# Town of Newfane

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Welcome Summer

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# **Update from the Supervisor's Office**



Mark your calendars for August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Event will be taking place from 3pm-10pm. It features over 20 venders, a dunk tank, food, and music by WNY's Premier Country Band '90-West'!

#### **Projects and Improvements**

The ADA restroom has been placed in the Ontario Street parking lot and is now fully functional. A special 'thank-you" goes out to our Water Superintendent and his crew for ensuring proper hook-up. This restroom is programmed for use between 6am and 9pm. We will monitor these times to determine if the hours need to be modified and we can program it for holidays and special events.

The Inner Harbor Stabilization, or Olcott Harbor REDI No. 3B Containment Walls project continues and includes various improvements along the east and west shores to provide stabilization due to rising lake levels and wave action. The eastern shoreline work has been completed with the installation of a sheet pile wall, waler beam systems, tie rod and Deadman to provide a reliable solution to protecting the shoreline. In addition, the south end of the east bank near Main Street included placement of rip rap to protect the sheet pile end wall from erosion. The contractor is now working on the west side of the harbor to clear and grub the site. West side improvements should start soon and will include a cantilever retaining wall and fencing.

Over on the West Beach, the Town is preparing for the final improvements and placement of armor stone to be added to the current bern structure. The contractor hired by the Town is finalizing plans to place this armor stone on the lake side of the berm to protect it from the Lake Ontario waves. Once we know the specific dates when this work is to be performed, we will update

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Town of Newfane 2737 Main Street Newfane, NY 14108 impacted property owners, but it's anticipated the work will be completed this summer.

#### Marina

At the end of June, we were able to replace the gas dock, doubling it's length. It looks great and enables the Town to provide better service for recreational boaters. We are replacing worn dock boards throughout the marina and have completed curbing and landscape upgrades. We look forward to continuing with improvements in the fall.

#### **Grants and Funding**

The Town was successful in obtaining an Engineering Planning Grant for almost \$50,000 that will allow us to map our future vision for water, wastewater and other infrastructure endeavors. At the same time, we are preparing a grant to further mitigate the cost of capital improvements to our Wastewater Treatment Plant. If we are successful, we can couple this with the \$1,000,000 already received and the zero percent finance awards.

#### Short-Term Rental (STR) Law

The Town recently enacted it's Short-Term Rental law. Please see the next page for more information to insure your rental housing conforms with Newfane's laws and zoning policies.

#### New Law for All Air B&B, Bed & Breakfast and Short-Term Lodging

After hearing from residents, homeowners and rental property operators, the Town of Newfane has adopted a new Short-Term Housing Law that covers all transient, tourism and temporary housing units.

#### Who Must Apply

Owners of all temporary lodging and residential properties that rent from a single night up to 90 days. This includes all apartments, homes, cottages, rooms, garages, accessory buildings, businesses and other forms of short-term rental lodging. It applies to properties rented directly by the owner or through any realtor, broker or online rental platform.

All existing and new short-term rental properties are required to apply. Existing shortterm rentals, especially those in the R-1 Single Family Residential Zones, may not conform with the new law but can be approved if they meet all other provisions of the law. New short-term housing is that opened, reestablished or placed in use after June 3, 2023 and must meet all provisions of the law.

Motels and hotels are not required to apply and are covered by other local law.

#### The Application Process

All owners of Short-Term Rental units must apply for a permit with the Town of Newfane Building Department by September 29, 2023.

The applicant will be given instructions for preparing and submitting documentation needed to review and issue a permit and return it to the Building Department.

The owner or designated local representative will be scheduled for a permit review with the Town of Newfane Planning Board.

The Planning Board can approve or deny the application, require changes and amendments to the application, or postpone action pending further information and requirements.

The owner is required to update the application annually by contacting the Building Department. The annual fee for Short-Term Housing applications is \$ 250.

#### How to Apply

Obtain permit applications from the Town of Newfane Building Department, or leave a message with the Building Department by calling 716-778-5947 ext. 5

You will be given a Fact Sheet that identifies the documents and information you need to prepare for the permit review -- return this information and the \$250 fee to the Building Department within 30 days.

Once all the necessary documentation, information and the fee are received by the Building Department, you will be contacted to schedule a date to appear for a permit review with the Town Planning Board. In most cases, a decision about your application will be made by the Planning Board at this meeting, unless more information or changes are necessary. Existing rental units are permitted to continue operation until the Planning Board makes a decision on the application.

#### When to Apply

The application process will open August 1, 2023 (apply and obtain the Fact Sheet from the Building Department)

Reviews by the Planning Board will begin September 26. The Planning Board meets each fourth Tuesday of the month, unless special meetings are announced.

Applicants have until September 29, 2023 to submit an application request to the Building Department. Failure to apply or complete the application process will result in a violation and enforcement action as outlined in the Short-Term housing Law.

#### Information

Questions and information can be obtained by emailing mike@townofnewfane.com You can also contact or leave a message with the Building Department by calling 716-778-5947 ext. 5 Staff at the Town Hall may not be able to answer all questions and it may be necessary for a Building official to return your call.

The following documents can be viewed and downloaded at www.townofnewfane.com

Short-Term Housing Application and Factsheet

The Short-Term Housing Law

The Town of Newfane Zoning Districts Map

These documents are provided for reference only. Property owners should not make independent decisions about eligibility using these references and should consult with the Building Department.

#### Visit Town of Newfane on Facebook

Town Hall

2737 Main Street Newfane, NY 14108 Hours 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday

#### **Elected Officials:**

**TOWN BOARD** 

Supervisor John Syracuse 716-778-8531 #3

Councilwoman Laura L. Rutland Councilwoman Susan Neidlinger Councilman Richard Coleman Councilman Troy D. Barnes

Regular Town Board meetings are held at Town Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

#### **Town Clerk**

Mildred M. Kramp 778-8822 #2 Fax 638-4183

#### **Superintendent of Highways**

Jon Miller 778-8844

#### **Town Justice**

2896 Transit Road Newfane, NY 14108 Bruce M. Barnes Scott R. Boudeman 778-9292 Fax 778-5793 **Justice Court Office Hours** 

9:00 to Noon

Monday through Friday

#### **Receiver of Taxes and Assessments**

Terri L. Iannucci 778-6052

Assessor: Mary Hastings 778-8827 #4 **Building Inspector:** Mike Klock 778-5947 #5 Water Superintendent: Mike Mills 778-8587 Waste water Treatment:

Nicholas Irr/ Plant Operator 778-7131

Composting Plant 778-7807 Refuse 1-800-330-7107 Town Marina 778-5462 Water/Sewer Billing 778-8132 #6 Water/Sewer Maintenance 778-8587 778-7131 Wastewater Treatment Plant Wastewater Treatment Plant Fax 778-6160

Dog Control Officer

Ordinance Enforcement Officer

Jeffrey Newman 716-807-6270 Richard Smith, Asst. 716-807-4659

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# Niagara County Legislature 14th District Legislator Shawn Foti

Happy Summer 2023! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and experiencing all the fun activities our region has to offer, especially around Newfane and Olcott. I am proud and appreciative of all the hard work our local community organizations put in to the summer festivals and events. My family attended Pirates Fest which was a blast and participated in the parade with Miller Hose riding on a fire truck. Pirates Fest Car Show is always well attended and this year had record turnout. On behalf of the county, I owe a public apology to Ray Catanesi and his team who host the car show. The Krull Park Shoreline Restoration Project has had many challenges, and even with reassurance from the contractor multiple times that they would be completed before Pirates Fest, they were not, which resulted in a loss of available parking spaces and rightfully upset car show exhibitors. Ray and his team bared the brunt of criticism, which was not fair to them, so I am sorry. If you visit the park you will see how great the project is and I look forward to the completed product which will transform the shoreline of Krull Park.

Niagara County and the 14th District are facing many challenges, but also many opportunities for progress. Over the past few months, with help from Supervisor Syracuse and Councilwoman Neidlinger, we have formed a Rails-to-Trails focus group that has made great progress in possible development of the former Somerset Rail Line in to a multi-use recreational trail system. I hope to have more good news on this project toward the end of the year. Currently, center of my attention is to continue pushing and fighting for a county run EMS service. Our volunteers and county residents deserve this service, deserve to know an ambulance will be there when an emergency occurs, and it offers our volunteer departments a long-term solution to financial viability with constantly increasing costs and regulations. Please know that I am leading the fight and will continue to keep residents informed on the progress. Another item that seems to still be a thorn in our side is the water quality of Olcott Beach. I hosted a meeting at Olcott Marina early summer with Frank Campbell (Sportfishing Coordinator), Vince Pierleoni (Olcott Charter Captain), and George Mcnerny who is the local staff contact for Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's office. We have engaged our federal representative because data shows the bacteria may be the result of bird feces, cormorant to be specific. Cormorant overpopulation has caused a negative impact on fish and wildlife habitat, sportfishing pen stocking projects, boating/watersports, and also harassing other native wildlife. Cormorants are federally protected so we are hopeful Congresswoman Tenney can involve Federal Fish and Wildlife as well as USDA.

There are many other challenges facing Niagara County and the 14th District. I am frustrated at the slow progress on some of these items, but I have not stopped fighting or pushing these as hard as possible. I refuse to accept the "typical government" excuse and am proud of the way multiple levels of government have worked together toward common goals. I will continue to work with Town, County, State, and Federal partners to get it done. The final results will be worth the struggles. Thank you for your patience and support.

# Mount St. Mary's Lockport - Service Update

With the closure of Eastern Niagara Hospital in Lockport, Catholic Health has accelerated its commitment to the eastern Niagara County region by opening a temporary Emergency Department at the Mount St. Mary's Ambulatory Campus at 5975 S. Transit Road in Lockport (formerly urgent care).

The ER is open 24/7 and care is provided by physicians from UBMD Emergency Medicine. Patients are accepted as walk-ins and via ambulance. The emergency care will continue at this site until Catholic Health opens its new hospital in Lockport, which is on schedule for opening in the fall of this year. Lab draw, radiology and ambulatory surgery will also continue at this location.

Call (716) 514-1166 for information.

Catholic Health extends its appreciation to the NYS Department of Health,



### **End of 2023 Legislative Session Op-Ed**

The conclusion of the 2023 Legislative Session has clearly demonstrated – once again – that one-party control of state government is not working. New York is facing a criminal justice crisis as violence plagues our communities and a broken system continues to benefit criminals instead of crime victims and law-abiding citizens.

New York is also facing an affordability crisis — as inflation, a sagging economy, and oppressive taxes drive families, seniors, and small businesses away from our state in record numbers.

These two issues – crime and affordability – are at the top of every New Yorker's mind. So what did our colleagues across the aisle do to address these top two issues? Absolutely nothing.

They wasted the first few months of session engaging in self-serving partisan politics — playing fast and loose with the rules in order to pack the State's highest court with judges that will do their bidding. Democrats then went on to pass the latest State Budget in 13 years – a reckless, fiscally irresponsible plan negotiated in complete secrecy.

Instead of making New York more affordable, this State Budget failed to address the issues discussed around kitchen tables throughout our state. Instead of strengthening our economy, they enacted new taxes that will punish hard-working New Yorkers and small businesses more than ever. They approved a radical, first-in-the-nation ban on natural gas in new construction. This expensive, unrealistic one-size-fits-all mandate will make energy even more expensive and less reliable for millions of New Yorkers.

