

City of Sherrill Fall 2018 Newsletter

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From the City Manager Brandon M. Lovett

What a great Summer we've had, let's hope Fall is just as nice. Road construction is wrapping up and our City crews and contractors have done a wonderful job. We're working on 2019 road construction priorities now. The City applied for two DOT grants this Spring/Summer; a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) in which Sherrill was not selected, and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) which would construct a sidewalk along the southern side of Route 5 to connect Betsinger Road to Sherrill Road and all the businesses in between. Decorative lighting, landscaping, storm water mitigation and other amenities were included in the submittal and we expect an answer this Fall.

City crews have been working on many enhancement projects including the retaining walls on Sherrill and Betsinger Roads. The City thanks the Town of Vernon who owns the bridges, as they graciously agreed to partner with the City and split the costs of this project.

The engineering firm Barton and Loguidice just wrapped up our 2018 CFA project as it relates to our storm/sanitary sewer systems. They also completed an analysis of federally mandated upgrades with options needed for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. City staff has been meeting with B&L and we look forward to a final report soon.

The 2018 Concert Series and Fireworks weekend were a big hit again this year. We welcomed several new performers as well as some of our favorites. We've already booked the 2019 Fireworks Weekend bands. We're excited to announce that "Classified" will be performing on the CAC lawn Friday July 26 and "Showtime" will headline the Fireworks evening on July 27.

It's the time of year again when we are diligently working on the 2019 Budget. We'll continue to collaborate on putting together a budget that can move the City forward as we continue to provide quality programs and services to residents.

We'll host a Fall Truck event again this year at the CAC on Columbus Day from 10am-1pm, featuring large trucks and equipment for all to explore, vendors with concessions and additional activities.

The City recently promoted two of our long time DPW employees. Jeff Baker was promoted from DPW Foreman to DPW Superintendent and Motor Equipment Operator Todd Esch was promoted to DPW Foreman. We are excited and confident that their leadership will move the Department forward.

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." - Lauren Destefano

Regards,
Brandon



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Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department News

The department is always looking for new members, especially junior members! If you're interested in firefighting, EMS, or scene support and are 18 years or older for adult membership, or 16 years for junior, visit the fire station during Wednesday night drill starting at 6:50pm each week.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives- Fall is here! Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace detectors that are over ten years old with new ones.

Halloween Safety- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure shoes fit well and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping. Because masks can limit eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and hats as safer alternatives. If a sword, cane, or stick is part of a costume, make sure it is not sharp or long as a child may be easily hurt by these items if they stumble or trip. A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children. Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat. Remember to remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk or if no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic. Cross the street as a group in established crosswalks and don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

House Number Visibility- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street. Having your address visible will aid the fire department in finding your house quickly, every second counts!

Fireplace Safety- Fireplaces regularly build up creosote in their chimneys. They need to be cleaned out frequently and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly chimney and roof fires. Make sure your chimney has been inspected and cleaned by a professional! Never burn trash, paper or green wood in your fireplace. These materials cause heavy creosote buildup and are difficult to control.

Cold Weather- Exposure to cold can cause serious health problems. Infants and the elderly are particularly at risk, but anyone can be affected. Know how to prevent problems and what to do if an emergency arises. Remember that using space heaters and fireplaces can increase the risk of household fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Illness Prevention- The best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year in the fall. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often. Stay home if you get sick. Hand washing can help to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. It's best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. If that's not possible, use alcohol-based hand rubs.

Holiday Safety- Alcohol use impairs skills needed to drive a car safely. It slows reaction time and impairs judgment and coordination. Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 48 minutes. Don't drink and drive, and don't let others drink and drive.

