

Community Revitalization Activity 2011 Focus.....Bob Camoin & Mary Finkle

2010 was alive with activities, especially with the Revitalization Committee.

At Osborne Point you'd see weddings, picnics, folks docking boats, **Lynne Brown, Sue Swift, Ragnild Holmquist** and other Garden Club members working in the gardens; **Gloria Fant and Connie Hume** among others, donating plants; **Charlie Orr** erecting a sign donated by LPSA.

Cheryl Paestella, with another group of volunteers could be seen filling barrels and hanging plants with soil and plants. **Judy Nelson** advising and working with **Jon Lane** to beautify the 4 corners. **Mary Ann Hughes** and **Peggy LaFontaine** busy pitching in to help with weeding, planting, watering...working right along side the Village highway personnel **Roger Blanchard** and especially **Wayne Lucas** who volunteered in so many ways.

Mitzi Fox worked with **Jerry of Jerry's' Woodshop** to process the endowed benches around the community and enlist interested parties to donate the \$500 per bench. At this point, there are two still available. To "endow" a bench, please contact Mitzi Fox, 908-879-7805 or 548-5725 or e-mail to mitzifox@frontier.com.

The grant process with the plan of bringing on an Economic Development firm was spearheaded by **Bob Camoin**, and will continue through Supervisor McGovern's office this summer. That work will result in providing us all an insight into the types of activities that would further help the economic aspects of the area. The grant submission covers the community's water quality program - started and being continued by LPSA, the focus on improving the waterfront areas and an Economic Revitalization Program for the area.

2011 will continue to be a very busy year for the community with key actions focusing on:

- Completion of the grant work providing a detailed view of the community – its landscape and business outlook. This detailed view will be the basis of future plans and actions.
- Continued work on the gardens, barrels and benches in Speculator and expanding into the Hamlet of Lake Pleasant.
 - Osborne Point landscape will find new plants, trees, stepping stones and landscape rocks that will add more beauty to the area.
 - The Middle area - Public Beach/Pavilion/Gazebo will be enhanced by Hanging Baskets plants and trees.
 - The 4 corners area will see additional new garden, boulders, trees, perennials and annuals under the supervision of **Mary Ann Hughes**.
 - The Hamlet of Lake Pleasant will also see additional new gardens, boulders, perennials and annuals and new barrels and benches under the guidance of **Cathy Visscher**.
- Continued focus and leadership through the Community Revitalization Committee, consisting of **Cheryl Paestella (Chairperson), Lynne Brown, Bob Camoin, Del Cook, Joy Eliezer, Mary Finkle, Mitzi Fox, Karen McComb, Toni Morrison and Barbara Tracy**.

This is a very ambitious agenda and we are very proud of the actions that have already resulted through the hard work and generosity of merchants, volunteers and donors.

Thank goodness we have many generous people who keep us supplied with perennials. Estimated cost for the additional soil, fertilizer, bulbs, gardening supplies, new barrels and hanging baskets and moving boulders is \$3,500. It is our hope that individuals and organizations in the community will continue to contribute funds to the Revitalization fund (at the Village of Speculator) to help meet our goals.

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