



# Newsletter

## JUNE 2009

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A "Quality Of Life" Shelter

### Greetings!

No news is good news! Is this really true? Maybe so! This newsletter is long overdue and we have a lot of good news to report. Plans are under-way for kennel additions and renovations, a multi-purpose building to include a surgical unit and even a memorial pet park!

Upon completion, these projects will improve the 'Quality of Life' standards for the animals as well as enhance their adoptive qualities.

Our adoption rate remains high, thanks to our outstanding Web site <http://web.mac.com/nbell1/site/ayresanimalshelter.html> and the diligence of the staff. The Directors have done a great job in maintaining the facility and keeping the financial status sound.

All of these are important in order to continue to provide an important service to the eight Towns and two Villages that contract with us.

The Directors, staff and volunteers at Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter will strive to carry on the belief of the founder, Douglas Ayres, that "we can't refuse shelter to any stray and unwanted dogs and cats that are brought to our doors in ever increasing numbers."

**Ann M. Aksztulewicz, President, Board of Directors**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2009

- July 11** Golf Tournament
- July 28** Music on Main Street
- August 13** Chicken BBQ
- Sept. 12-13** Ft. Klock Craft Fair
- Nov. 25** Bake Sale
- Dec. 5** Shelter Open House

For further details check the Web site

<http://web.mac.com/nbell1/site/ayresanimalshelter.html>



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership for the next year is now due and we are always looking for new members.

Members will receive a membership card, and receive all membership mailings. You are invited to attend all meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Iroquois Lanes, Canajoharie at 7PM. Your input is always appreciated. If you have time, we'd love to have you volunteer your services. There are many ways you can help - from baking or crafting for fund-raiser sales to helping with the shelter maintenance chores including painting, cleaning kennels and yards and of course, walking dogs. As a member, you are not obligated in any way except for the financial support with the payment of your annual dues.

If you have any questions on volunteering or would like to set up a schedule to help, call Claire Custer, Shelter Manager @ 673-5670.

### Board of Directors

*Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter Inc. for 2009*

*Re-elected on January 21, 2009*

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