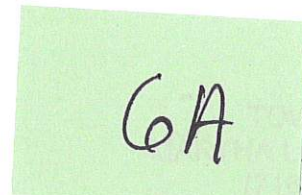


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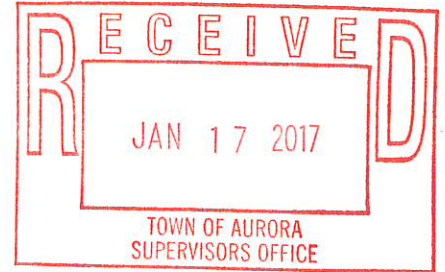
TO: Town Board
FROM: Kathleen Moffat
RE: Drescher & Malecki, LLP Engagement Letters
DATE: 01/18/17

Approval is respectfully requested for the Supervisor to sign engagement letters with Drescher & Malecki, LLP for completion of the New York state Annual Update Document (AUD) and for an audit of the year ending 12/31/16 financials, which includes preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The cost of said services, barring any unforeseen circumstances, is \$27,850.00.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF EAST AURORA

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January 6, 2017

Mr. Jim Bach
Supervisor, Town of Aurora
300 Gleed Avenue
East Aurora, NY 14052

Dear Jim:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and members of the Boys & Girls Club, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Town for the continued and generous support provided to the Club. This support by our Town has greatly enhanced our ability to serve the youth of our community with quality programs and services.

While we realize that the Town has some challenging decisions to make with regards to establishing the budget, we are most grateful that you recognize the important role the Boys & Girls Club plays in the lives of our families. Our programs touch almost every child in the community whether it be through an athletic league, a Club program, a tournament, a camp session, a school field trip or a special event. Club services continue to be in demand by the youth of our community. We average close to 400 kids per day on a regular school day and are very proud of the role the Club has played in the lives of countless numbers of alumni! Our Club serves more youth per day than any other Club unit in Western New York, including the Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo, and we continue to be a community center for all kids of organizations and programs! We could never do the job we do without the support of generous individuals, businesses, services Clubs, and, of course, our local governments.

Enclosed please find the 2017 funding agreement in the amount of \$35,000 as approved by the Town of Aurora. It has been signed by our Board President, Mike Wymer. If everything looks in order, we would request that you **sign the agreement, keep a copy and return the original to us.**

We look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Aurora for the benefit of our kids and invite you to come by anytime, take a tour and see the great things that your support makes possible every day!

Sincerely,

Gary D. Schutrum
Chief Executive Officer

Agreement

Dated as of the 1st day of January, 2017 by and between the TOWN OF AURORA, County of Erie, State of New York, a municipal corporation maintaining offices at 300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, New York, hereinafter referred to as the "Town" and THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EAST AURORA, a not-for-profit organization maintaining offices at 24 Paine Street, East Aurora, New York, hereinafter referred to as the "Boys & Girls Club".

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need in the community for programs to advance the moral, physical, mental, and social well-being of the youth of the Town of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club has agreed to provide services and programs to the youth of the Town of Aurora in the year 2017 as set forth on Exhibit "A" of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Aurora will benefit from such programs being provided to the youth of the Town,

NOW WITNESSETH,

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED by and between the Town and the Boys & Girls Club that the Boys & Girls Club will conduct the programs set forth on Exhibit "A" of this Agreement for the year 2017; and

In consideration therefor, the Town will pay the Boys & Girls Club the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) as follows:

1 st installment – March, 2017	\$ 9,000
2 nd installment – April, 2017	\$ 9,000
3 rd installment – July, 2017	\$ 9,000
4 th installment – Sept., 2017	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
Total	\$35,000

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Boys & Girls Club shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town, its agents, employees or representatives against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, including death, property damage, lawsuits or other claims that result from services being provided by the Boys & Girls Club. The Town shall be named as an additional insured on the liability policy of the Boys & Girls Club, with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of coverage; and the Boys & Girls Club will provide the Town with a certificate of insurance listing the Town as an additional insured on said policy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be signed by their duly authorized representatives on the date first above written.

Dated: January _____, 2017

TOWN OF AURORA:

By: _____
James Bach
Supervisor, Town of Aurora

Dated: January _____, 2017

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EAST AURORA

By: 
Michael Wymer
Board President

EXHIBIT A

Athletics – After school athletic leagues for boys and girls in grades 2-9

- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Kickball
- Floor Hockey
- Basketball
- Lacrosse

Basketball programs for youth, ages 7-18

- WNY Travel Basketball Program
- Saturday Morning In-House Basketball Program
- Annual High School Basketball Tournaments

Social Recreation Programs for youth, ages 7-11

- Daily drop-in activities
- Smart Girls
- Peanut Patrol

Educational Programs for youth, ages 11-14

- History Club

Drug, Alcohol and Early Sexual Involvement Prevention Programs:

- Smart Moves
- Peer Mentors

Social Recreation Programs for youth, ages 12-18, afternoons and evenings

- Daily drop-in activities
- Community Service Program
- Dances
- Disc Jockey Club

Summer Camp Programs

- Camp Ska-No-Ka-San: Summer day camp for youth, ages 7-13
- Jr. Counselor Program for youth, ages 14 and 15
- Adventure Camp Program for youth, ages 13-18

Teen Programs – Evening program for boys and girls in grades 9-12

- Athletics - Flag Football, Bubble Soccer
- Trivia Night
- Reach High/Keystone Club
- HS History Club
- Special Events – Retro Dance, Taco Night, 5th Quarter Events

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To: Town Board Members

I respectfully request the Town Board approve of the hiring of Union Concrete Construction for wood grinding at the rate of \$385 per hour not to exceed \$5000.00 that was budgeted in line SR 8189.200. I have attached the Erie county bid award that this falls under.

