

SOUTHTOWNS COALITION & SOUTHTOWNS FARM TRAIL

NEWSLETTER

ANGOLA, BRANT, COLLINS, CONCORD, EDEN, EVANS, FARNHAM, NORTH COLLINS

SUMMER 2017

***CHECK OUT ALL THE
SUMMER ACTIVITIES THE
SOUTHTOWNS HAVE TO
OFFER!***

***A FULL CALANDER OF
EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE
BY VISITING:***

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SUMMERS HERE

With summer here it's time to get out and enjoy all the Southtowns have to offer. From Festivals to Farmstand Markets, the Southtowns are overflowing with opportunities to enjoy the nice weather.

You can catch a free concert almost every weeknight throughout the summer, at one of our local parks. Stop by your favorite farm for some farm fresh produce and hit many of the areas free festivals.

This summer is also highlighted by the Village of Farnhams 125 year Celebration September 2nd & 3rd. and of course the Eden Corn Festival August 3rd -6th along with Brant Summer Fest, Springville Dairy Fest, Fiddle Fest, Eden Summer Fest and many more.

Get out spend a day, stop and stay awhile.....YOU'LL LOVE IT!



*Eating Corn at the
Eden Corn Fest*



A LISTING OF EVENTS ARE AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND CHECK OUT OUR FULL CALENDAR AT:

www.southtownsfarmtrail.org

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT – VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS

Summer is always a busy time in Western NY and the Village of North Collins is again joining in the fun! The summer of 2017 will see many things happening around the Village such as sanding and painting our large water tower (they will both be the same color!!!); expanding the Fire Hall doors; chipping and paving of several Village streets; resurfacing one of the main Village wells; painting Village bridges and signs; re-roofing and insulating the DPW building; updating the Village park with a renovated gazebo, new plants, and a new flag pole; and more!

Business is also picking up in the area. New within the past year or so are Speedy's Cut & Color hair salon, Forever Green landscaping, Let It Shine auto detailing and dent repair, The Well that never runs dry community center, and the Laundromat to name a few.

Those driving through the Village may have noticed activity around the old Speedy's building...exciting news on that front: Joe Popjanevski, owner of 3 Star Restaurant, purchased the building and is remodeling. It will be a more upscale, family-friendly restaurant. There is at least one new online business with its home in North Collins: Custom Decal Designs owned and operated by Christine Cappola and you can find her on Facebook.

We have also been hearing about local businesses operated out of the owner's homes such as a general/concrete contractor on High Street and a LuLaRoe clothing boutique on High Street! This year, you will see even more activities at The Well, new siding on Piz-A-Italia, a new dental office at Main and Southside, and hopefully, even more hustle and bustle as business continues to boom!



LuLa Roe Clothing Boutique located on High Street, North Collins

Main Street is "blooming!" There are more hanging baskets, four benches on Main Street from last year, two new benches to add to them this year, and new plants in at the park. In addition, homeowners have taken advantage of the nice rainy weather and have grown beautiful gardens and lawns. Many homes have new siding, fences, windows, and roofs. There are also new residents in town because several of the abandoned houses have been sold—great news for everyone!

Farm Open House: for Military Veterans and Their Families

Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 2-5 PM

Cornell Cooperative Extension will host a Farm Open House at Burley Berries for Military Veterans who are curious about, aspiring to be or are currently farming. Active and Retired Veterans and their families are encouraged to attend to learn about the opportunities available for military veteran farmers. The event will be held at Burley Berries, 6335 Route 20A East in Warsaw, NY 14569 from 2-5pm. The afternoon will be filled with learning about managing a small strawberry and grazing farm. Hands-on activities will be incorporated throughout the day during the field walks for both children and adults. Following the field walks families will be able to participate in an on farm scavenger hunt.

Agenda will include:

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Growing Strawberries for Beginners (equipment, financials, varieties, other) Megan Burley, Owner Burley Berries

Hands-On Activity:

- Pick strawberries to take home
- Strawberry Plant Journal Activity

2:50 pm – 3:30 pm: Pasture Walk, Lynn Bliven, CCE Allegany

Hands-On Activity

- Butter Making

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm: Family Scavenger Hunt

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Pig Roast

There is no fee for Veterans or their family members if they preregister for the event. Pre-registration by June 15th is required to guarantee a meal. Fee for walk-ins will be \$5/person. For more information or to pre-register contact Lynn Bliven at [585-268-7644 ext. 18](tel:585-268-7644) or email lao3@cornell.edu.



