

Town of Newfane

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April 2025

Update from the Supervisor's Office



Town Supervisor John Syracuse

As we emerge from a harsh winter, I wanted to recognize and commend our Town Highway Department. Their dedication and hard work in keeping our streets clear and safe, despite the regional salt shortage, has not gone unnoticed. Many of you have shared your appreciation and I wholeheartedly echo your sentiments. Their efforts ensure that our community remains accessible and safe during these winter months.

Looking ahead to warmer days, I am excited to share updates on the reestablishment of the Town's Summer Recreation Program. This transition from a Newfane Central School District program to one fully managed by the Town has been a priority for the last few months. The Town is greatly appreciative of Superintendent James Lupini and his staff for filling in the gap the last 2 years. I'm pleased to announce that we will retain the same experienced leadership—Mr. Capen and Mrs. Sheldon—as well as any returning counselors and lifeguards for the 2025 season. After listening to residents and participants the Town Board has approved a five-day-per-week, five-week program, running from July 7th through August 8th, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Registration began on March 31, 2025. For more details, please refer to the flyer printed on the following pages of this newsletter.

Progress continues toward the development of Harper's Dog Park here in Newfane. I am happy to report that we have secured a grant from the Grigg Lewis Foundation to help offset the cost of fencing. The Grigg Lewis Foundation is a private foundation that promotes arts and culture, community improvements, education, services for the elderly, health & wellness, history/preservation/tourism, youth and human service ... with a heavy focus on benefitting the residents

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of Eastern Niagara County. Their generosity brings us one step closer to providing a dedicated space for our community's dogs and their owners to enjoy.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that Assemblyman Paul Bologna has secured a \$50,000 grant for much-needed improvements at our Marina. These funds will go toward replacing the deteriorating fish cleaning station, ensuring a cleaner and more functional experience for anglers. The project is scheduled for completion by March 31, 2025.

The Town of Newfane is looking for a dedicated individual to be our 2025 Parade Chairperson at our Community Day event on August 24 & 25 at 2pm. This person will be responsible for forming a parade committee, developing, and implementing a plan to organize the parade, and reaching out to local businesses, clubs, marching bands, fire departments, law enforcement, political leaders, and the like to participate in the parade. If you are interested in stepping into this leadership role or know someone who might be, please contact me at supervisor@townofnewfane.com

We will be burying the Bicentennial Time Capsule at the Apple Blossum Festival on May 18. You can still drop-off items at the Town Hall to be placed in the time capsule. Old photos, school experiences and letters that families wrote to be opened by their children and grandchildren 50 years from now were very popular.

As always, I appreciate your continued support and engagement in making Newfane a wonderful place to live. Please stay safe, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming community events. May God continue to bless our great community.

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2025 ANNUAL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Friday-June 6th, Saturday-June 7th & Sunday-June 8th

ADDRESS: _____

DAYS PARTICIPATING:

FRIDAY, JUNE 6th _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 7th _____

SUNDAY, JUNE 8th _____

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICIZED PARTICIPATION IS FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025. PLEASE DROP THIS OFF AT THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE IN TOWN HALL OR EMAIL TO INFO@TOWNOFNEWFANE.COM PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

WE WILL HAVE A LIST OF ALL THE PARTICIPATING ADDRESSES FOR RESIDENTS ON-LINE AND HARD COPIES TO PICK UP AT THE TOWN HALL. PLEASE LOOK TO THE TOWN WEBSITE & OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THIS ACCESSIBLE LIST!

Thank you to all who participate in this event, whether buying or selling!

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Deadline for ads is July 7, 2025. Complete the section below and return with your ad and full payment to:
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Name _____ Phone _____

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Town of Newfane
 2737 Main Street
 Newfane, NY 14108
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Elected Officials:

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor John Syracuse 716-778-8531 #3
 Councilman Richard Coleman
 Councilman Robert Horanburg
 Councilwoman Susan Neidlinger
 Councilman Peter Robinson

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

Town Clerk
 Donna Lakes
 778-8822 #2
 Fax 638-4183

Superintendent of Highways & Water
 Jon Miller
 778-8844

Town Justice
 2896 Transit Road
 Newfane, NY 14108
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 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:	Mike Hartman	778-8827 #4
Building Inspector:	David Schmidt	778-5947 #5
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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
Wastewater Treatment Plant		778-7131
Wastewater Treatment Plant Fax		778-6160
Dog Control Officer		
Ordinance Enforcement Officer		
Jeffrey Newman		716-807-6270
Kenneth Nerber Asst.		716-807-4659

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Niagara County Legislature 14th District Legislator Shawn Foti

Happy Spring! The snow is melting and sun is beginning to shine. I hope this newsletter finds that everyone is doing well and fared the winter as best possible. After a few mild winters, it made a more typical WNY winter feel extra-long and unrelenting. I am proud of the local and county response to the storms and how our communities rallied together to support our neighbors and loved ones.

We truly have the best first responders of any county and they appreciate our support. Cleanup begins now in order to have our community ready for summer, and I'm sure everyone is anxious for more warmth and sunshine.

Krull Park:

Our park continues to be a big topic in my newsletter updates because there continues to be a lot going on at the park and long-term investments being made every year. As previously reported, in 2025 Krull Park will see a new playground to replace the aging structure at the entrance of the park. New pickleball courts will be built next to the existing but rehabilitated tennis courts. Extensive tree maintenance is necessary. This is a tough subject due to the beautiful big old trees in the park but safety is top priority so we will work with arborists to determine the best options. A bird nesting pole was installed to hopefully help create a nesting location for our resident bald eagles or other large birds. Parks is currently hiring summer help so please let anyone know looking for fun summer work to apply online.

Infrastructure:

Road and bridge maintenance will be extensive this year. A rough winter with more plowing and freeze/thaw saw our roads crumble and every municipality will be dealing with the effects. The North end of Hess Rd has been a focus in order to increase creek flow and prevent flooding from the watershed. This also helps our farmers with field drainage and to ensure the water continues to move downstream. An obvious hot topic is construction on Burt Rd Bridge over 18 Mile Creek. I understand and appreciate the community's patience during this construction project. I know it is frustrating but it is also necessary for longevity of the bridge. Almost 10 years ago, the bridge deck was rebuilt with new steel and widened for a sidewalk. This current project is to actually rehabilitate the concrete piers in the water. Cofferdams will be installed in order to access the entire pier and repair the aged concrete and rebar. I will provide any updates to the project and feel free to contact me with any concerns.

I would like to conclude this newsletter with a humble request for service. Our community is truly blessed with many amazing organizations who strive to improve the quality of life of our residents and also those who visit our region. Whether it is a volunteer firehall, lions club, church group, carousel park, business group, school student groups or even just offer help at one specific event such as polar bear, pirates fest, car shows, bike night, community days, Blossom/harvest fest, jazz trail, Ye Olde Log Cabin. I could go on and on but my request is a call to action for these events and organizations. Attend their fun and festive events, get to know our community volunteers, and hopefully at some point you may feel inspired to assist in the future.

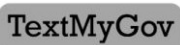
Be Good, Do Good, God Bless, and Go Bills!



Time Capsule to Be Buried this Spring ... Your Ideas Welcome


Newfane's next generation time capsule will be buried this spring, probably in May. It will be placed at the northeast corner of the Town Hall building -- an historically appropriate and adequate protective encasement is being designed. Your help and suggestions about what type of preservation ceremony we should plan are welcome.

You can still contribute content and photos for the capsule by dropping items off at the Town Hall. The most popular items removed from the capsule last May were letters families wrote to be opened by their children and grandchildren fifty years later. School activities, family stories and tales of life in Newfane were all well received.



Town of Newfane Text Alerts!

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TOWN ALERTS

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- You may receive multiple text messages a month with a notification for each alert category opted-in to.
- Message and data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for more details.
- You can text STOP at any time to remove yourself from ALL notification lists.

View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions



Assemblyman Paul Bologna

144th Assembly District

As a representative for our community, my goal is to assure that our local leaders have the tools and support they need to help our region thrive. That includes leaders in local government, first responders and businesses.

One of the first packages of legislation that I introduced in the State Assembly was aimed at alleviating some of the pressures that our volunteer fire companies are feeling when it comes to recruitment and retention of members.

The over 100,000 volunteer firefighters and emergency service teams across New York State save taxpayers more than \$3 billion annually. The savings are realized not only because the volunteers aren't paid wages but because fundraising by volunteer departments reduces the need to levy taxes for equipment and operations. For context, if all of New York's volunteer firefighters became paid firefighters, property tax rates would increase by an average of 26 percent in municipalities to provide that payment—with some seeing an increase of more than 120 percent.

With that, over the past 20 years, New York state has seen a significant decrease in the ranks of volunteer firefighters by approximately 40,000 individuals. It has become increasingly challenging to recruit new firefighters and retain existing ones due to factors such as the turbulent economy and busy schedules.

That is why I am taking steps to help not only incentivize new recruits, but also keep up retention of current volunteers to ensure our community's safety.

The first bill I have sponsored is, A.4414, would allow volunteer firefighters to attend training without being penalized by their employer. Training for volunteers is rigorous and often cumbersome when balancing work & family, so this legislation would provide an opportunity to meet training criteria without fear of losing your job. To offset this accommodation made by employers, this legislation also creates tax incentives for employing volunteer firefighters.

I have also introduced A.4720, which would create the Volunteer Emergency Services Reimbursement Tax Credit. This would allow for volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers to receive a credit for mileage when using their personal vehicles to respond to emergencies. Volunteering to help the community and save lives should never come at a personal cost, and this legislation aims to offset out of pocket mileage expenses to emergency service volunteers.

Lastly, A.4667 would create the New York State Local Emergency Services Account. This would take funds, that the State is already collecting, from the cell phone surcharge fee, and create a designated account specifically for local emergency services to use for communication equipment, vehicles, and PPE. This package of legislation is imperative in supporting our first responders. As a State, we need to start looking more closely at the money that is already being collected and make sure that we are maximizing the use of those dollars and investing in our critical infrastructure and services.

I strongly encourage you to consider joining a local volunteer fire company as it is truly a rewarding community service experience. Individuals looking to find out if their fire department is participating in RecruitNY can visit <http://www.recruitny.org/participation-area/>. For more information, contact your local volunteer fire department via a non-emergency phone number, or its website.

To stay up to date with my progress and events in the district, follow me on Facebook at Paul Bologna NYS Assembly or feel free to reach out to my office at bolognap@nyassembly.gov or 716-839-4690.



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At the time of this writing, the governor and legislators continue negotiating the New York State budget, one of the largest in the nation at a proposed \$252 billion. Of course there are some lawmakers who want more, but my conference would like to see that figure drop dramatically.

One thing governor Hochul and many lawmakers agree on is that New York has become a very expensive state to live and operate a business in - but we disagree on ways to address it. My colleagues in the majority fail to understand that we cannot spend our way to affordability. If spending more money was the answer, New York would be the most affordable state in the nation. Our current budget is larger than those of Florida and Texas combined – yet, each state individually has more residents than New York.

My conference has advocated for reducing taxes on businesses and residents. We have called for cutting red tape, regulations, and mandates that make running a business more challenging. We oppose climate taxes on consumers and want to create lasting, affordable and reliable energy for New York.

The governor and the majority have unrealistic aspirations for our state in advocating for the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act - and attempting to force the goals of this climate council on New Yorkers has proved disastrous. Our infrastructure is simply not ready for the increased demand of an all-electric society, and our energy providers have been forced to pass the cost of upgrading their systems onto you, the consumer. Niagara County is home to the cleanest energy provider in the state with the Niagara Power Project - a hydroelectric facility operated by the New York Power Authority. The clean, reliable power being generated here should not only be distributed locally at a reduced rate, but also used to benefit Western New York manufacturers and businesses. NYPA makes plenty of money off ratepayers throughout New York and neighboring states, yet just a couple of months ago, they wanted to triple the preferred rates to local business, municipalities, nonprofits and school districts. NYPA said this was to offset costs of planned infrastructure upgrades.

I heard from countless business owners, local officials and constituents about how detrimental the rate increases would have been. Manufacturers told me they would simply have to shut down operations in New York and either shutter their business or move to a more affordable location. Thankfully, following a letter sent by my office and signed by members of the Western New York legislative delegation, the governor thankfully paused their plans to raise rates.