Union Concrete will be doing this project sometime this spring. We will be making the mulch created by the wood chipper available for Town of Aurora residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David M. Gunner".

David M. Gunner
Superintendent of Highways

2016 Summer Maintenance Bid

SECTION E900	Item No.	Item	Pay Unit	Suit-Kote	Union Concrete Construction Corp.	Villager Construction, Inc.	Robinson Paving	Pat Roberts & Sons	Michael Serafini, Inc.	R.B. U'Ren Equipment, Inc.	R.W. Struck Inc.
	E900.61PH	Wood Grinder with Operator	Hour		\$385.00						\$525.00
	E900.61PD	Wood Grinder with Operator	Day		\$3,080.00						\$4,200.00
	E900.61PW	Wood Grinder with Operator	Week		\$15,400.00						\$21,000.00
	E900.61PM	Wood Grinder with Operator	Month		\$61,600.00						\$84,000.00
	E900.62PD	Topsoil Shredder with Operator	Day		\$1,800.00						
	E900.63PD	Mat Smoothness Machine/Mat. Transfer Device with Operator	Day		\$2,100.00						
	E900.64	Movement of Equipment	Hour/Move	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$150.00 Note 6	\$200.00		\$120.00		
	E900.6501PH	Snow and Ice Removal, Single Axle Dump Truck	Hour						\$71.00		\$90.00
	E900.6502PH	Snow and Ice Removal, Tandem Axle Dump Truck	Hour						\$81.00		\$95.00
	E900.6503PH	Snow and Ice Removal, Tri-Axle Dump Truck	Hour		\$135.00				\$81.00		
	E900.66PH	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 208 VAC	Hour							\$15.00	
	E900.66PD	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 208 VAC	Day							\$260.00	
	E900.66PM	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 208 VAC	Month							\$1,900.00	
	E900.6601	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 208 VAC, Running Time Premium/Hour	Hour							\$15.00	
	E900.6602	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 208 VAC, Delivery/Pick-up	Lump Sum							\$170.00	
	E900.6603	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 208 VAC, (Extra Cable, Per Foot Per Day)	Foot/Day							50ft set \$65	
	E900.67PH	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 208 VAC	Hour							\$23.00	
	E900.67PD	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 208 VAC	Day							\$300.00	
	E900.67PM	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 208 VAC	Month							\$2,850.00	
	E900.6701	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 208 VAC, Running Time Premium/Hour	Hour							\$23.00	
	E900.6702	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 208 VAC, Delivery/Pick-up	Lump Sum							\$170.00	
	E900.6703	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 208 VAC, Extra Cable, Per Foot Per Day	Foot/Day							50ft set \$65	
	E900.68PH	Portable Standby Generator 50 Kw @ 240 VAC	Hour							\$12.50	
	E900.68PD	Portable Standby Generator 50 Kw @ 240 VAC	Day							\$200.00	
	E900.68PM	Portable Standby Generator 50 Kw @ 240 VAC	Month							\$1,530.00	
	E900.6801	Portable Standby Generator 50 Kw @ 240 VAC, Running Time Premium/Hour	Hour							\$12.50	
	E900.6802	Portable Standby Generator 50 Kw @ 240 VAC, Delivery/Pick-up	Lump Sum							\$170.00	
	E900.6803	Portable Standby Generator 50 Kw @ 240 VAC, Extra Cable, Per Foot Per Day	Foot/Day							50ft set \$32.50	
	E900.69PH	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 240 VAC	Hour							\$23.00	
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	E900.6901	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 240 VAC, Running Time Premium/Hour	Hour							\$23.00	
	E900.6902	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 240 VAC, Delivery/Pick-up	Lump Sum							\$170.00	
	E900.6903	Portable Standby Generator 150 Kw @ 240 VAC, Extra Cable, Per Foot Per Day	Foot/Day							50ft set \$65	
	E900.70PH	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 480 VAC	Hour							\$15.00	
	E900.70PD	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 480 VAC	Day							\$260.00	
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	E900.7001	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 480 VAC, Running Time Premium/Hour	Hour							\$15.00	
	E900.7002	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 480 VAC, Delivery/Pick-up	Lump Sum							\$170.00	
	E900.7003	Portable Standby Generator 100 Kw @ 480 VAC, Extra Cable, Per Foot Per Day	Foot/Day							50ft set \$65	
	E900.71PH	Portable Standby Generator 200 Kw @ 480 VAC	Hour							\$24.00	
	E900.71PD	Portable Standby Generator 200 Kw @ 480 VAC	Day							\$350.00	



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To: Town Board
From: Chris Musshafen
Date: 1/19/17
Re: Staff

Approval is requested to rehire Hannah Gonsiorek and Ivy Bindig, as part time employees. Both Hannah and Ivy have worked for the Recreation department in the past. This will also be their second year with us. The below rate is based off the 2017 rate chart approved during the budget processes.

