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Update from the Supervisor's Office

Timothy Horanburg, Newfane Town Supervisor

Hopefully spring is upon us and summer soon follows. This has been the most difficult year we have been through due to the Pandemic. It has been a financial challenge due to the loss of numerous revenues for the Town. We suffered losses in our sales tax revenues, (approx. \$100,000), the Marina suffered from not having Out-Of-State fishermen here, along with the local businesses, we suffered a big loss from our Court System and many other revenue losses. We have so far weathered the storm, but I don't know how we are going to fare in the future if this crisis doesn't loosen its grip on our economy. Nevertheless, we will continue to do our best with whatever the future should hold for us.

We are going to try and get back to some normalcy this summer and are planning on opening the beach on a limited schedule, Friday thru Sunday. The Carousel park will be open on the same limited schedule, there will be concerts on Sunday's at the Gazebo in Olcott, and the Log Cabin will reopen this Summer. Please check the list of events in this Newsletter that we are trying to get back on track.

I would like to thank everyone for your cooperation in our very challenging Garbage collection change. Due to the new way that the Refuse Companies are operating, we had to make some difficult changes in order to comply. I would like to especially thank Jess and Lori in the Town Water Dept. for undertaking this impossible job and their relentless struggles to make this transition possible. I would also like to thank Dawn Timm the Niagara County Environmental coordinator for her professional guidance, we could not have accomplished this without your assistance. Thank you!!

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT – PLEASE, PLEASE do not put any kind of wipes down the toilet or drains. Even though they may say sanitary disposal safe, they are NOT. They plug up our roadside pump stations and our pumps at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, costing us down time and thousands of dollars in repairs. Please don't put anything down the toilet other than toilet paper. Thank you!!

LANDLORDS -GARBAGE/REFUSE – Just a friendly reminder that when a tenant should move out of one of your units, they can NO LONGER pile all of their junk at the roadside, it will NOT be picked any longer under the new stricter refuse regulations. If this should happen, you as the Landlord will be subject to a violation by our Building Inspector and be liable for the cleanup of the debris.

REDI PROJECTS – The Olcott Harbor Breakwall, a \$14,000,000 project, is scheduled to go out to bid by April 1st, and we hope to award the bid by the end of April with construction to start in mid to late May. This has been a project in the works for the last 40 years, and now it is finally coming to fruition. This is going to be an extremely large project, and it is not going to be problem free on the residents of Olcott. There will be very large equipment on land and in the water, and it is projected that 1500 to 2000 loads of stone will have to be brought in. It will certainly do damage to our local roads on both sides of the Harbor. We do have money set aside in the project to replace the roads when the project is complete, and we will install the long-awaited new water line on Ontario street at the same time. Along with the Breakwall project, we have two other REDI projects to complete as well: The West Beach Berm, a stone berm that goes from the Olcott Yacht Club to the West Bluff (900') and all new drainage on the lower west side, along with new roads. The third project is a containment wall that goes from the East Federal pier south to Main Street where it will protect our pump station #6 at the end of East Main St.

Newfane/Wilson sewer line – Along with our REDI projects, the Village of Wilson was awarded \$4,500,000 to eliminate their Waste Water Treatment plant and connect to the Town of Newfane's sewer system. A 6 mile line will be run along Lake Rd. from Wilson to West Creek Rd. and connect to our system. This will be a new revenue source will help us finance some badly needed upgrades to our pump stations and treatment plant. This project will hopefully commence later this year and go into 2022.

There will be a lot of construction going on over the next two years, so I ask that you please have patience with us, and when these projects are complete, Newfane/Olcott will be in a much better situation and be ready for renewed prosperity.

Please have a safe, happy, and fun summer here in Town and enjoy each other!!

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It has certainly been a beginning to another challenging year. Yet despite these challenges, our commitment to our great county continues. I would like to direct all the readers to the county's website, <http://www.niagaracounty.com> for the latest updates throughout the year. Of course we still face COVID, however it seems as though the future looks brighter. We have been administering all vaccines supplied to the county. As of this writing, our infection rate is hovering around the 2% range. Spring is on the horizon. Summer will be approaching fast and I am hopeful we can return to normal.

NIAGARA COUNTY HIGHWAY

Snow and Ice have kept the crews busy this season. The highway dept. completed a right-of-way (ROW) clearing project on Hess and Lake Rds. This work began in December and was completed mid-January. The crews then moved to another ROW project on East Canal and is near completion. A 1200 ft. drainage initiative was started this quarter, which will tie the ANJO baseball fields into the drains which cross under Davison Rd.

We are hopeful weather permits so as to allow rescheduling of the night-crew back to the day shift in the coming weeks. This will allow for much needed staff to resume work on West Somerset Rd. We continue to cold-patch roads as needed. Pipe work will start shortly on Carmen Rd. between Rt 104 and Townline Rd. Catch basin/DI cleaning was performed to the curbed portion of Ide Rd, East Ave. and Coleman Rd. Since 2020, over 1,000 catch basins have been cleared/cleaned.

East Ave is being closely monitored due to the recurrent pot hole conditions. If things go smoothly and the timing is right, we may be able to repave this road toward the end of summer.

NIAGARA COUNTY PARKS

Royalton Ravine:

Parks staff have been working to complete the installation of the new disk golf course. It will be a full 18-hole course. As many are aware, this will be the second such course within the county parks system. The other is at Clyde Burmaster Park (formerly known as Bonds Lake). The county used a SAMS grant obtained through Senator Ort to complete the course. New restrooms are completed and will be open in the spring. Changes to some of the electrical infrastructure was performed and placed under ground for park safety and reliability. This park hosted the Boy Scouts winter Klondike event in March. Winter hiking is still open.

Krull Park:

Selective tree removal continues due to emerald ash borer damage. Replanting is planned along with the establishment of the proposed tree farm on site. This tree farm will play the primary role of replenishing all our parks with necessary greenery. The ice skating rink was made available this year as was cross country skiing and hiking. We are currently taking reservations for summer events. One can go to the county website noted above and click on Parks Dept. to reserve shelters, etc. We are hopeful that events such as Pirates Fest, car shows, etc. can take place.

Burmaster Park:

This winter we provided groomed cross country trails, snowshoeing, ice skating activities and an open warming house. The warming house hours are weekdays till 4pm, and 5pm on the weekends. In the late 2020 season, 2 new pavilion projects were started. They have a wonderful view from atop the hill. We hope to have these available for the 2021 season rental. As spoken about earlier, the disk golf at this park has been fully utilized. In fact, it has been rated number 33 out of the top 100 in the world for disk golf. Simply amazing and a quite a tribute to the men and women of the parks dept.

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Newfane, NY 14108
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Councilwoman	Laura L. Rutland	
Councilwoman	Susan Neidlinger	
Councilman	Richard Coleman	
Councilman	Troy D. Barnes	

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

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778-8822 #2
Fax 778-5917

Superintendent of Highways

Jon Miller
778-8844

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Bruce M. Barnes
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Monday through Friday

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Oppenheim Park:

Received a new playground late 2020. This play area will be open for use when the park opens in Spring 2020. Its “zoo theme” is a reminder of the former Oppenheim Zoo which was closed in the early 80’s. The county has been working with the NYSDOT to move the main park entrance to the exiting signal light. This will be part of the Niagara Falls Blvd reconstruction and the move will make entering and exiting the park much safer. As in years past, NYSDEC is planning its fish stocking program to the pond at Oppenheim. Gill Creek and Hyde Park Lake also receive fish. Typically, the fish are released the first week of April. For more information, you can call the Niagara County Fishing Hotline 282-8992.

West Canal:

Docks have been installed using Greenway Funds. These short-term docking facilities have water and electric. They will be available for rent this spring. Again, go to the web site to reserve your spot.