My conference will continue calling for a stop to raising utility rates, and a pause to unfunded mandates from the CLCPA so utility services have more time to adapt.

Another issue that I along with my conference members were heavily attentive to were the strikes at state prisons across New York. I visited these corrections officers on the line and was proud to stand and meet with corrections officers and their families in Albany. All these brave officers are asking for are safer working conditions and to be able to spend more time with their families.

Today, our prisons are more violent than ever. Data shows that there has been vast increases of inmate on inmate attacks and inmate on corrections officers attacks over the last few years. And quite simply it's because

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An Update from Niagara County Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti



The Niagara County Sheriff's Office continuously strives to improve their capabilities to best serve the residents of Niagara County. I would like to take a minute to talk about some of the notable events over the past year. The Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy building, located on the SUNY Niagara Campus, opened its doors for the first time. Now, agencies across Western New York will be able to utilize this state of the art building which includes several classroom spaces, the Virtra Use of Force training simulator, a defensive tactics mat room area, and a modular structure for tactical training operations. This will ensure improved training to future deputies and officers throughout the area.

The Niagara County Sheriff's Office welcomed K9 Shongo this past year. Shongo was a 13-month old German shepherd from Hungary when he joined the Sheriff's Office, acquired through Shallow Creek Kennels - Premier Police Service Dogs. Shongo was partnered with Deputy Corey Hohl. Deputy Hohl and K9 Shongo completed Patrol and Tracking School in June. With the completion of this 14-week school Deputy Hohl and his partner are now certified in tracking, building searches, and criminal apprehension.

With the increase in traffic complaints, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office recently designated Deputy Nicholas Ross as a full-time traffic car to address these complaints. Deputy Ross has always been committed to ensure the roadways of Niagara County are safe, receiving his second STOP-DWI MADD Award this past year. Deputy Ross has been training with the DOT for Commercial Vehicle Inspections to address public concerns regarding commercial motor vehicle enforcement.

The Niagara County Sheriff's Office welcomed Dr. Christian Westring, Ph.D., as Director of the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory, as well. Director Westring holds a Ph.D. in Biology and has an extensive background in Forensics. Prior to joining NCSO, Director Westring was the Director and Professor of Practice at Purdue University Northwest Center for Crime and Forensics.

The Niagara County Sheriff's Office Jail has been accredited since 2001 and obtained their reaccreditation in April, which will be valid through 2029. The Niagara County Correctional Facility was also honored to be the recipient of the New York State Sheriff's Institute Innovative Program Award. The Innovative Program Award recognizes a sheriff's office for developing and implementing an outstanding specialized program that benefits their community and has potential to be implemented by sheriffs across the state.

Looking back at just some of the positives from 2024, we are looking forward to continuing to provide the best service possible and are excited to see what this year has in store. As spring approaches we are already preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt. The Niagara County Sheriff's Office Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 12th, 2025 from 1PM-3PM. It will be hosted at SUNY Niagara (in front of NCLEA, 3101 Saunders Settlement Rd), Lot 4. There will be areas designated for children of various ages. Please come and join the fun!



Senator Ortt continued...

of policies passed and championed by the Democratic majorities that continue to prioritize the health and wellbeing of inmates and convicted criminals over our corrections officers.

This has made negotiations with state officials and NYSCOPBA, the corrections officers union, much more challenging than they should be. The governor has to do whatever it takes to get these men and women back to work safely. I have always been proud to stand with our corrections officers and law enforcement – and will continue to do so.

New York State Senator Robert G. Ortt
62nd Senate District
(716) 434-0680



The 56th Olcott Polar Bear Swim

Olcott's 56th Polar Bear Swim was cold but fun! The crowd size was down, but 290 registered participants, an increase over the past two years, raised thousands of dollars to support area service organizations and local charities sponsored by the Olcott Lions Club.

There are lots of photos and videos on the Olcott Polar Bear Swim Facebook page. The photos below are provided by Wayne Peters and Rich Leader.

Next year, the 2026 Polar Bear Swim will be Sunday, March 1. Using the Swim website 'thepolarbearswim.org' you can build a fundraising profile and receive help from friends and others to collect donations and qualify for prizes like a hoodie and jacket. You can also form a Polar Bear fundraising team ... and now you can use the Swim to raise funds for a charity you choose.



MEAT RAFFLE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
HARPER'S DOG PARK
AT TOWN OF NEWFANE

WHERE: RAPIDS FIRE HALL

7195 PLANK ROAD LOCKPORT, NY 14094

WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FIRST SPIN 7PM

ADMISSION TICKET \$15.00 CASH OR

VENMO: @ANGELA-GUNBY

TABLES CAN BE RESERVED IF YOU HAVE A PARTY OF 8

ADMISSION TICKET INCLUDES:

BEER, WINE, AND WATER

BRING \$1.00 BILLS, YOUR OWN SNACKS/
NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND A COOLER



RACE AGAINST
HUNGER
5K & FUN RUN
PRESENTED BY NEWFANE LIONS CLUB



SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

Newfane Town Hall @ 8 AM

BEFORE APRIL 30	AFTER APRIL 30
5K: \$25	5K: \$30
FUN RUN: \$20	FUN RUN: \$25



Register here or at:
raceagainsthunger.itsyourrace.com

Proceeds benefitting Newfane Community Food Pantry and First Baptist Church of Newfane Food Pantry



Newfane Leo Club – We Serve

The Newfane Leo Club’s mission is to provide young people with opportunities to develop and contribute as responsible members of their local, national, and international communities. The program’s motto is “Leadership, Experience, Opportunity”.

The Newfane Leo Club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in Mr. Thibault’s Art Room from 2:15pm -3pm. Officers are elected each year and run the meetings. Several Newfane Lion Members act as advisors to the club and help with Leo initiatives to give back to their community.

The Newfane Leo Club sponsors many events throughout the year. Upcoming events include:



Easter Egg Hunt at the Middle School, April 12, 2025, beginning 10am. Bring your Easter Baskets for your prizes.

Harper’s Dog Park will be a big part of this year’s Leo Club fundraising. The Leo Club, with the Gunby family, will be hosting a “Meat Raffle” April 5, 2025 to benefit the park.

Eastergrams - The Leos are also looking into volunteering at the Newfane Health Care Facility and want to sell “Eastergrams” as a fundraiser at school.

Hooks for Harry: Children’s Fishing Derby June 21, 2025 at the Olcott Marina, 8am to 12pm. A free fishing derby full of fun and prizes. This event is sponsored by the Town of Newfane and local businesses with the help of Harry’s family who want to keep Harry’s love of fishing alive. Instilling the fun of fishing at an early age!



Newfane Lions Club

Come Kick Off the Summer with the Newfane Lions

June 14, 2025, at the town hall, the Newfane Lions will host a 5K Race and Fun Run/Walk Against Hunger with proceeds benefiting local food pantries. Come join the fun in supporting all our runners.

The 5K Race will be a timed race with the help of Race Management Solutions. Registration for the race begins at 8am with the 5K Race to begin at 9:30am and the Fun Run/Walk to start at 10am. You can register at: www.raceagainsthunger.itsyourrace.com or reach out to any Newfane Lion member for more details. Any questions you can email: newfanelionsclub@gmail.com.

2021 Harley-Davidson Softail Motorcycle Raffle

The Newfane Lions Club with Open Air Bar and A+ Performance Cycle are raffling off a 2021 Harley-Davidson Softail Standard Raffle with less than 5,000 miles on it. Plus 3 additional \$500 prizes. A+ Performance Cycle is customizing the bike for this raffle, a huge thank you to them. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at several locations including: Mariner’s Landing, Maxwell Station, Flint Bros Hardware, Scruples Bar, Open Air Bar, A+ Performance Cycle and any Lions member.

Winners will be drawn, July 11, 2025, during Open Air Bar’s Bike Night!

Look for out tent at Community Days in August 2025!



Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



BLOOD DRIVES

Newfane Community Center

2737 Main St., Newfane

Mon., April 21st 12:30 pm – 6 pm

Come to give blood April 1-13 and get a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$5,000 prize! There will be three lucky winners. Terms apply: rcblood.org/hope.

Mon., June 16th 12:30 pm – 6 pm

For an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org, Find A Drive: NewfaneTH, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Appointments Preferred ID Required

Grace Bible Church

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Join us for Good Friday Service on April 18, at 6:30 pm Easter Sunday Worship Service April 20, at 10:30 am

For more information call (716) 778-9081



Vacation Bible School

July 21-25, 2025

9:00 am-Noon

For kids ages 4 through 5th grade

“Wonder Junction - Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory”

Call (716) 778-9081 for more information.

Hess Road Wesleyan Church

2514 Hess Road, Appleton, NY 14008

Any questions, please feel free to email office@hrwchurch.org



Free Movie Showing Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM Hess Road Wesleyan Church

CHIAVETTA CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Thursday, MAY 1st 4:00pm – ?

at the

Newfane United Methodist Church

2699 Main Street, Newfane, NY 14108

Take-out Only Drive thru style \$16.00

Menu:

Chicken half Potato Salad Cole Slaw Roll & Butter and Dessert



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Newfane Has Two Community Food Pantries

On Tuesday's at St Brenden's Church

The Newfane Community Food Pantry (NCFP) at St. Brenden's Church provides food assistance to families living in the Newfane school district. The pantry is open Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Please call 778-9822 between the hours of 10:00 am to 12 noon to schedule an appointment for that day. We are located at 3455 Ewings Road at St. Brendan's Church.

To determine if you are eligible to participate, or if you know of a neighbor, family member or senior needing a helping hand with food assistance, please call our pantry -- we do not place judgement, nor do we question your cause. Call 778-9822.



On Wednesday's at the First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church Food 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 Peace.

The pantry is open from 1pm to 6pm on Wednesdays. Families can register for service or receive emergency food. Stop by and talk with us to determine if you are eligible and how we can help you stretch your food budget and get through the month.

Methodist Church 'Polish the Diamond' Campaign Reaches Milestones

Impressive steps have been made on the 'Polish The Diamond' campaign to upgrade one of Olcott's principal architecture structures on the Main Street corner. You may have heard Christmast music coming from the church tower during the holidays. It was almost magical as music filled the air and the spirit of Christmas spread through the village center. One of our restoration projects was to restore the bell tower and Pastor Brian in his quest to be closer to God climbed the tower with us to install sound equipment. Wonderous work has been completed to replace the acrylic shields and brighten the appearance of the timeless stained glass windows of the church. Next up is the restoration of the classic wooden doors and trim painting. Our goal is to make this architectural gem on Olcott's main intersection a showcase for generations to come.

Look to help with more fundraising activities this season ... an ice cream social, local art show and Amish shed raffle are in the works. Please support the 'Polish the Diamond' campaing by sending your contribution to: Polish the Diamond Campaign, Olcott Church, PO Box 24, Olcott NY 14126.



What is that bus that drives around town?



Connect Niagara is the new bus service that has replaced the former Niagara Rural Transportation service. There are new routes and better connectivity. The premise behind this bus service is to better connect more of the county, including free transfers to connecting routes and NFTA Metro buses.

Available Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. 4 buses cover 5 routes

Blue Route – Niagara Falls/Lockport

Gold Route – Lockport/Middleport/Gasport

Green Route – Lockport/Newfane/Barker

Purple Route – Lewiston/Porter/Wilson/Cambria

Red Route – North Tonawanda/Wheatfield/Niagara/Niagara Falls/Lewiston

The best thing – if you are within three quarters of a mile of the bus route, and you can call the day before, the bus will come to you for pick up and drop off.

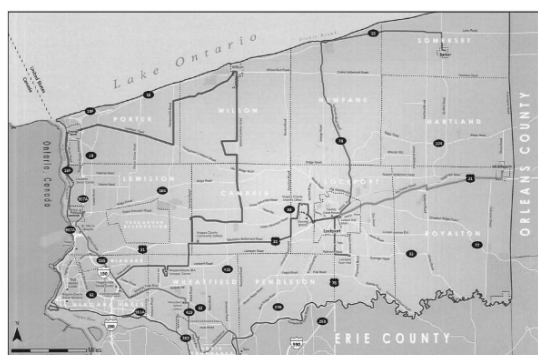
Fees: \$2 on route -- \$4 for off route services (if you are within ¾ of a mile of the bus route and you call the day before)



Need a ride?
Give us a call or a wave.
(716) 282-8544
Monday - Friday
(except for legal holidays)

Find Brochures with Route Maps and Schedules at the Town Hall!