<u>Rec. Attendant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Hannah Gonsiorek	325 Center St	Lifeguard PT	\$10.05
Ivy Bindig	209 King St	Lifeguard PT	\$10.05



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To: Town Board
From: Chris Musshafen
Date: 1/19/17
Re: Rate Correction

Approval is requested to change Emma Brinker's rate of pay to \$10.05. In a previous memo request, there was a typo that had Emma's rate at \$10.50 that did not comply with the 2017 pay rate chart.

<u>Rec. Attendant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
Emma Brinker	201 Glenridge Rd	Lifeguard <i>PT</i>	\$10.50	\$10.05

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The Town will be receiving a \$100,000 grant arranged by Senator Patrick Gallivan through the Dormitory Authority of State of New York (DASNY) to use for the relining of both the community pool and the wading pool and installation of an ingress/egress step in the wading pool. The quotes for the project components totaled \$107,147. The \$7,147 that exceeds the grant will come from General Fund Unreserved/Unappropriated Fund Balance.

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TO: James J. Bach
FROM: Richard L. Dean
RE: Ellicottville Seminar

This letter is a request to attend a 1 day Western NY Appraisal Institute Seminar to be held February 3, 2017, at the Holiday Valley Ski Resort.

I have submitted a voucher request for the registration fee. There is a special \$50 pricing for Assessors, Bankers, etc. Please provide check to me as I will present the day of the seminar.

Attachments enclosed

Western New York-Ontario Chapter Appraisal Institute

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2017 Ellicottville Seminar Residential and Commercial Trends

John Zukowski, MAI, SRA, IAO, MRICS

Lead Instructor and Facilitator

Friday, February 3rd, 2017

Registration: 8 - 8:30 A.M.

Seminar Begins: 8:30 A.M.

Lunch: Midday

Cost (Includes Lunch):

\$195: AI Members-Commercial

(CE Credit w/Certificate)

\$205: Non-AI Registrars-Commercial

(CE Credit w/Certificate)

\$50: NYS Assessors (Rate Special)

(CE Credit w/Certificate)

USE PROMO CODE: Assessor

\$50: Bankers, Lawyers, Real Estate

Agents, etc. OR Commercial Appraisers not

Requiring AI or CE Credit - **NO CERTIFICATE**

USE PROMO CODE: No CE Credit

For further information please contact:

Yvette Molinas, Executive Director at 716-844-3311



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OFFICE OF
THE TOWN HISTORIAN

Town of Aurora & Village of East Aurora, New York

18 January 2017

Town Supervisor James J. Bach
The Southside Municipal Center
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Mayor Allan A. Kasprzak
East Aurora Village Hall
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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 2016.

January 8, 2017 marked my tenth anniversary as Historian. Thank you to the citizens of the Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora for this high honor and privilege. This is the dream job I never knew I wanted. I never take my appointment for granted, so I thank you for your continued confidence.

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 in 2016, 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 black ink that reads "Robert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Lowell Goller
Town and Village Historian

cc: New York State Historian Devin Lander; Erie County Historian Douglas Kohler; 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.

Annual Report of the Historian



2016



Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora, New York

Robert Lowell Goller
Historian



The Aurora Town Historian's exhibit at the Erie County Fair, in August 2016, "The Toys of Toy Town," featured ToyFest commemorative toys, from 1987 through 2009.

As with previous reports, this report for 2016 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
- Events

In addition, we have also outlined specific missions and goals for 2017.

The Archives

A main function of the Historian’s Office is to assist residents with historical research and maintain the archives. The office and archives are open each Wednesday, from 1– 4 p.m., and by special appointments. 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.

The number of visits to the office in 2016 decreased over the previous year, but the number of requests for information via email, Facebook message and U.S. Mail have continued to increase in recent years.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Visits	157	189	253	231	189

These visits represent both office hours and special appointments. We keep a detailed log of visits to the office and the subjects that are researched. As has always been the case, most research requests involve genealogy and house histories, but other visits included assisting members of the village’s Historic Preservation Commission and other governmental boards with reviews of proposals under consideration; providing photographs and background information for local businesses, including Riley Street Station, Beulah’s General Store, Mambrino King, and the restored Calvin Fillmore House; and assisting several middle and high school students with class history projects.

In addition to in-office visits, we also continue to respond to requests via email and U.S. Mail. The number of requests continued to increase in 2016 and it was the highest number since I became Town Historian in 2007.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Requests for information via email or U.S. Mail	51	112	75	133	156

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.

The office relies heavily on the generosity of volunteers. Two volunteers, Lucas Dana and Marian Halperin, have assisted in the office on a regular basis, sharing more than 200 hours of volunteer time in 2016. Thanks to these volunteers, we have been able to make a great deal of progress on several specific projects, including:

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—Scanning the extensive collection of Roycroft photographs and documents.

—Organizing and cataloguing the collections related to President Millard Fillmore, the Hamlin and Jewett horse farms, and Fisher-Price. As a result of many hours of volunteer effort, these collections are now stored neatly in acid free binders rather than in loose folders.

In addition, Joseph “Potts” Stapleton visits the office on a nearly weekly basis and has digitally scanned a number of photographs and articles 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. This is accomplished in a number of ways, including public presentations, the Historian’s Facebook page and the Historian’s monthly column, which is featured in the *East Aurora Advertiser* and on the Internet.

FACEBOOK PAGE...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. In 2016 we started a daily posting, which features an interesting newspaper clipping, photograph or artifact from the past. The popularity, of course, depends on the subject matter of each post, but the posts on average reach more than 1,000 people each day.