Niagara County Golf Course:

A plan has been set in place to address water retention issues. Phase one deals with installing a main line from the back property and Phase 2 will be to install additional drainage lines from low-lying areas. We bought a new greens mower and fairway/ruff mower. The fairways should be more playable this year as a result. The golf course has also adopted the “Thank a Vet Program”. This offers daily discounts to those card holders \$2 for nine holes and \$4 for 18. Driving range buckets will be 1/2 price. Veterans can sign up for the “Thank a Vet Program” at the county clerk’s office. “Groff’s Cafe on the Green” is the new restaurant and will be providing great food and drink. Welcome Tim Chase.

BILL HILTS, JR. RETIRES

Retirement at 65 is ridiculous, when I was 65 I still had pimples--George Burns

Well, after 35 years, Bill Hilts, Jr. is retiring from his role serving Niagara County as its Sportfishing Promotion Program Coordinator and working as the Outdoor Promotions Director with Destination Niagara USA. I had the pleasure of being mentored by him for almost 20 years. I am no doubt, a better legislator because of it. He has and continues to be a great friend. He is such a warm-hearted guy who truly loves Niagara County, loves fishing, loves hunting and loves the outdoors. Bill is an incredible journalist, and also knows how to work a camera. Bill has a million and one stories to tell. Each one more entertaining than the last. Bill has a tremendous ability to listen, to teach and to share. His unselfish dedication to our community has been unwavering. He has been the face of fishing (not that he looks like a fish) in Niagara County for 3 and a half decades. It is one thing for us in Niagara County to heap praises on Bill, and rightly so, but I also wanted to list just a few of the accolades given him by his peers:

Named the NYS Professional Conservationist of the Year 1997

Past President of the NYS Outdoor Writers Assoc. (1998-2000) and the Assoc. of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers Assoc. (AGLOW) 2010-2011 and member of Board of Directors for both

Won the Milford “Pinky” Robinson Award for service to the Great Lakes from the Niagara Co. Federation of Conservation Clubs

Named to the NYS Outdoorsman Hall of Fame 2007

Named to the Niagara County Don Bronson Memorial Wall of Fame by the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs in 2014

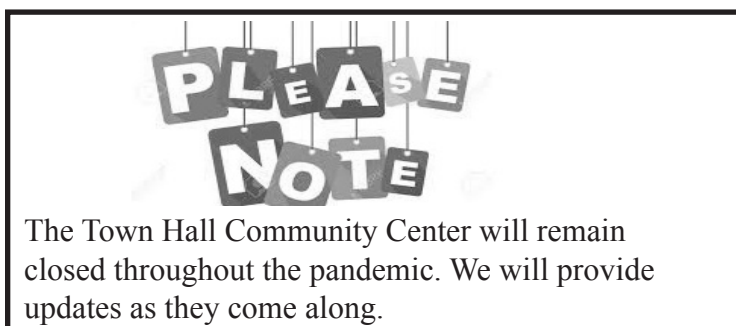
Received the M. Paul Keesler Award for NYS Outdoor Citizen Award in 2016 for outstanding efforts in raising the public awareness for outdoor recreational opportunities

Received the Hans Paller Award from the NYS Outdoor Writers Association for Outstanding service in 2017

Public Relations Person of the Year in 2018 by the Southtowns Walleye Association of WNY

Received no less than 25 1st Place awards for writing and photography with NY and AGLOW

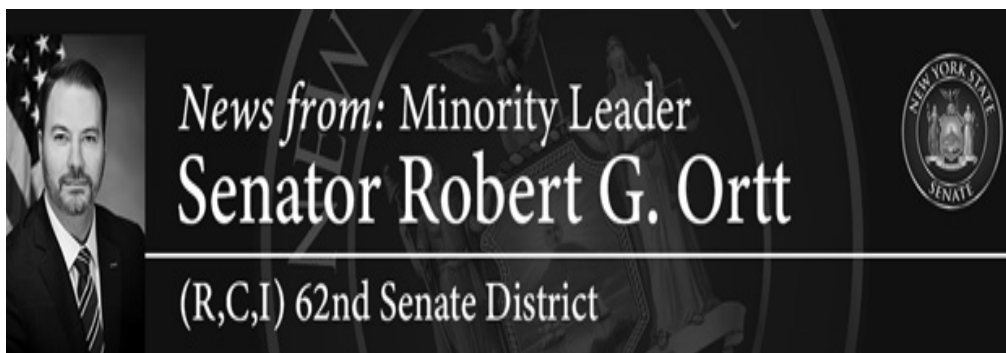
A quote attributed to Winston Churchill goes like this, “We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.” Bill epitomizes this quote. We in Niagara County have been blessed by him and his service to us. Thank you, Bill.



Olcott Beach Looking for Lifeguards

The beach in Olcott will open Friday May 28th for Memorial Day weekend. The beach will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Labor Day. The beach will also be open Monday May 31 and Monday September 6.

We are now hiring lifeguards for the beach. Applicants must have lifeguard certification and waterfront safety certification. Please submit applications to Kristie at the Supervisors office at the Newfane Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Laura Rutland 807-1104.



I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR YOU AND THE GREAT PEOPLE OF THIS STATE

A newsletter column from New York State Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt

Over the last few weeks, our state has been shaken by disturbing news and revelations regarding Governor Cuomo's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic in nursing homes and the atmosphere within his executive office.

There is a big, dark cloud over Albany. It is difficult under normal circumstances when leaders lose the confidence of those who elected them, and it's all the more painful now in the midst of a pandemic and economic crisis.

I want you to know that during these dark days, there are still those of us in government who are dedicated to our state's future. We are standing up for the truth in the face of all the lies, for the restoration of accountability in the Executive Mansion, and for Albany's leaders to turn the page and get back to the people's business.

As your Senator and the Leader of the Senate Minority conference, I have been calling for a fresh start since before these scandals broke out. Earlier this year, the Minority Conference unveiled RESET NY. RESET NY is a comprehensive plan to address mounting economic and fiscal challenges facing the state -- many of which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic -- and to help forge a better path forward for all New Yorkers.

Under New York's one-party control, we have seen a dramatic and unwelcome shift in our state's priorities. My colleagues across the aisle have displayed no interest in rebuilding our local economy, lessening the financial burden on our middle class, or stemming the ever-increasing outflow of New York residents fleeing our state.

Our plan includes proposals that prioritize restarting our local economies, rethinking how New York State operates and renewing a commitment to New York State's residents to ensure strong, robust communities.

Restart our Local Economies by:

- Safely reopening our small businesses to help them get back on their feet and offer gainful employment for residents;
- Helping our schools and colleges stay open; and
- Investing in our physical and human infrastructure to rebuild our state's competitiveness.

Rethink how New York State Operates by:

- Ending New York State's unaffordability problem, which has been made worse by the pandemic;
- Taking on state government's culture of overspending and restoring fiscal responsibility; and
- Reasserting the Legislature's constitutional authority as an equal branch of government.

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NORRIS: A CRUCIAL TIME FOR OUR STATE

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

This is a crucial time for our state, not only in terms of our immediate needs with the state budget and constitutional concerns as relating to restoring the checks and balances in government, but also in terms of our state's history. New Yorkers have been exhausted by the COVID-19 pandemic for over a year. The impacts of the pandemic, and the over-reaching of the state-imposed shutdown, mandates and consequences on people's lives, have taken a toll. Thousands remain un-employed and businesses that were hopeful only a year ago, have now closed their doors forever.

As I have said many times since last July, the governor's extraordinary powers relating to COVID-19 must come to a complete end. This past week, the Assembly speaker and the Senate majority leader finally agreed that the governor's extraordinary powers should be limited going forward while also imposing oversight and review. While this action is a welcomed first step, it is not enough. A full repeal of his emergency powers is still needed.

Now, turning to the 2021-22 State Budget, I have focused on the budget process as a member of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and continue pushing for the priorities of our community.

I participated in the Joint Budget Hearing on Health to be able to personally question state Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker regarding the nursing home death data and to get answers on questions our community is seeking. Though my time was extremely limited by the rules of the hearing, I asked Dr. Zucker to follow-up with me in writing regarding more in-depth answers and am still awaiting his response. Additionally, it is also imperative that Commissioner Zucker be brought back by subpoena to the appropriate legislative committees to testify under oath and for a much longer period of time so answers to these and so many more questions relating to nursing home deaths and COVID-19 restrictions can be addressed properly.