We saw yet another example of a major leadership failure on behalf of Governor Kathy Hochul as her office tries to work out a new Casino Gaming Compact with the Seneca Nation. Toward the end of session, word came that a deal had been reached, only for her administration – and her Democratic allies in the assembly – to fail at completing the deal before session concluded.

Failing to get this deal done will cost New York State hundreds of millions of dollars, and our Western New York communities tens of millions of dollars. It's time for Kathy Hochul to do her job as governor and get this deal done.

One of the biggest Democratic failures of all this session was their complete inability to address the massive, chaotic influx of migrants into our state in recent months. In fact, they doubled down on policies that reinforce our reputation as a "sanctuary state" by approving millions of taxpayer dollars to provide a free college education for non-US citizens and free healthcare for illegal immigrants.

They also tried to cement their one-party control of state government by making radical, unconstitutional changes to the state's longstanding election laws, changing the dates of hundreds of local elections across the state, and holding them in years when major state and federal races are taking place. They want to reduce public awareness of key local issues and tie elections to national platforms because they know that on the everyday issues that matter to us most - they are wrong.

Unfortunately, the one-party ruling class in Albany completely failed to deliver for New Yorkers throughout the 2023 Legislative Session. The bottom line is that this year's Legislative Session was a complete disaster for hardworking, law-abiding, tax paying citizens of our State.

As a result, New York State will continue to be a completely unaffordable state, with sky-high taxes, a weak economy, and a badly broken criminal justice system. The people of New York deserve better than this, which is why we need to restore balance, accountability, and common sense to our state government. And we need to do it now.



# Hometown Hero Banners a Popular Addition to Newfane's Streetscape

Thanks to all those participating in Newfane's Hometown Heroes streetside banner project and for your support in honoring Newfane's past and current military service members. The Newfane Hometown Heroes program has placed 120 banners on main roads and streets in Newfane, Olcott, Burt, Wright's Corners, Ridgewood and Appleton. The banners will be displayed through November, then stored and installed again next May. Applications for new banners to be added next year should be submitted at the Town Hall by the end of February 2024.

You can access information and the application by using the link on the Town of Newfane website, or email newfanehometownheroes@gmail.com If you have questions or need help about the banner program, please call and leave a message at Newfane Town Hall, 716-778-8531, ext #7.



#### A Legislative Column from Assemblyman Mike Norris (R,C-Lockport)

I am pleased to share with you an update on a number of issues of importance to all of us here in Western New York.

In the past months, thousands of you have reached out to my office to express your concern and frustration regarding the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and a proposal to ban the construction of new gas buildings in the near future. This act will also ban fossil fuel heating systems in new buildings by 2035. These proposals are out-of-touch with the reality that most New Yorkers are facing – and it is just one more reason people are leaving the state of New York.

It's also another assault on our way of life in Western New York. A gas stove ban will hurt homeowners and home builders. It will hurt small businesses, especially restaurants that rely on gas cooking. And it will chase more residents out of our state. Just a few weeks ago tens of thousands of Western New Yorkers spent days without power. Under this proposal, future power outages will leave our community unable to cook food, boil water or maybe even heat their homes!

These reliable, affordable stoves are vital to hundreds of thousands of Western New Yorkers – yet the political ruling class in Albany would rather blow hot air than look for realistic energy solutions.

So what can we do?

We must speak up. We must act. We cannot allow disastrous climate policies like this to get rammed through unchecked, without input from "We the People". Tell Albany we've had enough. We will not sit by and watch out-of-touch government elitists torch our way of life with their radical agenda.

Please visit my website (<a href="https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Michael-J-Norris/">https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Michael-J-Norris/</a>) and Sign my petition below to say NO to a gas stove BAN.

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The men and women who volunteer to serve as firefighters and emergency medical personnel are some of the most selfless citizens, the truest embodiment of being a good neighbor and deserving of all our thanks and appreciation. As I continue to attend local fire installation dinners this season, I am amazed by the number of calls these volunteers answer – many over 400 a year – which is more than one a day.

The reality is that the volunteer fire and ambulance service is the backbone of our rural and suburban communities, saving property taxpayers over \$3.3 billion per year. However, we have lost over 20,000 volunteers statewide in the past two decades while the calls have nearly doubled.

Since taking office, I have made recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and EMS workers a top priority and have also worked hard to create the state's Task Force on Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention (A.9779-A of 2020). Their report is in, and it echoes much of what I learned from meeting firsthand with many volunteers. Recommendations include stipends and more flexible options for training, tuition assistance and reimbursement for personal travel to accident scenes. The full task force report can be found here: <a href="https://afdsny.org/news\_manager.php?page=25929">https://afdsny.org/news\_manager.php?page=25929</a>.

This task force's work has now gained attention in this year's proposed budget by Gov. Hochul, which includes new state funding of \$10 million for training stipends and authorizes nominal compensation for firefighters. I support this initial progress, but there is even more the state should be doing to address this recruitment and retention crisis.

That's why I drafted a new bill this session to create a Volunteer Emergency Services Mileage Reimbursement Tax Credit so volunteers can be compensated for gas and vehicle wear and tear for performance in their volunteer fire and ambulance service (A.4094), reintroduced a bill for paid time-off for training with tax credits for employers (A.2267) that can expand the training stipends proposed by Gov. Hochul and support additional tuition and vocational opportunities to encourage individuals to join our volunteer fire and EMS service.

I am also pleased to report that Gov. Hochul signed A10155-A of 2022, which I co-sponsored to allow local governments the option to provide a 10 percent property tax exemption for our volunteer firefighters and ambulance volunteers.

In conclusion, I will continue to advocate for additional resources for our dedicated volunteer fire and EMS service. Thank you to everyone who volunteers – and I encourage those who are currently not involved to please consider becoming a volunteer firefighter or EMT or participating in the fire company as an exempt or auxiliary member. To learn more, please go to <a href="https://www.fireinyou.org">www.fireinyou.org</a>.

Assemblyman Mike Norris (R,C-Lockport) also serves as the Chairman of the Assembly Minority Conference. He represents the 144th Assembly District which includes portions of Erie and Niagara counties.

### An Update from Niagara County Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti

**Investing in Public Safety** 

One of the most important things we do in law enforcement and public safety is to learn from our experiences and incidents we are tasked with handling. We should also do a regular evaluation of the services we currently provide and look at new needs of the community we serve. Based on reviews and evaluations it is important to configure goals and objectives moving forward for any law enforcement agency. Frequently, I sit with my administrative staff and look through

our goals and accomplishments to ensure we are moving the ball forward at the Niagara County Sheriff's Office. Many of the incident reviews, goals and accomplishments require significant planning and funding. I wanted to take this opportunity to apprise you of some of our goals, accomplishments and future plans for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office.

Over the last few years we have had unwavering support from our County Manager Richard Updegrove, the Niagara County Legislature, other elected officials and school districts. Without this level of commitment to public safety many of our projects would not have been completed or become a reality in the near future. With a combination of funding between New York State Interoperable Communications Grants and local 911 surcharges we have been able to add an additional emergency communications tower in Lewiston and antenna site in the Town of Niagara. Using the same funding tower sites are under construction in Wheatfield, Wilson and Barker. These additional sites will bolster in-building coverage for all first responders in Niagara County. With future grant funding we are looking to add one final tower site on the east end of the county and replace portable radios for law enforcement agencies across our county. These communication projects are all aimed at keeping our first responders safe while they do a challenging job.

It is a never-ending battle to keep up with technology and stay ahead of changing demands. We have successfully implemented new body worn cameras for road patrol and corrections, fleet cameras with license plate reader technology and a new stationary plate reader camera project is getting underway. The stationary plate reader cameras will be located strategically around Niagara County. The goal of these cameras is to

address crime as it is happening and offer an investigative tool for successful closure of criminal investigations. I truly think these cameras will be a game changer for law enforcement serving in Niagara County. Speaking of technology, we now have text to 911 in our Communications Center to serve those with limitations for dialing 911. Our dispatchers also have recently been upgraded with Automated Emergency Medical Dispatch to offer enhanced service during emergencies.

The new Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy is breaking ground at Niagara County Community College. This state-of-the-art facility will offer recruits, current officers and students from NCCC the opportunity for excellent training. The new building will have four classrooms, use of force simulator room, defensive tactics area and active shooter training area. This venture was funded by the Niagara County Legislature and SUNY. There is great anticipation for the new academy to open and train our future law enforcement.

School safety is on all of our minds as we watch tragedies occurring around the country. Through agreements with school districts we were able to add three additional school resource officers. We now have deputies in Wilson, Newfane, BOCES, Niagara Charter and Starpoint. The addition of these deputies has been very successful and only possible through the cooperation of our school districts.

Many of us remember the winter blizzard that came through last year and left our area paralyzed for some time. We completed a review of the storm with Niagara County Emergency Services Director Jonathan Schultz. Based on that assessment investments were made in additional track UTV vehicles, snowmobiles and tracks for our fleet vehicles. The addition of these resources will augment our response capabilities should we see another storm of this magnitude.

This was a summary of the major enhancements made for public safety in Niagara County. I want you to feel secure in knowing that we are making your safety a priority and investments are being made to ensure that. I certainly do not do this alone, I have a great team at the Sheriff's Office, partnerships across our county and support for our law enforcement mission.

# Niagara County Prescription Drug Drop Off Bin

The Niagara County Sheriff Office has a sealed metal box located in the jail lobby for residents to dispose of unwanted prescription medication.

No Sharps are allowed to be placed in these bins.

The hours in which medication can be dropped off are Monday through Friday, 7am-3pm.

Additional drop off locations are available around Niagara County:



- Lewiston Police Department 4059 Creek Road.
- Niagara Falls Police Department 1295 Main Street,
- North Tonawanda Police Department 216 Payne Avenue
- Middleport Police Department 12 Main Street
- Eastern Niagara Hospital Lockport 521 East Avenue Lockport
- DeGraff Memorial Hospital 445 Tremont Street North Tonawanda.

#### Help the Van Horn Mansion

Donate today and help win a \$35k grant

The Newfane Historical Society is celebrating the Van Horn Mansion's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday this year! To honor the home and its many residents, we are working to update and refresh the estate to keep it an important highlight for the Newfane community. Our trustees and the estate's caretakers will earn a \$35,000 grant if we raise \$35,000. We currently have raised app. \$12,000 since last Fall, and we need the community's help to reach the full goal. All funds go towards upgrades, including major electrical work, new appliances and event supplies, a new wheelchair ramp, new road sign, updated displays and landscaping. As funds are raised, new parts of the project are able to launch. We truly hope to see many of our visions come to life in the next few years.

