

— RANDY —
HOAK
 FOR HAMBURG SUPERVISOR

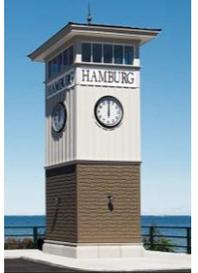
Issue
FIVE



The "Octagon Building" at Erie County Fairgrounds

Hoak for Hamburg Monthly Newsletter – July 27, 2021

move
Hamburg forward



In this issue >>>

- What's New:** Celebrate Good Times
- A History Lesson:** Township of Hamburg
- Did You Know:** Fighting Fires in Hamburg
- Community:** The Town that Friendship Built
- Event:** The Happy Hour Tour 2021
- Call to Action:** Host a Meet & Greet
- Website:** We Made a Few Updates
- Livestreams:** Connecting Communities
- Donate:** We're Halfway There!
- Updates:** Campaign Timeline
- Stay Connected:** Get Online

Celebrate Good Times

Hamburg Democratic Committee Summer Picnic

On July 22, the Hamburg Democratic Committee sponsored their first post-pandemic picnic at the Taylor Road Cabin. It was a time to renew old friendships and make new ones. Most of the local candidates were in attendance, as well as many who are running for County-wide positions. Attendees had the chance to rub shoulders with our representatives at all levels and to talk with those who aspire to elected office.

Thanks to our Hamburg Democratic Committee Chair, Terry MacKinnon, for organizing the event! His "nephew," his sister Maureen's new pup, Jimmy, was the star of the show. (Sorry, Mark Poloncarz!)



Randy with Sheriff candidate, Kim Beaty, and pup, Jimmy



Randy with local candidates and representatives



HDC Chair, Terry MacKinnon



Campaign Manager, Holly Park, with State Assemblymember, Jon Rivera



Farmer's Market at Moose Lodge

A history lesson >>>

Township of Hamburg: A Little History

This month we continue to explore Hamburg's early history in the 1890s.

The Gay 90s in Hamburg saw continued growth. According to the 1880 census, there were 758 citizens in Hamburg. By 1890, the number had risen to 1,351 citizens. A new water system was established to supply the village, and in 1893, electrification began. An organization called the Hamburg Investment and Improvement Company laid out residential subdivisions in and around the village. The company laid out Prospect Street and then Hawkins, Highland, and Maple Avenues. People came from Buffalo; records show that 18 lots were sold in a single day. To meet the needs of the growing town, a second bank – Peoples Bank – was established in 1891.

Not all businesses were met with open arms. There were three slaughterhouses in the center of Hamburg Village. The noise and smells must have been horrendous. Hamburg also had 25% more bars than even Buffalo had. Four temperance union societies formed to try to reign in public drunkenness. In 1893, the Columbia Sanitarium of Hamburg was opened to care for inebriates. The bars caused so much unease that the village board hired two constables to handle potential trouble. This was the germ of our police department today.

The development of the Lake Shore Community progressed rapidly. Some of the farms bought by wealthy Buffalonians were subdivided and future communities were laid out. The Locke farm was laid out as Locksley Park. Abner Amsdell's huge farm was divided up as Wanakah, Bay View, and Athol Springs. A hospital was built in Athol Springs to minister to mothers and children with cholera.



Athol Springs hospital to care for mothers and children with cholera

In 1891, Abbott's Corners was renamed Armour. The story goes that a new postmaster didn't like the name Abbott's Corners for political reasons. He was very impressed by the Armour Packing Plant in Chicago when he toured it. So, he secretly petitioned to Washington, D.C., for a name change. Many people were unhappy about the change, but there was nothing they could do. No one knows when the "u" was dropped from "Armour."

In 1892, the Gatling Steel Manufacturing Company decided to build a new plant in Hamburg. The plant was intended to go near the railway in Water Valley. The company bought up many acres of land and planned an entire community, including housing and a community center. However, the project never really took off, and Gatling left Hamburg a few months later. There is a silver lining to this story. Several years after Gatling left town, the Queen City Bicycle Company relocated from Buffalo to one of Gatlin's abandoned buildings. The Bike Company was welcomed into the life of the town and made many contributions.