Assessor News

Enhanced STAR Exemption Changes

The State has changed the filing requirements for property owners currently eligible for the Enhanced STAR Exemption who are NOT CURRENTLY enrolled in the Income Verification Program (IVP). Most likely you are not enrolled in the IVP program, if you come in to either the City of Sherrill or Town of Vernon's Assessor's offices each year and need to bring in proof of income. You can also contact the Vernon office at (315) 829-2587, to determine if enrolled in the IVP program. Under the new rule those NOT enrolled in the IVP program or those that will become eligible for Enhanced STAR in 2019, need to complete a renewal or first-time application form by March 1, 2019 and MUST enroll in the IVP program. One advantage of the IVP program is that it renews automatically each year as long as a New York State Tax return is filed.

If you are a Senior that has or will be eligible for a *Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens*, this exemption MUST now be applied for SEPARATELY from Enhanced STAR. Income amounts for this exemption are much lower than that of the Enhanced STAR exemption. The *Partial Senior Exemption* must be renewed each year by your Assessor. Contact your Assessor if you are not sure you are receiving this property tax exemption.

To help understand these changes a brochure is posted on the website, www.sherrillny.org under Assessor Information and available at City Hall. Please contact Bob Comis, City Assessor at (315) 264-6362 with any questions.



Department of
Taxation and Finance



Sherrill Recreation News

A variety of programs are held throughout the year at our Community Activity Center, 139 East Hamilton Ave, and throughout the city. Space at the CAC is also available to rent for private events or bowling birthday parties. Visit www.sherrillny.org or call (315) 363-6525 for more information.

Upcoming Special Events



Fall Truck Event- Monday October 8, 10am-1pm, CAC Parking Lot- Kids and adults of all ages are invited to come see vehicles, trucks and equipment from the City and local businesses up close. There'll be concessions, fall activities & more!



Rabies Clinic- Friday October 19, 3:30-5:30pm, CAC Gym- Call the health department for more details (315) 798-5064.



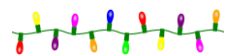
Halloween Bonfire- Details coming soon!



Cornhole Tournament- Saturday November 10, 1pm CAC Gym- registration required by October 31, visit www.sherrillny.org for details. Proceeds will go towards supporting the Christmas with a Cop program- see page 7.



Thanksgiving & Holiday Break Activities- Visit www.sherrillny.org later this fall for information about bowling specials and events.



Holiday Light Contest- Residents and businesses are encouraged to brighten the city and share the holiday spirit by participating in our light display contest! Nominations will be accepted in early December and winners announced December 17. Plan your display now!



Christmas Tree Lighting- Thursday November 29, 7pm, Reilly-Mumford Park, sponsored by the Sherrill Merchants Association- enjoy music and refreshments!



Sherrill Winter Craft Show- Saturday December 1, 9am-3pm, CAC- There'll be many vendors & food to purchase.



Santa Arrives in Sherrill- Sunday December 2- Look for more information about his arrival coming soon!

Daily Activities at the Community Activity Center

Indoor Walking- Open to all, weekday mornings, 8-9am.



Kids Time- Children ages 5 and younger who are supervised by an adult can enjoy indoor play in the gym weekdays, 10am-12pm. This program may be cancelled some days due to special events. Call for updates. There are some toys available and we're adding to our collection- Look for more coming soon!

Free Family Open Gym Time- for residents, Mondays & Tuesdays- 5-6pm. Kids 14 & under must be supervised.



Open Gym- The gym can be used for basketball etc. when it's not in use for other events. \$3/person/ hour, kids 14 & under must be supervised.

Pool Tables- Call for information about adult leagues. Anyone 16 or older can play when the CAC is open and tables are available. \$2/half-hour

Mondays

-Bone Builders-Strength Training for the Older Adult, 9am, Contact Polly, (315) 853-6258, \$1.50/class.

Tuesdays

-Community Fine Arts Guild- Join this group of artists 9am-12pm to paint, share ideas, and for critique.

-Aging Mastery Program- September 25-November 27- Free and offered by the Parkway Center, this class is an opportunity to meet new friends and learn skills that will lead to improved health, stronger financial security, and overall well-being- call (315) 223-3973 x115 to register.

Wednesdays

-Oneida County Office for the Aging- A representative is at the CAC on the first Wednesday of the month at 11am to provide people ages 60 and over, or those with disabilities, with services. Call (315) 768-3623 for details.