MONTHLY HISTORY COLUMN...The monthly “Historian’s Corner” is usually featured in the *East Aurora Advertiser* on the last week of each month.

Topics of the monthly “Historian’s Corner” column in 2016 included:

January: Historic Riley House Saved from the Wrecking Ball in 1964

February: Frequently Asked Questions About the Town Historian and the Historian’s Office

March: Daylight Saving Was a Time for Confusion in 1920s and 1930s

April: ‘Parade of Cars’ was a Sign of Spring

May: The Ball Block (Current Home to the East Aurora Cooperative Market) Opened a Century Ago

June: *No Article*

July: Aurora’s Other Presidential Connections

August: Community Pool Marks Its 50th Anniversary

September: 100 Years Ago—Towns Finally Surrender to Sinking Ponds and Build Girdle Road

October: How the Town of Aurora Has Voted in Every Presidential Election Since 1876

November: The Christmas ‘Avalanche’ at the East Aurora Post Office

December: EA’s Community Caroling is a Century-Old Tradition

I also continue to make myself available for interviews, and encourage local newspapers to use the Historian’s Office as a resource for historical material.

SPEECHES AND PROGRAMS.... Throughout the year I continued to offer programs on a variety of topics at local civic group meetings and other events, including historical societies and the Road Scholar program, which consists of history enthusiasts from across the globe who visit East Aurora a few times per year. In 2016, I presented more than a dozen programs to a variety of groups. I also travel regularly to present programs at Fox Run in Orchard Park, where many East Aurora residents now live. *(A list of available programs is included on the Town Historian's website.)*

Following is a full list of programs presented in 2016:

January 20—"The History of West Falls"—*presented at the Fox Run Retirement Community*

February 17—"East Aurora and the War of 1812"—*presented at the Fox Run Retirement Community*

February 18—"A Tempest in the Village Teapot: East Aurora's Love-Hate Relationship With Elbert Hubbard"—*presented at the Aurora Senior Center, as part of Winterfest.*

March 10—"The Roycroft After the Lusitania"—*presented at the Fox Run Retirement Community*

March 17—"Who Were the Roycrofters?" —*presented at The Roycroft Campus*

March 31—"Why Did Elbert Hubbard Pick East Aurora?"—*presented at The Roycroft Campus*

May 27—"A Tempest in the Village Teapot: East Aurora's Love-Hate Relationship With Elbert Hubbard"—*presented to the Road Scholars at The Roycroft Inn*

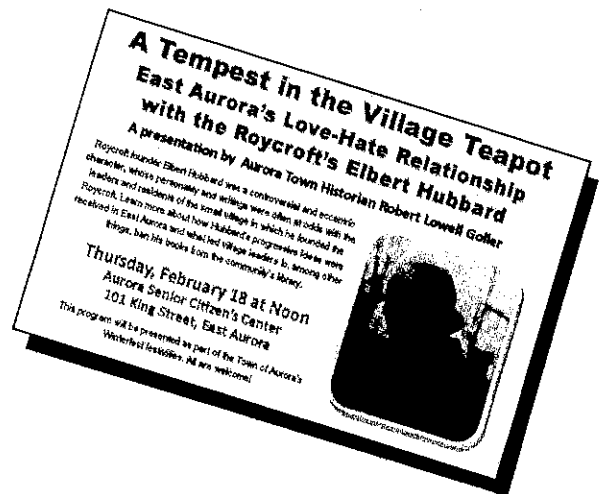
July 13—"A History of West Falls"—*presented at the Fox Run Retirement Community*

September 23—"A Tempest in the Village Teapot: East Aurora's Love-Hate Relationship With Elbert Hubbard"—*presented to the Road Scholars at The Roycroft Inn*

October 21—"A Tempest in the Village Teapot: East Aurora's Love-Hate Relationship With Elbert Hubbard"—*presented to the Road Scholars at The Roycroft Inn*