#### How to Donate:

- Best Option: Visit VanHornMansion.com and donate using gofundme or PayPal
- Donate in person at the Mansion in July & August, on Sundays 1-4pm
- Mail a check (*include 'Grant' in the note/ subject line*) to: Town of Newfane Historical Society, P.O. Box 115, Newfane, NY 14108

Thanks to everyone who has donated so far to our grant challenge. Recent projects (thanks to the fundraising) about to launch or are underway include:

- Brand new folding chairs for indoor events
- Redesigning the mansion's second floor and assessing our collections
- Upgraded cleaning equipment and supplies
- Office re-organization
- Refreshing displays
- Attic and skylight cleaning
- Continuing research into the estate's history and residents
- Electrical repairs
- Landscaping work

You can also support the Van Horn Mansion by booking a private event. The estate offers a lovely backdrop for your upcoming event or photo session at an affordable price. We have various amenities included in rentals, and will offer even more if we win the grant! Visit <a href="VanHornMansion.com">VanHornMansion.com</a> for details, and available dates.

The Van Horn Mansion is open to the public on Sundays in July and August, 1-4pm. Peruse the antique sale of unique items at low prices, including books, furniture, dishes and more. You can also enjoy a 90-minute tour for \$5pp. Seasonal tours happen from October-December, to learn more visit <a href="VanHornMansion.com">VanHornMansion.com</a>.



The Van Horn Mansion completed initial construction in 1823 by James Van Horn. The home was an immense structure for the region and time, fitting for their affluent family. The Van Horns would host the first town meeting in their parlor on April 6, 1824, when Newfane was officially formed. The Mansion has gone through various rebuilds throughout its life, giving it the look it has today. The biggest changes were completed by James' grandson, Burt, c. 1901, who nearly doubled the home's size, added a Parisian skylight, and updated the design to a late Victorian style. It is now an Event Center & Living History Museum, overseen by the Town of Newfane Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit. To learn more, visit NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com.



### Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

We hope everyone has been enjoying the summer and had a chance to stop in to see all the new items we have on display. As I write this article, we will be receiving a very nice item that will be added to the collection that has a lot to show about our history of people coming the Olcott Beach, NY. So if you haven't stopped in, please do!

Just to remind everyone we are always adding new items to our displays, so if you have something you would like to share with us, please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. Your item/items can be on a permanent display or on loan display.

We are working on our Towns Bicentennial celebration and our event we are planning at Ye Olde Log Cabin is a Pioneer Picnic! We are looking into a Teddy Roosevelt re-enactor to come and celebrate with us and give a speech as he did in 1899 when he was Governor of New York State. We are looking forward to an old time get together with family, friends, food, games, music, and fun! We hope you will join us on July 27,2024 for our Bicentennial Pioneer Picnic. More information will be available as plans come together.

Even though it sounds too early to think of Christmas... We at Ye Olde Log Cabin are starting to work on our fundraising and planning for our visit from Santa at the Cabin on December 3, 2023 from 1-5pm. Mark your calendar and bring the kids to the Cabin to visit Santa and tell him their wishes for Christmas.

We would like to send out a big thank you to Chris Dearborn for always thinking of our volunteer family at Ye Olde Log Cabin and providing bottled water for us to keep us hydrated during our hot summer days! Thank you again Chris for always remembering us, we appreciate it!

Ye Olde Log Cabin is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12-5 until the end of our season on September 10th. We look forward to your visit at Ye Olde Log Cabin in "The Pine Grove"!



### The Newfane Community Food Pantry at St. Brendan's

#### Newfane Community Food Pantry has new number

The Newfane Community Food Pantry is still meeting the needs of the community after more than 40 years. In the past, patrons called the office at St. Brendan on the Lake Church, Ewings Road site, where the Pantry is housed. But now the Pantry has a new telephone number. Patrons may call the NCFP directly at 716-638-4245.

The Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Patrons must call for an appointment on Tuesday morning.

Currently the Pantry is collecting backpacks for school children to be given away in August and early September. Donations of cash and non-perishable food are always welcome.

The Pantry also operates the Mobile Food Truck on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Patrons line up their cars at Newfane Town Hall to participate in the free event.

NCFP is part of FeedMore WNY, formerly called the Food Bank of Western New York. In addition, these churches support the Pantry with time, cash, and food donations: Concordia Evangelical Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, First Baptist of Newfane, Hess Road Wesleyan, Immanuel Lutheran, Living Water Community, Newfane United Methodist, Olcott United Methodist, St. Andrew's Episcopal of Burt, St. Brendan on the Lake Catholic, and Warrens Corners United Methodist.

Other support comes from the John R. Oishei Foundation, the Newfane Lions Club, local farmers, the Newfane School District, many businesses and organizations, and individual donors.

Call the NCFP at 716-638-4245 for more information.

Be Safe and Stay healthy!

#### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

by Edna Wolfe

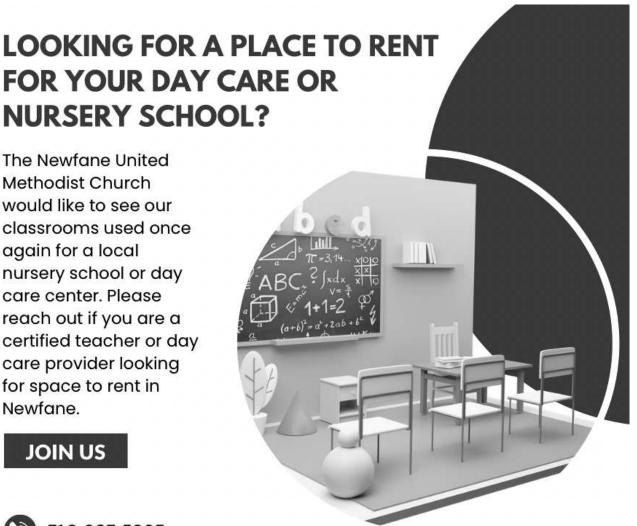
The First Baptist Church Pantry is located at 6047 East Ave in Newfane. You can't miss it, because it is a cobblestone church with big double red doors. It serves the community in two ways. First its doors welcome everyone who wishes to seek inspirational guidance under the ministry of Pastor Kim Smith. Second, it houses a food pantry under the management of Linda

Originally the Food Pantry was located in Olcott and had served the Migrant Ministries. It was than relocated to The First Baptist Church in Newfane, where today it not only takes care of the migrants and their families, who come to work on the local farms, but has expanded to assisting the families in the community that are in need of food.

Through the New York State grants and USDA donations, Mrs. Peace is able to purchase healthy foods as well as basic staples at a low rate through the WNY food Bank. The pantry also receives left over fresh produce and eggs from the local farmers. Fresh Breads and desserts are picked up weekly from the local store. Local organizations do food drives and donate monetary gifts. Donations of basic need items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, toilet paper, shampoos, soap etc. that cannot be purchased with food stamps are always welcomed.

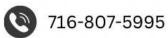
The pantry is open from 1pm to 6pm on Wednesdays. Families can register for service, or to receive emergency food, and come twice a month to receive a three day supply of food each time, to help stretch their funds and get them through a month.

Mrs. Peace, along with her volunteer team work to create a welcome friendly environment for anyone who seek assistance, with respect and kindness.



**JOIN US** 

Newfane.



### News from the Town Clerk's Office

Mickie Kramp, Town Clerk/Registrar RMC/CMC Donna Lakes, Deputy Town Clerk Kristina Gifford, Deputy Town Clerk



#### FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2023

The Niagara County Department of Health in cooperation with the Niagara County Veterinary Society has **TWO** FREE Rabies Immunization Clinics.

#### PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW MANDATORY

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR BY PHONE Any questions or to register by phone, call 716-439-7490 ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Saturday, September 16 Town of Lockport Highway Department 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon 6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport

Saturday, December 9 City of No. Tonawanda Public Works Dept 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR RABIES CLINIC ARE NOW MANDATORY

THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE
AVAILABLE ONLINE THE MONDAY PRECEDING EACH CLINIC (THE
PRECEDING TUESDAY IF MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY) AT
WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/HEALTH

#### •BRING YOUR PRIOR RABIES CERTIFICATES.

•Cats and Dogs receiving immunization WITHOUT PROOF of a previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate valid for one year. Dogs and Cats WITH PROOF of previous rabies will receive a certificate valid for three years.

•Cats and Dogs WITH PROOF of previous rabies will receive a certificate valid for three years. Ferrets must receive vaccinations annually, regardless of previous immunization.

•All Animals must be properly restrained. Cats & Ferrets must be in a carrier. Dogs must be leashed.

**REMINDER:** Every year thousands of dogs suffer from heat-related injuries or deaths that are totally preventable. If your pets are kept outdoors during the summer months, be sure to provide shelter for them. They must be protected from the hot sun and have plenty of fresh water available at all times. Never leave your pet in a vehicle during the hot summer months. There is NO SUCH THING as safe car time, even with the windows cracked, in the shade or "just for a while". In 90 degree weather, a car's interior temperature can soar to more than 120 degrees in minutes. That is potentially lethal. Once dogs begin to overheat, they start to pant. In that kind of heat, panting can't cool them down, but it does emit even more heat. That is a vicious cycle that can cost you your pet.

Place the back of your hand on asphalt or concrete for a minimum of 6 seconds. If it's too hot for you it's too hot for your pet's paws.

#### Air Temperature Vs. Pavement Temperature

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77 degrees F	125 degrees F
86 degrees F	135 degrees F
87 degrees F	143 degrees F

Pavement temperatures can be 40 to 60 degrees warmer than air temperatures.

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#### NEWFANE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE 2737 MAIN STREET NEWFANE, NEW YORK 14108

The Town of Newfane will be continuing the **mail-in dog enumeration** (census) as required by Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, any dog 4 months of age or older must be licensed in the Local Town where they are sheltered. Please fill out the form below and return it with the appropriate documentation:

- 1. Current rabies certificate from Veterinarian
- 2. Spayed or neutered certificate from Veterinarian
- 3. Check payable to Newfane Town Clerk

#### THE FEES FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Spayed/neutered \$ 8.50 2. Unspayed/Unneutered \$18.50

#### WE DO NOT ACCEPT DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS

An owner or harborer of a dog found in violation of any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be liable for all damages arising from said violation, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Questions? Please contact Town Clerk's Office at 778-8822 #2.

Please direct all other questions, concerns or issues regarding dogs to our Dog Control Officers

JEFFREY NEWMAN RICK SMITH 716-807-6270 716-523-4019

List additional dogs on a separate sheet of paper

Owner's Name:		Signature:	
Address:			
Phone Number:		Email:	
Number of Dogs to b	e licensed:	Dog's Name:	
Dog's Breed:	Dog's Age:	Dog's Gender:	
Spayed/Neutered: Yes	s No		
Dog's Color(s):		Tattoos or Markings	
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ATTENTION ALL PET OWNERS: Dogs licenses are renewed annually in the Town of Newfane. You can renew in person, by mail, or by using the drop box located on the north side of the building to the right of the double glass doors. The Dog License Renewals are mailed from the Town Clerk's Office to the last mailing address provided. If any of your information has changed it is important that you provide those changes to the Town Clerk's Office. It is also important to secure the ID tag on your pet's collar. In the event that your pet should wander away without this means of ID you may not be reunited again, simply because you were not able to be located. If you love your pets, please take this step in ensuring their safe return. Sadly, lost pets are a very common occurrence. Additionally, please be certain that the Town Clerk's office has your "CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER/CELL" allowing us to contact you. Thank you!

