



Town of Alden

March Newsletter



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From Supervisor Rick Savage's Desk

I, as I am sure you do, welcome March as the harbinger of Spring. The Senior/Community kitchen remodel has been completed and looks great. The new tables and chairs, also a part of the CDBG grant we received are in place, and the Park's Supervisor, Andy Sojka, is painting the large meeting room.

I recently received great news for the town when Moody's Investors Service notified my office that they have reviewed and raised the Town's bond rating from A1 to Aa3 indicating " Strong operating performance drives the town's very strong financial position, a trend likely to continue the town's track record of conservative budgeting". My hat is off to all Department heads and employees who work hard to keep the town within or under budget allocations.

The design of the new Alaura Drive sewage treatment plant has been forwarded to NYSDEC and to NYSEFC for their review and comment. We also have been notified by EFC that the Town is eligible for project financing through them, which may further reduce the cost of the project. Our Town Code has been completely reviewed and changes made as were needed. We will have a public hearing in the near future to go over the changes, and when adopted by the Town Board, the code will be made available online. The paper version is set up in a 3 ring binder which will reduce costs of future updating.

AARP Safe Driving Course

The AARP Smart Driver™ course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older.



For more than 35 years, the course has taught over 16 million drivers proven safety strategies so they can continue driving safely for as long as possible. Over nine in 10 course participants report changing at least

one key driving behavior for the better as a result of what they learned in the course and over eight in ten

participants felt that information they learned in the course has prevented them from being in a crash. Plus, you may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your insurance agent for details.

When: March 16, 2018
Time: 9:00am -3:00pm
Location: Alden Community Center
13116 Main Street
Registration: Mary @ 938 - 6873
Carol @ 937 - 6863

%#&%## Darn Potholes

It's that time of year! With the freeze and thaw trend, the potholes have made their arrival.

The highway departments serving our community are ready for the repair task. If you see a newly born pothole, call your responsible highway department. The Alden



Town Highway Department takes care of town roads, the Village DPW the village roads; Erie County the county roads and NYS DOT the state roads. To check who maintains your road you can check at www.alden.erie.gov. To report potholes call the following:

Town of Alden Highway Dept.	937-7336
Alden Village DPW	937-7392
Erie County Highway	858-7966
NYS DOT	1-800-Pothole

Alden History Quiz

Which of these former Aldenites served in the United State House of Representatives?

- a.) Richard Cooke
- b.) George H. Wilson
- c.) Lyman K. Bass

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**Erie County Stay Fit Dining Program
MARCH 2018**

 <p>Please come and enjoy a wonderful, nutritious meal served at one of 45 dining sites located throughout ERIE COUNTY.</p> <p>Please give 48 hour notice if ordering or canceling meals.</p> <p>Suggested Meal donation: \$3.00</p> <p>All donations are confidential; nobody is denied a meal due to an inability to pay.</p> <p>All meals served with 1% or 2% milk.</p> <p>Coffee</p> <p>Hot tea and water are free.</p> <p>For Dining Site Information or Locations Call or Email 858-7639</p> <p>www.erie.gov/stayfit</p>	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	 <p>Alden Comm./Sr. Center 13116 W. Main St.</p> <p>To order or cancel lunch call: ~Beverly Weisbecker 937-4018 Cell 207-1640 ~Community Center on Tues., Wed. or Thurs. from 10 AM to 1 PM 937-4280</p> <p>BINGO Tuesday 12:45 PM</p> <p>GAMES/CARDS Rummy, Trivial Pursuit, Uno 1st & 3rd Thursdays 12:30 PM Pat Holmes 238-3755</p> <p>CERAMICS Thursday 9 AM</p> <p>ALDEN SENIOR VAN Tues, Wed., Thurs. To Schedule Call Senior Van Cell: 480-6532 Driver: Joyce Eastland</p> <p>ALDEN SENIOR TRAVEL Helen Brown 937-6722 Louise Wruck 937-3466</p> <p>ALDEN SENIOR CLUB MEETINGS: 3rd and 4th Wednesday</p>	
	 Welcome First Day of Spring MARCH 20 					1 Meatloaf w/Gravy Au Gratin Potatoes Seasoned Spinach Rye Bread (845) Strawberry Bavarian
	6 Meatballs in German Sauce over Cavatappi California Blend Vegetables, Grape Juice Oatmeal Raisin Cookie (884)	7 Turkey Breast Stuffing w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans w/Red Pepper Frosted Yellow Cake (797)	8 Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy Lima Bean Bake Carrots Wheat Bread Fruited Gelatin (768)			
	13 Soup & Sandwich Sloppy Joe on a Bun Hot Corn Chowder Peas Pineapple Tidbits (803)	14 Baked Chicken Thigh over Stuffing Savory Mashed Squash Green Beans Rice Pudding w/Raisins (802)	15 St. Patrick's Day Hot Ham Sandwich Carrots and Cabbage Parslied Boiled Potatoes Lime Sherbet (635)			
	20 Entrée Salad Chicken Salad w/Cranberries on a Bed of Greens w/ Crackers Apple Juice Banana (958)	21 Breaded Veal Patty w/ Italian Tomato Sauce & Mozz over Penne Pasta, Cauliflower, Grape Juice, Orange Pineapple Velvet (885)	22 Roast Beef Sliced with Gravy Sour Cream and Chive Mashed Potatoes Carrots Hamburger Bun Peaches (673)			
	27 Turkey Tetrazzini Broccoli Corn Carnival Cookies (718)	28 Easter Meal Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ Herbed Cream Sauce on Rice Pilaf Chef Salad (1167) Orange Glazed Carrots Coconut Cream Pie	29 Roast Beef Sliced w/Mushroom Gravy Mashed Sweet Potatoes Peas Wheat Dinner Roll Apple (800)			

Senior News

- March 5** Monday – Member luncheon for St. Patrick’s Day at the Whistle Stop restaurant. Cost is \$14.50 – reservations required. Contact Shirley Heitzman at 393-3277. Menu: Choice of corned beef or ham, cabbage, potato, vegetable, rye bread and butter, coffee or tea and dessert.
- March 14** Wednesday – Member meeting at 1:00pm. Sign-in begins at 12:30pm.
- March 27** Tuesday – Executive meeting at 9:30am
- March 28** Wednesday – Member meeting at 1:00pm. Sign-in begins at 12:30pm. March B-day celebration with cake and ice cream.

Answer to Alden History Quiz (c) Lyman K. Bass - In 1865, Bass ran against Grover Cleveland and was narrowly elected district attorney for Erie County. He served in this role from 1865 to 1872. He was re-nominated in 1871, but declined to accept. In 1870, he was an unsuccessful Republican candidate for election to the Forty-second Congress. Bass was elected as a Republican U. S. Representative for the thirty-first district of New York to the Forty-third; and as Representative for the thirty-second district to the Forty-fourth Congresses. He served from March 4, 1873 to March 3, 1877. Because of ill health, he declined to be a candidate for re-nomination in 1876.

While in congress, Bass made a name for himself while serving on the House Committee on Expenditures in the War Department. During his time on the committee, it looked into spending by Secretary of War, William Worth Belknap. In addition, Bass served on the Committee on Railways and Canals as well as the Joint Select Committee to Inquire into the Affairs of the District of Columbia. On June 22, 1874, President Ulysses S. Grant nominated Bass to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. He was confirmed by the Senate, but declined the position.