycroft Campus Corporation to organize and moderate a program with *East Aurora Advertiser* Publisher Grant M. Hamilton (in March about the history of the newspaper industry) and an autumn panel discussion with local women artists. On September 19, during an event sponsored by the Village Historic Preservation Commission, I presented a program—“A Tale of Two Villages”—on the history of the Village of East Aurora (and its early days as two communities).

Throughout the year I continued to offer programs on a variety of topics at local civic group meetings and other events. In 2015, I presented more than 20 programs to a variety of groups, including the Aurora Historical Society, the East Aurora Kiwanis Club, the Wales Senior Citizens, Aurora Senior Citizens, the East Aurora High School Class of 1959 for their reunion in July, to the residents of Greenfields Retirement Community in Lancaster and three times to the residents of Fox Run in Orchard Park, where many East Aurora residents now live. (*On the next page are the programs that are available. More are added as I research and prepare them.*)

Presentations by Robert Lowell Goller

Aurora Town and East Aurora Village Historian

Please email historian@townofaurora.com for more information or to schedule a presentation.

All the presentations are about an hour long, including time for questions.

East Aurora After the Lusitania

An examination of the intriguing transitions at the Roycroft and in East Aurora following the deaths of Elbert and Alice Hubbard aboard the RMS Lusitania on May 7, 1915.

A Tempest in the Village Teapot

An examination of Roycroft founder Elbert Hubbard's love-hate relationship with the Village of East Aurora. Elbert Hubbard was a controversial and eccentric character, whose personality and writings were often at odds with the leaders and residents of the small village in which he founded the Roycroft.

The Little House That Could

An examination of how President Millard Fillmore's honeymoon cottage, built in 1826, went from near destruction to National Historic Landmark.

Abolition in Aurora

This presentation examines the Town of Aurora's unique role in helping runaway slaves reach freedom in Canada and explores the validity of some of the local Underground Railroad stories that have been told over time.

Aurora and the War of 1812

The Town of Aurora was in a unique geographic position during the War of 1812. Discover how the war impacted the early settlers and the development of this small community.

The History of West Falls

This small hamlet on the southwestern edge of the Town of Aurora has a unique history of settlement, several name changes and industrial development.

Who Is the Town Historian and What Does He or She Do?

Did you know that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was also his town's official historian? New York is the only state in the U.S. to require municipal historians by law. Learn about the origins of the Historian's Law, on the books since 1919, and the resources available from the Historian's Office.

Legendary Locals of East Aurora

Robert Goller discusses his 2014 book, which tells the stories of some of the community's more interesting citizens—both past and present.

A Tale of Two Villages

Before 1874, the Village of East Aurora was two distinct communities. This presentation examines the events that led to the merger of them into one village and the great community debate over what to name it.

Does East Aurora Legally Exist?

For nearly a century, no one had any reason to question the existence of the Village of East Aurora, but for a few weeks in February 1968, East Aurorans were worried that their village might not be real. Learn about the uproar that followed a judge's decision that called into question the village's legal existence.

Events and Other Highlights of the Year



Photo courtesy of the UB Reporter



January

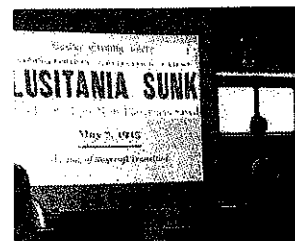
On Jan. 7, I was honored to deliver the Memorial Address at the annual birthday commemoration service for President Millard Fillmore in Forest Lawn Cemetery. It was the first time in the event's 50-year history that the Memorial Address was delivered by a member of the community not affiliated with the University at Buffalo. Jan. 7 also included interviews about President Fillmore with two radio stations from other areas of the country.

April

On Saturday, April 25, with the Aurora Historical Society, we hosted the annual meeting of the Erie County Federation of Historic Agencies, which includes historical societies and organizations from throughout the county. The event was held in the auditorium of the Southside Municipal Center, which served as a perfect venue. During the meeting, I presented a program on East Aurora's historic preservation efforts.