**NOTARY SERVICE:** Please call the Clerks' Office to schedule an appointment at: (716) 778-8822 option 2.

**VETERANS**: The Niagara County Veterans Service Agency is committed to providing veterans, their spouses, widows, family members and dependent children the benefits and services to which they are entitled. It is important for our veterans, or their families, to follow up with the Service Agency to see if there are any programs they may qualify for. To get more information you can call (716) 438-4090.

**FREE FISHING DAYS:** New York's Free Fishing Days are as follows: September 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>. **NO FISHING LICENSE NEEDED!!!** Enjoy and be safe.

**HUNTING**: 2022-2023 HUNTING LICENSE sales begin Tuesday, August 1st. Please bring in your Driver's License (preferred) and/or prior Hunting License. This will greatly assist us in speeding up the process of obtaining your permits.

#### **DEER MANAGEMENT PERMITS (Doe Permits):**

Please be certain to purchase your tags by the end of September to have a full choice of regions. The first round allows you to select your region of choice and will help you build preference points in the event your first pick is not successful. The cost is 2 picks for \$10.00. If you miss the first round your region may not be available as a selection in the second round and you will need to pay the \$10.00. If you purchased permits in the first round the second round is free.

**Lifetime License Holders**: We have a copy of the Lifetime License Information Sheet in our office and on our website in the Clerk's section under Hunting & Fishing Licenses should you need it for reference.

Adults: Once you have purchased your lifetime license, all future licenses and tags, (that are applicable to your account), will be sent to you annually from the DEC fulfillment center by September 1st provided you have the appropriate sportsman education in your file. If you have not received your tags by September 1st, please contact the DEC to verify the address they were mailed to. You may apply for a first round Deer Management Permit online, by phone or at any agent location. You do not need to wait for your lifetime license to come in the mail to apply for your Deer Management Permits.

Children: For individuals who purchased a lifetime license for a child; once the child reaches the age where they have completed his/her required training course, the certificate(s) information must be provided to the DEC and added to the account to receive any licenses or tags. It may take up to 14 business days to receive your tags.

You can visit the website for the DEC at www.dec.ny.gov for any information needed regarding mailing addresses, regulations, fees, season dates, regional maps, etc.

"Opening day of Shotgun Season" in the Southern Zone will be Saturday, November 18, 2023.

The process for obtaining your Hunter Education Certifications for gun, bow and trapping has changed. You must now do online training prior to attending your Hunter Education Course. Please visit the DEC website at www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html for specific instructions.

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS:**

The American Red Cross holds a Blood Drive every other month at the Newfane Town Hall Community Center. During the summer especially, there is a desperate need for blood donations. The Newfane Community is continually being thanked for their generous support. Please continue to look for the Blood Donation signs in the front of the Town Hall for these events. Your help is greatly appreciated. There will be a blood drive on September 25th from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment simply google American Red Cross. You can put in the Newfane zip code, 14108, and schedule a convenient appointment. It's just that simple.

#### MAMMOGRAPHY 3D SCREENING

On Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the traveling 3D Mammography motor vehicle (RV) will be at the Town Hall. Their goal is "Bringing Quality Care to You". Most major insurance is accepted and if you do not have health insurance you may be eligible for a covered mammogram. Please visit the website windsongradiology.com/mobile to schedule an appointment and see the most current updated available information.

#### **COOKING WITH THE CLERKS**

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**Dill Dip** (yield 2 cups)

Ingredients

2/3 cup sour cream 2/3 cup mayonnaise

3 ounces cream cheese (softened) 1 tablespoon dill weed

1 tablespoon onion flakes 1 tablespoon parsley

1½ teaspoons Beau Monde Seasoning

3 drops Tabasco

1 tablespoon Worchestershire salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

- Mix all ingredients together thoroughly.
- Refrigerate overnight.

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#### No-Bake Chocolate Pudding Pie

#### Ingredients

- 1 box 5.85-oz instant chocolate pudding
  - 1 pre-made 9-inch graham cracker pie crust
- 1 8 oz tub whipped cream
- 1 regular sized Hershey's Chocolate Bar
- as called for on box 2% milk

#### Instructions

Prepare your instant chocolate pudding per package directions (different brands require different amounts of milk).

- 1. Pour a little less than half of your chocolate pudding into the bottom of your graham cracker pie crust.
- 2. Mix the remaining pudding with 1/2 of the whipped cream and stir well.
- 3. Add as the next layer of pie,
- 4. Add  $^{1}/2$  of the remaining whipped cream to the top of the pie.
- 5. Using a potato peeler shave off chocolate pieces to add to the top of your pie.
- 6. Refrigerate for 1 hour (or more) Serve and enjoy!

#### A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER:

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

### **Newfane Water and Sewer Department**

#### NEED HELP PAYING YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL?

A link for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (**LIHWAP**) is available on our website at <u>townofnewfane.com</u>

- Go to Town Departments
- Water Department
- At the very top of the page, "click here" (will be in green)

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

- 1. CASH
- 2. CHECK
- 3. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS- ONLINE ONLY- 2.95% FEE
- 4. ACH PAYMENTS NO FEE form is available at: townofnewfane.com

There is a night drop box located on the north side of the Town Hall, to the right of the door. Payments, when dropped go into a secure locked box. Any payments left the evening of the due date will be accepted the next morning on time with no late penalties.

August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, we remove all unpaid balances to the following year's County tax bill. A tax removal fee of 10% is added to your bill as well as a \$100.00 administrative fee.

#### **Garbage Reminders**

Handles on your garbage tote face the house. Please pay attention to the arrows on the top of the lid. The arm of the garbage truck must be able to dump your tote into the top of the loader and can only do so if the totes are positioned properly.

Large item pick-up is the third full week of collection each month. Large items are not permitted at the curb until the week of your large item pick up. If items are sitting at the road prior to large item pick up week, a letter will be sent to have the items removed. If items are not removed, the Town of Newfane will have the items removed and bill the homeowner for the cost of the removal and a \$150.00 administration fee. Please adhere to three large items on your garbage day during bulk pick-up week. Please note that a second truck comes back around for the large items, so your tote may be emptied first.

Leaf and yard waste must now be contained in your appropriate garbage tote. You can no longer put bags of leaves and yard waste to the curb. Should you require another garbage tote, please contact the Water Department at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6 to purchase and one will be delivered. We have large garbage totes available for \$80.00 and small totes available for \$50.00. Please be advised an additional annual fee of \$55 will be applied to your county tax bill for the dumping and collection of the additional tote. Bag tags are available for \$5.00 each at the Water Office in the Newfane Town Hall. A maximum of 5 bag tags are allowed per week.

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Please contact the Town of Newfane Water Office at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6, if you have any questions.

### **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

**Assessor: Mary Hastings** 

The 2023 Final Assessment roll is completed and filed.

\*\*If you are a new homeowner and it will be your primary residence, you need to register with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for <u>STAR Credit</u>. You will receive your Star savings in the form of a check directly from New York State <u>instead</u> of receiving a school property tax exemption. Visit <u>www.tax.ny.gov</u> or call (518) 457-2036.

#### \*\*Current Basic Star Exemption recipients ONLY\*\*

If you are **over 65** or turning 65 years of age by **December 31, 2024,** you may qualify for the **Enhanced Star Exemption** if your **Adjustable Gross Income** for **2022** was **\$93,200** or less. This exemption will be applied to the upcoming **2024** assessment roll. To file for this exemption, the following items are needed: (1) Proof of age, (2) A copy of your **2022** Income Tax, (Federal or State), and (3) Proof of your New York State residency. **ALSO** it is now **MANDATORY** for **all** Enhanced STAR applicants to file a RP-425-Income Verification Program form. This form authorizes NY State Department of Taxation and Finance to annually verify income using your Social Security number. If you feel you qualify for Enhanced, please stop in the office no later than **March 1, 2024** to file your paperwork.

If you have questions concerning any of the above information, give our office a call at 716-778-8827 Option 4.

#### **EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.**

#### GRIEVANCE DAY IS THE 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY IN MAY.

#### **Building Permits**:

Each year we are working on building permits and updating our photos. If you have any questions, give our office a call.

# BUILDING DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE – JULY 17,2023

# SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS MONDAY – FRIDAY

10am - 2pm

To meet with the Building Inspector, you must make an appointment.

Call the office @ 716-778-5947 ext. 105 or Text: 716-954-2030

\*Inspections require 24 hour notice



### **OLCOTT BEACH INFO**

# Memorial Day 2023 through Labor Day 2023 Hours:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday Holidays

12 pm - 7 pm

Lifeguards on duty during these hours. Swim close to on duty lifeg

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Any questions about the status of the beach, please call the Newfane Town Hall: (716) 778-8822

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### Roadside Brush Pickup -- What to Do and Not Do

The following policy is in effect for regular town wide brush pick-up

All branches MUST be piled as neatly as possible with ALL CUT ENDS FACING the road and NO LONGER then 10 ft long.

Tree removal companies are responsible to remove ALL of their own debris. \*\*\*\*\*

We will NOT pick up large STUMPS.

We will not pick up leaves or yard rubbish, etc.

A maximum amount of 2 tandem truck loads will be picked up at a time at any one residence.

We will NOT pick up branches in front of wooded lots that are being cleared.



We will NOT be responsible for any damages to anything that is under the pile of brush that we cannot see. Large piles are picked up with large machinery.

For questions, please contact the Highway Department at 778-8844 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday- Thursday.



Thank you for your cooperation!

#### **MARINA & FISHING**

We hope everyone has had a great summer so far and enjoyed the fantastic fireworks over Lake Ontario on July 3<sup>rd</sup>!

We have been busy making improvements at the Marina. Curbing, painting, dock repairs, and a new gas dock are some of the improvements we have accomplished this year. It's not too late to get a dock for the remainder of the season.

Derbies left for the season are Reelin' for a Cure ladies' tournament, LOC Fall Derby, and the 2023 A Fish Odyssey. For more information on any of the derbies stop into the Marina office and ask for a 2023 Visitor's Guide.

**The Marina will close for the season on September 30, 2023.** If you are a permanent dock holder and need assistance after September 30, 2023, please call the Marina at **(716) 778-5462** and leave a message with your name, phone number, and what we can help you with. Someone will return your call. Fish Park will open October 1, 2023.

Reservations for the 2024 season can be made starting April 6, 2024.

# 22nd Niagara Celtic Returns in a Few Weeks

Happening Sept. 16 & 17 at the Niagara County Fairgrounds

An annual tradition for many, The Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games is back and you're invited! Niagara Celtic is now the largest Celtic gathering in WNY, held at the Niagara County Fairgrounds. It's a wonderful weekend full of unique experiences that only happen once. This means a weekend pass is the best chance to experience as much fun as possible.

The festival is split into 5 regions, each filled with unique aspects of culture and to help visitors navigate their way around. This year the regions will host 5 music stages, athletics, 60+ vendors, clans, history groups, food, drink, demos, free kid's activities and plenty of attractions. A feature attraction is, of course, The Highland Games. Niagara Celtic hosts one of the largest multiple division games in the world, with over 60 athletes from across the U.S. competing in the ancient strongman competition.