Though tough choices are inevitability always made during a budget process, whether done in the state Capitol or at homeowner's kitchen table, the principals of accounting are the same. Especially this year, our state cannot spend — or tax or borrow — more than it needs to. This budget must show fiscal restraint. Additional costs cannot be passed along to taxpayers, who are struggling more than ever before.

However, in order to move our state forward, I believe we must give our citizens the tools needed to survive through this pandemic. Here are some of the funding appropriations I have advocated for toward that goal:

- Access to broadband internet statewide for every New Yorker;
- Increase funding for local roads through the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and restoration of the Extreme Winter Recovery program;
- Additional library general and construction funding;
- Restoration of veterans' mental health services, including the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer-to-Peer Counseling Program;

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Renew our Commitment to Residents by:

- Fostering the growth of vibrant local communities;
- Developing a robust economy with diverse opportunities; and
- Creating safer neighborhoods with common-sense public safety measures.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only underscored the need for immediate action on the unresolved challenges facing our small business community and New York's hardworking taxpayers. As your Senator, my commitment is to you and to making sure we address the real needs of our communities. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to our District Office. We are here to serve you.

Please note: The pieces submitted by our local politicians are the opinions of the individuals submitting the articles and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Town of Newfane.



**News from our Niagara
County Sheriff's Office:**

Police Reform and Your Sheriff's Office

The Niagara County Sheriff's Office has a proud history dating back to 1808 when Asa Ransom was the first Sheriff. I look to our mission statement and see that this has been a constant through that history, "The Mission of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office is to secure for the people of Niagara County the conditions that will bring about and sustain the full measure of the benefits of citizenship in a democratic society of laws by safeguarding life and property, preserving the peace, preventing and detecting crime, enforcing the law, and protecting the rights of all citizens."

A lot has changed since 1808 and law enforcement has had to continuously evolve over the years to serve and protect. On June 12, 2020, New York State Executive Order 203, the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative was issued by the governor. This order tasked law enforcement agencies with conducting a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the community. After reviewing the components of the order, we went to work to accomplish this task. I was confident going into the process that we already checked a lot of the boxes included in this order and any common sense changes would only stand to make us a better agency.

Our team did a review of our entire operation from law enforcement, corrections and the communications division. We reviewed how we were doing business and what improvements we thought we could accomplish. A draft plan of our initial findings was created to share with the public, in addition to a newly created police reform committee that was selected by the Niagara County Legislature. The role of this committee was to work with the Sheriff's Office and the public; and as a group, assist in finalizing our police reform plan. We held public meetings in Lockport, Wheatfield and Niagara Falls to interact with the community and gather input. With the public input in hand and our draft plan available, we went to work with our committee to achieve our goals.

A finalized plan was created and made available to the public on our website at www.niagarasheriff.com. I also made a presentation to the Niagara County Legislature regarding the plan and the process we undertook to accomplish this. The finalized plan was approved by the Legislature and sent to New York State as required by the order. I would encourage all residents to visit our website under the resources tab, click on programs and services to view the police reform plan. I believe the commitments and goals are practical and will stand to raise the bar for the Sheriff's Office.

It is important to me that our community believes in the Office of the Sheriff. With a focus on recruiting, maintaining our accreditation, training in areas such as anti-bias and de-escalation techniques, we will continue our long standing tradition of professionalism. We will be here when you need us and can count on us to do our very best for the residents and visitors of Niagara County. Please stay safe and continue to watch out for your family, friends and neighbors.

Norris continued...

- Increased services and options for people with developmental disabilities, including ensuring this population is fully vaccinated and protected with full-compliant use of PPE, educational options, and long-term care services; and
- Small business pandemic recovery, including my new legislation known as the New York Business Emergency Relief Act of 2021 (A.4692) to offer grants to reimburse small employers for revenues net income lost during the shutdown. This program would be funded through existing state settlement money and repurposing economic development program funding.

There are many challenges before us, and certainly we must continue to prioritize overcoming COVID-19 and helping New Yorkers recover from the difficulties we experienced in 2020. By focusing on economic recovery on small businesses, making key investments in infrastructure, and maintaining funding levels for our educational system and libraries, it will make our road to recovery much better. I remain hopeful that they will be included in the final budget agreement, and I will keep advocating to encourage the governor and legislative leaders to include them.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. You can contact me via email at norrism@nyassembly.gov or call my office at (716) 839-4691.

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



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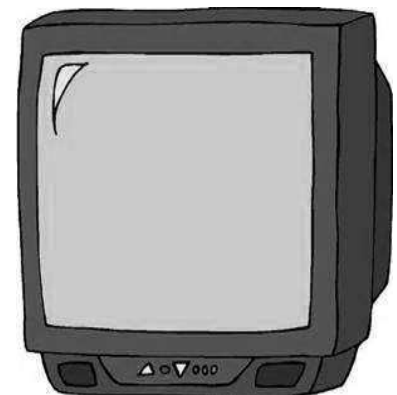
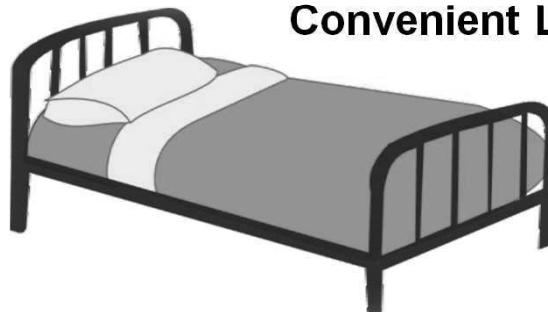
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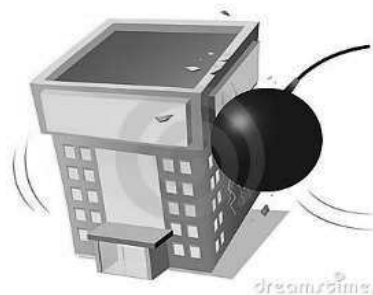
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Olcott Lions Aid Local Food Pantries, Hope for a Spring Polar Bear Swim

Through the winter, the Olcott Lions Club has generously targeted their charitable giving to aid community food pantries at St. Brendan's on the Lake and the Newfane First Baptist Church.

The Lions shared \$3,000 this year and contribute annually to the pantries and other community services from their Polar Bear 'Swim for Sight'. The food pantries and their committed volunteers work together to caringly help hundreds of area families.

Photo: firstnewfane.com ... featuring volunteer Don Wolff



The Polar Bear Swim for Sight is delayed, but 'still a go'. The Olcott Lions continue to monitor the COVID-19 recovery and are looking to reschedule the Swim this spring, maybe in May. The water will still be cold and many of the swim's long-time followers say they are ready to get in the water and celebrate the Swim's 52-year tradition. Look for updates at swimforsight.com and Swim for Sight on Facebook.



Photo: Newfane's Tom Zehler and his family are generational supporters and top fundraisers for the Polar Bear Swim for Sight

Legislator John Syracuse donating blood at the Newfane Community Center on January 20, 2021, says "B Positive, Give Blood"



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Pat's generous donation will purchase the flags for the veterans section of Corwin Cemetery.

You too can donate for next year's flags in honor of a loved one who served in our countries armed forces. Contact the Newfane American Legion at (716) 408-3311 or P.O. Box 72, Newfane, NY. You can also call to purchase a new flag for Spring.

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Assessor's Office
Mary Hastings, Town of Newfane Assessor

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Filing of any exemptions must have been filed by March 1, 2021 (exemption filing deadline) for the 2021 Assessment Roll. Any applications for an exemption filed after March 1, 2021 will be placed on the 2022 Assessment Roll.

The Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed May 1, 2021.