Route Maps and Schedules are online – Search 'Connect Niagara Bus Schedule'



Blue Route		Red Route	
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"News from the Town Clerks Office"

Donna Lakes, Town Clerk/ Registrar
Robin R. Bower, Deputy Town Clerk
Kristina Gifford, Deputy Town Clerk

BE GOOD. DO GOOD. GOD BLESS.
GO BILLS!!!
-JOSH ALLEN



OUR DOG LICENSING PROGRAM HAS BEEN UPDATED. We now have the availability of emailing your License Renewal to you. If you are interested in this option, we can update your information to accommodate you. We can offer you both an email and a regular paper mailing, just an email or just a paper mailing.

FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2025

The Niagara County Department of Health in cooperation with the Niagara County Veterinary Society will hold FIVE FREE Rabies Immunization Clinics in 2025.

NO WALK-INS - APPOINTMENTS ARE MANDATORY!

For directions call the specific clinic site.

For any other clinic related questions call 716-439-7490

Saturday, April 12 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	Town of Porter Highway Garage 1800 Brayley Road, Town of Porter
Saturday, May 31 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	Hyde Park Oasis/Centennial Pavillion 911 Robbins Drive, City of Niagara Falls
Saturday, July 12 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	Town of Royalton Highway Department 5316 Royalton Center Road
Saturday, September 13 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	Town of Lockport Highway Department 6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport
Saturday, December 6 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	North Tonawanda Public Works Dept 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 9:00 AM MONDAY (TUESDAY IF IT'S A HOLIDAY) PRIOR TO EACH CLINIC ONLINE AT: WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/RABIESCLINIC

Bring the previous Rabies Vaccination Certificate for cats and dogs. WITHOUT proof of previous vaccination, you will receive a certificate valid for one year. Dogs and Cats WITH proof will receive a certificate valid for three years. All Ferrets must receive vaccinations annually.

ALL ANIMALS must be properly restrained. Cats & Ferrets must be in a carrier. Dogs must be leashed.

RABIES EXPIRATION: When your Dog License Renewal comes due, please check the expiration date of the Rabies Vaccinations. That information is located toward the top right of the License Renewal. If that expiration date falls within 30 days of the date to renew your license, we will need an updated Rabies Certificate to renew the License. If the information is blank that means it has expired and we will need an updated Rabies Certificate. Do not bring your Invoice as this does not contain all the information needed to process your License. If your pet was ill and not able to receive the Rabies Vaccination you must bring a letter from your veterinarian stating so. This will be necessary every year that you renew if your pet has not been vaccinated. This is a New York State requirement.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!

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 information:

1. Current rabies certificate from Veterinarian
2. Spayed or neutered certificate from Veterinarian
3. Check payable to Newfane Town Clerk or cash
(We do not accept credit/debit cards)

THE FEES FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

An owner or harbinger 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 regarding Dog Licenses 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 716-807-6270	KEN NERBER 716-940-5497	JOE FLAGLER 716-998-1041
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Dog License Application for Unlicensed Dogs or Overdue License

List additional dogs on a separate sheet of paper

Owner's Name: _____ Signature: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
 Number of Dogs to be licensed: _____ Dog's Name: _____
 Dog's Breed: _____ Dog's Age: _____ Dog's Gender: _____
 Spayed/Neutered: Yes___ No ___
 Dog's Color(s): _____ Tattoos or Markings _____

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: If you are in need of a Notary Public, please call ahead of time to check for availability.

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES: New license sales will start at the beginning of August and can be obtained from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. We do not accept credit cards at this time.

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Clerks Office continued...

***LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS:** Your license privilege tags are sent directly to the last address on file with the DEC Fulfillment Center. If you have moved it is imperative that you inform the DEC of your new address. If you have Hunter Education or Bowhunting Education that needs to be added to your account you may edit your profile on-line, bring your original to a DEC License Sales Agent or fax it to (518-402-9025). Once the information is in your file the appropriate license or tags can be sent to you from the Fulfillment Center. Do not wait until the beginning of the season to take care of this as it will take approximately ten to fourteen days to receive your tags.

***FREE FISHING DAYS:**

For the 2025 Fishing Season the following are the "FREE Fishing Days":

- * June 28th and 29th
- * September 27th (National Hunting and Fishing Day)
- * November 11th (Veterans Day)

Free fishing days offer residents and non-residents who are 16 and older* to fish without a freshwater license (Kids under 16 can always fish for free).

***SPORTSMAN EDUCATION CLASSES:** Here is a link that will provide information on classes for both Shotgun and Bow Hunting Certification. The link also provides information on lost Certificates as well as other related topics that you may find helpful:

Hunter Education Program-NYS Dept. of Environmental...
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outd>



**ATTENTION ALL NIAGARA COUNTY
VETERANS AND ACTIVE-DUTY
MILITARY**

MAY 20, 2025

The Newfane Elementary School Student Senate will be sponsoring a military luncheon for all Active-Duty Military Members and Veterans. This will be held at the Newfane Community Center on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025. The lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. doors will open at 11:30am. The cost is FREE and you may bring a guest. Please RSVP no later than May 1st to vbower@newfanecentralschools.org or 716-778-6376 and ask for Virginia Bower.

Cooking With the Clerks

HOT COCOA SOUFFLE

5 Large Eggs
4 teaspoons plus ¾ cups sugar, divided
½ cup baking cocoa
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups fat free milk
2 tablespoons butter
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Confectioners' sugar optional



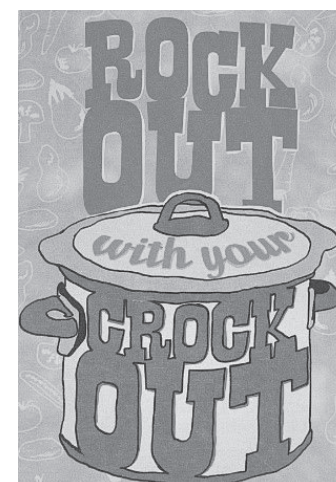
1. Separate eggs: let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Coat a 2-qt souffle dish with cooking spray and lightly sprinkle with 4 tsp. sugar: set aside.
2. In a saucepan, combine the cocoa, flour, salt and remaining sugar. Gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook and stir 1-2 minutes longer or until thickened. Stir in butter. Transfer to a large bowl.
3. Stir in a small amount of hot mixture into egg yolks: return all to the bowl, stirring constantly. Add vanilla: cool slightly
4. In a large bowl, with clean beaters, beat egg white until stiff peaks form. With a spatula, stir in a fourth of the egg whites into chocolate mixture until no white streaks remain. Fold in remaining egg whites until combined.
5. Transfer prepared dish. Bake 350° for 40-45 minutes or until the top is puffed and center appears set. If desired, dust with confectioners' sugar. Serve immediately.

SWEET BABY RAY'S CROCKPOT CHICKEN

4 to 5 chicken breasts
1 bottle Sweet Baby Ray's sauce
1/4 cup vinegar
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 teaspoon garlic powder

Mix everything but the chicken together
Place chicken in crockpot.
Pour sauce mixture over the chicken.

Cook on LOW 4 to 6 hours.



THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person.

The best thing about speaking the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

.....Theodore Roosevelt

Newfane Water and Sewer Department

Maintenance Department

A special thank you goes out to all the residents that kept fire hydrants clear throughout the winter months. We appreciate your assistance in keeping them clear in the event they need to be used.

Landscaping of water department dig sites in the Town of Newfane will start after June when manpower and materials are readily available with time and weather permitting.

Any questions or concerns, please call the water maintenance office at 778-8587. Thank you for your patience.

Jon Miller
Water/Sewer Superintendent

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

1. CASH
2. CHECK
3. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS- ONLINE ONLY- 2.95% FEE
4. ACH PAYMENT- NO FEE- Form is available in the office or 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 1st 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

Please have your garbage and/or recycling out curbside by 6 a.m. on your garbage day to ensure they pick it up. Please place your garbage and recycling totes with the handles facing towards the house and keep them a minimum of 2 feet away from mailboxes or other totes, which will give room for the arms of the truck to properly pick up your tote to empty it.

Large item pick-up is the third full week of collection each month on your garbage day. Please adhere to three large items on your garbage day during bulk pick-up week.

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 applies to any additional tote. Bag tags are available for \$5.00 a piece at the Water Office at the Newfane Town Hall. A maximum of 5 bag tags are allowed per week.

Water Service Material and Size Inspection Reminder

The Town of Newfane Water Office is required by New York state to perform and record inspections on all homes in the Town of Newfane for the water service line material and size from the public side, as well as the homeowner's side. These inspections are to ensure that there are no lead water service lines in the Town of Newfane and are to be completed by October of 2024. Please be advised that the Newfane Water Office will be calling residents to schedule the inspection or to let them know when the inspections will be taking place on their street and to make sure they will be home. If there are any questions regarding these inspections, please call the Water Office at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6.

Spring Updates from Your Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, David Schmidt

As spring arrives, it's a busy time for new projects and business ventures. Here are a few important reminders to keep you informed and compliant with local regulations.

Starting a New Business?

If you're planning to open a new business, please reach out to the Building Inspector with your plans. An inspection of your premises is required to ensure all building codes and zoning ordinances have been followed and completed.

- **Serving Food or Alcohol?** Make sure to contact the appropriate authorities, such as the Niagara County Board of Health or the State Liquor Authority, for the necessary approvals.
- **Certificate of Occupancy (COO):** Your business can officially open once you receive your COO.

Outstanding Building Permits

If you have an open Building Permit, please contact the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to schedule the necessary inspections throughout your project. This ensures the Town can properly close out your permit upon completion.

Short-Term Rentals (STR)

A reminder that all Short-Term Rentals are required to obtain a Special Exception Permit, which must be renewed annually.

Updated Fee Schedule

Effective January 1, 2025, the Town Board approved updates to the fee schedule for permits and inspections. You can review the new fee schedule on the town's website: www.townofnewfane.com.

Code Updates on the Horizon

The Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer is actively reviewing potential updates to various codes as they are introduced during Albany's 2025 legislative session. Stay tuned for any changes that may impact your projects.

Office Hours and Contact Information

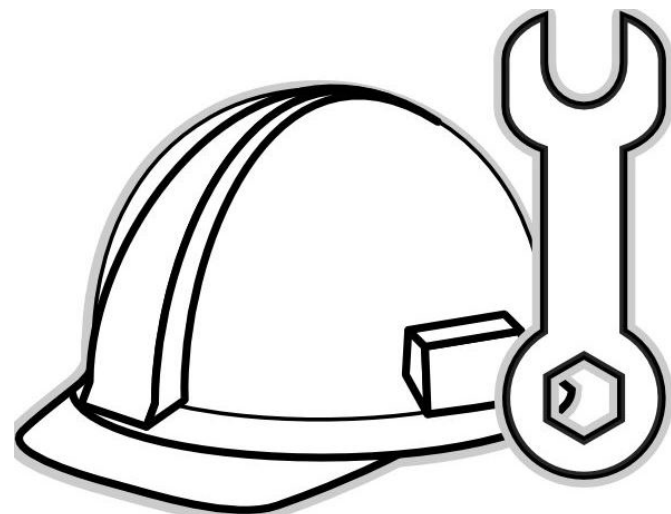
To better serve both builders and residents, the Building Inspector's office hours are:

Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Should you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out:

- Email: building.inspector@townofnewfane.com
- Office Phone: 716-778-5947 ext. 106
- Cell Phone: 716-954-2030

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to maintaining our community's safety and standards. Have a productive and compliant spring season!



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The world's favorite season is Spring. All things seem possible in the Spring.

While we are finishing up the income tax season, remember it is not too early to renew your Senior Low-Income Exemption and or your Low-Income Disability Exemptions for 2026! So, before you file away your 2024 1099 statements or your 2024 1040 Federal Income Tax returns, bring a copy down to the Assessor's office and we can securely keep them on file for the 2026 renewal. The deadline for the 2026 renewals is not until March 1st 2026, but who wants to drive out in the snow next winter! Any applications for an exemption received after March 1, 2025 will be applied to the 2026 tax year.