On stage you'll find a variety of performances from 40+ acts. This year's Saturday After-Hours Ceilidh features Syr (from South Carolina) and The Screaming Orphans (from Ireland). Sunday's Grand Finale Concert is headlined by Steel City Rovers (from Hamilton, ONT). Niagara Celtic also local groups, including McCarthyizm, The Blarney Bunch, Crikwater, Catch and Release, Cairde, O'Braca Irish Band, The Reardon and Garvey Band, The Restless Soles, and Three Parts Whiskey. Nine pipe bands will be appearing, including Niagara Regional Police Pipes and Drums, MacKenzie Highlanders' Pipes and Drums, "D" Company Buffalo City Guard Gordon Highlanders, and Celtic Spirit Pipe Band. Dance groups include Harris-Grieco Academy of Irish Dance, and ROCeltic. The unique Galician (Spanish-Celtic) group, A Irmandade Da Gaita, are returning for their second visit to the festival. For a complete list of all performers, visit NiagaraCeltic.com.

Throughout your visit, you'll never be far from many great artisans and vendors, selling a wide variety of items, from swords and Celtic garb to toys, jewelry, candles, crystals, art, and other artisanal goods. Your stomach will also be happy as you sample food from vendors offering countless Celtic and local favorites, including Scotch eggs, haggis, specialty desserts, Celtic chicken wings, shepherd's pie, and wines. You can also enjoy Celtic beverages from the festival's three pubs. Niagara Celtic is also fortunate to feature an array of historical demos and displays, including dozens of attending Clans.

The festival showcases many non-profits, including Celtic and local organizations who better the WNY area. It's a great chance for them to outreach and fundraise to thousands of people at one time. Niagara Celtic's organizers are honored to support the many groups that attend. Explains Niagara Celtic Festival Director, Beth Banks, "most of the performance, historical, and non-profit groups earn money from the festival, along with many local businesses we work with. It's important our guests know a portion of their paid ticket directly supports many, many local groups and businesses, with the rest used to host the festival itself. We're grateful to remain an independent event that is still growing thanks to the support of attendees."

It's also important to note Niagara Celtic itself is a non-profit organization. Hundreds of volunteers, many who live in Newfane, Olcott, and Wrights Corners, work hard all year to create a welcoming environment for all who join. Guests wear garb and costumes, helping add to the warm and colorful atmosphere. It is wonderful to witness such a joyous gathering that is made and enjoyed by everyone attending. A highland athlete recently explained Niagara Celtic, saying "it's the best overall Celtic Festival I attend; all aspects: the food, music, games...all together it's a great time."

The 22nd Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games will be held Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17 at the Niagara County Fairgrounds in Lockport, NY. Daily and weekend tickets range from \$12-35 (buying online is cheaper than at the gate). Kids 12 & under are free, and on-site parking is free. Dogs are welcome, provided owners sign and follow a waiver; please visit the website for rules. The festival is also looking for more volunteers, who receive free entrance and food tickets. If interested, please visit the 'Get Involved' page on the website.

For further info. about the festival, including daily schedules, tickets, volunteering, lodging and more, please visit www.NiagaraCeltic.com. Niagara Celtic is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established in 2001 and serves the WNY Celtic community. For further questions not addressed on the website, please email vickib@niagaraceltic.com.



# Summer Events...

#### August 2- September 27 - Wednesdays

Weekly Farmer's Market, 4:30-7pm, Newfane United Methodist Church, 2699 Main St., Newfane

Local Farmers sell their produce in the center of town. Visit with the community, shop locally and grab a bite to eat.

#### August 4- September 1- Fridays

Friday Nights on the Boardwalk, 5-8pm 5955 Ontario Street, Olcott

Join the Lakeview Village Shoppes every Friday Night on the Boardwalk for live music, free wine tastings featuring local wineries, and a farmers market.

#### August 5- August 19 - Saturdays

Weekly Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott

Sponsored by the Olcott Beach Community Association & area businesses. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

#### August 11th - Friday

18th Annual Bike Night, 5:30-10:30 pm Calhoon's Pub

FREE event! Live music vendors, food & free bike competition. Raises money & awareness for WNY Challenger Sports. 716-638-0455

#### August 11- Friday August 13- Sunday

Law Enforcement Day at Olcott Beach Carousel Park,

Join the Niagara County Sheriff Dept & NYS Police from 12 - 2pm for fun!

#### August 13- Sunday

Chicken BBQ, Noon- 2:30pm Olcott United Methodist Church, 5956 Main St.

#### August 20- Sunday

Olcott Beach Carousel Park's 21st Anniversary & Roaring 20's Community Appreciation Day, 12 -6 pm

Celebrate the Carousel's 95th birthday w/ free Carousel rides all day!

#### August 24- Thursday

Free Outdoor Movie Night - The Sound of Music

**Carousel Park** Gates open 7pm. Begins at dusk (around 9pm).

#### August 26- Saturday

2nd Annual Newfane Community Day, 3-10pm

Live music, Local Food & Craft vendors, Children's games. Newfane Town Hall parking lot. 2743 Main St., Newfane.

#### August 31- Thursday

Free Outdoor Movie Night - Horton Hears a Who

**Carousel Park** Gates open 7pm. Begins at dusk (around 9pm).

For details and updates regarding planned events this summer, please be sure to check out The Town of Newfane tourism website at www.olcott-newfane.com or on Facebook.

#### **OLCOTT BEACH CONCERT SERIES 2023**

At the Olcott Beach Gazebo (Next to Carousel Park) Main Street, Olcott ALL CONCERTS 2-4 PM (unless otherwise noted)

Concert Series sponsored by Olcott-Newfane Tourism, Olcott Beach Community Association and the Olcott Lions Club. Free event, free parking, handicap accessible.

Sun., August 6 Buffalo Banjo Band 2pm to 4pm

Sun., August 13 Janice Mitchell & Jim Beischline 2pm to 4pm

Sun., August 20 My Cousin Tone 2pm to 4pm

Sun., August 27 Easy Street Big Band 2pm to 4pm

Sun., Sept. 3 \*\*Olcott Beach Jazz Trail\*\* 12pm to 8:30pm Mon.,Sept. 4 LABOR DAY Riverdogs 2pm to 4pm

#### Wednesday Concerts at the Gazebo

sponsored by the Newfane Business Association (NBA)

Main Street Gazebo - Newfane

All concerts start at 7pm. Bring a chair, your friends and family to the Gazebo on Main Street (Rt 78 north of Town Hall). These concerts are sponsored by the Newfane Business Association, Newfane Tourism, Town of Newfane and Wilson's Pizza.

Aug. 2: Tom Keefer and Celtic Cross - Celtic music

Aug. 9: Restless Soles Folk

Country, Reggae, Americana and more

Aug. 16: Tom and Sarah Wright - Acoustic Duo

Note: In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be moved to inside the Newfane United Methodist Church, found at the corner of East Ave and Main Street. Parking available across the street.



#### **Newfane United Methodist Church**



2699 Main Street Newfane, NY 14108



Open every Wednesday
July 6<sup>th</sup> – September 28<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm – 7:00pm

We offer a variety of vendors each week at our market
The church will have a food booth each week
Service organizations welcome

For a space, please contact the church at 778-7011

Follow us on Facebook: Newfane Methodist Farmer's Market



The Olcott Beach Community Association (OBCA) is a group made up of community members and business owners that meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We have been having our meetings at the Olcott Methodist Church on the corner of Route 78 & Main Street each month. There is no fee to join and everyone is welcome at all of our meetings.

The weekly Saturday Night Car & Bike Nights are every Saturday until August 26th from 5pm to 8pm on Main Street in Olcott. There is no fee to attend thanks to our many great local sponsors!

We are already preparing for next year's Bicentennial! We are hoping to add Bicentennial themes to our annual events and also help Ye Olde Log Cabin plan a Pioneer's Picnic in the Krull Park for Old Olcott Days! Stay tuned for details about all the Bicentennial fun!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events as well as help with maintaining the flowers along Main Street and at the Olcott Gazebo. We invite anyone interested in volunteering or just interested in receiving the meeting minutes to email us at olcottbeachcommunityassociation@yahoo.com

# Free Outdoor Movie Nights in Olcott! Sponsored by the Town Of Newfane Tourism Board

Bring your lawn chairs and join us under the stars for outdoor showings of family friendly movies!

The Newfane Tourism Board is hosting 4 FREE Outdoor Movie Nights at the Carousel Park - July 20<sup>th</sup> and 27th, August 24th, and 31st at dusk! Seating is limited - gates will close when capacity is reached. Bring lawn chairs/blankets!

Concessions available while supplies last benefiting local non-profits. You are welcome to also bring your own, but no glass bottles and no alcohol please!

Movies start at dusk, but the Carousel, Duck Pond and Skee-ball lanes will be running from 7pm until movie time!

Find us on line @NewfaneOlcottNY or check out our web page <a href="http://www.Olcott-Newfane.com">http://www.Olcott-Newfane.com</a>!









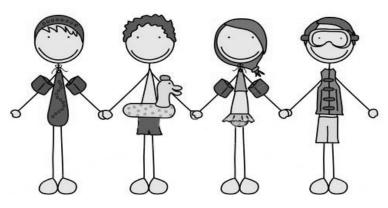
The July 20 movie 'Home Alone' postponed due to rain has been rescheduled for August 17



# Newfane Central School District Aquatic Center

Located at: 2909 Transit Road Newfane, New York 14108 716-778-6853

Dr. Lisa Krueger Superintendent of Schools Bernadette Seymour Aquatic Center Director



PARENT & CHILD AQUATIC PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide an American Red Cross aquatic program for infants or preschoolers (6 months through 3 years) and their parent/guardian that will promote water safety practices, aquatic adjustments and swimming readiness skills. Making it "FUN" and enjoyable in the water with parental involvement. This program is intended to develop in young children a comfort level in and around the water, as well as a readiness for learning to swim. This program is NOT designed to teach children to become accomplished swimmers or even to survive in the water on their own. It will, however, provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills to orient your child to the water and to safely supervise water activities. The emphasis is on the development of a warm and trusting relationship between adults, children, and instructor. The relationship serves as the basis for learning.

**Age**: 6 months - 3 years **Cost**: \$2.00 with adult

Session: Monday's September 11, 2023 through October 23, 2023 and March 11, 2024 through May 20, 2024

**Time**: 6:30 – 7:00 pm

#### **COMMUNITY and SENIOR CITIZEN SWIM**

For our Community members as well as our Senior Citizens: The pool is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 am - 8:45 am Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm for your enjoyment.

**Cost**: \$2.00

Session: Mondays, Wednesdays (and Fridays) September 6, 2023 through June 21, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 am - 8:45 am (M,W,F) am and 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm (M,W)

#### LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM

If you have a son or daughter and would like to sign up for evening Learn to Swim lessons, this program is for them. Enroll them in an American Red Cross "Learn to Swim Program". This program is divided into seven levels. The prerequisite for each level is successful demonstration of the skills from the preceding level, except for level 1, which has no prerequisite. Our program will offer instruction designed to help swimmers of all ages and abilities develop and refine their skills. We will have an authorized Red Cross Water Safety Instructor teach a variety of strokes, including the front crawl, back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, and butterfly. They will also introduce a wide range of personal safety skills and possible diving techniques. At more advanced levels, students refine skills, learn the basics of springboard diving, and discover how to incorporate swimming into a lifetime fitness program. This program will fill up quickly so sign up today to ensure a spot.