May

Throughout the month, the Aurora Historical Society organized and hosted several events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania, which took the lives of Roycroft leaders Elbert and Alice Hubbard. As part of the month's events, I presented a program on the impact of the Lusitania tragedy on the Roycroft and East Aurora. Other events included talks by renowned authors, an "Evening Aboard the Lusitania" dinner at the Roycroft Inn, and a memorial procession down South Grove Street and memorial service at the Roycroft Pavilion in Hamlin Park on May 23. The procession and service were held exactly 100 years after—and in the same locations—as the original memorial procession and service for the Hubbards in May 1915. Special thanks to the mayor and town supervisor for taking part in this special event.



October

When removing the plaque from the former Central Fire Station on Oakwood Avenue, a member of the East Aurora Fire Department discovered a small copper time capsule that had long been forgotten. With the resources of the digital newspaper collection in the Town Historian's Office, we were able to quickly piece together the history of the time capsule dating back to 1889. During a ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the new Central Fire Station (witnessed by a large group of village residents and several television news cameras), we carefully opened the time capsule. The items found inside, from 1889, 1933 and 1954, will be resealed in a new time capsule along with items from 2016 and hidden again next summer for someone in the future to discover. (A timeline prepared for the event appears on the following page).



Photo courtesy of the East Aurora Advertiser



Time Capsule Timeline

1889 - 2015

- August 3, 1889:** A time capsule box is placed in the cornerstone of the new East End Fire Co. building on Olean Street. The box contained, among other items, papers from the organization of the fire company in March 1877.
- September 19, 1933:** Long forgotten, the time capsule is discovered in the cornerstone during a remodeling project at the East End Fire Hall. It is opened, and additional materials are placed inside.
- October 21, 1933:** The time capsule is placed back in the newly remodeled East End Fire Hall.
- April 30, 1954:** In anticipation of the dedication of the new Central Fire Station on Oakwood Avenue, the box is opened during the annual banquet of the East End Active Hose Co., at The Roycroft Inn.
- August 12, 1954:** After additional materials from 1954 are added to the box, it is resealed and placed behind the dedication plaque of the new Central Fire Station on Oakwood Avenue, where it is forgotten about for more than 60 years.
- October 2015:** The "lost" time capsule is discovered once again, this time when the dedication plaque is removed from the recently de-commissioned Central Fire Station on Oakwood Avenue.
- October 21, 2015, 7 p.m.:** The time capsule is opened at the new Central Fire Station, 33 Center Street.

—On Saturday last there was deposited in the corner stone of East End Fire Co's new building a box containing a list of the members who organized the company March 10th, 1877, 25 in number; a list of the present members and 28 copper pennies—one for each member; the names of the chief of the department, and assistant chief, the names of the building committee, a copy of the Aurora Advertiser and the Aurora Enterprise. The building will be opened with a grand entertainment and prize fair. Several valuable prizes have already been donated.

East Aurora Advertiser,
Friday August 9, 1889

**Old Times Renewed
As Cornerstone Box
of Fire Hall Found**

**East End Volunteers Remodel
Building Put Up in '89**

Remodeling of the East End Fire Hall is nearly completed, with George Helm in charge of the work. An interesting find was made when the corner stone was uncovered Tuesday morning by workmen, who did not know it contained a box of notes and coins.

There were 28 pennies all of the 1800's, apparently deposited by members of the company, then the East End Fire Company, which was organized March 10, 1877. The building was dedicated in August, 1889, and the box contained, besides the coins and a list of the officers and members of the company, a copy of the Aurora Advertiser, Aug. 2, 1889, predecessor of the East Aurora Advertiser, and the Aurora Enterprise, Aug. 1, 1889, its younger competitor.

Contained in the issue of The Advertiser,

East Aurora Advertiser,
Thursday, September 21, 1933

Following this ceremony a copper box containing records will be placed behind a plaque on the building. This box was removed from the corner stone at East End Fire Hall. The sealed box was originally placed in the corner stone in August, 1889, when the East End Hall was built.

