

Letter to the Editor:

BCH Foundation thanks all who made Garden Party a success

Editor: On behalf of the BCH Foundation, we would like to thank the sponsors, attendees and volunteers who made our seventh annual Garden Party on May 30 a resounding success.

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Our celebration of the careers of Gerard Diesfeld, MD and Mary Kwiatek, RN was made possible by a friendly and loving crowd, some of whom were able to share remarks about their work with these two tremendous healthcare professionals. Their impact on our hospital, our nursing home and our community has been and continues to be meaningful to BCH patients and employees.

Dozens of other individuals, business representatives and volunteers came together to support the purchase of a new electrocautery generator for the BCH Surgical Department and we are thankful to them all. Special thanks to the members of the Springville Jazz Orchestra and their conductor William Cocca for performing, to the Springville Concord Garden Club for beautiful centerpiece arrangements and to Empire Merchants North for our wine tasting display.

The Foundation’s mission is to fund equipment and improvements for your local healthcare facility and with community support through events like this, we continue to do so. Thanks to all who are a part of our work in keeping healthcare local.

Judi White
BCH Foundation
Board Member

Ashford approves fire alarm system for highway Department

Max Borsuk Editor

The Town of Ashford took steps at its June 12 meeting to help protect the town highway barn and the equipment stored inside from fire. The Ashford Town Board approved purchasing a new fire alarm system for the town highway barn on Fox Valley Road.

The board approved the purchase and installation of a new fire alarm system from Amherst Alarm at the cost of \$7,490 in the three buildings at the Ashford Highway Department. With fires previously happening at other highway department buildings in Hinsdale, Mansfield and Centerville, the board did not want anything similar happening in their town and waiting any longer would be too much of a risk for the town and its equipment.

“At this point after I have looked at everything, what we need to do is get [the fire alarm system] done,” Councilman John Pfeffer said. “We can’t wait any longer because we are at too much risk.”

Ashford Supervisor Charles Davis also reported the town is moving closer toward a grant for the feasibility of a boat launch, parking lot and trailhead within the town. Davis reported that after speaking with Cattaraugus County Director of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism Crystal Abers’ office, Deborah Fenn from Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail and Justin Booth from Complete Streets, they are willing to help the town with writing the 2019 Consolidated Funding Application Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Grant. While the town is still exploring the best options, Davis proposed a parking area, trailhead and kayak launching area into

Cattaraugus Creek off Edies Road that can also be used for the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail.

“The good news is that we are not spending \$3,000 on a grant,” Davis said. Davis gave an update to the board about proposed streetlights at the intersection of Route 219 and Peters Road.

Davis sent a request to National Grid to get an updated cost for the streetlights that he will send to the New York State Department of Transportation, who as of now is going to be paying for the lights. The town might have to purchase the lights and have the money reimbursed to the town by NYSDOT.

“We are going to get lights there,” Davis said. “The bottom line is that it is not going to cost the taxpayers which is huge.”

In other board news: – The board honored Town Clerk Patricia Dashnaw after being awarded recertification as a registered municipal clerk by the New York State Town Clerks Association. – **CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC Communications Manager Joe Pillittere reported crews have started demolition on the utility room extension at the WVDP.**

The next Ashford Town Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashford Community Center, 9377 Route 240, in West Valley.