Board of Assessment Review is Tuesday May 25, 2021, between the hours of 10:00am till 12:00pm and 7:00pm till 9:00pm at 2737 Main St., Newfane, NY 14108. If you are unable to attend, make sure you file your paperwork in the Assessor's office by May 25 before the close of the day. Forms for Board of Review are available in the Assessor's Office or online at townofnewfane.com under Assessment Department.

The Final Assessment Roll will be filed July 1, 2021.



WHO ARE WE

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Update from Your Newfane Schools

THANK YOU, NEWFANE! On behalf of all of our students- past, present and future- and everyone here in the school district, we want to express our gratitude to the Newfane Community for supporting the Newfane 2020 Capital Project. We are all extremely excited about the opportunity to complete the long overdue improvements this project will bring to our district, along with the much-needed maintenance and repairs to our buildings and grounds.

I know a lot of the debate before the capital project vote was focused on the multi-sport athletic facility and the overall upgrades to our athletic venues. However, those improvements represented only a small portion of the proposed project- more than half the funding in the project is going to security upgrades in each building (enhanced security door hardware and the reconfiguration of entrances and main offices), roof replacement and repair, parking lot repairs, bathroom and other infrastructure improvements and a significant redesign of the auditorium at the Middle School.

Several input groups have been formed to focus on each of the large areas of the project and they are beginning the important work of finalizing the designs and plans for submission to the New York State Education Department this spring. If all goes according to plan, we anticipate getting NYSED approval in the early fall, which will pave the way to breaking ground and starting construction in April 2022.

But the capital project is only one of several exciting things happening in the District this year. While dealing with the impact of the COVID pandemic has presented many significant challenges throughout this school year, the faculty, staff and administration of the District has not allowed today's struggles to interfere with our ongoing planning for the future. The development of the school district budget for the coming 2021-2022 school year is in full swing. We have spent the past several months analyzing our spending from the past five years and working with our department heads and building principals to developing specific spending plans for the next five years. This will allow us to not only create a budget that minimizes the burden on our tax payers for the coming year but also take proactive steps to ensure we continue to minimize the impact in future years as well. Our recently expanded Audit Committee also worked closely with an outside auditing firm to complete an extensive internal audit. The information from this audit is being used to restructure our reserve plan to better support our budget needs moving into the future.

The school district budget for the 2021-2022 school year carries only a nominal budget to budget increase (less than \$10,000). While this year's budget will be only slightly higher than the current year budget we do anticipate a moderate increase in overall spending due to the uncontrollable cost increases (health care costs, contractual salary increases, TRS/ERS and FICA increases) we deal with every year. The school tax rate increase of one-half of a percent (0.05%) is well below the District's allowable tax cap increase of 7.1%. By taking advantage of years of conservative spending, which has allowed us to accrue healthy reserves, the District has been able to construct a budget that allows us to maintain all of our current curricular and extra-curricular programs without significantly increasing the budget, or significantly increasing the burden on our tax payers. In addition, the Board of Education is implementing a "No Supply List" initiative starting in the 2021-2022 school year. No classroom supply lists will be sent home by our teachers for this coming year- teachers will be working with the District to ensure that all the necessary student supplies are ordered by the District and provided to our students at no additional charge to the parents. No more last-minute Labor Day weekend trips to Walmart for folders and Elmers' Glue sticks!

As we did last year, we will post a video presentation on our District website outlining the 2021-2022 budget in concert with the required May 4, 2021 public Budget Hearing. However, if anyone has any questions about the budget, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 716-778-6850. Budget presentation materials are also posted on the District website home page (under "Panther News").

The finalized budget for the 2021-2022 school year will be adopted by the Board of Education at its April meeting, and then presented to the public for approval on May 18, 2021. As of this writing, the district has been told that the budget vote and Board of Education election will be held in its traditional format- that is, in person voting will be available at Newfane Elementary School (Aquatics Center entrance) from 12:00 noon until 8:00PM, and absentee ballots will be available upon request just like in the past. Anyone interested in running for one of the two Board of Education seats that are up this year (incumbents Margaux Lingle and Anthony Casinelli have both indicated they intend to seek re-election) is encouraged to contact Board Clerk, Bernadette Seymour, at 778-6853 for more information.

In January, two of our staff members (and Newfane graduates), Jill (Neidlinger) Keys ('04) and Lara (Leavesley) MacFarlane ('06) teamed up with Air Force Colonel (ret.) Lance Dickinson (Newfane Class of '70), Tom Hicks Jr ('97) and Kevin Klumpp ('97) to officially form the Newfane Alumni Association. The group has already formed a highly supportive Board of Directors, and are busy planning a variety of events for this coming Fall to coincide with the high school's homecoming week- including establishing Newfane's inaugural "Distinguished Alumni" recognition. Anyone interested in joining and/or getting involved with the Alumni Association can send an email to newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org. There has already been a great deal of enthusiasm from our graduates, and the District is excited about making the Alumni Association an integral part of our school community.


As we know, this past year has been a tremendous challenge for all of us, both here in the District and in the entire Newfane Community. As a district, we've had to make some difficult and costly decisions in order to be able to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students. Our teachers, administrators and support staff have never worked harder to help ensure that every child, whether coming to school or learning at home, has had the support they need to be successful.

NCSD continued...

Having the support of our community has never been more important for our students, and as usual, the Newfane community has been there throughout these challenges, working with the District and supporting our students and their families. On behalf of our students, faculty, staff and Board of Education, I would like to again thank the Newfane Community for their unwavering support of our District. It is only because of you that we are able to truly live up to our motto:

“Together We Can”.

Michael J. Baumann
Superintendent of Schools

	<p>Newfane Central School District Announces:</p> <p>Kindergarten Registration for September 2021</p> <p>If you or anyone you know has a child at home, who will be turning 5 years old on or before December 1, 2021 and not already enrolled in Newfane UPK, registration has begun for the 2021-2022 kindergarten year. Our Kindergarten classes are full day, with busing provided and are housed at the Newfane Elementary.</p> <p>Please call Mrs. Colleen Schultz at 716-778-6351 between 7:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. by May 7, 2021 to receive the necessary paperwork to register your child.</p>
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Newfane Alumni Association

In just a few months, the newly formed Newfane Alumni Association has gained a solid membership, the overwhelming support of the school district, and they are just getting started.

This group of accomplished alumni is hoping to form a vibrant community, build relationships and cultivate mentors.

“The Newfane Central School District is extremely excited about teaming up with the newly formed Newfane Alumni Association. We look forward to working closely with their leadership to strengthen the ties between our current and former students. Having an organization in place that will allow us to tap into the vast knowledge, experiences, and successes of our graduates will be a huge benefit to our current students, the district, and our community. As we look to the future with our extensive capital improvement project, we welcome the chance to work with the Alumni Association to strengthen our connection to Newfane’s past, and find significant ways to make our alumni an integral part of our present,” said Superintendent of Schools Michael Baumann.

Serving as an umbrella organization to seven subcommittees, each group has been active in crafting mission statements and plans for students to connect with alumni, including: Alumni Events, Class Reunions, Distinguished Alumni and Mentoring, Finance, Fundraising, Publicity, and History.

Following the momentum of two energetic alum, Newfane secretary Lara MacFarlane and social studies teacher Jill Keys, volunteers spanning back from graduating years 1951 to 2020 are bridging the generations and offering to participate.

“We welcome and encourage all alumni to join and offer their talents. There is so much the association wants to give back to the community and students. In the future, we aim to offer scholarships, alumni sponsored youth programs, mentoring opportunities along with the recognition of our distinguished alumni, and networking opportunities, and more,” MacFarlane and Keys said in a joint statement. “The support and enthusiasm we have received from the superintendent and administration have been really wonderful. Their level of excitement matches ours and we are looking forward to a constructive partnership to benefit Panther youth.”

The group is planning events and opportunities to bring alumni, students, and community members together; including fundraising opportunities that would raise money for the community, schools, and students; a distinguished alumni award, and collecting and cataloging historic Newfane memorabilia.