November 10—"The Politics of Elbert Hubbard"—*presented at The Roycroft Campus*

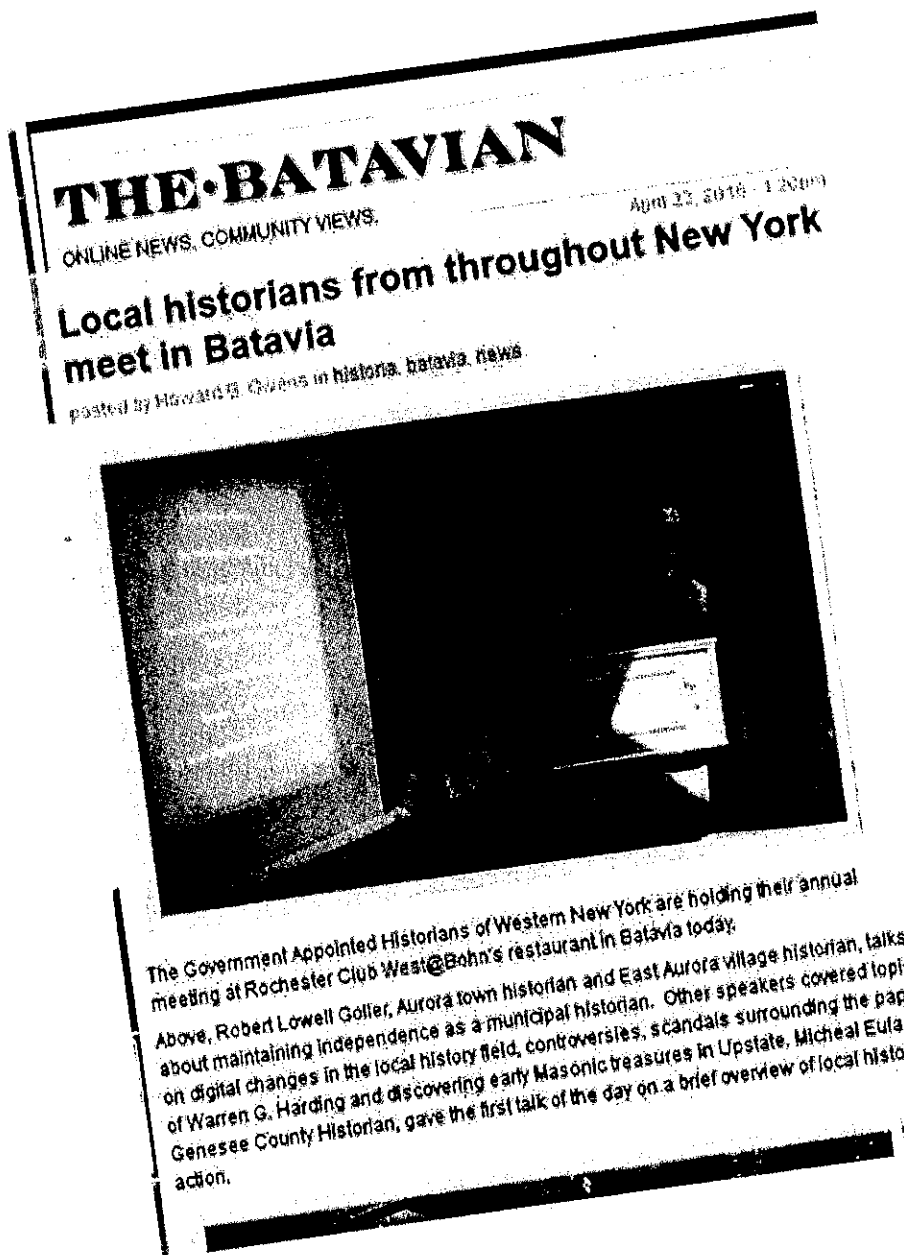
November 15—"Abolition in Aurora: A History of the Underground Railroad in Our Community"—*presented to the Holland Historical Society*



*I also was honored with an invitation to speak at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on June 16. Regrettably, due to a family emergency, I was unable to attend, but I sent along a letter to be read at the event.

HISTORICAL AGENCIES... Throughout the year, I meet in an advisory capacity with historical agencies in the community. I attend the monthly meetings of the Aurora Historical Society board and general membership, and in the fall I was invited to join an advisory committee to help plan an exhibit of Roycroft artifacts on The Roycroft Campus.

GOVERNMENT APPOINTED HISTORIANS OF WESTERN NEW YORK... 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. At the spring meeting in Batavia on April 23, I was invited to present a program to other historians on the topic of Maintaining Your Independence (Political and Otherwise) As Town Historian. The fall meeting was held Sept. 24, in Geneseo, where we met with the new State Historian, Devin Lander, who shared his plans for connecting with and providing training opportunities for municipal historians throughout the state.



New York State Historian Devin Lander at the fall GAHWNY meeting

Events and Other Highlights of 2016

January

FILLMORE'S BIRTHDAY...Annually, on January 7, I join members of the Aurora Historical Society and others from the Western New York community at the graveside service sponsored by the University at Buffalo at Forest Lawn Cemetery, to commemorate the birthday of President Millard Fillmore. On the President's birthday in 2016, I joined the Aurora Historical Society at the Millard Fillmore Presidential Site for an early-morning interview on WGRZ-Channel 2.

February

MILLARD FILLMORE DINNER...On February 11 at The Roycroft Inn, I once again had the honor of providing the political satire, as "President Fillmore" and "a surprise singing guest," at the Millard Fillmore Dinner, an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Aurora Historical Society for the Millard Fillmore Presidential Site in East Aurora.

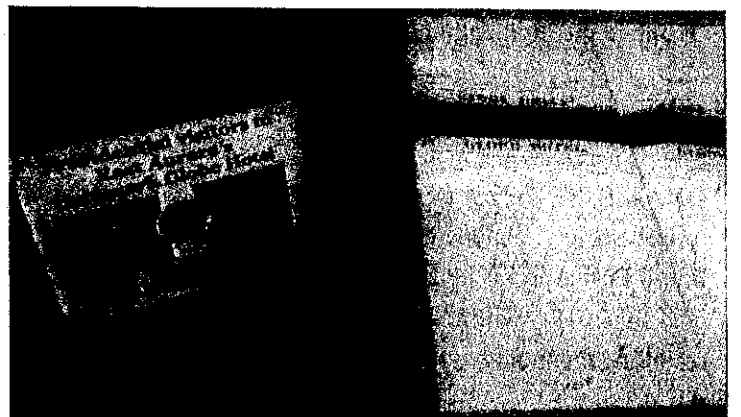
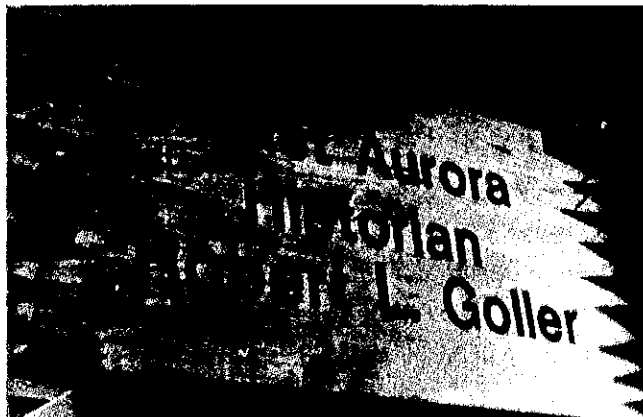


April

NEW YORK PRESS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION...The New York Press Association, which represents community newspapers across New York State, invited me to speak at its annual convention in Saratoga Springs, April 8-10, on the value of internships, as well as the value of a journalism education, even in careers outside of the journalism field.