EDEN VALLEY GROWERS (EVG)– FOOD HUB UPDATE



The Western NY Food Hub Project continues to grow in farmer participation and the variety of crops included. Eden Valley Growers is the host organization for food hub activities throughout Western New York exposing the members of the food hub to opportunities to sell their products to markets they haven't been able to reach on their own.

The Hub also works in collaboration with the Cornell Cooperative Extension educating farmers on care and packaging standards imposed by different markets.



Membership has grown beyond the group of local members, to now include new members from Elba (outside of Batavia), East Aurora, nearby farms of North Collins, Evans as well as Amish Farms in Dayton.

The Food Hub continues to diversify its products to be sold including: organic produce, root crops (such as beets), specialty crops (e.g. brussel sprouts) with Broccoli still being the major volume crop at the hub.

For more information on EVG please visit:

edenvalleygrowers.com

JOIN US

We are always looking for new members/partners/volunteers to make our coalition the best it can be **Membership is Free**. If you are interested in participating, getting involved or just have some good ideas you would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact us at southtownsfarmtrail@gmail.com



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SOUTHTOWNS FARM TRAIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SUMMER 2017

TOWN OF BRANT & VILLAGE OF FARNHAM

- June 16-18** *Brant Annual Summerfest* at Brant Town Park on Friday Pre-Fest 4:30 pm, Saturday & Sunday 11 am- 8:00 pm. Food, crafts and family entertainment. 549-0301 ext.3
- July 22** *50's Street Dance featuring Crash Cadillac 8pm – 12am.* Sponsored by Farnham Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary. Food & Beverages available, Prizes for Best 50's outfit, Best Twister and Best Jitterbug Couple. 549 – 5085 for Tickets or Information
- July 3- August 7** *Brant Monday Night Free Concerts* –7 pm at Farnham Village Park. 549-0301 x3
- Sept. 2-3** *Farnham 125 Year Celebration at Farnham Village Park* – Saturday Sept. 2nd – 5K Run, Food & Vendors, Historical Display, Car Show & Live Music. Sunday Sept. 3rd – Food & Vendors, Historical Display, Live Music and Chicken BBQ by Farnham Fire Dept.

TOWN OF EDEN

- July 4 – Aug. 30** *Music on Main Street* – every Tuesday 7 pm
- July 8 - 9** *Summer Fest - Immaculate Conception Church Lawn Fete* at 8791 South Main Street. Polish Mass and Dinner on Saturday at 4:30. Chicken BBQ, games & theme baskets on Sunday at Noon. 992-3933
- August 3-6** *Eden Corn Festival* at American Legion Grounds on Route 62 in the Hamlet of Eden. Bring your family and friends to experience a wide variety of delicious foods, midway rides, tractor pulls, square dancing, arts & craft shows, auto shows, country music entertainers, impersonators and much, much, more.... all while visiting the "Garden of Eden".

TOWN OF EVANS & VILLAGE OF ANGOLA

- June 11** *Evans Summerfest* - Evans Town Park. For more information call 549-5787
- June 25** *"Pumps for Pink" Cancer Walk* – Main Street, Angola – Garage Fitness Studio 10 -11am
- July 8** *Main Street Cruise -Drifters Car Show* – Main St. Angola,12 noon–4 pm.
- June 21 – Aug. 30** *Wednesday Summer Lawn Chair Concert Series* Angola, NY at Centennial Park in the William G. Houston Gazebo from 7-9 pm. Rain location New Angola Theater. 549-1126

TOWN OF CONCORD

- June 2-4** ***2016 WNY Dairy/Agricultural Festival*** @ the Springville Griffith Institute High School Grounds on Buffalo Street. Celebrating farming in the Town of Concord. Food, activities, entertainment, etc. Parade on Saturday, June 3 @ 10 am. Please visit www.wnydairyagfest.com or call 592-2818 or 592-4654 for the list of daily events and festival information.
- July 4** ***Town of Concord/Village of Springville Old Fashion 4th of July Celebration***-Community Park, North Buffalo St. Springville 5 pm. Music by Gene Hilts and the Rustic Ramblers, fireworks show at dusk.
- June 8 – Aug. 24** ***Thursday Night Concert in the Park*** starting at 6:30 pm at Fiddler’s Green Park at the corner of Buffalo and Franklin Streets in the Village of Springville. Rain location Concord Town Hall 592-4946 ext. 10
- July 29-30** ***Springville Fiddle Fest***- Fiddlers Green Park, Franklin Street, Village of Springville, call 592-4946 for more information.

TOWN OF COLLINS

- July 1** ***Liberty Fest*** – Collins Town Park 4pm start, Fireworks @ 9:45. Family activities including photo booth, face painting, caricatures, basket raffles, food and live music by NY Rockin’ Revue.

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