Copper Box Opened

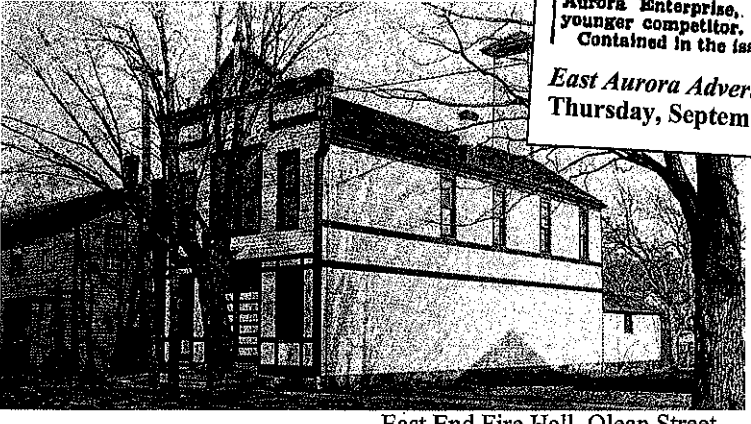
During renovation of the building in 1933 the box was reopened and additional data placed within before resealing and placing in the corner stone Oct. 21, that year.

Data in the box when opened April 30, this year, at the annual banquet and installation of East End Active Hose at Roycroft Inn included a copy of The Aurora Advertiser, now the East Aurora Advertiser, dated Aug. 2, 1889.

Also in the box were the constitution and by-laws of East End Fire Company of 1877-78, officers and a roster of members of 1877, a poster announcing the fifth annual ball of the fire laddies Feb. 13, 1883, in the Persons House, a copy of the East Aurora Advertiser of Sept. 21, 1933, and a roster of the company of that year.

Additional data enclosed in the copper box before resealing this morning was a copy of today's East Aurora Advertiser and a roster containing names of members of the East Aurora Fire Department, together with an illustrated brochure prepared for the dedication.

East Aurora Advertiser,
Thursday, August 12, 1954



East End Fire Hall, Olean Street

Month Year Reported: ----> January 2016 CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT
 Town Name: -----> Town of Aurora
 Prepared By: -----> Martha L. Librock
 Date Submitted: -----> Feb, 02 2016

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TO THE Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Subd. 1, of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all the fees and monies received by me in connection with my office, during the month above stated, excepting only such fees and monies the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by law.

RSC Code	Revenue Description	Item Count	Total Revenue	Town Portion	Other Disburses
100	SPORTING LICENSE REVENUE	4	134.00	7.39	126.61
200	DOG LICENSE REVENUE	320	4,070.00	3,686.00	384.00
301	MARRIAGE LICENSE	2	80.00	35.00	45.00
303	CERTIFIED MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE	2	20.00	20.00	0.00
602	DEATH CERTIFICATE	7	350.00	350.00	0.00
701	DOG CENSUS FEE	166	1,035.00	1,035.00	0.00
Report Totals:		501	5,689.00	5,133.39	555.61

REVENUES TO SUPERVISOR - CLERK FEES	1,447.39
REVENUES TO SUPERVISOR - DOG FEES	3,686.00
TOTAL TOWN REVENUES TO SUPERVISOR:	5,133.39

Amount paid to NYS DEC REVENUE ACCOUNTING	126.61
Amount paid to DEPT. OF AG. AND MARKETS	384.00
Amount paid to STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES	45.00
TOTAL DISBURSED TO OTHER AGENCIES:	555.61
TOTAL DISBURSED:	5,689.00

Feb 5 2016 JAMES J. BACH Supervisor,
 State of New York, County of Erie, Town of Aurora

Martha L. Librock being duly sworn, says that she/he is the Town Clerk of the Town of Aurora that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all Fees and Monies received by her/him during the month stated, excepting only such Fees the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
 this 5th day of February 20 16
Sheryl A. Miller Notary Public

Martha L. Librock
 Town Clerk

SHERYL A. MILLER
 Reg. #01M16128663
 Notary Public, State of New York
 Qualified in Erie County
 Commission Expires June 13, 2017

