

Fairport to Celebrate 100 Years of Lift Bridge

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The Village of Fairport is celebrating a big anniversary tomorrow. The historic Lift Bridge on Main St. is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Lift Bridge is the only bridge on the Erie Canal system without any 90-degree angles in the structure. It was finished in 1914 and replaced a fixed bridge that was only 28 years old but too short to span the newly widened canal.

“Of the over 300 bridges on the Erie Canal, the Fairport Lift Bridge is far and away the most beautiful and unique,” said Thomas X. Grasso, president of the Canal Society of New York State. “This singularity stems from her stunning and sleek design, understated elegance, and brilliance of her heart and soul - the hidden magical things that make her function and make her who she is - the sparkling Queen of Canal Bridges. We joyously celebrate her 100 years of giving to community and canal alike.”

The Lift Bridge is the heaviest of the sixteen lift bridges between Fairport and Lockport. It takes about 90 seconds for the Fairport Lift Bridge to raise or lower its 10’ 7” travel distance.

The Village has a number of events planned to celebrate the occasion.

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