-Craft & Chat- On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday of the month, 11am-2pm, join this group to create any craft.

Thursdays

-Dog Socialization- These are free classes from 6-7pm for anyone who wants to bring their dog. Contact Debbie Martin, (315) 829-3454.

Activities & Events at the Sherrill CAC Continued

Youth Center- This is a supervised program for VVS students to participate in activities at the CAC on Mondays & Tuesdays, 6-9pm for grades 4-6 and Fridays & Saturdays, 6:30-10pm for grades 7-12, October 1-March 30. Parents must fill out registration forms which are available at the CAC or City Hall. Children who do not live in the City of Sherrill or the Town of Vernon must purchase a ticket or pass to attend youth center. Visit www.sherrillny.org for more information.



Open Bowling Hours- Wednesdays 10am-12pm, Fridays 6-10pm, Saturdays 12-5pm & 9:30-11pm (evening hours will start in October), Sundays 12-5pm *Hours may change and the CAC is also open during some school vacations and holidays. Call for updates. \$3.25/game & \$1/shoes

Adult Bowling Leagues, September-April

- Monday Men's, 6:30pm
- Tuesday Mixed, 6:30pm
- Wednesday Women's & Wednesday Mixed, 6:30pm
- Thursday Pastime, 9am & Thursday Women's, 6:30pm
- Saturday Couples, 6:30pm

Youth Leagues

- Recreational/Non-sanctioned- Thursdays at 4pm for kids in grades 3-6, October 4-March 21 & Saturday mornings at 9am & 11am for kids in kindergarten-grade 12, October 6-March 23, *Sign up for kids leagues September 18 & 20, 6-7pm at the CAC. There is a registration fee and there are weekly bowling fees.
- Junior USBC Youth League- Sundays at 5:15pm for students grades 7-12 & college students up to age 20

Sherrill Legion Post 230 Events

- September 22- Chicken BBQ sponsored by the Honor Guard, 12pm-sold out
- October 19- Listen to the Swamp Drivers band, 8-11pm!
- October 26- SAL Gun Raffle Drawing- Tickets on sale, \$5
- October 27- Chicken BBQ sponsored by the Legion Bowlers 12pm-sold out
- November 6- Election Day Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm sponsored by the Auxiliary
- November 10- Veterans Day Dinner, 6pm
- November 11- Veterans Day Ceremony, 11am in Memorial Park, Open House at the Legion following
- December 16- Pancake Breakfast 8-11am & Santa visits!

Oneida Community Mansion House News

Call (315) 363-0745 or visit www.oneidacommunity.org or <https://www.facebook.com/OneidaCommunity/> for information about programs, facility rentals and more.

Museum Day Live! Saturday, September 22- Free House Tours and Special Architecture Tour co-sponsored with the Smithsonian Institution- free admission to the museum is offered with a Smithsonian Institution Voucher (available online- no membership necessary). Guided tours of the house are scheduled at 10am and 2pm and a special tour of the Mansion House grounds and architecture will be offered by the Curator of Collections at 12pm. Self-guided tours also available.

Path Through History Weekend, Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7- As part of New York State's biannual celebration of its rich historic legacy the Mansion House is offering free admission to the museum during business hours. Free guided tours will be offered at 10am and 2pm on Saturday and at 2pm only on Sunday. A special tour of the Mansion House grounds and architecture will be offered by the Curator of Collections at 12pm both days. Self-guided tours also available.

Séances and Spiritualism in the 1800s, Friday, October 19 at 6pm- What was Spiritualism and why was the Oneida Community interested? Join us for an after-hours program exploring nineteenth century fascination with the spirit world. Registration required. Members Free, Non-Members: \$15. Students (ages 8 & up): \$5.

Oneida Community Cemetery Tour, Saturday, October 27 at 4:30pm- Explore 19th c. mourning culture in the OC Cemetery. Registration required. Members Free, Non-Members: \$7. Students (ages 8 & up): \$3.