Month Year Reported: ---> January 2016

CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

Page 2 of 2

Town Name: -----> Town of Aurora

Prepared By: -----> Martha L. Librock

Date Submitted: -----> Feb, 02 2016

DISTRIBUTION TOTALS TO GENERAL LEDGER

Budget	Revenue 2011	Item	Total	Town	Other
Number	Description	Count	Revenue	Portion	Disburses
26	LICENSES/FEES	166	1,035.00	1,035.00	0.00
A1255	TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES	15	584.00	412.39	171.61
A2544	DOG LICENSE	320	4,070.00	3,686.00	384.00
Report Totals:		501	5,689.00	5,133.39	555.61



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TOWN OF AURORA

Southside Municipal Center
300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052

From: Martha L. Librock, Town Clerk

Monthly Statement – Tax Collection

To: James J. Bach, Town of Aurora Supervisor

Pursuant to Section 27 Subd. 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and monies received by me during the month of JANUARY, 2016 in connection with the collection of taxes, excepting only such fees the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by law:

Received From	Type of Receipt	Amount
Taxes	TOWN/COUNTY Taxes	\$1,865,796.27
Taxes	Penalties	0
Taxes	Interest	0
Taxes	NOW Acct Interest	7.99
	Total Received	\$1,865,804.26

State of New York
County of Erie
Town of Aurora

Martha L. Librock, being duly sworn, says that she is the Town Clerk of the Town of Aurora; that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies applicable to tax collection received by her during the month stated excepting only such fees and monies the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Martha L. Librock, Town Clerk

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 4th day of February, 2016

Notary Public
SHERYL A. MILLER
Reg. #01MI6128663
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Erie County
Commission Expires June 13, 2017



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TOWN OF AURORA
Southside Municipal Center
300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052

From: Barbara A. Halt, Water Clerk

Monthly Statement – Water Fee Collection

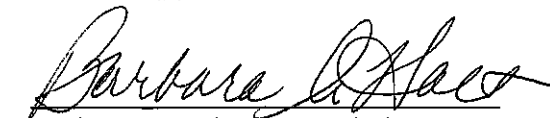
To: James J. Bach, Town of Aurora Supervisor

Pursuant to Section 27 Subd. 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and monies received by me during the month of January, 2016 in connection with the collection of water fees, excepting only such fees the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by law:

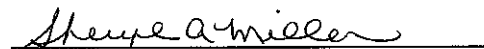
Received From	Type of Receipt	Amount
Water Billing	Water Bills	\$37,699.63
	Total Received	\$37,699.63

State of New York
County of Erie
Town of Aurora

Barbara A. Halt, being duly sworn, says that she is the Water Clerk of the Town of Aurora; that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies applicable to water fee collection received by her during the month stated excepting only such fees and monies the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.


Barbara A. Halt, Water Clerk

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 4th day of February, 2016


Notary Public
SHERYL A. MILLER
Reg. #01M16128663
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Erie County
Commission Expires June 13, 2017

TOWN OF AURORA DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Jan-16

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PHONE CALLS RECEIVED	TOWN OF AURORA	EAPD	NYSP	TOTAL CALLS
Attack/Fighting				0
Barking	1		1	2
Bites				0
Cats	4			4
Damage by Dogs				0
Dangerous Dogs				0
Deceased Dogs				0
Found Dogs	2		2	4
Injured/Sick				0
Licensing	21			21
Loose/Unleashed Dogs			4	4
Lost Dogs	1			1
Miscellaneous Calls	1			1
Mutual Aid				0
MVC-Dogs/Cats				0
dogs in restricted areas				
Other Animals	1			1
Threatening Dogs				0
Welfare				0
TOTAL	31		7	38

COURT CASES:

DATE

IMPOUNDMENTS:

DATE	BREED	STREET	AMOUNT
1/14/2016	German Shepherd	Kelly Dr.	\$45
1/31/2016	Lab Mix	Mill Rd.	\$45
		TOTAL	\$90