August

ERIE COUNTY FAIR...The Aurora Town Historian's Office was invited to provide exhibits at the Erie County Fair's Historical Building. One exhibit, "The Toys of ToyTown," (pictured on the cover of this report) featured commemorative ToyFest toys, from 1987 to 2009, from the personal collection of the Town Historian. The topic of the other exhibit was presidential visits to The Globe Hotel, and featured a visitor's log from the hotel that includes what is believed to be President Grover Cleveland's visit in 1890. (The visitor's log is now on exhibit in the Town Historian's Office.) At the fair this year, we also honored Wales Town Historian Dee Zeigel, who marked her 25th anniversary as superintendent of the Historical Building. With hundreds of thousands of visitors, the Erie County Fair is a great way to share Aurora's history with a large and diverse audience, including many children.



Missions and Goals for 2017

BICENTENNIAL IN 2018-2019...A great deal of 2017 will be devoted to planning the 200th anniversary of the Town of Aurora. I look forward to leading the planning committee with Town Councilman Jeff Harris, and I look forward to working with a variety of community leaders and organizations, some of whom have already stepped forward to help. Thank you to the Town Board for establishing the committee, which will begin its work in January or February. We will aim to regularly update the Town and Village Boards, as well as the community, throughout 2017. Town Supervisor Bach and I have already attended joint meetings with the planning committees from the towns of Holland and Wales, which will also mark their bicentennials in 2018-2019, and we are making plans to host several events with our neighbors from the other two towns. We agree with the *East Aurora Advertiser* that the bicentennial will be a great opportunity to honor our community organizations, re-engage our citizens, and “honor our past by building our future.”

East Aurora Advertiser, January 5, 2017 >

EDITORIAL

Remembering Our Roots

The towns of Aurora, Holland and Wales will mark their bicentennials in 2018, milestones that were recently brought to the attention of the Aurora Town Board by Historian Robert Lowell Goller. It seems community anniversaries aren't as “big” as they once were, perhaps a reflection of a more mobile society, perhaps a result of the changed nature of most small town business centers, or maybe it's just that people are spending their time on other things. But there is value in community as a place beyond a zip code. Remembering our municipal roots is a reminder that people worked together to build a community for mutual good and we still benefit from their work.

Official formation of a town in 1818 was, in some sense, recognition of the survival of those who had arrived in prior years and prevailed in the harsh reality of the frontier. Community building then meant physically building; a school, a church, a road, a mill. Today, most residents are much removed from community building. Writing a tax check for services is the community involvement for many. Checking in on social media consists of virtually gathering instead of actually gathering.

There is something to be gained from community building that goes beyond

a project or activity. In a time when polarization seems to rule, community building can create common ground on some issues, respect of differences on others. In a time when the ease of communication has done more to isolate people than bring them together, community building opens a renewed sense of belonging.

The celebration the three towns held in recognition of their 150th anniversaries is “history” to many residents. The men grew beards, women sewed period costumes, souvenirs were created, proclamations signed, program books printed and much more. In 2018 it's likely a celebration will look much different.

Today, most traditional community builders, the service organizations, fire departments, churches, etc., aren't what they once were in terms of membership and participation. So our suggestion for the bicentennial celebrations is to make 2018 a time to recognize organizations and the work that they continue to accomplish and at the same time redouble efforts to re-engage citizens in community building. Let's honor our past by building our future.

(Ed. Note: Publisher Grant Hamilton's father, Charles F. Hamilton, was chairman of Aurora's Sesquicentennial in 1968.)

DIGITIZATION...Thanks to generous donations, \$1,000 remains earmarked for digitizing our newspapers. With previous donations, we were able to digitize the *East Aurora Advertiser* through 1969. With these funds in 2017, we plan to complete the digitization of the *Advertiser*, as well as digitize other newspapers, including the *Aurora Standard* from the 1830s, the *Weekly Times* from the 1880s, *The Orbit* from the 1960s, and begin digitizing the *Shopping Guides* from the 1930s-1970s.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT...A few decades ago, the Town Historian's Office, in conjunction with the Aurora Historical Society, conducted an oral history project, in which local residents were interviewed about their recollections of life in East Aurora. In addition to taking additional steps to better preserve these interviews from a few decades ago, a goal for 2017—with the help of the entire community—is to launch another oral history project using modern digital recording technology to interview today's longtime residents. More details will be announced in the coming months.



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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: 01122017

Re: Monthly Report – December 2016

General Information

- As I mentioned in the November report, Communications Supervisor Joanne Yuhnke retired as of 12/30/2016. Unfortunately we are waiting on the new Public Safety Dispatcher civil service test results before we can move forward on making PSD Denz permanent and finding a replacement for Joanne. Information I received is that the results will be out within a month. For the time being our part-time PSD's are doing their best to help us cover shifts.
- With the conclusion of 2016, work will begin on compiling data and composing the EAPD 2016 Yearly Report. As you have been able to see from the statistics that you receive in the monthly reports, 2016 showed higher numbers in most categories compared to previous years.