The Newfane Alumni Association is also very excited to announce the creation of the Newfane Distinguished Alumni Award. We are looking for Newfane alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen career, through community service, or otherwise have significantly impacted the lives of others. Alumni must have graduated from Newfane at least five years prior to nomination to be eligible. Posthumous recognition is also granted. For the initial 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award, nominations will be accepted until August 1, 2021 with the inaugural class of inductees to be announced in October 2021. Please visit newfanealumni.org for nomination criteria and to complete the nomination form.

For more information visit newfanealumni.org or find the group on LinkedIn.

As we enter into the 13th month of Covid-19 and its cousins, the cold winter months, cancelations of many family and social gatherings and the rigors of trying to secure a spot in line for the vaccines, there does appear to be some light showing at the end of the so called tunnel. However, let us NOT lose our perspective and lower our guard.

If you have passed by the fire hall, we hope you have noticed our new electronic sign. The installation of this sign was the result of a totally funded grant applied for and awarded to Miller Hose in 2020 by FEMA. It was a grant that was funded under the title of SAFER(Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response). This fund was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer organizations. Messages to and for the community will be posted on the sign display board.

As reported in the December 2020 Town Newsletter, election of officers was to be held in January to elect those seeking office to lead Miller Hose in 2021. In previous years, those elected would be installed at the Installation Banquet held the latter part of January along with invitations going to local dignitaries and our Area 3 fire companies. Awards, dinner and dancing would complete the evening. Needless to say, that did not occur this year.

The officers that were duly elected and now serving in their respective office are as follows: Fire Chief Jason Coleman, Assistant Chief Mark Phelps, 2nd Assistant Chief Gary Snyder, 3rd Assistant Chief Megan Snyder, EMS Captain Shannon Coleman, EMS 1st Lieutenant Christopher Gontko, EMS 2nd Lieutenant Kurt Schuler. On the Administration side of the Company officers elected were President James Enderton, Vice President Robert Snyder, Secretary Alexis Marvin, Corresponding Secretary Tammy Dunkelberger, Treasurer Michael Mills, Assistant Treasurer Annette Carpenter, 3 Year Trustee Todd Carpenter, 2 Year Trustee Richard Coleman and Bar Steward John King.

The Top 10 Responders to calls for 2020 were also recognized at a recent monthly meeting. For fire, accidents, service calls etc. the top 10 were Kurt Schuler(81), Tyshon Finn(75), Christopher Gontko(66), Todd Carpenter(63), William Dunkelberger(58), Jeff Brown(56), Robert Snyder(55), Tammy Dunkelberger(50), Clark Dunkelberger, Greg Dunning(both with 48) and Karly Niezgod(45).

The EMS Top 10 Responders were: Tyshon Finn(242), Tammy Dunkelberger, William Dunkelberger(both with 153), Robert Snyder(119), Mark Phelps(114), Clark Dunkelberger(107), Jason Coleman(87), Clayton Skye(86), Todd Carpenter(69), Gary Snyder(66), and Karly Niezgod(62).

Years of Service awards were presented to the following Miller Hose personnel: 5 Years: Christopher Gontko and Breanne Knab, 15 Years: Reverend Kim Smith(Chaplain) and Todd Carpenter, 20 Years: Doug Sherwood, 25 Years: Steward Sharts, 30 Years: Gary Snyder, and reaching the 50 Years of Service Award: LaBarron 'Butch' Albee. Butch was presented with several accommodations and certificates of appreciation for his 50 years of service from various State, County and Town officials. Chief Coleman and President Enderton offered sincere Thank You's to all for their dedicated years of service to Miller Hose and the Town of Newfane community.

Alexis Marvin was recognized by EMS Captain Shannon Coleman for obtaining her certification as a New York State Emergency Medical Technician(EMT-B). Many hours of classroom and hands on training goes into obtaining this certification from the State.

Two probational fire company personnel completed their one-year tenure and have been moved to the full-fledged active roster. They are Nicole Snyder(Administration) and Alexis Provenzano(Fire/EMS). Also 5 new members with extensive fire/EMS backgrounds have joined the active roster of Miller Hose. The new members are: Mike Becker, Crissy Brueckner, Josh Dunkelberger, Holly Kagels and Alicia Zeitz. Welcome to Miller Hose.

The Fire and EMS Officers want to thank the other Area 3 fire companies for any and all assistance that they provided to Miller Hose during this unpredictable and abnormal time frame.

One of the upcoming events for Miller Hose will be our annual \$10,000 Cash Raffle to be held on Saturday, April 24th. In person attendance will depend on Covid restrictions at that time. As of now the committee is putting in place the process of doing a virtual drawing and drive thru food distribution similar to last year's raffle. However, as we have seen and experienced how things can change on a day to day basis, we are hoping for a back to near normal attendance. Watch our new electronic sign display for future messages.

April is also the month of Recruit NY. Volunteer fire companies across the state will be involved in the recruitment of new members. Miller Hose is no different than many volunteer fire companies in need of volunteers to fill their ranks. The men and women that are now members of Miller Hose are a dedicated group that provide fire and EMS service to the community of the Town of Newfane. However, help from new volunteers is always welcomed. Positions within the fire company are available to be filled by both males and females in the role of Firefighter, EMS, Fire Police or Administration. Applications can be obtained from any MHC member or by stopping by the fire hall on Thursday night's drill periods. Come and be informed on what can be a great life experience and service to the Town of Newfane community. Applications can also be obtained by students interested in joining the MHC Junior Firefighters organization.

Mailing of our annual MHC Fund Drive letter to residents of the Company's fire district will take place during the month of May. Monies collected from this mailing will be used to maintain and upgrade fire and EMS equipment in addition to purchasing the required Federal Government CDC, State and County Covid required PPE essential supplies.

The date of our Gun and 4-Wheeler Raffle has been set for September 18th. Tickets will be available in May from any fire company member or calling 870-0588. The committee is putting together another raffle consisting of many prizes to be won. Food and beverage are included for ticket holders only. Once again, in person attendance will depend on the status of Covid-19 restrictions of which we hope at that time to be none.

As always, the members of Miller Hose wish to thank the residents of the Town of Newfane for their continued and generous support of our efforts to provide the best fire and EMS protection to the community. Please follow the established Covid guidelines and remain safe. Let us not forfeit our gain.



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Newfane United Methodist Church
2699 Main Street
Newfane, NY 14108

Open every Wednesday
July 7th – September 29th

4:30pm – 7:00pm

Variety of fruits, vegetables, jams, honey, baked goods,
cutlery, soaps, jewelry, popcorn,
Avon, crafts, aprons

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



Newfane Public Library

2761 Maple Avenue, Newfane, NY 14108

www.NewfaneLibrary.org

Phone & Fax: (716) 778-9344

NewfaneLibrary@Nioga.org

LIBRARY SERVICES

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Scanning from public computers is available, no cost.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Check our website calendar at <http://newfanelibrary.org/newfane/librarycalendar/> for upcoming programs.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Friday: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Craft and STEM Kits

The Library has a variety of Craft and STEM Kits available FREE for patrons of all ages! Follow us on Facebook or Instagram to see what kits we have!

Creative Crafting Contest

April 5th – May 1st (crafting phase) & May 3rd – May 15th (voting phase)

This contest is a collaboration between Newfane Public Library and St. Andrew's Community Store (Main Street, Newfane). Create something new from items purchased at St. Andrew's Community Store (crafting phase) and turn it in to the Library (April 26th – May 1st), where it will be put on display with other contest entries for the public to vote on (voting phase). The top three entries win a prize! Visit our website for contest rules.

Summer Reading Program

Sign up for the 2021 Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 21st, and is open to patrons of all ages. Visit our website mid-June for more information.

Lakeview Village Shoppes, 5955 Ontario Street, Olcott

The Lakeview Village Shoppes will be opening for their 30th season on Saturday, May 1st. The shoppes are open weekends only in May until Memorial Day when they begin their 7 days a week schedule.