**Age:** 4+ **Cost:** \$58.00

**Session:** Wednesdays 9-weeks

January 3,10,17, 24 & 31; February 7,14, 21 & 28

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Level I & II 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Levels III, IV, V, VI

Dates and times may be adjusted and please note if the district is closed, the event is cancelled.



#### **EVENING WATER AEROBICS**

This one hour, low-impact program, uses water resistance to help strengthen muscles while cushioning the body upon impact. Participants do not need to be able to swim to take the class since they will be moving from a standing position in the shallow end. For ages 21 years or older

Fall Session: Mondays & Wednesdays September 6, 2023 through October 25, 2023

Cost: \$2.00 per class

Spring Session: Mondays & Wednesdays March 11, 2024 through May 22, 2024

**Cost:** \$2.00 per class **Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Minimum class size: 9 participants

#### DAYTIME WATER ARTHRITIS PROGRAM

Low impact program! Join us in our heated pool and take stress off tired joints and muscles. Gentle range of motion exercises. It cannot rid you of the condition, but it can make it more bearable.

Slight change from prior years, please see below:

- \*Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 PM 4:15 PM
- \*Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 AM 8:45 AM

Cost: \$2.00 per class

**Time:** watch the website for updates

[Dates Subject to change due to student swim classes and swim team practice]

Minimum class size: 9 participants



#### POOL PARTIES

#### Celebrate at the Newfane Aquatic Center!

Parties/events are considered a three-hour block which includes up to two-hours of pool time and an area to decorate for snacks and celebrating in the lobby.

A building request form must be must be filed 4 weeks prior to the event date. A Certificate of Insurance or Release of Liability form must be on file. Please see the website and register your group in the MLSchedules program to get started. www.newfane.wnyric.org

Fees are based on the number of swimmers using the pool. A minimum of two (2) lifeguards is required. Payment **must** be made prior to event!

#### PRIVATE PARTIES FOR ORGANIZATIONS

The Aquatic Center also is available for private organizations... Book a party for your Boy Scout, Girl Scout, 4-H, church or youth group!

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$	ENCLOSED TO COVER COURSE FEES.
	(NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED IN MAIL)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: Newfane Central School District

MAIL TO: Bernadette Seymour Newfane Business Office/Aquatics 6273 Charlotteville Road Newfane, New York 14108

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO PREVENT CLASSES FROM BEING CANCELED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT ENROLLMENT. QUESTIONS? 778-6853 or Bseymour@newfanecentralschools.org

# NEWFANE AQUATIC PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

NAME	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	EMAIL
COURSE(S) NAME	

# Olcott Beach Carousel Park is Celebrating 21 Seasons of Business!

Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.

Thanks to the many volunteers, community supporters, patrons, and fundraising efforts of the Park After Dark Committee, Olcott Beach Carousel Park has been serving the community for 21 years! The park will be open, now until Labor Day on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12 - 6 pm. Although everyday at the park is special, below are some events that you don't want to miss:

# August 8, 2023: The Park After Dark...A Party with a Purpose!

Don't be left out! This is the party of the year and all for a good cause. It's a fundraiser for Olcott Beach Carousel Park (a not for profit, all volunteer run kiddie park) and takes place from 6 - 10 p.m. at Olcott Beach Carousel Park, 5979 Main St., Olcott NY 14126. Guests can enjoy an evening of musical entertainment (for listening and dancing under the stars) (7 - 10 PM) on the Tom Kelley Rustic Theater Stage and music on the lawn, Carnival Games, a fortune teller and much more! Tickets are \$35 and include a light supper catered by Simply Tasteful. Cash bar. Tickets available at Olcott Beach Carousel Park ticket booth or by calling (716) 778-7066.

August 13, 2023: Law Enforcement Day, 12 -2 pm, Niagara County Sheriff and NYS Police will host Law Enforcement Day at Olcott Beach Carousel Park. Come meet and talk with the officers, check out the patrol cars and the working dogs.

#### August 20, 2023: Olcott Beach Carousel Park Presents its 21st Anniversary & Community Appreciation Day

Celebrate our 21st season and our carousel's 95th birthday, from 12 - 6 p.m. Entertainment on stage at 2 p.m. will be Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show, presented by the WNY Dairy Farmers. Free washable tattoos for the kids, a Skee Ball Challenge (3 divisions, winners of each division receive a Regal Theater Gift Card), free balloon animals made from 2:30 - 4 pm, cookies, free rides on the Olcott Fire Truck from 1 - 3 p.m. To show appreciation to the community for their support of the park, carousel rides be will free, all other rides 25¢. Kiddie rides are for children no taller than 52 inches.

# August 27, 2023: Rustic Theater Stage Show at Olcott Beach Carousel Park

Catch a fabulously funny "Nels Ross In Jest Comedy Variety Show at 2:00 p.m. that is suitable for the whole family. Join nationally renowned Nels Ross as he juggles, enlists participants from the audience, and puts on a hilariously entertaining show.

# September 4, 2023 (Labor Day): Last day of the 2023 season at Olcott Beach Carousel Park

Come join us and celebrate the end of our season.

Open from 12 - 6 p.m. Watch Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Act performed at 2 pm (Presented by the WNY Dairy Farmers). Rejoin us Memorial Day Weekend in 2023 for another fun season.









# **Newfane Public Library**

2761 Maple Avenue, Newfane, NY 14108 www.newfanepubliclibrary.org

Phone & Fax (716) 778-9344

Email: Newfanelibrary@Nioga.org

### **Library Hours**

Monday – Thursday: 10 AM – 8 PM

Friday: 10AM - 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 2 PM (Closed Saturdays in August)

August:		
**Library is closed on Saturdays all month**	8/17 Community Science: Nature's Notebook 6 PM	
8/9 Free Kids Nutrition Class 11:30am-12:30 PM	8/24 Let's Learn Chemistry Together 5 PM Sponsored by 4H	
8/9 Team Lego Build Competition 6-8 PM	8/25 Summer Reading Program Ends	
8/10 Introduction to Magic the Gathering 4-6 PM	8/29 Gadgets and Gear 2-4 PM	
September:		
9/2-9/4 Library Closed	9/12 Book Club 6 PM	
9/6 Lego Club 6 PM	9/13 Senior Game Night 6 PM	
October:	10/11 Storytime 11 AM	
10/2 Board Meeting 6 PM	10/13 Ghost Tour	
10/4 Storytime 11 AM	at The Winery at Marjim Manor 7 PM	
10/4 Lego Club 6 PM	10/18 Storytime 11 AM	
10/5 Autumn at the Arboretum: Winterize your Garden 6PM	10/25 Storytime 11 AM	
10/10 Book Club 6 PM	10/31 Visit during trick-or-treating for candy and refreshmen	
November:		
11/1 Lego Club 6 PM	11/28 Adult Holiday Craft Night 6 PM	
11/14 Book Club 6 PM	11/30 Sweet Holiday Treats:	
11/23-11/25 Library Closed	Kids Holiday Craft Fair 6-8PM At Community Center	
December:	12/13 Kids Holiday Cookie Decorating w/ the Cookie Cottage	
12/1 Light up Newfane Parade 4-7:30 PM	12/25 Library Closed	



### Churches were the Center of Early Life in Newfane Bill Clark, Town of Newfane Historian

Early religious activity in the Town of Newfane centered on gatherings that met in the homes of pioneer settlers. They were non-sectarian groups of neighboring families that focused on Bible readings led by family elders, then as the number of participating families increased they would make arrangements with itinerant preachers or share ministers among nearby communities. Elder Jehiel Weisner, a Baptist follower, was an early preacher holding services along the lakeshore in Orleans, Somerset and Olcott (then known as Kempville) where they would form the Somerset Baptist Church in 1812. Another congregation organized by pioneer Samuel Lockwood met in Olcott in 1815 and was led by circuit rider ministers of the Methodist Church. They erected the Methodist Episcopal church in 1833 on West Main Street across from the cemetery near West Creek Road, then built their current eastside United Methodist Church in 1909.

Settlement increased after the War of 1812 and grew rapidly when the Erie Canal was completed in 1825. Elder Weisner would organize the First Baptist Church of Newfane (then called Charlotteville) in 1829. For a time, there was also a Baptist assembly in Olcott, then in 1839 the Newfane and Olcott Baptist's briefly consolidated as the Eighteen Mile Creek Church, often meeting at the James Van Horn home. The cobblestone church in Charlotteville was erected in 1844 and the congregation reorganized as the First Baptist Church of Newfane, where services and meetings have since been held. The church was improved and rededicated in 1857 and is now listed on the National Registry of Historic Places; the Memorial Hall was added in 1920 and named to honor Newfane's World War I veterans who are listed on the building's exterior.

A Methodist congregation near the Newfane village, then known as Charlotteville, met as early as 1827 at homes in Adam's Basin, which was the area around today's Bixler and Condren Roads, where they held classes in a log schoolhouse in 1832. The Methodist church on the corner in Newfane was erected in 1844, then a new church was built in 1905, but destroyed by fire in 1931 and replaced with the present church a year later. The church school annex was added in 1956 and was used by Newfane Central School as they awaited completion of the Transit, Godfrey and Wheeler Road Elementary Schools being constructed to accommodate post-WWII population growth.

The Olcott and Newfane Methodist and First Baptist congregations have remained active through the two centuries of Newfane's history. The early 1900s photo of the Methodist and Baptist churches on the opposite page shows a row of wood shelters on the north side that congregants of both churches used to protect their horses and carriages in the pre-automobile era. The Lockport-Olcott trolley station on Maple Avenue (then called Mechanic Street) is on the right.

The Newfane and Olcott Methodist churches, and many others across the region identified as Methodist Episcopal churches through much of their history. After 1939 they are simply referred to as Methodist churches and were organized nationally in 1968 as United Methodist Churches. A Wesleyan Methodist congregation was organized in Olcott in 1844 that first met in the old Olcott schoolhouse. They obtained property from former New York Governor, Washington Hunt in 1855 and built a cobblestone church on the hill near today's water tower above the town marina. It was actually built using beach stone collected from the Lake Ontario shore and the building still exists today as a private residence. The church abandoned this building after its roof collapsed and they began meeting at a farmhouse and then at the old #3 schoolhouse on Hess Road, building the red brick church in 1878. The Newfane Free Methodist Church was organized in 1868 and in 1886 they built a wood frame church on Main Street, just south and across from Ewings Road, but the group disbanded in 1927 and the building became Newfane's first town hall and is now a private business.

Throughout Niagara County, many of the first churches were Presbyterian. The first meeting of the Niagara Presbytery was held in Gasport in 1824 and included a Presbyterian society from Wright's Corners, but the Wright's Corners church was not erected until 1872.

The Olcott Universalist Society was organized in 1858 and they built a brick church that later became the first Olcott Fire Hall in 1936. This structure was destroyed by fire and demolished in 1953 and a new fire hall was built that is now Maxwell Station Restaurant.

St. Andrew's Church on the hill above Cooper Street in Olcott was a mission church of Grace Episcopal in Lockport. Built in 1901, it was lost in the great Olcott block fire of 1927. Twenty-five years later (1952) an Episcopal group reorganized and established today's St. Andrews Church using the former Burt school house on West Creek Road.