Reader's Theater: World War I, Sunday, November 11- Join us for an original production based on archival material from the Oneida Library. Check back for details!

4th Annual Holiday Happy Hour at The White Begonia



Thursday November 8, 4-7pm
Enjoy refreshments, discounts and raffles.



News from the Sherrill Kenwood Library, 543 Sherrill Road, (315) 363-5980

Visit our facebook page or www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org, for more information.

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." -Jim Bishop editor & author



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Toddler Tuesdays, 11-11:45am- Join us for stories, songs, wiggles and giggles.



Saturday Stories & Crafts, 11am- *October 20-* Harvest theme, *November 3-* Honor our Veterans *December 8-* Holidays



Tuesday Watercolor Classes taught by Linda Evans- Six classes beginning October 16, 1-4pm, \$60, preregister by contacting the library

Thursday Watercolor Classes taught by Laura Diddle- Eight classes beginning October 18, 6:30-9:30pm, \$80, preregister by contacting the library

Oil Painting Classes taught by Judy Bond- Fridays at 12:30pm- contact the library for more information.

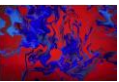
Community Art Wall- Work from the ARC, Arise & Heritage Farms is on display now. October will feature work by the Fort Stanwix Porcelain Painters. December will feature photography by Laura Strobel. Contact us if you're interested in displaying your work in 2019.



Flu Clinic, Tuesday September 18, 11am-1pm- Walgreens/Rite Aid will provide flu shots. Bring your insurance card.



Voter Registration Day, Tuesday September 25- We'll have forms to register to vote.



Acrylic Fluid Art Class, Saturday September 22, 10am-1pm- instructed by Delynn Orton. Fee is \$45 and includes materials for 3 small paintings and 1 8 x 10. Must register and prepay.



The Battle for Las Vegas: The Law versus the Mob, Wednesday September 26, 6:30pm- former NYS Trooper Dennis Griffin will discuss his book and organized crime in Sin City.

Banned Book Week September 23-29- Celebrate our freedom to read. We'll also recognize **Teen Read Week October 7-13.**



Costume Exchange, Saturday October 6, 10am-1pm- Share props & costumes!



John Taibi, Wednesday October 10, 6pm- will present "Remember the Accordion," Join us for this remarkable true tale and sing along.

2nd and 4th Monday of each Month, Movie Matinees, 1:30pm (*please note the change from Wednesdays)

Mahjong Wednesdays at 1:30pm- Our group is growing. All are welcome to join.

Wednesday Book Discussions, 6:30pm- We'll discuss The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruis Zafon on October 3 and announce the December 5 title then.

The **Friends of the Library** will meet September 27, October 25 and November 15 at 6:30pm. All are welcome. The Library is thankful for their support.



Friends of the Library Cookie Walk Saturday December 1, 9am- 12pm- Leave the holiday baking to us! Pay by the pound for your purchase.

Sherrill Garden Club News

The club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the library. Presentations are followed by refreshments and a business meeting; we invite all community members to attend programs and learn more about the club. The Sherrill Garden Club held its first meeting in 1954 and has been involved in education, beautification and conservation projects since.

On October 2, Diana Garcia will present, "Essential Oils for Better Health." Rebecca Pease and Jo English will host the meeting. On November 6, Dr. J. Rebecca Hargraves, Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences at Morrisville College, will present, "Select Tree Diseases and How to Manage Them." Christine Wheeler and Beverly Schenandoah will host the meeting. On December 4, the club will hold its Holiday Party and decorate the library Christmas trees, collect items to give to residents of the local DSO and participate in an "auction" of gifts brought by club members and donate proceeds to the World Gardening program which is helping to bring water to homes in Baca, NM. The group will celebrate the season with refreshments provided by Loretta Szczgiel and Beverly White."

KEYS Celebrates 25 Years of Smiles!