Did you know >>>

Fighting Fires in Hamburg

Did you know that the Town of Hamburg has nine fire departments? They are Hamburg Village, the Village of Blasdell, Lake View, Woodlawn, Scranton, Newton-Abbott, Big Tree, Lake Shore, and Armor. They are all staffed by volunteers; no one is paid for this time-consuming and sometimes dangerous work. The men and women volunteers take great pride in doing their civic duty. They truly model the idea of working together for the common good, while maintaining their pride in their individual organizations.



In next month's newsletter, we'll look more closely at all of Hamburg's fire departments.

Community >>>

The Town that Friendship Built

Update On Origin of Our Town Motto

In a previous newsletter we posed the question: **How did Hamburg become “the town that friendship built”?** Our town historian, Jim Baker, remembers the descriptor was the winning entry in a school contest that was held to challenge students across Hamburg to devise the most descriptive and welcoming tag line for our town. The contest was won by a fifth-grade girl, and Hamburg has been the town that friendship built ever since.



Event >>>

The Happy Hour Tour 2021

3 Local Pubs – 1 Local Choice

HOAK FOR HAMBURG PRESENTS
Happy Hour
- TOUR 2021 -

3 LOCAL PUBS • 1 LOCAL CHOICE
Stop by, have a drink, and support candidate Randy Hoak in his run for Hamburg Town Supervisor!

SNACKERS **JP'S PUB** **J.P. FIRE & ICE**

JULY 29 **SEPT 29** **OCT 19**
5:30-7:30PM 5:30-7:30PM 5:30-7:30PM

\$25 PER PERSON/\$100 SPONSORSHIP

Join us at one or more of our stops on our Happy Hour Tour 2021. The first stop is **Thursday, July 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Sneaker's Restaurant in Blasdel.**

Tickets are \$25 per person, and sponsorships are available starting at \$100.

[Reserve and purchase your tickets](#) or a sponsorship today for the first stop of the tour.

Additional stops will be in September and October so stay tuned for more information on how to purchase tickets for those events.

We look forward to seeing you there!



We Made a Few Updates

Visit our site on your computer or phone to experience the latest enhancements including our new interactive graphics highlighting Randy's Platform on some key issues, and our Meet the Candidates page to help you learn more about the other candidates on the ticket with Randy. While you're there, sign up to volunteer for Randy's campaign!

A special thanks goes to Erin Oliver, our webmaster, for creating a fun, informative, and interesting web experience for our visitors.



Livestream: Connecting Communities Series

Check out the most recent Connecting Communities livestream episode! In this special Town2Town chat, Randy met with Eden Town Supervisor (and Hamburg native), Missy Hartman. You can watch the recorded episode either on our [YouTube channel](#) or the [Videos page](#) on our website.

Do you have a topic you'd like us to cover or a special guest you want Randy to talk to? Then please email us at info@randyhoakforsupervisor.com with your ideas. We want to talk about topics you want to hear about!

And be sure to catch-up on all our livestreams on YouTube or our website! [Watch Now](#)

Call to Action >>>

Host a Meet & Greet



Don't forget it's the ideal time to host a meet & greet to rally your friends and neighbors to support Randy. These events can take two forms: a "getting-to-know-you event," where the goal is to introduce people to Randy and learn more about his platform and ideas. The other is a fundraising event to help raise money for his campaign. Parties can be as simple or elaborate as you like - from having a few friends over for coffee, to a back-yard barbecue or pool party with a set donation amount. Randy welcomes all opportunities to meet Hamburg voters and any others who would be interested in supporting his campaign.

If you're interested, please contact our **Volunteer Director, Ruth Hasseler**, at rbhasseler@aol.com with your questions and to schedule your event!

Donate >>>

We're Halfway There!

With less than 100 days to go until the General Election on November 2, we are halfway to our campaign's financial goal – thank you to all who have donated and continue to do so!