All Calls & Complaints

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Summary Report by Date: 01-02-2016 through 01-31-2016, for Category: BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Category	Date	Caller Name/Phone	Notes	Closed
Building Department Work Requi	01-05-16	Sheryl M.	PU 2 boxes from Clerk's office and deliver to Senior Center. Jason-.25 hrs	01-05-16
Building Department Work Requi	01-06-16	Elaine	Put up 30 min signs for Town Hall parking in back by door #5. 1/9-orderd signs Dave, Tim: 1/26-3 signs installed, can be moved if needed.	01-26-16
Building Department Work Requi	01-08-16	Sheryl M.	PU 1 box, bag and catalog form clerks Hall and deliver to courts. Sean- .5 hrs	01-11-16
Building Department Work Requi	01-15-16	Martha	Need John Deere tractor with forks and operator to help Mike move pallets of salt from warehouse to shed. Ken & Mike-45 minutes	01-19-16
Building Department Work Requi	01-15-16	Martha	Deliver 20 recycling bins from Glead to Hwy Office Ken and Mike- 15 minutes	01-19-16
Building Department Work Requi	01-22-16	Robert A.	Repair damage to driveway around monitoring well near Whaley Ave. exit. Potential tripping hazard and/or damage to vehicles in lot. Dave, Time, Ken, Mike E-2 bags of cold patch.	01-27-16
Building Department Work Requi	01-22-16	Sheryl M.	PU 4 boxes from Clerk's Hall and deliver to Sr. Center. Sean- Dave and Sean	01-26-16
Building Department Work Requi	01-25-16	Martha	Plow driveway back to pool so Mike can get back there to do some work. Also plow w. Falls to get to building.	01-25-16
Building Department Work Requi	01-26-16	Martha	Bring 3" pump to pool.	01-26-16

All Calls & Complaints

Summary Report by Date: 01-01-2016 through 01-31-2016, for Category: PARKS - PARKS

Category	Date	Caller Name/Phone	Notes	Closed
Parks	01-12-16	Waldorf School	Please make sure that the West Falls parking lot is plowed for their Winterfest on Saturday 1/16/16. Plowed out by Sean,.	01-15-16

All Calls & Complaints

Summary Report by Date: 12-01-2015 through 12-31-2015, for Category: PARKS - PARKS

Category	Date	Caller Name/Phone	Notes	Closed
Parks	12-08-15	EAPD# 15-518782 Graffiti	graffiti on driveway, tree and shelter. Mike E and Ken- 1/2 hour Painted over graffiti to match surfaces.	12-10-15

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RECEIVER OF TAXES & ASSESSMENTS

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE MONEY COLLECTED BY THIS OFFICE DURING THE YEAR 2015

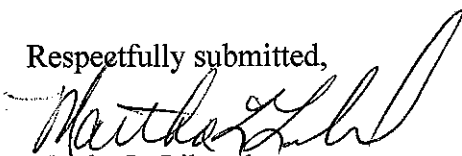
Paid to the County of Erie	8,601,465.80
Paid to the Town Supervisor	5,270,667.16
Uncollected Tax Returned	599,461.40
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	14,471,594.36

Fees to County	1,448.58
Penalties paid to Supervisor	23,582.58
Interest paid to Supervisor	261.19

2013-2014 School Warrants	
Aurora/Colden	16,236,252.21
	55,823.71
Orchard Park	1,181,565.67
Iroquois	708,064.82
Holland	158,717.22
Springville Griffith	25,311.76
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	18,365,735.39

Collected by this office	17,917,829.83
Returned to County	447,905.56
Interest paid to Schools	125.82
1.5% interest paid to Schools	2,191.56
7.5% penalty paid to Supervisor	19,049.36

Respectfully submitted,



Martha L. Librock
Receiver of Taxes & Assessments
Town of Aurora

2015 YEARLY REPORT REVENUE
RECEIVER OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Penalty Town/County	23,582.58
Interest on checking	261.19
7.5% School tax penalties	19,049.36
Tax receipt copies	2.00
Postage, envelopes, computer software reimbursement	
East Aurora	3,083.00
Orchard Park	153.88
Iroquois	114.26
Holland	58.00
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	46,304.27

Martha L. Librock
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Aurora
A1330 Receiver Budget

2015 YEARLY REPORT FOR THE TOWN BOARD
January 25, 2016

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TOWN OF AURORA
BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