A home is one of the most important and largest investments people will make. Just like the ups and downs of the stock market, the value of our homes can vary based on current market conditions and the condition of your property. If you feel that your current assessment is too low or too high, you may register a formal complaint to the Assessor and grieve your assessment before the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) via the officially prescribed RP-524 form available at the Assessor's Office at Town Hall or online at www.tax.ny.gov. You must file your complaint prior to May 1, 2025. The Board of Assessment Review will hold a grievance day on Thursday May 29th 2025, again, you must file your complaint by May 1, 2026 for your assessment to be reviewed. *The Town of Newfane BAR is an independent Board whose membership contains a variety of local residences who are charged with reviewing and adjudicating all complaints received on real property assessment; further the BAR has the authority to overrule the Assessor. Be sure to bring a cogent justification of your reasoning and be able to identify a number of comparable properties to your assessment. thank you.*

If you'd like more information on how property taxes and assessments are determined, please stop by the assessor's office for a flyer.

Also... It's Photo Time!!

Throughout the year we will be out taking updated photos for our files, New York State requires us to update property photos every three 3 years. So don't be alarmed if you see someone from the Town of Newfane taking pictures of your property.

Last but not Least. Building permits; if you have a building permit that has expired (Building permits are issued for 1 year), we are asking that you contact the Building Inspector David Schmidt for your final inspection. You may reach David at 716.778.5947 ext. 106

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data are available for examination and review. This data is the information, which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel on the Tentative Roll for the Town of Newfane, due to be filed on or before May 1, 2025. This information may be reviewed in the Assessor's Office at the Town Hall, Newfane Town Hall, 2737 Main St, Newfane NY 14108 on Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 p.m. For an appointment call the Assessor's Office at 716.778.8822 ext. 105.



Calling all Lifeguards!

The Town of Newfane is currently accepting applications for those interested in working as Lifeguards at Olcott Beach for the 2025 season.

Please complete a seasonal application (available on our website or at Town Hall) and return it to Christine in the Supervisor's office or email to supervisor@townofnewfane.com



Help With Your Spring Clean-Out

Electronic Recycling, Saturday, May 31

Electronic Materials Drop-Off

Saturday, May 31 from 9am - 1pm

Town of Newfane Highway Dept, 6176 McKee Street

For **TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY** ... please check this list below of acceptable and non acceptable items

ACCEPTABLE ELECTRONICS FOR RECYCLING

COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES

Computers (Desktop & Laptop)
Monitors (Flats screen and CRT)
Computer accessories (Mice, Keyboards, Webcams, Speakers, Microphones)
Cables & all IT accessories
Storage devices (External hard drives, solid state drives, SD cards, memory cards, card readers, ect.)
Computer power supplies
Printers (Ink & toner & cartridges)
Gaming devices
Network devices
Computer peripherals
Circuit boards/cards
Media speakers
Scanners

ENTERTAINMENT EQUIPMENT

Televisions (Flat screen & CRT)
Stereo equipment
Hi-Fi speakers
Video players
Digital cameras
Video cameras
Game consoles
Accessories & cables
DJ Equipment
Cable Boxes

MOBILE DEVICES

Cell phones/Smartphones
Tablets
PDAs
MP3 players
Cameras

DATA CENTER EQUIPMENT

Servers
Storage Arrays
Network Related Equipment
Power Distribution Units
Routers & Switches
Cabling
Switchgear
Panelboard
Mainframe Computer Equipment
Motor Generator Sets
Server Racks

LAB & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Defibrillators
IV Pumps
Spectrometers
Ultrasound Equipment
Anesthesia Units
CPAP Machines

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Copiers & Multifunction devices
Fax machines
Video & audio equipment
Phone systems
Projection equipment
Printers
Plotters
Security equipment
Receivers and transmitters
Answering machines

MISCELLANEOUS

Rechargeable Dry Cell Batteries (Nickel Hydride, Lithium Ion)
Small Home Appliances (incl Microwaves)
GPS Units
Wires, Cables, & Holiday Lights
Fitness Trackers/Smart Watches
Power Tools



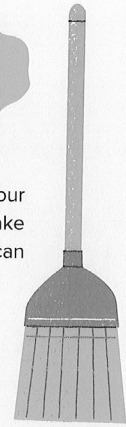
UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Devices containing mercury (thermostats, light bulbs, lamps, etc.)
- Household hazardous waste
- Devices containing refrigerant (A/C units, water coolers, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, wine chillers, etc.)
- Broken/bare CRT (tube) TVs or monitors
- Materials containing liquids
- Radioactive materials (smoke detectors)
- Devices containing PCBs (ballasts from light fixtures must clearly state "No PCBs")
- Gas powered equipment
- Large appliances (i.e. stoves, washing machines, dryers, dishwashers)
- Paper for shredding
- Loose or common household batteries (i.e. AAA, AA, C, D, button cell batteries)
- Damaged, defective, recalled, swollen, burned, or leaking batteries
- CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and cassette tapes
- Remanufactured/off-brand/generic toner
- Medical Sharps
- Vaping devices, E-cigarettes
- Propane Tanks (contents under pressure)

Clean-up Fishermans Park!

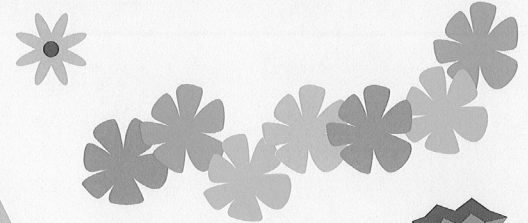
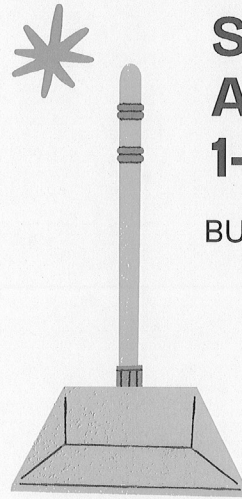


In honor of Earth Day, let's roll up our sleeves, grab some trash bags, and make our local park sparkle. Together, we can make a difference!



SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH 1-3PM

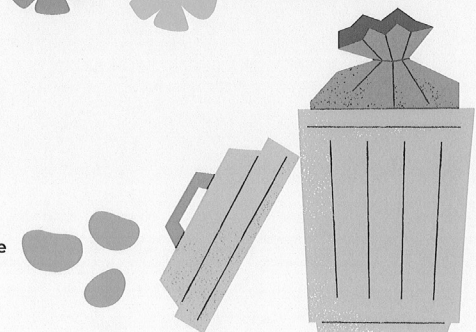
BURT DAM FISHERMANS PARK



FEEL FREE TO JOIN!

Please RSVP to Michelle Salvatore

(716) 525-3079



Roadside Brush Pickup – What to Do and Not Do

The following rules will be enforced for the town wide brush pick-up:

- All branches **MUST** be piled as neatly as possible with **ALL CUT ENDS FACING** the road and **NO LONGER** than 10 ft long.
- Tree removal companies are responsible to remove ALL of their own debris. *******
- We will **NOT** pick up large stumps, leaves, 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.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Highway Department at 778-8844 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday- Thursday.



Thank you for your cooperation

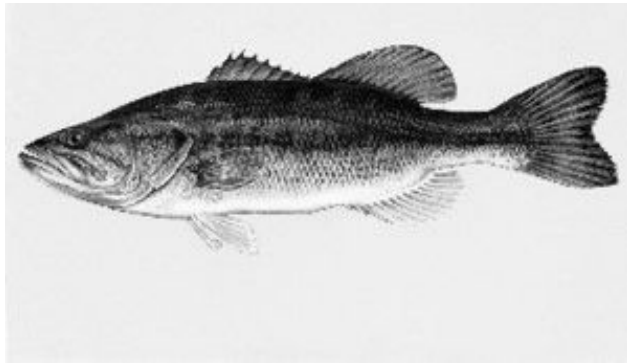
Jon Miller

Highway Superintendent

MARINA & FISHING

We look forward to a very busy opening weekend on April 1st as many of our fishermen and boaters prepare for the season. Call 716-778-5462 to reserve your dock for the summer. Chinooks and steelhead have been put in their pens and the lake is ready for the upcoming season. There are several fishing derbies and tournaments coming up over the next few months. The LOC Spring Derby runs May 2nd - 11th, and the Niagara Pro Am is May 30th - May 31st

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!



As the popular Newfane Hometown Heroes program enters its fourth season, you will see a greater number of banners glistening on even more streets and roads by Memorial weekend.

The application period has passed for this year, the banners are in production and our volunteers and work crews will be installing the banners in May. You can submit applications for the 2026 season through the end of February next year.

For information and the application go to 'townofnewfane.com' and find Our Hometown Heroes under the Our Websites tab ... or stop at Town Hall.

News from the Olcott Fire Company

The Olcott Fire Company has responded to about 230 calls at the time of this writing. New this year, OFC has implemented a pilot program that allows new members to help the community by training to be an ambulance driver or to become an EMT - you do not have to become a firefighter. We have had some great new additions to our membership through this program, which in turn, allows us to better serve the community. If this sounds like something you might have an interest in, we would love to talk to you!

Our always popular *Spring Meat Raffle* is April 5th and the following Saturday April 12th we host the annual *Easter Egg Hunt*. Bring your littles and enjoy this fun time that OFC has hosted for our kids for decades.

June brings our *3rd Annual Beer, Bike & Band Night* on Friday, June 13th behind our Fire Hall. There's plenty of parking and *Parkers Pit BBQ* will be onsite, plus the Firefighters will be grilling burgers & hot dogs. Come and enjoy some great music, good food and a frosty beverage and see some amazing motorcycles.

July brings the summery heat, and of course our biggest fundraiser, the *Pirates Festival* -- July 11, 12, & 13 -- three days of bands, awesome food, cold drinks, rides and games on the midway, our enormous Beer Tent, and of course our huge *Parade on Saturday*. It's always a great time, so come out and enjoy, catch up and reconnect with old friends. Relax among the pines and beautiful views of Lake Ontario while enjoying some superb music and a frosty beverage.



All of our events are posted on our Facebook page. And if you are looking for a place to have your own event, don't forget we offer a full-service banquet hall that can accommodate up to 300 guests.

If you have ever wanted to be a part of something bigger, learn life-saving skills, or help out the community by becoming a Firefighter or joining our Pilot Program, just stop by the Fire Hall 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 for boys & girls ages 12-17, which includes a scholarship program, and our Ladies Auxiliary is an amazing group of ladies who support our public safety mission and our community.

Kenna Liddell, NYS-AEMT

Spring Meat Raffle

Saturday, April 5 at 7pm

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 12 in Krull Park at 10am

Annual Beer, Bike & Band Night

Friday June 13 starting at 5pm
behind the firehall

Spring & Summer Events...

May 3 - 4 - Sat & Sun

Opening Weekend at Lakeview Village Shoppes
Open weekends in May, September and October, and DAILY from Memorial Day to Labor Day. 12pm-6pm 5955 Ontario St

May 18- Sunday

47th Apple Blossom Festival, 10am-4pm
The Country Village, West Creek at Ide Roads

May 24- 26- Saturday- Monday

Carousel Park Opens! Celebrate our 23rd season!
Call 716-778-7066 for more info.

May 25- Sunday

Super Sunday Car Cruise, 1-4pm Main St. Olcott
Free admission and parking. Sponsored by OBCA and area businesses. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

May 26- Monday

Memorial Day Observance, 11am Corwin Cemetery
Sponsored by the Town of Newfane and hosted by the Newfane American Legion. 716-408-3311

June 7- August 23 - Saturdays

Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott Sponsored by the Olcott Beach Community Association & area businesses. Call 628-4007 for more info.

June 8 - Sunday

28th Annual Duck Race, 2pm Olcott Harbor
1000 brightly colored ducks race to the finish line in 18 Mile Creek. Free Admission. \$5 fee to rent a duck. Call 716-628-4007 for info.

June 21- Saturday

Town of Newfane 'Hooks for Harry' Kids Fishing Derby, 8am- 12pm, Olcott Harbor, 18 Mile Creek, Fisherman's Park, and Burt Dam

June 28- 29- Sunday

NYS Free Fishing Days, No fishing license required this weekend.

June 25- September 24 - Wednesdays

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

July 3- Wednesday

Fireworks over Lake Ontario, 10pm Olcott

July 4- Thursday

Patriots Day Parade, 12:30pm, Olcott
This parade is nostalgic, patriotic, and fun! Meet at Krull Park Main St. by noon and march to Olcott Beach Carousel Park.

July 11- 13 - Friday - Sunday

Olcott Fire Company's Pirates Festival, Krull Park
Friday 6pm-12am, Saturday 12pm-12am, Sunday 12pm-6pm
Parade Saturday at noon. Car show Saturday 9am -4pm. Rides, food, music and live entertainment.