But we must finish strong because there is so much at stake. We are in for a tough fight – one Hamburg can't afford to lose.

We need your help in this fight, so please consider donating any amount – **one-time** or **recurring** – to help our campaign elect Randy Hoak as our next Hamburg Town Supervisor! You can also attend our fundraisers, participate in events, volunteer, put up a yard sign, canvass door-to-door, or host a meet and greet to get the word out that Randy is the one who will #MoveHamburgForward.

Donate today through ActBlue via the "Donate" button on our website, or send a check made payable to Hamburg for Hoak and mail to 17 Crownview Terrace, Unit C, Hamburg, NY 14075.



Staying connected >>>

Websites:

www.randyhoakforsupervisor.com

www.townofhamburgny.com

www.blasdell.org

www.villagehamburg.com

www.hamburghistoricalsociety.org

Email:

info@randyhoakforsupervisor.com

Facebook:

[Randy Hoak for Hamburg Supervisor](#)

[Hamburg NY for Hoak](#)

[Hamburg Village Bike Rides](#)

Twitter:

[Hoak4Supervisor](#)

Instagram:

[Hoak4Supervisor](#)

YouTube:

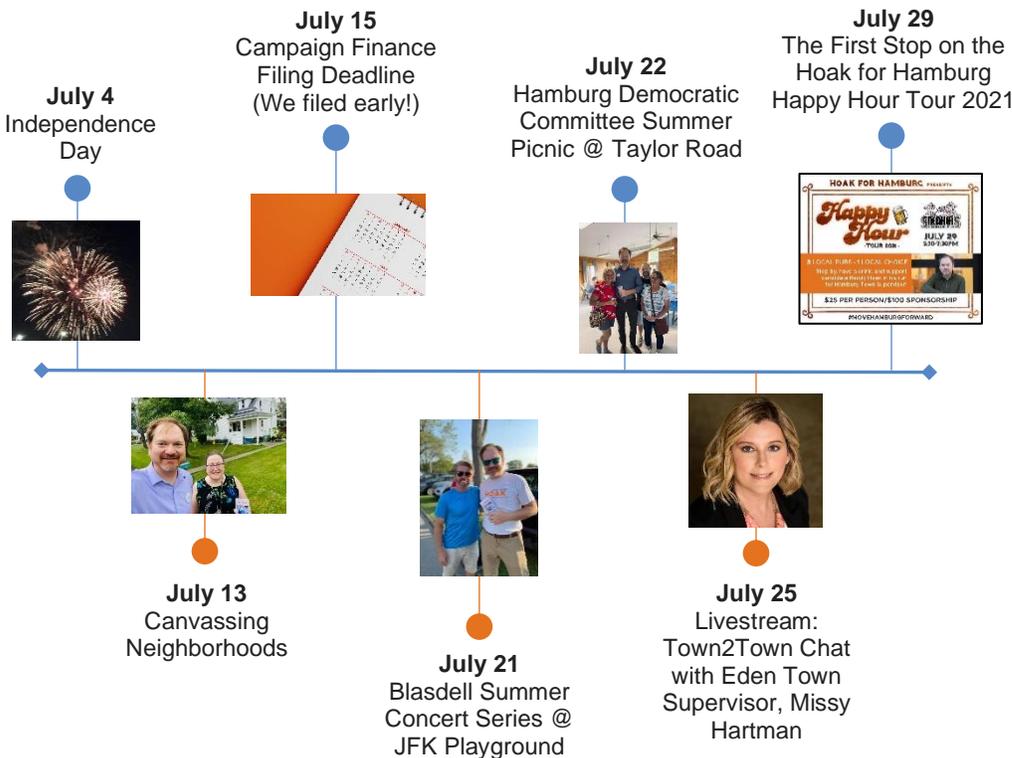
[Hoak4Supervisor](#)

Donate:

[ActBlue](#)

Updates >>>

Campaign Timeline



— RANDY —
HOAK
FOR HAMBURG SUPERVISOR



Randy canvassing with volunteer, Jane Cameron