All of the shoppes are filled again this year with every business returning from last season. **Cameron's Lakeside Ice Cream** will once again be scooping the local favorite Perry's Ice Cream. **Abby Joe's Unique Boutique** and **Emma's Tiques and Treasures** will again be combined to make up the largest shop on the boardwalk filled with clothing, candles, toys and gifts. **Just Looking on the Lake** will be filled with a variety of antiques and gifts from multiple vendors. **Chenez's Popcorn** will be back with their 40 gourmet popcorn flavors. **K.M. Treats** will continue to have all your favorite candies. **Kaveman Treasures** is going to have all their metal signs along with other Amish made gifts. **Gift Box at the Beach** will again have dips and sauces along with the popular Life Is Good line as well as other cards and gifts. **The Boho Siren** is filled with art and all things eclectic and is excited to share fabulous creations from local artists as well as unique, fun finds. **Up the Lake** will be featuring hand painted décor and other gifts made by local artists. **Oak Ridge Designs** will have all their beautifully crafted jewelry again this year.

The boardwalk shoppes will continue to adhere to all safety guidelines so that our visitors have a safe, fun experience in Olcott! We are hopeful to bring back live music on the boardwalk this year as well as our other fun events but that will depend on state guidelines. Make sure you follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with all the boardwalk fun!

www.facebook.com/lakeviewvillageshoppes.

Opening Day – Saturday, May 1, 2021; Last Day of the Season – Sunday, October 31, 2021

May – weekends only, 12pm to 6pm

Memorial Day to Labor Day – Sunday to Thursday, 12pm to 6pm; Friday & Saturday, 12pm to 8pm

September through October – weekends only, 12pm to 6pm

First Baptist World War One Roll of Honor

On display in March 2021

Brant Tyler	enlisted	August 25, 1917
Clayton Bixler		September 26, 1917
George Ziehl		September 26, 1917
Thomas Borthwick	enlisted	1917
Roland Taylor	*?	January 3, 1918
A. Lawford Nichols		January 29, 1918
Stanley Enderton		February 25, 1918
Elmer Patterson		February 25, 1918
Alfred Wilkins	enlisted	February 25, 1918
Harold Parker		April 3, 1918
Raymond Munger		April 3, 1918
Stanley Martin	enlisted	May 25, 1918
Homer Goodridge	enlisted	1917
Phillip M. Richards		July 14, 1918
Elwood Brown		September 1918
Charles S Carmer	* enlisted	May 6, 1918
Mabel Estelle Williams		October 1, 1918



These names were in a frame at the First Baptist Church in Newfane and they all played a part in World War One. If you recognize any of them or they are in your family tree, please write a note on their war service. Mail to the Town Clerk's office and memo VETERANS.

Summer Events . . .

May 1 & 2- Saturday and Sunday

Opening Weekend at the Lakeview Village Shoppes, 5955 Ontario Street, Olcott

This quaint gathering of food and specialty shoppes on the boardwalk opens for the new season! Come see what's new this year! Shoppes are open week-ends in May, September and October and DAILY from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

May 5 - September 15 - Wednesdays

Wednesday Cruise Nights, 6-9pm

Brookside 2990 Lockport Olcott Road, Newfane

May 29, 30, 31- Sat., Sun., Mon.

Carousel Park Opens

5979 Main Street, Olcott

Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 12 - 6 pm.

June: Saturday, Sunday 12 - 6 pm

July - Labor Day: Friday, Saturday, Sunday 12 - 6

Exceptions (if Fireworks) July 3: 12 - 8 PM

May 30- Sunday

Sunday Super Car and Bike Cruise, Main Street, Olcott

Your favorite classic cars and motorcycles fill Main Street. Hoods are raised, the chrome is polished & a DJ plays tunes. Family fun for all ages. Free dash plaques to the first 100 cars and bikes. No entry fee for cruise cars or motorcycles. Free admission and parking. Sponsored by Olcott Beach Community Assoc. and area businesses. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

May 29- September 4- Fridays

Friday Nights on the Boardwalk, 5-8pm

Lakeview Village Shoppes, 5955 Ontario St., Olcott

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

June 5 - September 4- Saturday

Sat. Night Car & Bike Cruises,

Main Street, Olcott

Cars are parked and hoods raised. "Pete V." - Olcott's Favorite DJ plays tunes. Free admission and parking. No entry fee for cruise cars or bikes. Outdoor event-weather permitting. Sponsored by Olcott Beach Community Association and area businesses. Call 716-628-4007 for more information.

June 12 & 13 - Saturday and Sunday

Newfane Chalk Festival

June 13- Sunday

Duck Race

Olcott Harbor, Outdoor event

Free Admission | Free Parking

1000 brightly colored ducks race to the finish line in the 18 Mile Creek. Many prizes drawn at Harbor Overlook on the east side of the creek. \$2 fee to rent a duck (pre-sale available, does sell out). Outdoor event. Sponsored by Olcott Beach Community Association, Park Place Restaurant and area businesses. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

June 13th - Sunday

Chicken BBQ

Olcott United Methodist Church

June 26, 27 - Saturday and Sunday

New York State Free Fishing Weekend

No fishing license is needed these 2 days anywhere in the state. Free fishing for all. Sponsored by NYS DEC.

July 3- Saturday

Fireworks Over Lake Ontario, 10pm, Olcott

Best viewed from Lake Ontario Shoreline, Krull Park, and Olcott. The prettiest fireworks on the lake! Boats sail and motor on the lake while fireworks burst into colors overhead. Fireworks are shot off the east pier. Outdoor event. Free admission. Sponsored by the Town of Newfane and Olcott Beach Community Assoc. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

July 7 - September 29 - Wednesdays

Weekly Farmer's Market, 4:30-7pm

Newfane United Methodist Church, 2699 Main Street, Newfane

Local farmers sell their produce in the center of town. A wonderful place to visit with the community, shop locally, and grab a bite to eat!

July 10 - Saturday

Pirate Festival Car Show, Krull Park, Olcott

FREE event for spectators. Portion of all the proceeds benefit the Olcott Fire Dept., music, 50/50 basket raffles, and many awards for top cars. Register your car early at www.wnycruiser.com.

June 18th - Sunday

Chicken BBQ

Olcott United Methodist Church

July 24- 25 - Saturday and Sunday

Old Olcott Days

Ye Olde Log Cabin and Ontario Street, Carousel Park in Olcott

Spend the afternoon looking back through time; local memorabilia of Olcott, outdoor displays, photographs, and postcards dating back to 1900. Free narrated, historic trolley tour departs at the Carousel Park's Lake Entrance. Sponsored by friends of "Ye Olde Log Cabin," Images of the Past and Town of Newfane. For more information call 716-778-8284.

July 25 - Sunday

COAA Band Organ Rally

Krull Park

Free event presented by the Carousel Organ Association of America. Features over 40 mechanical Street Organs, Carousel and Fairground Organs from the USA & Europe. www.coaa.us

August 15th - Sunday

Chicken BBQ

Olcott United Methodist Church

August 20 - 21 - Friday and Saturday

Olcott Chalk Festival

August 21 - Saturday

Newfane Harvest Day Super Cruise

September 12th - Sunday

Chicken BBQ

Olcott United Methodist Church

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

Hello everyone from **Ye Olde Log Cabin!!** Hope you all had a good winter and look forward to a beautiful Spring!

Good news to share with you....Ye Olde Log Cabin will be open this year with a tentative opening date of June 4th at 12 pm. The hours will remain the same as previous years, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12-5pm. There will be some changes from our usual due to the ever changing Covid 19 Pandemic. Everyone will be required to wear facemasks, there will be a limit to the amount of visitors allowed in the Cabin at one time, and hand sanitizer will be available so we can all remain as safe as possible. After a long quiet 2020 being closed, we are very excited to open our doors and welcome visitors again!

We will have new items added to our collection so make sure to stop in and see us. If anyone has items they would like to donate for display either permanent or on loan please contact Stella Wilson at 778-9887. Also if anyone is interested in joining our volunteer family you can also contact Stella at 778-9887.

On Saturday July 24th and Sunday July 25th we will have some displays set up in addition to our regular collection showcasing the history of our area. So make sure you stop in to see us and share your stories and any pictures or items that you may have, we are always happy to hear and see your memories!