July 18- 20 - Friday - Sunday

Christmas In July Weekend, Olcott
Festivities include a Bell Choir concert on the Boardwalk

July 26- 27 - Saturday - Sunday

Old Olcott Days, Ye Olde Log Cabin
Spend the weekend looking back through time; local memorabilia dating back to 1900, free Trolley tours.

July 26- 27 - Saturday - Sunday

Street Organ Rally
Enjoy a variety of hand cranked street organs playing the happiest music on earth. Olcott Beach Carousel Park 5979 Main St, Olcott

August 17 - Sunday

Olcott Beach Carousel Park's 23rd Anniversary & Community Appreciation Day, 12 -6 pm
Celebrate the Carousel's 96th birthday w/ free Carousel rides all day!

August 24- Sunday

4th Annual Newfane Community Day, 3-10pm Live music, Local Food & Craft vendors, Children's games. Newfane Town Hall Community Center parking lot. 2743 Main St., Newfane.



Olcott Beach Community Association presents

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE CAROUSEL PARK

Gates open at 7pm, Movies start at dusk
Bring a chair or a blanket
Concessions available for sale to benefit OBCA

July 16 	July 30 	August 20 	August 27
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* Olcott Beach Carousel Park * 5979 Main Street * Olcott *



Music & Wine

on the boardwalk

Fridays - May 30 to August 29 - 5pm-8pm
Saturdays - September 6 to September 27 - 1pm-4pm

MAY 30	ED G BLACK WILLOW WINERY	AUG 1	GARRY SINGS HONEYMOON WINERY
JUNE 6	CINDY SUE & BRYAN BLACK WILLOW WINERY	AUG 8	DAVID STOCKTON VIZCARRA VINEYARDS
JUNE 13	DAVID STOCKTON VICTORIANBOURG WINERY	AUG 15	TOM & SARAH WRIGHT SCHULZE WINERY
JUNE 20	TOM & SARAH WRIGHT SCHULZE WINERY	AUG 22	NICO ZARCONI LONG CLIFF WINERY
JUNE 27	TOM KEEFER LONG CLIFF WINERY	AUG 29	HEENAN BROTHERS MARJIM MANOR WINERY
JULY 4	RICK STRUSIENSKI MARJIM MANOR WINERY	SEPT 6	DAVID STOCKTON SCHULZE WINERY
JULY 11	NICO ZARCONI VIZCARRA VINEYARDS	SEPT 13	ED G HONEYMOON WINERY
JULY 18	GENEROUS POUR VICTORIANBOURG WINERY	SEPT 20	DAVEY O. A GUST OF SUN WINERY
JULY 25	DAVEY O. A GUST OF SUN WINERY	SEPT 27	CINDY SUE & BRYAN BLACK WILLOW WINERY

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OLCOTT GAZEBO SUNDAY CONCERTS

(Monday) 5/26 - Mark Mazur & His Little Big Band 2pm to 4pm
6/1 - Nite Cruise 2pm to 4pm
6/8 - Back Burner 2pm to 4pm
6/15 - Three Parts Whiskey 2pm to 4pm
6/22 - Back in the Day by Kurt 2pm to 4pm
6/29 - Me & The Boys 2pm to 4pm
(Thursday) 7/3 - Easy Street Big Band 7pm to 9pm
(Friday) 7/4 - Mark Mazur & His Little Big Band 2pm to 4pm
7/6 - Lancaster Steel Drum Band 2pm to 4pm
7/13 - Pocket Change 2pm to 4pm
7/20 - Joe Baudo feat. Denise Beehan 2pm to 4pm
7/27 - Small Organ Grinders Rally 2pm to 4pm
8/3 - Janice Mitchell & Jim Beishline 2pm to 4pm
8/10 - Barker Community Band 2pm to 4pm
8/17 - Easy Street Big Band 2pm to 4pm
8/24 - Buffalo Banjo Band 2pm to 4pm
8/31 - Olcott Beach Jazz Trail 12pm to 7pm
(Monday) 9/1 - Skinny G & The Meatballs 2pm to 4pm
9/7 - Joe Baudo feat. Denise Beehan 2pm to 4pm
9/14 - Me & The Boys 2pm to 4pm
9/21 - Pocket Change 2pm to 4pm
9/28 - Back Burner 2pm to 4pm

FREE EVENTS * WEATHER PERMITTING * BRING A CHAIR



8th Annual



Olcott Beach
JAZZ TRAIL
JAZZ AT THE BEACH





SUNDAY
AUG. 31ST • 12 - 7PM
FREE!

Wednesday Concerts at the Gazebo

sponsored by the Newfane Business Association (NBA)

Main Street Gazebo - Newfane

Concerts start at 7pm, except the June 25th music recital (6 pm). Bring a chair, your friends and family to the Gazebo on Main Street (Rt 78 north of Town Hall). Concerts are sponsored by the Newfane Business Association, Town of Newfane and Wilson's Pizza.

June 25: Newfane Music Recital (6-8pm)

July 9: Nickel City Blues Band - Blues & Rock

July 16: Double Barrell - Classic Rock

July 23: The Byways - Folk Rock Band

July 30: The Heenan Brothers-Folky, Americana Canal Blues

Aug. 6: Tom Keefer and Celtic Cross - Celtic music

Aug. 13: Restless Soles Folk
Country, Reggae, Americana and more

Aug. 20: Tom and Sarah Wright - Acoustic Duo

Thursday **Aug. 14: Double Barrell - Classic Rock**

Note: Concerts may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Please refer to our Facebook page for last minute cancellations.

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 Facebook.

Olcott Beach Carousel Park Opening May 24, 25, & 26, 2025 Volunteers and Student Employees Needed!

by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.



Members of the Ridgewood Bible church have helped get the park ready for opening.

Olcott Beach Carousel Park (OBCP) is opening May 24, 25, & 26, from 12 - 6 pm. That means that there is a lot of preparation to be done before we can be ready for our 23rd season! If you are available, we are always looking for volunteers to help get the park set up for the season. That will happen on Saturday, **May 10, starting at 9 a.m.** Generally, this involves cleaning, raking leaves, sweeping, and moving equipment from storage. Please feel free to come to the front or back gate and we will put you to work!

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the carousel, work at the Pick-Up-A-Duck and Skee Ball games, and sell ride tickets in the ticket booth. Two three-hour shifts (12 - 3 & 3 - 6 pm) are available each day the park is open (holidays and weekends). Volunteers can choose which days, shifts and areas they would like to work We train

our volunteers on **Saturday, May 17th, from 10 am - 12 pm**, so if you haven't had a chance to sign-up, just show up! However, if someone wants to volunteer and can't come that day, we can make special arrangements to train them when they come to volunteer. There is a sign-up sheet in the carousel building for available shifts and jobs. Volunteers can sign up during our hours of operation or email. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing or would like more information, please email Rosemary Sansone at: rsansone1947@gmail.com.

In addition to our volunteers, the park also employs high school and college students aged 16 or older to run the kiddie rides (Ferris wheel, rocket swings, boats, cars, and sky fighter). Training is also provided and they are paid \$17.00 per hour. High school students may get an application form from their guidance department or by emailing or phoning Dr. Rosemary Sansone at rsansone1947@gmail.com or 716-778-7066.

For those of you who do not know, OBCP is a not-for-profit vintage kiddie amusement park run by volunteers. Adults and children can take a spin on the 1928 Herschell-Spillman carousel overlooking Lake Ontario to the tune playing on either our 1926 Model 105 or 1931 Model 145 Wurlitzer band organs. For children 52 inches or less in height, there are five vintage kiddie rides. Adults and children 8 years and older can try their luck at one of the 25¢ vintage Skee-ball machines. The park features a small old-fashioned arcade and a "Pick-Up-A-Duck Game" (a prize every time). The WNY Dairy Farmers sponsor a free Magic Show featuring Rob and Carol Allen, during days of operation at 2 pm on the Tom Kelley Rustic Theater stage. In addition, there is a private nursing mothers' area. All rides are just 25¢ and shoes are required while in the park.

Our days and hours of operation are as follows:

Memorial Day Weekend (Saturday, Sunday, Monday): 12 - 6 pm
June (Saturday, Sunday): 12 - 6 pm
July 3: 12 - 8 pm
July 4: 12 - 6 pm
July - August (Friday, Saturday, Sunday): 12 - 6 pm
September 1: 12 - 6 pm

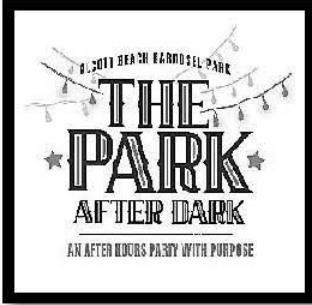


During the winter, volunteers have been busy making improvements and doing maintenance. This year, look for a new enclosure for the nursing mother's area. The enclosure, designed by Deanna and Roy Knapp, will resemble the old historic Olcott Trolley Station that was located in the eastern end of Krull Park on the lake. The project is being funded by generous donors.

Last year, our Christmas in July event was such a hit, that we have extended it to four days, starting with the movie *Miracle on 34th Street*, on OBCP's stage. The free movie is sponsored by the Olcott Beach Community Association on Wednesday, July 16th at dusk. Gates open at 7 pm and the carousel, Skee Ball and Pick-Up-A-Duck games will be available for their regular price. Come visit Santa while he is vacationing in Olcott, from 2:30 - 5 pm on Friday, July 19; Saturday, July 20; & Sunday, July 21. He will have a nice prize for each child that visits. In addition, write an early letter to Santa and mail it at the park!

All rides are still 25¢!

See you Memorial Day Weekend!



The Park After Dark: An After Hours Party With Purpose

Tickets are \$35 pre-sale and \$40 at the door purchased online, or from local ticket sellers. For ticket information and event sponsorship opportunities contact the park: olcottbeachcarouselpark@gmail.com or call us at (716) 713-6434 or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/OBCarousel

Mark your calendars! The Olcott Beach Carousel Park's annual fundraiser - **The Park After Dark - August 12, 2025!** The fundraiser contributes substantially to the economic viability of the park's mission - providing a high quality attraction at the lowest possible cost to the WNY community. Each and every year, the revenue raised by this event keeps the park on stable economic footing for the following season – funding restoration and improvement projects and offsetting operating costs. The Park After Dark is **the one and only event held in the park at night – transforming the kiddie park into a grown up vintage carnival!**

	An Evening of Fun & Festivities!	Schedule of Events!
<p>This annual fundraising event is key to keeping the magic of the Olcott Beach Carousel Park alive! Your support helps maintain and operate our cherished vintage kiddie park, ensuring these classic rides are here for all to enjoy. Join us in celebrating and preserving a beloved piece of our community's history—together, we're making memories that last a lifetime.</p>	<p>Food and Drinks!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fresh popcorn and our Snack Shack ○ Beer, soda and water at the Rialto Beer Garden ○ Wine by the glass or bottle at the Luna Park Landing wine tent ○ The Picnic Pavilion <p>Midway Madness!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vintage Carnival Game Midway ○ Fortune Teller Marquee ○ Carousel Derby Races ○ Lucky Draw Raffle Pavilion ○ Skee-ball tournament ○ The Snapshot Spectacle Photo Booth <p>Music and Dancing!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Back in the Day, vintage vocals ○ The Sophisticats, jazzy swing 	<p>6pm - Gates Open!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beer Garden and Wine Pavilion ○ Fresh popcorn and Snack Shack ○ Skee-Ball tournament open to all comers ○ Midway Madness ○ Vintage vocals by Back In The Day, Main Stage 6 - 7pm <p>7pm!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food Service at the Picnic Pavilion ○ Carousel Races, every 30 minutes, 7 - 10pm ○ Jazzy swing by The Sophisticats, Main Stage 7 - 10pm ○ Vintage vocals by Back in The Day, Circus Tent Stage, 7 - 9pm <p>9:45pm!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50/50 and Raffle draws



- Vintage carnival game midway & prizes
- Fortune Telling
- Midway Madness raffle
- The Wegmans Picnic Pavilion and The Gourmet Snack Shack
- Rialto Beer Garden
- Luna Landing Wine Bar
- Carousel Derby Races
- annual skee-ball tournament
- 50/50 split
- live music on 2 stages
- dancing



Featuring The Picnic Pavilion – Sponsored and Catered by Wegmans!