MONTH	PERMITS ISSUED	FEE	VALUE
JANUARY	20	\$3109.85	\$235564
FEBRUARY	11	\$4286.75	\$590155
MARCH	22	\$6501.90	\$478660
APRIL	33	\$4167.65	\$766754
MAY	49	\$8810.00	\$1347176
JUNE	41	\$8707.13	\$1645924
JULY	57	\$9716.40	\$1151416
AUGUST	36	\$7503.25	\$1514154
SEPTEMBER	36	\$3357.40	\$340792
OCTOBER	35	\$4563.55	\$666565
NOVEMBER	13	\$727.20	\$18650
DECEMBER	19	\$2789.90	\$340250

TOTALS	372	\$64240.98	\$9,096,060.00
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Permit Summary Audit Report By Permit Number for

1/1/15 - 12/31/15

<i>Appl.</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Value</i>
19	5,236,986	\$19,429.00	0100	SINGLE FAMILY	19	5,236,986
15	411,012	\$1,842.00	0150	ADD TO RESIDENCE	15	411,012
12	752,441	\$3,103.13	0151	ADDITION & ALTERATION RESIDENTIA	12	752,441
3	119,083	\$455.90	0152	ADDITION & ACCESS STRUCTURE	3	119,083
19	58,000	\$1,424.90	0160	ALTERATION RESIDENTIAL	19	58,000
3	8,580	\$209.70	0161	ALTERATION& REPAIR RESIDENTIAL	3	8,580
11	118,240	\$1,369.60	0162	REPAIR RESIDENTIAL	11	118,240
1	10,360	\$175.40	0163	REPAIR - NON RESIDENTIAL	1	10,360
1	191,634	\$840.50	0200	AMUSEMENT, SOCIAL & RECREATION	1	191,634
1	16,800	\$420.00	0206	COMMERCIAL - OTHER	1	16,800
2	13,320	\$235.20	0218	COMMERCIAL ACCESS.STRUCTURE	2	13,320
1	1,476	\$57.80	0219	COMM ACCESS STRUCT ADDITION	1	1,476
1	30,400	\$202.40	0220	COMMERCIAL- ADDITION	1	30,400
12	388,065	\$5,147.40	0222	COMMERCIAL - ALTERATION	12	388,065
1	77,470	\$1,276.05	0224	COMMERCIAL ADDITION & ALTERATIO	1	77,470
19	237,342	\$2,041.60	0300	DETACHED GARAGE	19	237,342
1	2,880	\$63.20	0301	DET GAR ALTERATION	1	2,880
2	314,750	\$1,067.20	0310	ATTACHED GARAGE	2	314,750
3	9,090	\$164.40	0320	ADD TO GARAGE- RESIDENTIAL	3	9,090
2	41,184	\$188.20	0340	COMMERCIAL STORAGE BLDG	2	41,184
2	120,480	\$1,029.00	0425	INDOOR RIDING ARENA	2	120,480
51	417,525	\$4,827.90	0430	ACCESSORY BUILDING	51	417,525
2	28,800	\$190.40	0431	ACCESSORY BUILDING REPAIR	2	28,800
13	21,723	\$624.60	0434	ACCESS STRUCT - ALTER & REPAIR	13	21,723
48	130,000	\$2,237.50	0435	ACCESSORY STRUCTURE	48	130,000
1	360	\$35.00	0436	ACCESSORY STRUCTURE & ALTERATI	1	360
1	0	\$50.00	0449	DEMOLITION -PARTIAL DWELLING	1	0
3	0	\$100.00	0450	DEMOLITION - SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE	3	0
3	0	\$100.00	0454	DEMOLITION - ALL OTHER BUILDINGS	3	0
7	221,000	\$595.00	0485	POOL - INGROUND	7	221,000
1	7,600	\$25.00	0486	PONDS	1	7,600
12	100	\$540.00	0489	A-FRAME SIGN	12	100
18	37,330	\$1,215.00	0490	SIGN	18	37,330
36	475	\$900.00	0493	TEMPORARY SIGN	36	475
2	3,600	\$50.00	0494	POOLS - ABOVE GROUND	2	3,600
2	1,000	\$70.00	0500	SOLID FUEL APPLIANCE	2	1,000
11	47,028	\$440.00	0501	GENERATOR	11	47,028
2	0	\$40.00	0605	SPECIAL PERMIT	2	0
28	0	\$7,556.00	0700	RENEW/REISSUE	28	0
19	0	\$3,800.00	0730	RECREATION/PARK FEE	19	0
2	0	\$102.00	0820	FEE - DOUBLED	2	0
393	9,076,134	\$64,240.98			393	9,076,134

