

Conversation with the Mayor October 8, 2008

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Questions, We get Questions!

One of the roles the Village Office plays (and I suspect the Town Office as well) is being an information source - about absolutely everything. Out of state visitors and those from other countries check in regularly during the tourist season. Because the same questions kept recurring the town and village offices collaborated on a booklet which we have made available to the merchants. It contains the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) about Palmyra - its history, buildings, and the resources people might be seeking: Who takes credit cards? Where are the ATMs? Where can I get a sandwich? Public restrooms?

An entirely different set of questions involves where to go for what. Dog, hunting, or marriage license? Town Hall. Cemetery records? Village Hall. Building permits? Town Hall. Village court office? Village Hall. Town court office? Again Village Hall. The two offices share space.

The last category of confusion deals with our many events. The Wayne County Fair and Canal Town Days are both staged by private not-for-profit corporations. The village cooperates with both because they are great events for the community. The village itself is responsible for Pirates Weekend; the movies and music in the park; the community garage sales; Trick or Treat on Main Street; Christmas in the Village, and, in conjunction with the American Legion, the 4th of July celebration. This year we also collaborated with Palmyra Players for Shakespeare in the Park and with Palmyra Pathways for the National Trails Day event. Chances are we will do even more next season. Just remember, the Fair and Canal Town Days aren't us, but we will still answer your questions or send you to someone who can. And, finally, Historic Palmyra isn't us either. HP is state chartered organization, another not-for-profit, with which we work for the benefit of the community and its people. Events staged by the library; the Fire Department and its Auxiliary; Community Center; the Legion, VFW, Masons, churches and schools add to this wealth of opportunities for our enjoyment. We are fortunate to have so many good people thinking and working for that goal. Keep an eye on the bulletin boards and Palmyra website, www.palmyrany.com for information about these upcoming events. If you tell us what is happening we will tell everyone on the website. Call the Village Hall, 597-4849, with information about your event.