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James J. Lupini
Superintendent of Schools

Spring 2025

News from our Schools

Dear Newfane School Community,
I hope this letter finds you all healthy and well. By the time you receive this newsletter, the frigid winter months should be behind us. As a first-year superintendent, these last few months have certainly posed some challenges. I do need to express my appreciation for Highway Superintendent Jon Miller and the Highway Department as a whole. Jon and I were in regular contact, either during late hours of the evening or early hours of the morning. Throughout the winter, he always gave me the current status of travel within the Town to assist me in making the decision if the current weather patterns would impede our students getting to school. The Town of Newfane Highway Department is second to none and are out at 3:00AM every day ensuring that our roads are safe for our students and community. In addition, I need to also share my gratitude to the Town of Newfane Water Department as they worked to clear the sidewalks on Ketchum and East Avenues so our students who walk to school can do so safely.

As the spring is upon us, we are developing our 2025-2026 school budget. Our budget development timeline is as follows:

- February 4, 2025 First Draft of 2025-2026 Budget
- March 4, 2025 Second Draft of 2025-2026 Budget
- March 18, 2025 Final Draft of 2025-2026 Budget
- April 1, 2025 Budget Adoption
- May 6, 2025 Public Budget Hearing
- May 20, 2025 Budget Vote and BOE Election

Our Board of Education meetings begin at 7:00PM in the Newfane Early Childhood Center in room 129. We encourage anyone interested to attend.

As far as facilities are concerned, we are currently developing our next capital project which we intend on putting up for vote in December of 2025. We need to address some major infrastructure issues, particularly our HVAC systems as well as updating our Middle School classrooms. We are also working to determine if there are immediate solutions to address some of the heating issues, we experienced at the elementary school this past cold season.

In addition, our District Planning Team is working to develop a culture and climate survey that will be administered this spring to our students, staff, families and community. This information, as well as our academic information, will be packaged together for a State of the District presentation in the Fall of 2025.

Once again, I want to express my vast enthusiasm to be part of the Newfane School Community. I am so impressed by the kindness, compassion and respect that our students show each and every day. These positive characteristics are the result of values that our families are instilling in our children. Our faculty and staff are dedicated and demonstrate pride in our school district. And the community support for our schools is overwhelming. I hope that each and every one of you have a wonderful spring season.

Sincerely,

James J. Lupini
Superintendent of Schools

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES:

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Registration for September 2025

The Newfane Central School District will be registering students to enter pre-kindergarten (UPK) in September 2025. According to UPK regulations, children who will be 4 years old on or before December 1st, 2025 are eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten. Students and their parents or legal guardians must live within the Newfane Central School District boundaries. The classes are held at the Newfane Early Childhood Center with busing and meals provided. UPK is an outstanding program designed to prepare all children to learn and grow through play and age-appropriate activities under the guidance of experienced and caring certified teachers. Daily hours for Pre-Kindergarten are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please call Mrs. Madeline Ludwig at 716-778-6351 between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to receive the necessary paperwork to register your child and reserve a spot for the fall.



**Newfane Central School District
Aquatic Center**

Located at:
2909 Transit Road
Newfane, New York 14108

James Lupini
Superintendent of Schools

Bernadette Seymour
Coordinator

COMMUNITY AQUATIC PROGRAMS
Updated Spring 2025

*(Please check the website for any changes/additions, the pool is **closed** when school is not in session)*

COMMUNITY and SENIOR CITIZEN SWIM

For our Community members as well as our Senior Citizens: Enjoy Lap swimming at your own pace.

Cost: \$2.00

Session: continuing through June 18, 2025

Time: 6:30 am – 8:45 am (M,W,F)

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.

Cost: \$2.00 per class

Time: Change from prior years, please see below:

*Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM (starts again on March 17, 2025)

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM (continuing through June 18, 2025)



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 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

A minimum of two (2) lifeguards is required. Payment **must** be made prior to event!

PRIVATE PARTIES FOR ORGANIZATION

The Aquatic Center also is available for private organizations...

Book a party for your Boy Scout, Girl Scout, 4-H, church or youth group!

Questions or Suggestions?

Contact Mrs. Seymour, Coordinator, at 716-778-6853 or bseymour@newfanecentralschools.org





Newfane Alumni Association

The Newfane Alumni Association was formed solely to benefit the youth of our community. We facilitate many initiatives and projects aimed at improving the overall experience and lives of Newfane students, past and present.

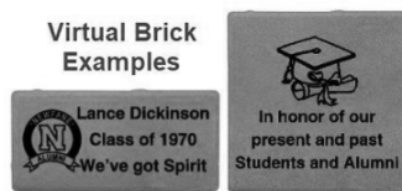
4th Annual Panther Pretty

We hosted our 4th annual Panther Pretty event in March 2025. This event assists students by providing free prom-wear from dresses to tuxedos to shoes and accessories. We take personal onus in assuring that the students in our community can experience a magical night. We also have business attire for students who need to look sharp for interviews. This event and its resources are open to all Niagara County students. We thank everyone who donates their time to assist and sponsor this event - from clothing to makeup, hair and nails – your help is essential to its success.

Honoring Distinguished Alumni

We are looking for nominees to add to the *Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame* at high school. We challenge our Alumni from the years 2010 and earlier to nominate at least one member of your class! We're looking for individuals that embody Panther pride by not only excelling in their chosen field, but who also give back to their local community.

of an 8x8 brick. All proceeds from the brick sales go back to the Association to fund scholarships, grants, and our flagship events like homecoming and Panther Pretty. Bricks can be purchased at <https://polarengraving.com/newfanealumni>



Scholarships!!!

The Newfane Alumni's Common Scholarship Application is now open and can be reached at the link below. This common application will allow any graduating senior or Alumnus of Newfane High School to apply for up to four different scholarship opportunities. Please see the link below or on the Newfane High School website under High School Counseling Office for specifics. All scholarships must be used to attend college or an accredited technical/trade school.

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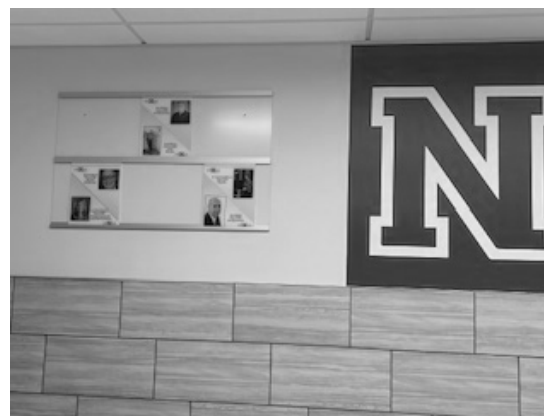
All applications are due May 2, 2025



Scan code with the camera app on your phone to open our website!



Previous inductees came from 1964, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1994, and 2008, with the Class of '64 having three inductees! You can nominate a classmate at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgv5Zcs8Q8XNlopBYCTxXVc_I7qxTte1RgqPff-WbTIRDuig/viewform



Alumni Wall of Fame

Our Alumni brick Walk at Panther Stadium is filling up fast and we would like to fill the remaining six rows this year. What better way to create a long-lasting memory than to honor a friend, family, or faculty member. We are offering a free one-year Alumni membership with the purchase of a 4x8 brick, and a three year membership with the purchase

Newfane Alumni Clipart

Clip Art Section:

To view our full clip art library, please visit:

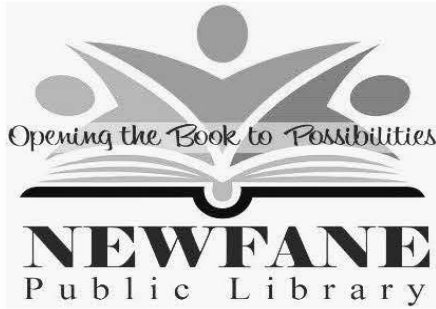
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OR Scan the QR Code at the front!



Want to Join or Help!

If you are interested in joining our group to give back to our students, schools and community or to participate in any of our events, please contact us at www.newfanealumni.org or email us at newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org. Want to see what we are all about join us at a meeting, we meet the third Monday of each month at 7pm via zoom email us for the link. Or if you'd like to make a donation toward all our efforts you can mail any donation to: Newfane Central School District, Attention Newfane Alumni, 6273 Charlotteville Road, Newfane, NY 14108.



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Library Director: Gretchen Schweigert

APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE Nutrition Class: Apr. 1 at 3:30pm • Floral Arranging: Apr. 1 @ 6pm • Lego Club: Apr. 2 at 5pm • Senior Coffee & Cards: Apr. 4 from 10am-12pm • Olcott Area & Cemetery History: Apr. 5 at 1pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gadgets & Gear Tech Help: Apr. 11 from 1pm-4pm • Family Storytime: Apr. 12 at 11am • Spring Storytime: Apr. 15, 22, 29 at 11am • Book Club: Apr. 17 at 6pm • Manga Club: Apr. 24 at 4:30pm
MAY *Closed May 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Coffee & Cards: May 2 from 10am-12pm • Spring Storytime: May 6, 13, 20 at 11am • CCE Nutrition Class: May 6 at 3:30pm • Lego Club: Apr. 2 at 5pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Storytime: May 10 at 11am • Book Club: May 15 at 6pm • Gadgets & Gear Tech Help: May 16 from 1pm-4pm • Manga Club: May 22 at 4:30pm
JUNE *Closed June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE Nutrition Class: June 3 at 3:30pm • Lego Club: June 4 at 5pm • Senior Coffee & Cards June 6 from 10am-12pm • Book Club: June 12 at 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gadgets & Gear Tech Help: June 13 from 1pm-4pm • Family Storytime: June 14 at 11am • Manga Club: June 26 at 4:30pm
JULY *Closing early on July 3 * Closed on July 4		<p>COLOR OUR WORLD this year with the library's Summer Reading Program! Read for your chance at prizes! Join us for fun activities!</p>

Healthcare navigation help is available every Wednesday from 1pm-3pm

This list of events is incomplete and subject to change. Stay up to date by following us on social media, visiting our website, or stopping in!

OPEN HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 10am-5pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12pm-7pm

Saturdays: 10am-2pm

(Closed Saturdays from July 1-Labor Day)

Sundays: CLOSED





Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

Santa at the Cabin in December was another fun success with lots of kids and families. We were busy from start to finish. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a fun day for the kids coming to see Santa and receiving a stocking, treats and drink. Our bin for the Peanut Butter and Jelly drive was filled with goodies once again, thank you all so much for donating to a great cause.

We are working on our spring cleaning at the Cabin and will be set to open on May 30. Hard to believe it is our 9th season already! There will be new items on display this year for everyone to see.

The Cabin will be decorated for Santa's visit December 7 and we hear Santa will be in town on vacation and stopping by the Cabin on July 19th to visit and may have a treat for the kids! On Sunday July 20, the Bell Choir will perform at the Cabin from 1-3 pm, so bring a chair and come enjoy this beautiful at our Christmas in July weekend.

Old Olcott Days will be at the Cabin on July 26 and 27 from 12-5 pm. We will have extra displays under the tents outside of the Cabin, wine tasting by Schulze Vineyards and Winery, and narrated Trolley tours. We look forward to another fun Old Olcott Days weekend with everyone!

If anyone has items that they would like to display at the Cabin on a permanent or on loan basis, please contact Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. Your items will be displayed in a secure Cabin for as long as you wish.

We are always looking to welcome volunteers into our Cabin family, so if you are interested in spending the day in the Pine Grove at Ye Olde Log Cabin visiting with people, please contact Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. However, many days you would like to volunteer would be a great help and welcomed.

Season Opening Weekend -- May 30

Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 12-5 pm during June, July, and August

Fourth of July Weekend - open Thursday to Sunday July 3, 4, 5, and 6 from 12-5 pm

Christmas in July Weekend - open July 18, 19, 20 Sunday, July 20 -- Bell Choir at the Cabin, 1-3 pm

Old Olcott Days -- July 26 and 27 12-5 pm

Open Monday, September 1, Labor Day 12-5 pm
Open Saturdays and Sundays in September 12-5 pm

Closing Day - October 4, Boonanza Decorating 12-3
Santa at the Cabin -- Sunday December 7, 1-5 pm



NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

Happy New Year to everyone. Hopefully by the time you receive this Newsletter, the snow will be gone, the Spring temperatures will have arrived and signs of Spring growth will be visible.

