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## Surf's Up

New Group To Take Over Iconic Restaurant

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BEMUS POINT - A new Surf Club is expected to open May 27.

Mayor Bryan Dahlberg said representatives who will be taking over the club have discussed their plans with him.

"We're just tickled," said Bemus Point Mayor Bryan Dahlberg. "We're extremely excited to have that building occupied."

Although some of the partners in the plan wish to remain anonymous, Niagara Falls restaurateur Jeff Taylor will be general manager as well as one of the Surf Club's owners, and Jamestown's John Frey, a Buffalo restaurateur and another Jamestown financial backer will all play a part in the Surf Club.

Frey could not be reached for comment Thursday.

"It's a good opportunity," said Taylor, who said it was "heart-breaking" to many that the Surf Club sat empty last year.

The group plans to change that by "trying to bring back the original Surf Club-feel," he said. There will be a family-friendly, affordable dining area with patio grill, outside patio, Sunday breakfast brunch and live bands on weekends. Taylor said there will be entertainment during the week, when a full restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner. A catering service, nautical theme and full-service bar will also be available, he said.

"It's a beautiful building and location. It's a prime spot," said Taylor. He said he is experienced in the restaurant business as owner of Niagara Falls' Justin Tyme Restaurant, which is located on the Niagara River.

"We are very excited," he said. Taylor's Niagara Falls establishment was selected Best Business of the Year for 2005 by the LaSalle Business and Professional Association, reports the restaurant's website.

The Bemus Point facility Taylor plans to open as a restaurant is at the corner of Main and Lakeside.

Another establishment, the Village Casino, is undergoing door replacement and insulation projects that officials hope will cut down on noise emanating from the club, which has caused neighbors' concern.

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Dahlberg also reported:

economic stimulus funding given to Chautauqua County will be used to resurface Center Street to Lakeside and Main streets beginning next week.

two village Department of Public Works projects have recently been completed including drainage on Elm and Springbrook and two parking area expansions on Albertus and Park.

A change in trash pickup. Dahlberg said a new contract with Casella Waste Services will result in a change of recycling practices. He said that beginning June 14, recyclables will be picked up every other week and can be put out in homeowners' containers without being separated. Pickup will remain on Monday mornings.

summer activities continue to be planned and include a juvenile diabetes walk, set for 10:30 a.m. May 23 at the village park. A ferry bicentennial meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Stow community building.

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A new ownership group led by Niagara Falls restaurateur Jeff Taylor is taking over the Surf Club in Bemus Point and hopes to open May 27 after the establishment sat empty last summer. P-J photo by Christopher Kinsler

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