The KEYS Program is celebrating its 25th anniversary! To celebrate, they're hosting a free "Holiday Smiles Concert" at the CAC Sunday, December 2 from 6:30-7:30pm, the night Santa arrives in Sherrill. "We love being located here in Sherrill and couldn't think of a better way to celebrate our silver anniversary than with the wonderful families in the Silver City," said Colleen Bennett, KEYS Founder & Executive Director. "Our Smile Crew will perform a variety of songs for families to enjoy while they await Santa's arrival. The concert will be live-streamed to our partner children's hospitals, to share the holiday spirit and smiles with pediatric patients near and far."

The annual "Holiday Smiles CD Campaign" kick's-off November 20! Each year, KEYS compiles a CD of holiday music and when you donate \$25 or more to KEYS from November 20-December 31, you get a free CD. Donations can be mailed to The KEYS Program, 308 Sherrill Road, Suite 100, Sherrill, NY 13461 or contact KEYS at (315) 363-6446 or keysprogram@msn.com!

KEYS is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that has been delivering music, hope and smiles to children battling cancer and serious illnesses since it was founded in November 1993 by retired NASCAR Official David Bennett and his wife Colleen, after losing Colleen's father to cancer. They created KEYS to provide support to families going through difficult times, in memory of Colleen's father. For more information, visit www.theKEYSprogram.org.



at
Gethsemane Episcopal Church
320 Park St., Sherrill
On Friday AND Saturday

October 19 & 20, 9am-2pm

Plymouth Alliance Church Offerings

Release Time- Thursdays starting October 4 through the school year- Release Time is a safe place where school aged children can be dropped off at the church from 7:45-8am for a time of learning about the Lord through activities and Bible Studies. There is no charge and it's for all children who attend E.A. McAllister School. Release Time will not be held when school is closed for holidays, vacation or snow days.

Wacky Wednesdays- September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 19 from 6-7:45pm. Wacky Wednesdays are free and open to all. They start with dinner at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Church and then proceed to the E.A. McAllister gym for games and activities. Children can be picked at 7:45pm at the Church.

CHRIST CHURCH



OCTOBER 12TH 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 13TH 9:00 A.M. TO NOON (\$1.00 BAG SALE)
CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST
417 PARK STREET, SHERRILL, NY 13461

CHRISTMAS FANTASY FAIR

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Art
Toys
Food
Crafts
Bakery
Antiques
Decorations

Christ Church, United Methodist
417 Park Street • Sherrill, New York

Friday, Nov. 9th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 10th 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ELEVATOR ACCESSIBLE
PARK STREET ENTRANCE

Christ Church
Youth Group's

LIVE OUTDOOR NATIVITY PAGEANT

Saturday December 8th and Sunday December 9th at 6:00 p.m.



Live Music
Donkey, Calf and Sheep

Christ Church United Methodist
417 Park Street
Sherrill, New York

Complimentary Refreshments Indoors
Following the Pageant

Department of Public Works News



The City has worked to educate residents about the revised green waste ordinance. Green waste shall **not** be placed curbside for municipal collection any earlier than the Friday preceding the scheduled Monday green waste collection. Any green waste put out early will be tagged, and the homeowner must remove it immediately. Remaining collection dates: 9/24, 10/8, 10/22.

Residents can also bring green waste, brush and limbs to the dedicated green waste area at the City transfer station at 210 Elmwood Place. The transfer station is only for green waste generated within City boundaries.

Landscape & tree removal contractors are prohibited from placing green waste at the curb and are responsible for their own disposal. Contractors performing work in the City can purchase a green waste permit from the City at the designated fee. Green waste generated from outside the City may not be disposed of at the Sherrill transfer station.



The DPW provides leaf pick up starting in late October or early November depending on when trees start shedding leaves. Leaves shall **not** be containerized or bagged in any form, nor should they be placed on a tarp. All leaves shall be raked to the curb. Do not place leaves in the roadway, on sidewalks, near hydrants, utility poles, guide wires or utility shut offs as this restricts collection access. Crews will not go on private property to retrieve leaves. No brush or limbs shall be mixed with leaves. Green waste collection ends prior to leaf collection.