We started our year on a sad note. A long time member, Norma Weaver, passed away suddenly on December 28th. Our Club will be donating a tree in her memory.

We met at the home of a member for our January meeting and watched an interesting video on the History of Downtown Buffalo. In February, we enjoyed a speaker, Angela Baron, NY State Bluebird Ambassador & County Coordinator. She talked about maintaining the Bluebird houses in the area (including the Niagara County Golf Course) which provides information on the Bluebird population. We made vases of flowers for the residents of Newfane Health Facility in March.

We have the following activities planned: April – Touring the Sun Orchard packing plant, May – Drying or pressing flowers, June – Discussion of Climate Rising, July – a dinner at the home of one of our members and August – a visit to the McCollum Farms produce stand.

Complete plans for these activities have not been finalized, so be sure to check with our contacts to confirm our monthly meeting plans if you would like to join us.

Niagara Shores is a garden club, but we do more than garden. Our aim is to share knowledge and ideas concerning gardening, host guest speakers, share plants and seeds, discuss problems we may have with certain plants and bring awareness to environmental issues. We also enjoy making garden themed crafts for our gardens and homes.

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 The Newfane Community Room. We have changed our meeting to the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 am. We are hoping this change will enable more people to be a part of our group, especially those who do not care to drive at night. 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 Secretary, Nancy Beakman at 716-778-7300 or President, Barb Reabold at 716-778-7198.

"Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul."

Luther Burbank

Spring News from the Town of Newfane Tourism Committee

Fair Warning!! Get Ready, 'Cause Here they Come!

Newfane residents and businesses, they're coming! Time to prepare, stock, mark your calendars, mow your lawns, plan your events!

Spring is coming and with the arrival of warm weather, the visitors to our Town will be coming to fish, eat, drink and play.

- Families come to visit the museums, wineries, farms and markets. They come for the historical and cultural festivals. They come for all the conveniences including shopping, a variety of dining, the parks, and the ease of a daytrip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo.
- Fishermen come from all over the world for the best fresh-water fishing in the State and to participate in over 15 different fishing events with prizes ranging up to \$25,000. Get your fishing license at the Town hall.

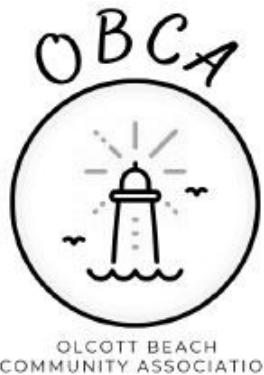
Check out the Tourism Website at: olcott-newfane.com

The Newfane/Olcott Tourism Board for the Town of Newfane actively works on marketing our area to potential visitors. This is done with distribution across multiple States of 30,000 copies of the Visitor Guidebook, and an active and a far-reaching social media presence. Pick up a copy of the Guidebook at the Town Hall or at a local business.

The Newfane/Olcott Tourism Board is gearing up for a season of increased visitors as the weather gets warmer. Highlights of upcoming events are listed in the centerfold (page 16) of this newsletter, and check out the 2025 Visitor Guidebook for the complete listing.

If you are interested in advertising in the Guidebook, which also includes advertising for your business or event on our social media, please contact us through the website or on Facebook (Newfane and Olcott Beach, NY Tourism) or email us at newfaneolcott@gmail.com.

Contributor
Janet Steggles



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 Beach 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, especially if you love Olcott as much as we all do!

The Olcott Beach Community Association (OBCA) is so excited for the summer and to continue to host all our favorite summer events:

Our Super Sunday Car Cruise is back on Sunday, May 25th from 1pm-4pm on Main Street with the first 100 cars receiving a commemorative dash plaque along with a goodie bag from our local businesses.

The weekly Saturday Night Car Cruises will start on Saturday, May 31st and run all summer until Saturday, August 23rd, every week from 5pm-8pm. New this year in September (6th to 27th), we will be having Saturday Afternoon Car Cruises from 3pm-6pm! Our DJ, Pete VanWagoner, will be back again playing the music.

Our annual Duck Race will be taking place in the Olcott Harbor on Sunday, June 9th at 2pm. Duck Tickets will be available from local sellers and our local businesses in the weeks leading up to the race. The money raised from this event helps pay for the 3rd of July Fireworks as well as other OBCA projects.

We will again be hosting FREE Outdoor Movie Nights at the Olcott Beach Carousel Park in July & August! The dates of the movies are: July 16 – A Miracle on 34th Street; July 30 – Ice Age; August 20 – Rookie of the Year; & August 27 – Flicka. All movies start at dusk and before the movie you can ride the Carousel or play Skee Ball!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events & projects each year. We invite anyone interested in volunteering or just interested in receiving the meeting minutes to email us at olcottbeachcommunityassociation@yahoo.com and please follow us on Facebook for all the group's updates!

The Newfane Historical Society invites you to their
2025 Spring gathering honoring planting season!



Newfane's 47th Apple Blossom Festival

Food & Drink | Flea Market w/ Local Products
Live Performances | Historical Displays & Activities
Hands-On Demos | Tractor & Farm Equipment Show



*Fun for the
Entire Family!*

Sunday
May 18
10am-4pm

@ Country Village
2685 West Creek Rd.
Newfane, NY 14108

- Free admission
- Join us rain or shine
- No pets please

NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com

THE LATEST VAN HORN MANSION NEWS

Newfane's historic 200-year-old estate welcomes guests from all over the U.S. and Canada who enjoy learning about Newfane and the rich history of former Mansion residents.

Christmas at the Van Horn Mansion

Our most popular seasonal event was our 2nd Christmas Open House which hosted hundreds of visitors. Ticket holders have great fun wandering the mansion and discovering a different old-fashioned Christmas game or activity in each room. This event is returning in December and we'd love to have you join us! We'll have more details in late summer.

Fundraising and Improvements

As a living history museum, we are always refreshing and redesigning our many historical displays. As an event center, the estate is receiving upgrades and new equipment to boost the quality of service we offer to everyone who books a private event. Work began in 2023 and we are now focused on electrical updates, new appliances and rental amenities. We have raised over \$45,000 thanks to our generous donors, to whom we are sincerely grateful, and we were very fortunate to receive a matching grant from the Grigg-Lewis Foundation. We are so thankful for their support, and for everyone who is coming together to invest in the future of the Van Horn Mansion.

Sundat Tours of the Van Horn Mansion

June to August | Sundays, 1-4 pm About 90 minutes / \$5.00
Enjoy a guided tour as you deep dive into the history of the estate and former residents. Open to the public.

Donate

If you would like to donate to the Van Horn Mansion to help keep it a mainstay attraction of Newfane, use these options:

- Donate online through our PayPal link: bit.ly/VHMansion
- Use Venmo @NewfaneHistory (charity account)
- or mail a check to Newfane Historical Society: P.O. Box 115, Newfane, NY 14108 (subject line "Van Horn")

Membership

We're always seeking volunteers who love history and supporting local tourism. It's affordable and easy. To become a member, to volunteer, or book the mansion for your event visit NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com.



Newfane Golden Agers

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10 am to 2pm
at the Town Hall Community Room

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation at 10:00 am
Business Meetings at 11:00 am
Entertainment from 10:30 am
Membership: \$5.00 per year and \$1.00 per meeting
50/50 Raffles / Speakers / Travel

Lunch at 11:30 am – Buffet \$3.25, or bring your own
Buffet by Niagara Nutrition Services/Office for the Aging
New members, please call 716-438-4031 for meal order
Attorney services available once per month -
Email: OFA@niagaracounty.com to schedule

For more information, contact Shirley Linnenbank at 716-778-5314

The Newfane Golden Agers Club was established in 1960, first meeting at Odd Fellows Hall (Brookins Building) on Maple Avenue. 40-50 seniors attended the first meeting and elected these officers: President Edgar Wright, Vice President Al Haynes, Secretary Clara Haight, Treasurer Mary Greenbush, Chaplain William Whitely

2025 Officers

President	Milford Wilson
Vice President	Frank Stabler
Secretary	Shirley Linnenbank
Treasurer	Donna Stabler
Sunshine	Linda Harrington
Entertainment	Barb Johnson
Membership	Bonnie Newman
Tours	Ela Orłowski

Temperance Was an Influential Movement in Newfane

-- Kept Newfane mostly 'Dry' for 100 years --

Bill Clark, Town of Newfane Historian

historian@townofnewfane.com

Despite tales of hard-scrabble drinking by early woodsmen and the stories of freewheeling summer resort life in Olcott, the temperance or no-alcohol movement held a firm and dominating grip on the Newfane community for a century. Reports of temperance activities in Newfane emerge in writings from the 1830s and the forces arguing both sides, to keep Newfane a 'dry town' or permit alcohol sales, were well-organized and unrelenting in their activism. Hotel operators fought for years to gain approval to sell alcohol on their premises in Olcott, but Newfane's temperance advocates kept most of Newfane dry until the end of national prohibition in 1933.

Temperance or abstinence from alcohol was a deeply held moral principle among Newfane's early farm-centered families and was a tenet of the religious community. Traveling temperance preachers were welcome visitors at Sunday services throughout the town proclaiming the scourge of booze and all its sorrow. Temperance held a powerful influence on American politics and society through the early 1900s, when nationally organized groups like the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), Anti-Saloon League and Good Templars pressured state and local governments to regulate alcohol sales. A chapter of the WCTU thrived in Newfane for decades and early temperance gatherings were held at what is now the Outing Park cottage community off East Lake Road. By the 1870s, temperance proponents were successful in establishing a local law making all of Newfane a 'dry town'. Efforts to outlaw alcohol sales were also successful in other rural areas like Somerset, but alcohol remained legal or only faced limited restrictions in cities and communities with broader economic and social profiles.

An excise tax or a state or national tax on the sale of specific products was generally applied to the sale of alcohol from the founding days of our nation. The tax was specifically applied to alcohol because

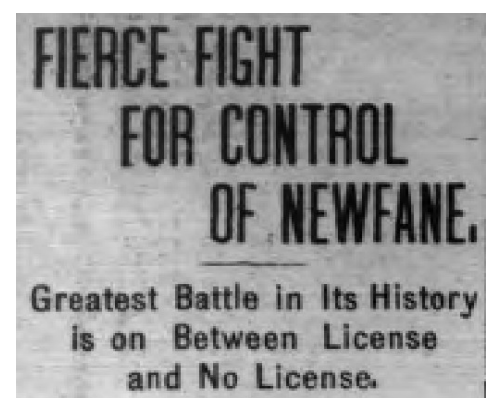
it was a good revenue source applied to a discretionary product. NYS managed how excise taxes could be levied and collected, and in 1840 it gave local governments the authority to grant excise licenses, or liquor licenses, thereby regulating the sale of alcohol in the community. The law required that a public vote be held every two years and local leaders would use this authority to keep Newfane dry over several decades. These laws also established a battle-ground that temperance crusaders could use to promote sobriety. By 1896 the state required that these biannual elections include four local propositions on the ballot; 1) to allow licenses solely for on-premise consumption, 2) allow licensing for sales that can only be consumed off-premises, 3) the sale of items containing liquor can only be approved for drugstores and physicians, 4) authorizing licenses for hotel keepers. In each of these biannual elections in Newfane, the vote was always overwhelming that the town would remain dry and none of these options were approved. For thirteen consecutive elections over 26 years, temperance advocates maintained their command of alcohol policy in Newfane. 493 Newfane citizens voted on the four propositions in 1902, the votes for on and off site consumption and that by pharmacists and physicians were defeated by two-thirds majorities, the vote to license hotels lost by 42 votes. News reports described Newfane as "the banner temperance town of Niagara County and the ardent stronghold of the Prohibition party in WNY."