TOWN OF AURORA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
MONTH OF: JANUARY 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Reports:

- We have 9,835 members registered in our recreation system
- We had 248 individual program registrations in the month of January
- We generated \$14,309 in January sales
- Credit card purchases totaled 58% (87% on-line, 13% office)
 - 2015 to 2016 comparison:
 - Total sales from 1/1/15 – 1/31/15 \$10,799
 - Total sales from 1/1/16 – 1/31/16 \$14,309

Plans for Winterfest, spring programs, and summer programs are well underway. Winterfest is scheduled for the whole week that kids are off school, February 12-21. The week features a large variety of activities for every age and ability that are not all weather dependent.

The Baseball Commission has been meeting on a monthly basis to discuss their transition to become independent as well as pertinent processes for the upcoming season. Kevin Zawadzki has been elected as the new president.

EAST had 3 swim meets in the month of January. We had 66 swimmers attend the Regional Qualifiers in Eden, our best showing in years. We also hosted a league meet with several clubs in the Western New York region.

Submitted by: Chris Musshafen, Director of Recreation and Aquatics

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**East Aurora / Town of Aurora
Police Department
Interdepartmental Correspondence**

To: Mayor Kasprzak & Village Board

Supervisor Bach & Town Board

From: Shane Krieger, Chief of Police

Date: 02/04/2016

Re: Monthly Report - January 2016

General Information

1. January continued with the mild weather trend, which resulted in very few accidents. With the lack of snow some apparently believe that they can park on the streets over night in the village probably explaining the high amount of overnight parking tickets issued this past month.
2. Saia, the company installing Erie County Emergency Services tower on Ellicott Rd has been waiting on back ordered equipment to complete the installation of equipment on the tower, including our equipment. I hesitate to give any time table.
3. Due to Det Longboat being on an extended vacation, Lt Welch was responsible for both his lieutenant's duties as well as the detective's responsibilities.
4. The department had winter firearms training at Wolcott Guns indoor range. All but 3 Officers attended a 4 hour training session and all recertified. The final 3 officers will attend a 4 hour range in the next month.
5. In addition to Village Board, Town Board and Staff meetings I also attended the following:
 - Emergency Preparedness meeting at EAFD
 - EA Schools Safety Committee meeting
 - UNYTS Blood drive, sponsored by EAPD and EAFD
 - Monthly Erie Co. Chiefs Assoc. meeting
 - Village health care meetings



**East Aurora / Town of Aurora
Police Department
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- 8.5 hour Active Shooter Symposium at ECC North by FBI
- WFFD and EAFD Installation Dinners

Special Events

No special events this month

Statistics

Activity	N.E. District	S.W. District	Total (YTD)
Police calls	1,179 (1,179)	538 (538)	1,717 (1,717)
Fire/EMS calls			317 (317)
Response Time	1.23 minutes	2.31 minutes	
Property Damage Acc		1	1 (1)
Injury Accidents	1		1(1)
Leaving Scene Acc	3	1	4(4)
Arrests-Individuals	16	23	39(39)
Crimes-Persons	1	4	5(5)
Crimes-Drugs		1	1(1)
Crimes-Property	10		10(10)
Burglary/Trespass	1		1(1)
S&R-Lic/Reg	4	1	5 (5)
DWI	6	1	7(7)
Warrant Arrests	0	0	(0)
Traffic Tickets	106 (106)	43 (103)	149 (149)
Parking Tickets	91		91 (91)
Domestics			5 (5)
9.41 Mental Health Charge			3 (3)