Large numbers of Prussian (German) immigrants settled in Niagara County in the mid-1800s, leading to the formation of four Lutheran churches in Newfane. The first was St. John's Lutheran on Drake-Settlement Road west of Fuller Road (now a residence), established in 1895. Immanuel Lutheran on Ridge at Hess Roads started meeting about 1905 and included members previously attending St. John's. The new church was dedicated in 1909 and they offered services in both German and English. St. John's services were exclusively in German until they introduced English in 1934. When St. Luke's was organized in 1951 they had services in the Newfane town hall on South Main, then built the church on Main Street in 1952 that is now the Masonic Lodge. St. John's Lutheran and St. Luke's merged in 1967, the Drake-Settlement church was closed and they became Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church at the Main Street site, then opening a new facility as Faith Lutheran Church on Transit Road in 1971.

Interestingly, more families across Western New York can trace their ancestry to German than any other nationality. The original congregants of the former St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lockport were predominantly German and at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a German language newspaper was widely circulated around Lockport. These newspapers occasionally surface in the collections of Newfane families and a set was stolen from the Newfane Town Hall that we are hoping will be returned.

As Irish and German Catholic families began to settle west and north of Lockport, St. Bridget's parish on Ewing's Road was established to serve farm families in that area of Newfane, the Town of Lockport and Cambria. They first built a wood frame church in 1859 on land belonging to John Malloy, whose descendants still reside in the area. In 1909 they replaced it with a brick edifice that featured an 88-foot spire and today's modern church opened in 1969. Olcott's St. Charles parish was organized in 1884 as a mission church of St. Bridget's. Their first wood frame church was located on the Eighteen Mile Creek bank just south of today's Route 18 bridge, and today's Main Street brick church was opened in 1921.

Grace Bible Church, known as Grace Baptist when they organized in 1940, first met at the former IOOF building on Maple Avenue, which is the Brookins Inn and apartments today. They purchased the former Newfane High School on West Avenue in 1952 after the high school was moved to the new Central School on Transit Road.

Ridge Road Union, now Ridgewood Bible Church, started as a Sunday School in the District #1 schoolhouse in 1853 and a chapel was added in 1904. It was not organized as a church until 1915, with the help of the pastor from Hess Road Wesleyan Methodist, and in 1933 the chapel was enlarged to meet the needs of the growing congregation. The original church on the south side of Ridge Road was expanded again in 1954 and the new worship center was built in 2005 on the north side of Ridge Road

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The Niagara Bible Conference began purchasing property of the former Wisner, Chapman and Bush farms and estates on East Lake Road in 1938. They provided facilities for Christian meetings, conferences and retreats and were later affiliated with the American Mission for Opening Churches. The property was sold in 2017 and is now the Niagara Shores Campground and Conference Center.

A Seventh Day Adventist group formed about 1850 and met in the old Olcott Universalist Church that later became Olcott's first fire hall. They erected a church on the west side of the creek in Burt in 1910 that is now a private residence on the short street extending off West Creek Road, where there was once a bridge connecting West Creek to Creek Road (now Lockport-Olcott Rd).

Many Newfane families also worshipped at churches in neighboring towns; including Warren's Corners United Methodist, West Somerset Baptist, Concordia Lutheran on Beebe Road and the many churches in Lockport.

Members of the Baha'i Faith, organized by local fruit growers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kappus, met during the 1950s at the former McClew (later Murphy Orchards) estate. More recently, the Jehovah's Witness built and have now sold a church on Charlotteville Road, and the Living Water Community Church on South Main Street is at the site Castle's Restaurant once occupied. The Olcott Bible Church was founded in 1988 and completed construction of their West Lake Road church in 1993. The Evangelical Community Church met in the late 1970s at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Burt, then in the 1980s at the former Tops (westside) Plaza and at the former Tachi Restaurant on Transit Road. References can also be found for the Holy Tabernacle Church of Appleton, organized in 1973 by Margaret Stafford.

Adversity and change have always influenced the history and success of churches in Newfane. Through the 1840s to 1860s, church records highlight the community's involvement in the anti-slavery movement and the support churches offered Newfane families who sent 250 of their sons to fight in the Civil War. Area preachers and church sponsored programs were at the center of the temperance or anti-drinking efforts that would keep Newfane a dry-town from the mid-1800s through the end of prohibition. Church financing needed to maintain facilities and compensate pastors met serious challenges through the economic recessions of 1873, 1893 and the great depression. Throughout history and still today, the strength of their ministries is largely dependent on strong lay leadership, funding and program support from their membership, and the effectiveness and organizational skills of the pastors and ministers they engage.





Through Christ

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2730 Transit Road Newfane, NY 14108 (716) 778-7981

Join us for Worship every Sunday morning as we celebrate life and give glory to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.





Thanks to the more than twenty talended artists and graphic designers who submitted almost forty Bicencentennial logo designs. Many were well-done and would also have been excellent choices to represent the traditions and character of our Newfane community for the Bicentennial . This design by Grace Dixon, a Newfane and Fredonia grad, was selected for its bold look, simplicity and how it proudly features Newfane's heritage. This newsletter is printed in black and white, but in Bicentennial materials the logo will have blends of green, blue and red, which give it a vibrant look.

#### **2024 Bicentennial Planning**

Citizens and community groups are coming together to plan an exciting number of events and special days in 2024 that will recognize our community's rich heritage and bright future. The Bicentennial committee meets on the third Thursday of each month, 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. If you interested or can help, please come join us. The next meet is Thursday August 17..



The unveiling of the winning Bicentennial logo selection took place prior to the fireworks in Olcott on July 3. Doing the honors is Grace Dixon of Newfane who submitted the winning design. Left is Charles Henderson who chaired the Bicentennial logo contest and assisting on the right is Bill Clark of the Bicentennial Committee.

# **ELECTION DAY**

# **CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER**

# **DRIVE THRU ONLY**

#### **NEWFANE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

2699 MAIN STREET

Enter the parking lot off Main Street

ON



**SERVING BEGINS AT 4:30 P.M.** 

Menu: Chicken & Gravy over Biscuit, Mashed Potatoes,
Squash, Apple Salad, Pie



17<sup>™</sup> ANNUAL

"CANDY CANE LANE"

**CRAFT SHOW & SALE** 

at

Newfane United Methodist Church 2699 Main St., Newfane, N.Y.

on

Friday, December 1st

4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Come & do some last minute gift shopping, relax & eat in the cafe, take home fresh baked goods

There will be many crafters participating with a variety of unique items



### NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

HELLO FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE GARDEN CLUB! Can you believe we are more than halfway through the year? We hope that you had a wonderful Spring and start to Summer. We have had a busy beginning to 2023.

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We visited the home of a member in January and she shared several gardening videos with us. In February we made winter gardens by recycling plastic containers, adding soil and seeds. They were sort of like terrariums able to be place outside.

At the March meeting we made resin coasters with dried flowers. We hosted a speaker from Heirloom Soul Florals at our April meeting.

A member hosted a tea at her home for our May meeting. We made our own teabags with herbs and spices provided by our host. Members brought deserts to enjoy along with our tea.

Our June meeting was held at a member's home and we enjoyed touring her gardens. She has a breathtaking collection of iris, in many jewel colors. We appreciate her sharing her passion with us.

July found us wandering the beautiful day lily gardens of Park Lane Lilies. Each lily is more intriguing than the last. They are wonderful hosts to our group. We also joined the Kenan Herb Club for a tour of the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens. Many of us didn't even know the Gardens existed. They are located on 10 acres of land just off Sweeney Street.

At our August meeting we will be making faux cement garden décor. We have plans to visit Heartland Organics on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm. This greenhouse grows a great variety of mushrooms and has many mushroom related products.

Our October 12th meeting will be held at the Newfane Community Center. We will host a Cornell Extension speaker.

The November 9th meeting will also be held at the Newfane Community Center. We will be making a decoupage craft.

Niagara Shores is a garden club, but we do more than garden. Our aim is to share knowledge and ideas concerning gardening, hash over problems we may have with certain plants and bring awareness to environmental issues. We invite speakers to our meetings and enjoy making garden themed crafts.

We usually meet at our Home Base (Newfane Community Room), but we also take field trips or meet at member's homes when invited.

It is our hope that you might become interested in our club and join us for a meeting. We always welcome new folks and fresh ideas. Our home base is Newfane Community Room, and we meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Because we do take field trips, it would be best to call for information about a specific monthly meeting if you are interested in attending.

If you have any questions about our club or a monthly meeting, please contact President, Barb Reabold at 716-778-7198 or Secretary, Nancy Beakman at 716-778-7300.

# REMEMBER: GARDENING IS CHEAPER THAN THERAPY AND THE RESULTS ARE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AND/OR VEGETABLES!!!



# Kintergarten Roundup Bring smiles and tissue!



#### **The Olcott Lions**

Cordially Invite you to bring your family to Newfane's
Krull Park, Shelter # 5
(next to the playground)

Saturday, August 26, 2023 11:30 – 12:00 Meet Your Classmates On The Playground!

12:00 – 1:00 Learn About Bus Safety and Take a Ride on a REAL School Bus!

1:00 – 2:00 Cook Out With the Lions' Club and a Simon Says Tournament!



## It's Time to Get Yourself in Gear And Get Ready For Your First School Year!



Families of children entering Newfane Kindergarten should:

- Bring Lawn chairs or blankets
- Bring tissue for grandparent and parent crying (kids are always fine)

The Lions Will Provide Your Lunch!
Water and Juice

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Fruit, Chips and Ice Cream!

(please let the Lions know of any allergy or dietary concerns when you RSVP)

\* RSVP by texting (716) 248-8826 with the number of kids, grandparents, and parents that will be attending. Or email that to olcottlions@gmail.com

#### MILLER HOSE FIRE COMPANY

Fire Chief Jason Coleman

**President James Enderton** 

Seven months into 2023, Miller Hose has responded to approximately 566 emergency calls; comprised of 76 fire, accident, mutual aid and service calls; plus we had 490 EMS calls requiring Basic or Advanced life support. EMS calls average more than two calls per day.

The *Fill the Boot Drive* held in May during the Newfane Historical Society Apple Blossom Festival was again very successful thanks to all those generously donating funds. Proceeds will be used to purchase PPE and other Fire/EMS equipment.

New member, Jeanne Dunkelberger has been added to the active roster of firefighters. Jeanne has several years of experience and training as an office holder in the MHC Junior Firefighters.

AUGUST 5th: Miller Hose will assist with *The Hospice Gran Fondo* by providing fire police at various roads within the Town of Newfane for the safety of bicyclists participating in this 10th annual fund raising event for Niagara Hospice. Riders will cover a 15, 33 or 62 mile course on roads throughout Niagara County. Motorists should be aware of cyclists traveling on the roads starting at 7:30 am on August 5th.

SEPTEMBER 16th: This is the date of the annual *Gun and \$5000 Raffle*. 30 ticket prizes will be awarded along with side raffles, 50/50's and door prizes. Beverages and dinner will be served to TICKET HOLDERS ONLY. Winners of any guns or cash prizes will be responsible for all taxes, registration fees and any Federal/State gun regulations, plus required background checks. Winners of guns will be contacted by Sugarbush

Armory. You need not be present to win one of the prizes specified on the raffle ticket. A donation of \$20 will secure a ticket to the raffle and can be obtained from any Miller Hose member or by calling Dave at 716-870-0588. The raffle will be held at the fire hall on Saturday, September 16th at 6161 McKee St. Doors will be open at 1pm with the raffle starting at 2pm.