Amid the temperance success of these years, however, there is a back story and nobody doubted that alcohol was in common use, even in Newfane. The dry laws targeted the sale of alcohol in public places, but Newfane had bountiful fruits and grains that made alcohol production at home and on the farm an easy and widespread practice. Throughout

Newfane's dry-law years alcohol sales in the hotels and taverns of Olcott were a consistent problem for local authorities. Enforcement of dry laws for a rural community like Newfane was a challenge, since there was no state or sheriff patrol in those days, so the town could only present charges to the local Justice for a possible fine or county jail time. In 1886, eight indictments were brought against hotel keepers in Olcott for selling without a license and the record shows only three were fined \$10 to \$40 each. In the privacy of the ballot box, the community strongly endorsed Newfane being a dry-town and in particular opposed alcohol sales in saloons and bars, but there was little enthusiasm for 'throwing the book at' or severely penalizing local citizens. There were instances when local citizens applied their own form of enforcement, like in 1906 when two individuals thought they would test the community's teetotaling resolve and open an illegal saloon in Newfane. They were promptly shut-down and driven-out by a band of citizens, and afterwards the illegal operator claimed the righteous town folk did \$5,000 in damage. Meanwhile in Olcott, the nation's most prominent temperance activist, Carrie Nation, made a stop in 1901 and 'busted-up' the Week's Hotel on Main Street near Franklin. Writings by old-timers note that when the Methodist Church, then located on the west side of the creek, was considering locations to erect a new church in 1909, they selected the current site on Main Street in an effort to curb the drinking and depraved ways of the village.

As Newfane prepared for the biannual vote of 1886 to continue 'dry-town' restrictions, the hotel and innkeepers of Olcott were becoming more vocal in their efforts to gain approval of alcohol sales at their establishments. Their appeals were countered by the Newfane Temperance Association who claimed the businesses had been "openly violating the law for ten years, thereby debasing and demoralizing manhood, wronging womanhood and defrauding childhood." By 1902, the International Railway Company (IRC) had completed the trolley from Lockport and built the Olcott Beach Hotel, bringing a far more influential voice to the argument for issuing licenses in Olcott. Even with IRC lobbying, the 1902 vote to authorize liquor sales in Olcott was defeated, prompting the hotel operators to change strategy and look to the courts and leading politicians for support. Using the argument that not all citizens were properly notified about the previous vote, the IRC was successful in obtaining a court order that a 'special election' be held to resubmit the liquor question to the voters. Campaigns were immediately launched on both sides to align support, the IRC offered free trolley rides to the polling station and the children of those opposing liquor sales were seen wearing badges saying "Vote against saloons and liquor for my sake."

At the special election on June 11, 1903, there was a 223 vote majority to authorize 'limited licensing' of liquor sales, but only in Olcott hotels, not taverns or stores. Outside the hotels and in the remainder of the town, Newfane's status as a 'dry town' was reinforced. Forces for and against licensing would continue to clash for another seventeen years until national prohibition was passed in 1920, which brought its own methods of federal enforcement. Rum-running and the illegal transit and sale of alcohol from Canada became a hugely profitable business in Newfane and Olcott during prohibition - not to supply alcohol locally - but Newfane became a principal link in the supply chain to fill the unquenchable demand for booze in Buffalo and other WNY cities. The failure and widely unpopular experience with prohibition and its repeal in 1933 brought an end to Newfane's time as a dry town.



VETERANS NEWS ...

From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

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newfanelegion@yahoo.com

Displaying Flags: The national flag code has been changed to allow the horizontal display of the American flag during patriotic events if it is done in a respectful manner. We were previously unable to carry the flag horizontally like at the beginning of sporting events, but the Department of Defense has changed this policy, so you are likely to see our armed services back on the field during game honors helping to hold the large flags.

Changes to the Veterans Legacy Memorial Program (VLM) The stories and tributes of eligible veterans can now be shared before they pass away, instead of leaving it to their family to submit after their death. “*Your Story, Your Legacy*” is a feature of the Veterans Legacy Memorial Program (VLM) that honors nearly 10 million veterans in national and private cemeteries. “Your Story, Your Legacy” allows eligible veterans to submit images, autobiographies and historical documents through a secure site, providing a way for veterans to document their stories while still living, ensuring that family members, friends, and others will hear and appreciate the experiences of your service. After the veteran passes away their story and legacy can go “live” at www.vlm.cem.va.gov and be visible to those who visit their page. Get started by going to the VA website to file your pre-need eligibility determination - you can receive help from the Niagara County Veteran Service Office or the Post. VLM is also available to Veterans in private cemeteries who received a VA provided headstone, marker, cover or medallion ordered back to 1996. Families can ask about adding a VLM tribute.



Newfane Post 873's Auxiliary wins National Award: The Post's Auxiliary received the award for *Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program* in the American Legion's Eastern Division, which covers eleven states, Puerto Rico and D.C. The recognition from the American Legion National Auxiliary President was presented to Niagara County Auxiliary President and Newfane Post 873 Auxiliary member Cherie Stern by New York Auxiliary President Kimberly Quick during her visit to Niagara.

Honoring American Legion Post 873 Charter Members: American Legion flags will be placed on the graves of World War 1 veterans who first organized our Newfane Legion post in 1925. Honoring our celebrated World War 1 veterans recognizes their work to form the Newfane Post 100 years ago.

Cemetery Flags: Each Memorial Day, the Legion places American flags on all veteran's graves in Newfane and all of WNY, including Niagara Falls, Kenmore, Barker and Gasport. Flags will be placed in the days leading up to the Memorial celebration. If you find that your veteran was missed during the process please reach out to the Post at our phone number (716) 408-3311, email address newfanelegion@yahoo.com or our Facebook page to have one placed.

Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony: This year's ceremony is set for Monday May 26th at 11 AM at Corwin Cemetery. The program will feature a centennial recognition of World War 1 veterans who obtained the charter and established the Newfane Legion 100 years ago. Come prepared for the weather with a chair and water. If severe weather threatens the alternate site is the Community Center.

Eastern Niagara Veterans Monument: Work is nearly complete on the monument located in Hartland. The dedication ceremony has been set for Flag Day, June 14th at 9 AM. The memorial site is next to the Hartland Volunteer Fire Company on Ridge Road.

Attention Female Veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam: Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight is coordinating an All-Female flight mission for October 2025 (tentatively 11th-12th). They are looking for 40 women veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam and their female guardians. Information and the application are on buffaloniagarahonorflight.org under the “*All Female Flight*” tab at the top of the page. Their goal is that the mission will be supported and funded primarily by women, whether they be business owners, executives, female-led organizations or individual women donors along with veteran organizations. Sponsorship and underwriting can be found under the same online tab.

250 Years of Service: Three of our Armed Services turn 250 years old this year. They Army was formed on June 14th, 1775, the Navy on October 13, 1775 and the Marines Corps on November 10th, 1775. The Navy was disbanded in 1789 after the Revolutionary War due to lack of funds and was reinstated in 1794. This is why the Navy flag comes third in order after the Marine Corps flag in a flag display.

Replace Your Worn American Flag: Is your flag tattered or worn from storms and wind? The Post carries a stock of American made flags in various sizes and materials you can purchase. They are embroidered with stars, sewn stripes and made to government (GSA) standards. We can usually beat store prices and a portion of the purchase helps fund the Post's activities supporting veterans and their family members. Call us at (716) 408-3311 to purchase one.

Post Meetings: Our 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 always welcome new veteran members. With the 2019 LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act), the eligibility for American Legion membership now spans from December 7, 1941, until a time when the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by Congress. If you are a veteran and would like to be part of an organization that had a hand in the formation of the Veteran's Bureau, the forerunner to the Veteran's Administration, the Flag Code, the National Archives and the G.I. Bill, stop by a meeting or give us a call. As Legion members we lobby for the welfare of veterans and service members, support our veteran families and help with activities in the Newfane community.



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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.



WNY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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.



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

MONTHLY

1ST WED	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Niagara Falls (6:30 - 8:00pm)
2ND THU	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP* Online (7:00 - 8:30pm)
3RD WED	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Amherst (7:00 - 8:30pm)
3RD THU	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Hamburg (7:00 - 8:30pm)
3RD THU	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Lockport (6:30 - 8:00pm)
4TH THU	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Buffalo (6:30 - 8:00pm)
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737 Delaware Avenue, Suite 217
Buffalo, New York 14209
(716) 226-6264 ext. 101
www.namibuffalony.org



OLCOTT YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSE DATES

The Olcott Yacht Club is hosting two Open Houses this coming season, Saturday May 17th and Saturday, June 21st, both starting at 5 pm. Stop in and check us out!

We are a relaxed family focused club that enjoys being on the water and enjoys having a good time. You don't have to own a boat to be a member. Our restaurant serves great food with a great view of Lake Ontario, and we have a lot of parties and family events for everyone. We can host your group event as well.

We offer Sailing instruction for kids in our Junior Sailing Program, and for adults we have Adult Sailing classes. Both programs have fees involved, you don't have to be a member to participate in these!

We have an active sailboat racing program, with club races on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. OYC is a fun place to be on Lake Ontario! For more info look us up at olcottyachtclub.com.



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Medina, NY 14103*

Newfane Business Association

Membership in the Newfane business Association (NBA) is \$50. Please complete the form below and mail a check to P.O. Box 174, Newfane NY 14108.

The Newfane Business Association uses your support to help improve the appearance of Newfane's Main Street business district with flowers, murals, banners, an information kiosk and more. NBA also sponsors the Holiday Light Up, our website, the Wednesday Concerts at the Gazebo and advertising. Your support is much appreciated.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Business Name: _____

Business Contact Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Business Website: _____

Brief Description of Business: _____

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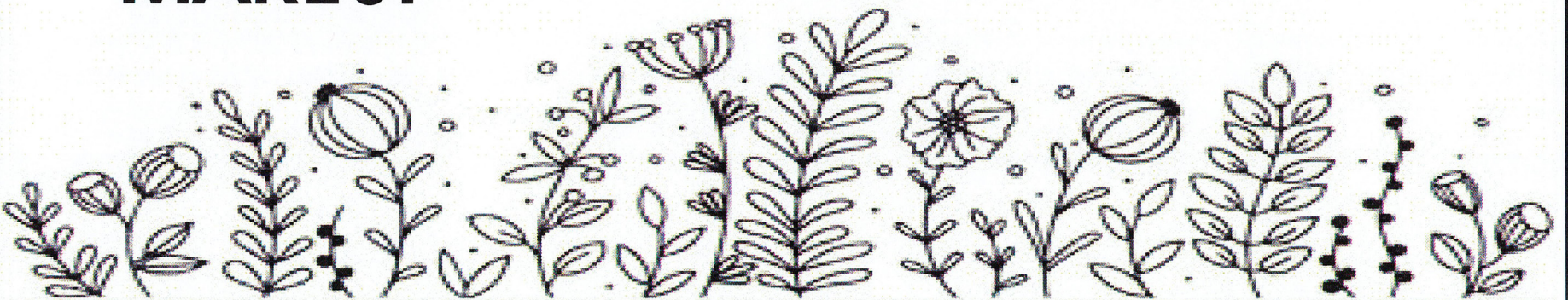
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Town officials and community supporters joined to cut the ribbon at Newfane's newest business, Four Kings Distillery



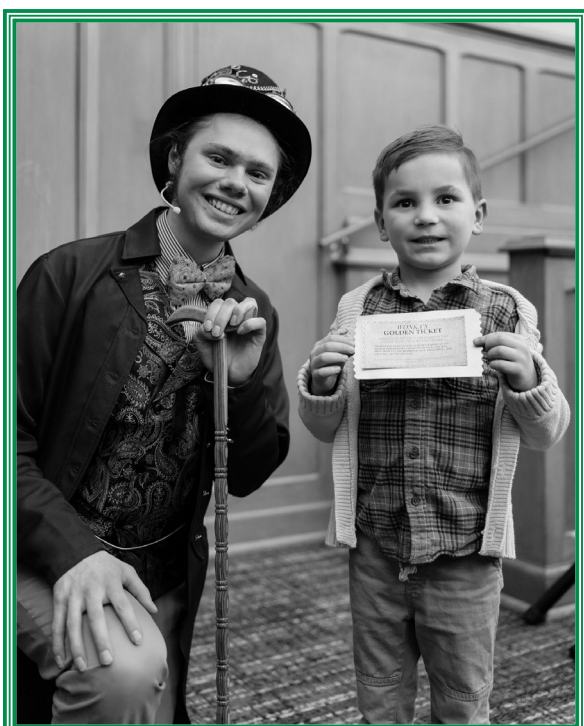
The annual Olcott Polar Bear 5k was held on February 23rd to support the good people of the Olcott Vol Fire Co.



Congratulations to the girls basketball team on winning their first Section VI Class B1 Championship since 1996!



Congratulations to the cheer team for capturing their 9th straight N-O League Grand Champion title!



Willy Wonka presents a chocolate bar to a fan at the show - photo by R.Leader



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Musical entertained crowds on March 7th & 8th - photo by R.Leader