

Conversation with the Mayor October 21, 2008

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The Calendar in Double Time

Years ago I used to wait for the 'lull after the holidays'. Doesn't happen. Then I thought once all the summer events in Palmyra - the Pageant, Pirates Weekend, the Wayne County Fair, Canal Town Days - were over, we could catch our breath, at least until the holidays. That isn't happening either. The calendar is running double time. You could stay in Palmyra, never venturing outside the Village or Town limits and have a very full social life - church and organization suppers, school sporting events, Legion dinners, PFD pancake breakfasts. Holiday shopping, which many have already started can be accomplished here too at the bazaars, three now that I know of, and our village shops. Gift certificates always fit. We won't even speak of the committee meetings which seem to proliferate unaided. Anyway, everyone is exceedingly busy and it is all in a good cause. Still, give yourself a gift of time, take a deep, relaxing breath, step sideways off the treadmill, and enjoy today for today. You will need your energy shortly for the holidays. Perhaps this year we can create a lull for recuperation.

On the village level, we are coming to the close of the governmental year at the end of November. It has been a good year and much has been accomplished in many areas, but much is left to be done. The first major task for the Village Board, starting in December, is the 2009-2010 village budget. It is a task for which all concerned, Board members and department heads, will need all the energy and determination they are able to muster.

We need energy, too, in the areas of Planning, Zoning, and Preservation. The village residents who serve on these boards determine the look of our community for the present, but also in the years to come. In Palmyra, more perhaps than in other villages, that is extremely important because the image we present to our visitors is a major reason people come. If you want to help keep and enhance our nineteenth century, walkable village look, write a letter of application to Village Clerk Alicia Lynch at 144 East Main Street, Palmyra. You will be contacted by a member of the Board who will outline roles and responsibilities and answer questions about the commitment required. Thank you for considering this request.