Training:

- Lt Waldron attended train the trainer Blue Courage training course at the Erie County Police Academy. The training Lt Waldron received will enable him to instruct our officers on aspects of the profession that can affect officer's lives and be a refresher in important parts of their careers.
- Lt Waldron and PO Braeuner attended Initial Response to Active Shooter training. PO Braeuner, the department firearms instructor and Lt Waldron will use the training from this course to setup training for this department utilizing simunition firearms.
- Officers viewed a video on the use of the emergency gate closers, which are now at every entrance to the Rte. 400. This will enable a quick response to closing the Rte. 400 due to accidents or weather events.



East Aurora / Town of Aurora Police Department Interdepartmental Correspondence

- In addition to Village Board, Town Board and Staff meetings I also attended the following:
 - Erie County Police Chiefs monthly meeting
 - 12 Pistol permit interviews
 - NITTEC meeting - regarding emergency closing of major roads and large weather events
 - Met with owner of Advanced Alarm, which installed and maintains our video cameras and DVR for Village Hall, regarding updating our system.
 - Meeting w/ VA Gazda and labor attorney to discuss on going PBA negotiations

Special Events

Caroler 5K - Several hundred runners participated. Nothing unusual to report from the event.

Carolcade - Large crowd in attendance, even with the rain. Still waiting to hear if the Guinness record was broken.



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

Statistics

Activity	N.E. District	S.W. District	Total (YTD)
Police calls	1,434 (16,701)	537(6,112)	1,971 (22,813)
Fire/EMS calls			329 (2,764)
Response Time	1.62 minutes	2.50 minutes	
Property Damage Acc	27	11	37(298)
Injury Accidents	2	2/1 Fatal	4(73)3(Fatal)
Leaving Scene Acc	6	1	7 (39)
Arrests-Individuals	13	25	38(364)
Crimes-Persons	5	2	7(101)
Crimes-Drugs	8	2	10(91)
Crimes-Property	12	2	14(247)
Burglary/Trespass	0	0	0(21)
S&R-Lic/Reg	5	2	7(88)
DWI	3	2	5(69)
Warrant Arrests	1	0	1(23)
Traffic Tickets	56(955)	35 (743)	91 (1,698)
Parking Tickets	97		97 (474)
Domestics			5 (58)
9.41 Mental Health Charge			3 (31)



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

Arrests / Investigations

- Besides the arrests and reported crimes in the above chart, Officers also dealt with the following:
 - Fatal motor vehicle accident – A vehicle drove off the road on Davis Rd. The operator was pronounced at the scene. A passenger was transported to a local hospital with non life threatening injuries.
 - There is an ongoing investigation from 12/30/2016 where several car larcenies were reported as well as graffiti in several areas of the village. It is believed that they are connected.

STATISTICS
December 2016

Officer	Moving	Non-Moving	511/512	DWI	DWI/F	Penal Law	Other Laws	Parking
Wolff	1							
Y-T-D	6	3				4	1	
Bleyle								2
Y-T-D	1	2	1				1	21
Welch	4	1		1				
Y-T-D	33	17	3	1	1	19	1	13
Waldron								11
Y-T-D	31	29	3	1		15	3	81
Longboat								
Y-T-D						16		
Suttell								
Y-T-D	39	35	5		1	1	2	5
Gottstine	1	1						1
Y-T-D	82	26	7	4		3	1	11
Braeuner	3							
Y-T-D	73	35	12	1		4	2	6
O'Brien	3	1		1				8
Y-T-D	41	22	6	3		8	2	9
Foster								
Y-T-D	56	47	2	1		16	14	32
Cartwright	16	13	2			5	8	37
Y-T-D	207	200	24	12	3	26	19	150
Kilburn	8	4			1	1		15
Y-T-D	122	85	11	4	2	19	6	82
Albanese	4	11	1		1	8	1	18
Y-T-D	92	126	15	9	3	63	6	26
O'Hara	11	9	4	1		3	7	5
Y-T-D	197	92	15	19	3	21	12	38
Ferrara								
Y-T-D								
Monthly	51	40	7	3	2	17	16	97
Y-T-D	980	718	91	56	13	219	71	474
total tsleds								
Town	35		Village	56		Total	91	
Y-T-D	743		Y-T-D	955		Y-T-D	1,698	

TOWN OF AURORA DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Dec-16

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PHONE CALLS RECEIVED	TOWN OF AURORA	EAPD	NYSP	TOTAL CALLS
Attack/Fighting		1/		1
Barking				0
Bites				0
Cats	1			1
Damage by Dogs				0
Dangerous Dogs				0
Deceased Dogs				0
Found Dogs			1	1
Injured/Sick				0
Licensing				0
Loose/Unleashed Dogs			4	1
Lost Dogs				0
Miscellaneous Calls				0
Mutual Aid				0
MVC-Dogs/Cats				0
dogs in restricted areas				
Other Animals				0
Threatening Dogs	1			1
Welfare				0
TOTAL	2		6	0
				8

IMPOUNDMENTS:

DATE	BREED	STREET	AMOUNT
12/4/2016	Pitbull	Davis/Behm	Trans. To SPCA
12/22/2016	Terrier	Center/ Linden	\$45