Garbage Pickup Date Change- Pickup for Monday November 12 will take place Tuesday November 13.

Transfer Station- The Transfer Station is open Wednesdays, 4-7pm & Saturdays, 8am-1pm through October 3. Beginning October 6, it will only be open Saturdays until spring.

Sherrill Police Department News



As part of the Department of Criminal Justice Services funding secured by Senator Griffo the Sherrill Police Department was able to purchase a new police bicycle that has been put into service for routine patrol and special events such as the fireworks night, concerts and other community events. If you see our officers, please wave!

-School is back in session! Drivers should stop for all stopped school buses and be aware of children crossing the roads.

-Studded tires are allowed October 15-May 1.

-The "No Parking" on city streets ordinance resumes November 1-April 30. This ordinance applies to all streets between 2-7am.

-Please be aware of scams and do not send money unless you can verify the request.

-Please remove all valuables from vehicles and keep doors locked.

Christmas with a Cop

The City of Sherrill Police Department is excited to offer Christmas with a Cop again in 2018. Last year was the first year and the community support was amazing. The donations from local residents and several businesses truly made this a spectacular program and Christmas with a Cop was able to serve 15 local families. The hope for 2018 is to include more children and their families. This program is completely funded by donations from the community. Donations this year need to be received by December 5 and can be dropped off at Sherrill City Hall during normal business hours. Check can be made payable to: *Sherrill PBA*.

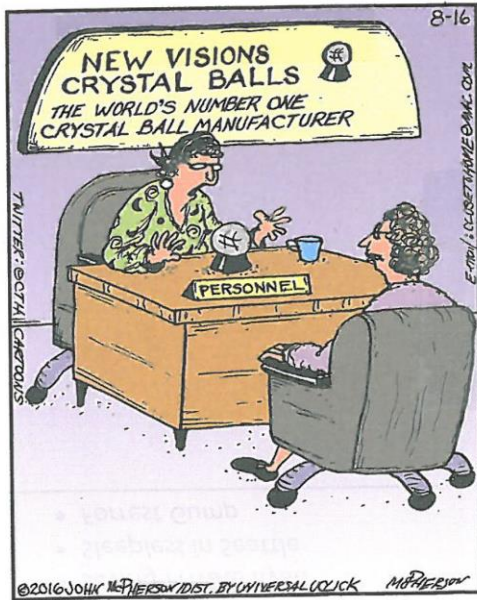
Members of the Sherrill Police Department will again shop for gifts and a small reception will be held on December 19 at 6pm in the Sherrill City Court building for the kids to receive their gifts.

Those with questions can contact Brandon Lovett at (315) 363-2440 or via email at blovett@sherrillny.org.

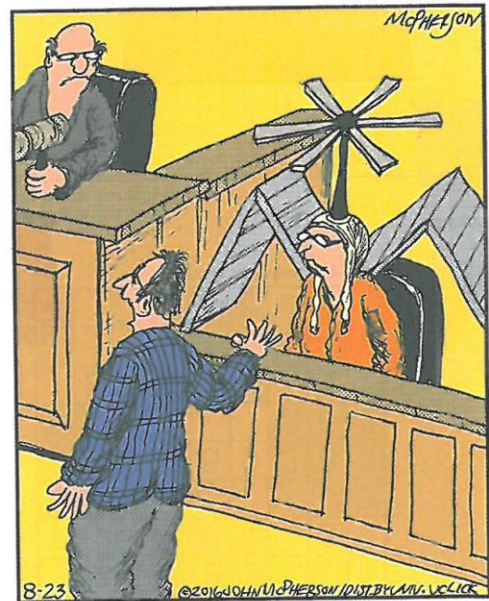


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It's tough to get away with anything nowadays...



"Although your resume is very impressive, Darlene, I see that a year from now you will start to embezzle money regularly..."



"Your Honor, I request that the defendant be held without bail due to the fact that he poses a severe flight risk."