Hope you all have a great Spring and stay safe and healthy. See you soon at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the Pine Grove.



OLCOTT BEACH GAZEBO CONCERT SERIES 2021

Olcott Beach Gazebo

(Next to Carousel Park) Main Street, Olcott

ALL CONCERTS 2-4 PM (unless otherwise noted)

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

Mon. May 31	Mark Mazur and his Little Big Band
Sun. June 6	Me & the Boys
Sun. June 13	Nite Cruze
Sun. June 20	TBA
Sun. June 27	Buffalo Brass Machine
Sat. July 3	My cousin Tone (7-9pm)
Sun. July 4	Mark Mazur and his Little Big Band
Sun. July 11	Emerald Isle
Sun. July 18	Pocket Change
Sun. July 25	Band Organ Rally (12-5pm)
Sun. Aug. 1	Riverdogs
Sun. Aug. 8	Buffalo Banjo Band
Sun. Aug.15	Penny Whiskey Band
Sun. Aug. 22	Joe Bando Quintet
Sun. Aug. 29	Easy Street Big Band
Sun. Sept. 5	Olcott Beach Jazz Trail (All day, 12:00-8:30pm)**
Mon. Sept. 6	The Riverdogs

*All concerts will be performed pursuant to NYS Covid- 19 Guidelines.

**Olcott Beach Jazz Trail: A variety of notable jazz artists featured throughout the day at separate venues as per NYS Covid-19 Guidelines.

Please note we are holding our annual Jazz Festival, called the "Olcott Beach Jazz Trail" on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from 12:00 noon to 8:30 P.M. That festival will consist of 5 outstanding jazz groups from all over. We are in the process of hiring world class musicians with national and international fame. In the past, we had artists perform, such as pianist George Caldwell, a Grammy award winner, Bobby Militello, famous saxophonist formerly with the great Dave Brubeck for over 30 years, Don Menza, Nancy Kelly, Heather Bambrick and Pat Labarara, both Heather and Pat being JUNO Award winners from Canada. (a JUNO Award is the Canadian equivalent to the Grammy Award in the U.S.) and many more. The groups will perform in 5 different venues consecutively starting at 12:00 Noon.

We will be strictly observing Covid-19 guidelines then in place on the date of the festival.

Jim Sansone, Festival Organizer.



The Carousel Park offers children the opportunity for affordable, healthy, outdoor fun – it's needed now more than ever before.

The problem...

COVID lockdowns impacted children more than anyone else

We know that the lockdowns have been hard on everyone.

And we have learned that children suffered the most, feeling uncertain, fearful and isolated during this unusual time.

We are committed to ensuring that The Olcott Beach Carousel Park has all that it needs to reopen safely, so that our children can remember what it feels like to gather with friends and be children.



The need....

Continued support of The Olcott Beach Carousel Park

2020 COVID lockdowns shuttered the park and the park's fundraising.

2021 re-opening requirements from the state will:

- ✦ reduce the park's capacity
- ✦ increase the park's expenses to implement COVID safety protocols (PPE, cleaning supplies, distancing decals and signage and new commercial picnic tables to allow distancing) and prohibit our large in person annual fundraiser
- ✦ A new security system

You can help us help the children by supporting (by donating or attending) our virtual fundraising effort and enabling The Park to remain open and available to all.



Olcott Beach Walk of Honor by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.

In the last newsletter the Olcott Beach Community Association (OBICA) announced the Olcott Beach Walk of Honor recipients. Honorees were selected based on their contribution(s) as stated in an essay (250 words or less) and selected by the Olcott Beach Walk of Honor Committee. The honorees are: ELBERT "AL" BENTON JR., GARY CAMMARATA, WILLIAM "BILL" CLARK, BARBARA COLLEY, NELSON COLLEY, ROBERT "BOB" GUIDO, SALLY GUIDO, GINA GUIDO-REDDEN, KENNETH "CAP" HEDLEY, TIMOTHY "TIM" HORANBURG, THOMAS "TOM" KELLEY, CAROL KROUP, BRENDA PICHEY, ANN RASKOPF, WILLIAM "BILL" ROSENBERG, JAMES "JIM" SANSONE, DR. ROSEMARY SANSONE, RAYMOND C. SEARS, JANE VOELPEL, JAMES "JIM" WARD, and KAREN YOUNG.

The engraved bricks are now finished and awaiting installation for this summer in front of the You Are Here sign at the Olcott Gazebo. The nomination essays have been bound in three books and will be displayed at the following locations soon: the Olcott Lighthouse Replica, Ye Olde Log Cabin, and the Newfane Town Hall.

The plan....
Bids for Kids

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A Virtual Auction To Support The Olcott Beach Carousel Park to be held in the fall of 2021 (stay tuned for the auction date announcement!)
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When COVID hit, the park closed and our in person fundraising events could not be held.

We are taking an alternate fundraising path this year – and are seeking donations of goods and services to be

auctioned at **Bids For Kids in the fall of 2021!**

We hope you will support The Park, by donating to the auction, and/or by bidding on the items this fall when the auction is held!

The auction will feature a wide array of items for bidding in any price range and across a wide range of interests!



BIDS FOR KIDS: Donation Form

Yes! We Would Love to Help Preserve The Park!

Donor Name: _____

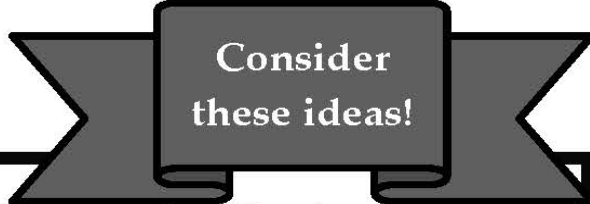
Donor Email: _____

Donation Retail Value: _____

Donor Postal Address:

Description of the donated item or service:

Please fill out this form and email:
OlcottBeachCarouselPark@gmail.com
or GGuidoRedden@CodaCorpUSA.com
or mail it to the park:
The Olcott Beach Carousel Park
P.O. Box 308
Olcott, NY 14126



- Gift Certificates to a local business
 - Gift Certificates for services
 - A combination of goods and services donated together with a partner business
 - Complimentary tickets to your next live event
 - Memorabilia
 - Rare or unique objects
 - Local product or produce gift baskets
 - Electronics
 - Vouchers for tickets to future sporting events
 - Tickets to local museums or theaters
 - Free advertising space in local media, publications or signage space
- Here are some examples of items that have already been donated!
- ✦ Naming rights for 3 Ferris Wheel Cars at The Carousel Park
 - ✦ A signed Josh Allen football, 2 seats to a Bills game and Josh Allen Jerseys
 - ✦ Engraved Bills wine glasses and beer pints, with a commemorative Bills plaque
 - ✦ A Geoff Harding original oil painting
 - ✦ A day of fall or spring lawn clean up
 - ✦ Garden perennials
- Monetary donations are also ALWAYS welcome, and can be made via checks made out to The Olcott Beach Carousel Park, or purchased online during the auction itself!

Olcott Beach Carousel Park Opening on Limited Basis in 2021 Season by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.

Olcott Beach Carousel Park will be open on a limited basis in 2021. NYS has announced temporary guidelines for amusement parks to open at 1/3 capacity.

It is our wish to keep the rides at our standard price of 25¢. In order to keep costs low, and be in compliance with a maximum 1/3 capacity we will have limited days, hours and the number of rides that will be operating at one time.