October 10th, 11th, 12th: Miller Hose, Olcott and Wrights Corners Fire Companies will be conducting three days of *Fire Prevention instructions to the students of grades K-3* at Newfane Elementary School. Fire prevention videos will be shown along with general instructions about what to do in case of a fire in the home – and how to use the 911 emergency number also will be a part of the instructions. Newfane's *William Krauss Fire Prevention Trailer* will be used for the program and students will get to visit and tour the fire hall for hands-on experience to wrap-up the program.

Become a Miller Hose Volunteer Member: Applications to become a member of Miller Hose may be obtained from any member or by stopping in the fire hall any Thursday evening on drill night. Openings are accepted for Fire Fighter, EMS provider, Fire Police, Fire Company Administration, Ladies Auxiliary and the Junior Fire Fighters.

The members of Miller Hose want to thank all the residents of the Town of Newfane for their constant support of our efforts to provide fire and EMS protection to the community. Please stay safe and for any fire or EMS related emergency, call the Niagara County Emergency Dispatch Center by dialing 911.

#### THE OLCOTT FIRE COMPANY

Fire Chief Michael Miller

President Robert Horanburg

At the time of this writing, we are well into the summer months in Olcott, and all the enjoyable activities the season brings.

The Olcott Fire Company has been busy! To date, the Olcott Fire Company has responded to approximately 450 calls in 2023, including EMS, fires, accidents, boat calls, and providing mutual aid for our neighboring fire companies. We have also had crews on standby for the July 3rd Fireworks and the Mermaid Parade and will be assisting at the Niagara County Fair. We've also been invited to send firefighters to the Great New York State Fair in August to teach kids how to survive a house fire at the Public Safety Building. We once again hosted a very successful Pirates Festival in Krull Park, July 7th-9th. Attendees enjoyed a variety of different food and vendor booths, a midway with games and rides, pirate demonstrations, and beer tent with a great line-up of live music daily/ nightly.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 19th, and come out and enjoy our Bike, Beer & Bands Night on the grounds of our firehall. There will be food available, ice cold beer and great music... all combined makes for a great evening out. Ample parking behind the hall. The beer tent is open 5pm - 11pm, and the band Nashville North will start at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Please watch your mailboxes, as our Annual Fund Drive will be starting within the next couple of weeks, and your support is greatly appreciated!!!

Thanks to the efforts of 1st Assistant Chief Stephen Miller and grant writer Mike Penzotti/Grant Masters, OFC won a \$20,000 grant to upgrade our Thermal Imaging Equipment. The TIC is an integral part of firefighting as it provides better visualization in low-light scenarios or

camouflaging foliage.

OFC has welcomed new members Joe O'Dell, Jeremy Ribbeck and Simon Lamb to our Company. Firefighter Matthew Schultz has taken and passed the course to be a certified NYS-EMT.

After many years of faithful service, we have retired our Engine #4 and purchased a brand-new Engine/Pumper for our fleet that was designed by our truck committee.

Please watch the Olcott Fire Company Facebook page for information regarding more upcoming events. We anticipate doing a Boot Drive in early September, and our ever-popular Turkey Party in November. Also, look for us Sunday, Sept. 3rd at the Jazz Trail where you can find local craft beers and ciders along with pop and other cold drinks at our tent right next to the Gazebo.

Our Main Hall is fully open and available for your functions and is a lovely place to hold a wedding! Simply call and leave a voice mail and our Bar Steward will return your call promptly.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer! Remember to always practice good fire safety when having a bonfire, be careful on the roads, and watch out for motorcyclists during these warm months.

And if you have ever wanted to be a part of something bigger, learn life-saving skills, or help out the community, just stop by the firehall any Thursday night after 6:30. Talk to our members and see what we offer, and grab an application. There is a place for everyone in the Fire Service, including our Junior Firefighter Program, and our Ladies Auxiliary.

#### Have a safe and wonderful summer!



#### **CONTACT US**

2600 William St I Newfane NY 14108 716-265-3700 admissions@niagararecovery.com www.niagararecovery.com

### "Bringing hope one day at a time."

Using our beautiful former Inter-Community Memorial Hospital, the Recovery Center of Niagara offers both a medically supervised in-patient detoxification and stabilization program and an inpatient rehabilitation treatment unit - licensed by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS). We offer an evidence-based treatment approach designed to help individuals suffering from substance abuse disorder.

Currently employing 75 people, including our medical and clinical staff, who are onsite 24 hours a day to assist patients in managing their mild to moderate withdrawal symptoms within a medically structured setting, providing a safe place to begin the recovery process.

We provide individual and group counseling sessions. Each patient is assigned to a primary clinician who develops an individualized treatment plan. In addition to educational and goal-oriented treatment planning, we provide tailor-made interventions to meet patient's needs.





# About Our Programs



Facilitated, confidential support for family members and caregivers concerned about and/or caring for a person with mental illness. Leaders are trained NAMI members who have lived family experience with a loved one's struggles with mental illness. Groups are available both on a drop-in basis at community locations and through virtual sessions.

# @ NAMI Family-to-Family

A 9-week class for adult family and caregivers of a loved one who has mental illness. This is the evidence-based signature program of NAMI National and provides a confidential, personal setting for family members to share their experiences and gain support, knowledge, and insight. Family-to-Family is led by two NAMI-trained volunteers who have personally experienced the challenges of caring for a loved one living with mental illness.

#### **Our Mission**

Families compassionately helping families of loved ones challenged by mental illness

#### Our Vision

A meaningful life for people with mental illness achieved through effective systems and knowledgeable families

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE



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### **VETERANS NEWS...**

# From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

**POST MEETINGS:** Meetings are held in the Community Center behind the Town Hall at 7:00 pm (6 pm in December and June) on the second Monday of every month. We welcome all guests to come out and see what the American Legion can do for you, your Veteran and what we continue to do for Newfane!!!

#### **NEW POST OFFICERS SWORN IN:**

Their tenure is two years. Congratulations to the incoming elected officers....

Post Commander – Ricci Hoffer

1st Vice Commander – Stanley Johnson

2nd Vice Commander – Brian Schultz

3rd Vice Commander – Rick Cudzilo

Sergeant At Arms – Gary Navoyski

Chaplain – Don Coates

Adjutant – Pam Rider

Post Historian – Don Peace

Finance Officer – Ricci Hoffer

#### **National Cemetery Military Honor Guard personnel wanted:**

There is another organizing effort for Niagara County to join Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans and Erie counties in assembling a team to provide a military honors team to provide honors to veterans being laid to rest at the Western New York National Cemetery in Corfu, NY. Since its opening in December of 2019, representation of Niagara county has been missing. Volunteers do have to meet some specific requirements like some physical requirements and an honorable discharge for veterans. Veterans do not have to be members of a veteran's organization like the American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America. Auxiliary members of veteran organizations like the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and VFW Auxiliary can be members of the honors team. If successful in organizing a team, the scheduled day for the team at the National Cemetery would be Friday. The Niagara County Legislature has set aside money to reimburse volunteers of any uniform costs. If you are interested in joining the team or have questions, please give the Post a call or give us an email and we will get you in touch with organizing effort personnel.

**Cemetery Flags:** Flags were placed on Veteran graves in local cemeteries prior to Memorial Day. If your veteran was missed, please call the Post at (716) 408-3311 ext. 0 or email us at newfanelegion@yahoo.com.

**Your American Flag:** If your flag is tattered, worn or faded, give the Post a call as we have American made flags made of various materials in stock for purchase. A portion of the purchase helps fund the Post's activities supporting veterans and their family members. Current pricing is on our website at newfanelegion.org or contact the Post for purchases.

#### **Newfane High School Seniors entering Military Service:**

The Post proudly handed out Blue Star Banners, signifying a family has a member out serving in the Armed Forces, to Lon Colley III (US Marine Corps), Jacob Foltz (US Navy), Cade Miller (US Marine Corps) and Miguel Salas (US Marine Corps). Congratulations on joining a proud American tradition.

#### Two Scholarships handed out to Newfane High School graduates:

The Post awarded two \$500 scholarships to graduates during the school's Academic Awards Night ceremony. Joshua Anderson was awarded the Newfane Post 873 Scholarship and Emma Hoffer was awarded the Lester Oakes Memorial Scholarship.

The Lester Oakes Memorial Scholarship is available to Newfane High School seniors or home-schooled equivalent from the Newfane community with a veteran parent or legal guardian and meeting certain scholastic and community requirements. Please see the Post website or your Newfane High School guidance counselor for details.



Post Commander Brian Schultz with scholarship winners Joshua Anderson and Emma Hoffer

**Adopt a Highway:** The Newfane American Legion will continue with our mission of cleaning up our adopted section of Lockport Olcott Rd/Main St from Rounds Road to Newfane Tops. We will be out cleaning up the following Saturdays at 9am... August 12 for any area(s) that may need additional attention. Contact a Post member or show up if you would like to help the Post keep Newfane beautiful for our neighbors and visitors to the area.

**PACT Act**: Thanks to the PACT Act (aka: The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics), millions of Veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances are now eligible for VA health care and benefits. VA.gov/PACT is a one-stop shop to learn about and apply for PACT Act-related care and benefits. Veterans can also apply by calling 1-800-MYVA411.

**Town of Newfane Veterans Park:** The Post would like to thank Zehr's on the Lake Garden Center for their donation of annual flowers that were placed in the park. Stop by and visit the park as the flowers are in bloom. A reminder to those who have purchased replica tiles when ordering a brick for the Veteran's Park, please pick them up in the Newfane Town Clerk's office.



#### NEWFANE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK Brick Application and Information

Newfane is proud to announce that the construction of our new park directly south of Town Hall on Main Street—is completed. The park will honor all five branches of the US military (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard) and our local residents who have served our great nation. We invite you to stop by your park and visit.

Memorial parks are here for three purposes. To **Honor** those who are in the Armed Forces protecting our country. To **Remember** those who served and gave their all for their country. And to **Teach** the next generations that our freedoms have never been free or cheap but purchased by the blood of patriots from the Revolutionary War and into the future.

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#### **Brick Information**

4" x 8" engraved brick \$25.00; with Clip Art or Logo \$32.00 Replica Tile \$10 (Yes/ No)

Three (3) lines, 20 spaces per line - No Military emblem \$25 or

Three (3) lines, 15 spaces per line, \$32 when adding Military emblem. Emblems can be viewed at *polarengraving.com/*NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark or by picking up a copy at Town Hall.

Replica Tiles are 4 x 4 x 1/2 Granite tiles engraved to match your brick. Cost per tile is \$10

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Mail or drop off completed form with proof of military service and check (on memo line write "Memorial Brick") to Town of Newfane, 2737 Main Street, Newfane, NY 14108 Veterans being honored must have lived in Newfane sometime in their life time, and have a good conduct discharge. DD214, discharge papers, or photo of VA grave.

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#### Questions? Call Paul Leader at 471-0382

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