Animals Found Positive for Rabies in Erie County 2016- (attached)

Erie County, NY Department of Health » Animals Found Positive for Rabies (Species & Location)

Animals Found Positive for Rabies (Species & Location)

Erie County 2016

Animals Found Positive for Rabies by Species and Location

Erie County Department of Health

Office of Environmental Health Services

Rabies, Disease and Vector Control Program

Updated 11/25/2016

Number of Animals Found Positive for Rabies in 2016	
Type of Animal	Number Positive
Bat	13
Cat *	2
Deer	
Dog	
Fox	3
Raccoon	10
Skunk	2
Woodchuck	1
Cattle	
Total	31

* 06/30/2016 and 10/11/2016 NYS Rabies lab reported: Variant virus RNA by real-time RT-PCR: Raccoon variant

Count	Date Reported Positive	Animal	Township
1	01/14/2016	Raccoon	Aurora
2	01/20/2016	Raccoon	Hamburg
3	01/20/2016	Bat	Buffalo
4	02/03/2016	Skunk	Orchard Park
5	03/16/2016	Raccoon	Newstead
6	03/29/2016	Skunk	Holland
7	04/06/2016	Raccoon	North Collins
8	04/14/2016	Raccoon	Brant
9	05/13/2016	Bat	Amherst
10	05/18/2016	Fox	Concord
11	05/31/2016	Raccoon	Marilla
12	06/09/2016	Fox	Newstead
13	06/20/2016	Fox	Eden
14	06/21/2016	Cat *	Aurora
--	* 06/30/2016 NYS Rabies lab reported: Variant virus RNA by real-time RT-PCR: Raccoon variant		
15	06/29/2016	Bat	Buffalo
16	07/12/2016	Bat	Lackawanna
17	07/27/2016	Raccoon	Hamburg
18	08/11/2016	Bat	Buffalo
19	08/23/2016	Bat	Tonawanda

20	08/26/2016	Raccoon	Aurora
21	08/26/2016	Bat	Tonawanda
22	08/30/2016	Woodchuck	Eden
23	09/02/2016	Bat	Buffalo
24	09/07/2016	Raccoon	Eden
25	09/13/2016	Bat	Holland
26	10/03/2016	Cat **	Eden
--	** 10/11/2016 NYS Rabies lab reported; Variant virus RNA by real-time RT-PCR: Raccoon variant		
27	10/26/2016	Raccoon	Holland
28	10/31/2016	Bat	Buffalo
29	11/01/2016	Bat	Orchard Park
30	11/08/2016	Bat	Buffalo
31	11/23/16	Bat	Clarence

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All Calls & Complaints

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Summary Report by Date: 12-01-2016 through 12-31-2016, for Category: BUILDING I

EQUI -

Category	Date	Caller Name/Phone	Notes	Closed
Building Department Work Requi	12-02-16	Donna	replace weather stropping in AADS double door. Air is coming through. Mike B.-12-8 need to put 3/4" foam rope in between doors until the rifth draft stop can get ordered. 12-9- put in foam rope inside and outside- 1 hr	12-09-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-02-16	Sheryl	PU 7 big boxes and 1 envelope from Clerk's hall and deliver to senlor Center. Jason-.5 hrs	12-02-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-02-16	Donna	rplace weather stripping in AADS double door. Cold air is coming through.	12-09-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-02-16	Donna	replace weather stripping in the AADS double door. Cold air coming through. Mike B-12/8, Needs to put 3/4" foam rope in between doors until the right draft stop can be ordered. 12/9, foam rope was put in inside and out. 1 hour	12-09-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-07-16	Sheryl M.	take 1 case of paper form Clerk's Office to Senior Center. Sean	12-08-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-07-16	Martha	Check light pole at bridge slde of WF library to see if there is a pole number. A resident reported that a light is out. 1A Time-20 min	12-07-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-15-16	John	Please put a bag of salt by their door so they can keep up with the ice. Dave D and Sheryl -45 minutes combined with complaint 3237	12-15-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-15-16	John	furnace in front, by fireplace is blowing cold air. Please investigate and resolve. Sheryl and Dave D-45 min	12-15-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-15-16	Maria	thaw lock on dumpster @ rear of Center, located near the fence. Dave D. and Sheryl-30 minutes	12-15-16
Building Department Work Requi	12-15-16	Rob	chop and remove ice from steps at library entrance. Sheryl and Dave: 30 minutes	12-15-16

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December 2016

Ms. Kathleen Moffat
Town of Aurora
300 Gleed Avenue
East Aurora, NY 14052

Thank you, Kathleen

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Dear Ms. Moffat,

A sincere *Thank you*, on behalf of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County and our entire community, for your leadership and support during our 2016 United Way Campaign. Thank you for all the work involved in a workplace campaign. Your generosity and that of your colleagues contributed \$1,142 to our campaign, and will make a substantial difference for those in need in our community.

Through your generosity, United Way brings people, organizations and resources together to improve community well-being. Your contribution will be invested in local programs to ensure that children and youth reach their full potential; families attain financial stability and independence; and people of all ages are healthy and safe.

We are so grateful for your contributions of *your* time and talent to United Way.

On behalf of the United Way and the thousands of people whose lives you have touched, thank you. We look forward to working with you and Town of Aurora next year.

Sincerely,

Paulette M. Crooke
2016 Campaign Chair

CC: Honorable James Bach