Our 1928 Herschell-Spillman carousel is now fully restored after going through a three year renovation and we are looking forward to showcasing it. The carousel will be available for adults and children to ride but riders will be socially distanced, so not all horses can be ridden. In addition, we will have two kiddy rides open at one time with riders socially distanced. We are working on a plan to have the arcade open for two people or one family at a time, a different version of the Pick up a Duck game, and two Skee Ball lanes to be open. We are also happy to announce that our park magicians, Rob and Carol Allen will be back, thanks to the WNY Dairy Farmers Association. Although they will not be able to interact with the audience on stage, they will be in the park with a fun “Dairy Wheel” game and magic tricks daily from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

According to NYS guidelines, there are new rules park goers will need to follow in order to keep everyone safe. Guests will enter at the Main St. gate to have their temperatures taken, record their contact information, and must wear a mask while in the park. There will only be one gate open in order to control the number of people allowed in the park, so the Ontario gate (Lake side) will not be open. Those waiting in line to ride or play games, will need to be 6 feet apart from others. Wait times may be longer, as we will need to clean between rides. This seems like a lot to remember, but if everyone pitches in and follows the rules, we can continue to stay open and make this a fun and safe experience. Remember, this is the first time we will be implementing this policy (and hopefully only for the 2021 season) so we beg you to be patient with us as we are learning as we go!

In order for the above plan to work, will need to rely heavily on our volunteers. Volunteers will be needed to run the carousel, sell tickets (from a socially distanced table under a tent or the audience shelter), check temperatures and write down contact information, count the number of people entering and exiting, check to be sure people in line are socially distanced, and to help with cleaning. Volunteer shifts are usually three hours long and volunteers can choose when they would like to work. Any adult interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Rosemary Sansone at 778-7066 by phone, or by email (rsansone1947@gmail.com). Interested people can also come to a training session at Olcott Beach Carousel Park on Saturday, May 15th at 11 a.m.

In addition to our volunteers we will be hiring three student to run the kiddy rides at \$12.50 per hour according to the days of operation listed below. Students must be at least sixteen years of age and attending high school or college in the fall of 2021. Anyone interested may contact Rosemary Sansone by phone at 778-7066 or by email (rsansone1947@gmail.com). Applications will also be available at the Newfane High School Guidance Dept. The park is able to hire three students thanks to a grant from the Grigg-Lewis Foundation.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, OBCP was unable to be open or to hold it's annual Park After Dark Fundraiser (formerly known as Jazz Sea); thus no income. In order to pay operating expenses, PPE equipment, and Keep the cost of rides at 25¢, we will be holding an ongoing online auction (see details in separate article in this newsletter by Gina Guido-Redden). Donations are also gratefully accepted (OBCP, P.O. Box 308, Olcott, NY 14126).

2021 Temporary Park Hours are as follows, but may be subject to change in order to comply with NYS guidelines:

Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 12 - 6 pm.

June: Saturday, Sunday 12 - 6 pm

July - Labor Day: Friday, Saturday, Sunday 12 - 6

Exceptions (if Fireworks) July 3: 12 - 8 PM

NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

Although we've had a mild winter with low snowfall totals, the recent cold snap combined with the short, gloomy days have taken their toll. The arrival of seed & flower catalogs and longer, warmer days urge us to plan and dream of the gardening season ahead.

As we look forward to Spring & Summer, we are fervently hoping we can arrange some outdoor meetings and activities. Of course we would keep social distancing in mind.

If you have any questions about our club, please contact President, Mary at 628-2296 or Secretary, Nancy at 778-7300. Wishing you a beautiful, warm Spring. Stay safe and well.

Note: One of our members found this website about Bokashi composting and suggested we share it with you.
<https://www.planetnatural.com/composting-101/indoor-composting/bokashi-composting/>



Lead horse Sunshine will join his other newly restored carousel horse friends at Olcott Beach Carousel Park!

Newfane's Early Settlers Endured Many Hardships

Bill Clark, Town of Newfane Historian

The earliest pioneers to settle in Newfane from about 1806 to 1840 experienced challenges and hardships we could barely imagine today. Many made their way to the Niagara Frontier by walking for weeks from the eastern seaboard and Canada. They usually had oxen or horse carts carrying all their worldly possessions that would become mired in the rain-soaked ruts of muddy trails that had been worn through the woods by Native Americans. Husbands and brothers would make the trek first, bringing tools, seeds and essential provisions, and upon arrival they would begin clearing trees from the dense woodlands that dominated the local landscape. At first, they might clear only an acre or two and erect a simple log cabin, then they set about growing a few food crops to sustain them through the harsh winter. After a year or two they would go back east and return with the women and children; it might take a decade or more to clear several acres and establish a barn, crops and animals in the sense we think of farming today.



Wood frame homes were rare until the 1840s when mills were established on local creeks to cut lumber and grind grain. There are not many stone houses in Newfane because wood was so plentiful and it was too expensive and difficult to transport quarried stone that was only available above the ridge. Cobblestone structures and stone foundations were common, however, because they used creek or fieldstones that were abundant in the lake plain below the ridge. James Van Horn built a brick kiln and erected Newfane's first brick home in 1823, that we know today as the Van Horn Mansion.

One pioneer tells how he returned to Niagara in the spring of 1819, enduring a long and difficult trip to bring his wife and children to their new frontier home - only to find the cabin he had so painstakingly built had burned, leaving them with just a few chickens and tools. "I cannot describe my feelings, he said, finding us in a wilderness where it was impossible to get provisions at any price".

He tells how he cut away the brush and put up the body of a log house with the help of his family. He put on a shanty roof, but there was no floor or door and his wife had become very sickly. "I procured two bundles of straw and we all curled up on the ground for the night with plenty of wood for a fire. In a few days I made the cabin more comfortable, knowing that we suffered as did many others". He cleared one acre that spring and put it to vegetables, but then describes that it was so shaded by the surrounding forest that it did not amount to much. He chopped off four more acres that summer and sowed wheat and corn, but before it was ready to harvest no food remained for the family and the children flocked around him in pains of hunger. "I had to seek help and walked three miles to the nearest neighbor; he sent me to the next house toward the creek where the farmer, who was suffering from a bad injury, was able to give me food in exchange for work he needed done".

Early settlers often purchased land from the Holland Land Company and would not receive an ownership deed until several years later when they finished payments. Others came to the area and simply squatted on the vast unclaimed land, but eventually they would have to move or negotiate a lease or purchase when someone else made a claim to the property. Life on early settlement homesteads was secluded, the nearest neighbors might be miles away and even going by carriage or sleigh to the villages of Charlotte (later Newfane) and Kempville (later Olcott) for supplies was a rare and thrilling adventure. The longest trip they might make in a lifetime was the once yearly excursion to Lockport to obtain goods and supplies not available in Newfane. It required a lot of planning to determine the type and amount of staples the family and farm would need over the next year, and then compare the list with their meager savings. Teaming the horses and wagon and getting the children ready for what could be hours of travel on bumpy dirt roads was quite an ordeal. They would return with a wagon full of goods for the home and farm, and almost always purchased three barrels; one each of flour, sugar and salt that were needed for food preparation and preservation (canning). They might have obtained some of the items in the Newfane dry goods store, but that would have spoiled the thrill of the annual trip to Lockport, that for them was like a modern-day vacation for us.

Living in a distant wildernesses among all kinds of wild animals was a serious challenge for early settlers. Bears, wolves, coyotes, fox, snakes and skunks were common throughout Niagara in the 1800s. Upon arriving in Niagara, one traveler described the area below the ridge to be teeming with bears. Wolves and rattlesnakes, however, were considered the most menacing creatures and through hunting, trapping and bounty payments, the wolves and rattlers were eradicated within a few decades. Old timers would tell how they encountered rattlesnakes in cool, rocky crevices of the Niagara Gorge and on Rattlesnake Hill along the Eighteen-Mile Creek gorge in Lockport. Farming and related human activities further reduced animal habitats impacting the population of bears and other species. Deer were not common in these early years, but their numbers flourished after the wolves were gone.

In his book, *Thundergate: The Forts of Niagara*, author Robert West Howard tells of an account from the *Memoirs of the John Morrison Family* (Donald McNeil). John Morrison came from New Hampshire to Upper Canada where he met his wife, Mary, and soon after they came along the lake deciding to homestead near the Eighteen Mile Creek. Before the Newfane township was formed in 1824, the area west of the creek was the Town of Wilson and east of the creek was Somerset, but only a few years before Wilson and Somerset had been formed from the Town of Cambria which then encompassed most of today's Niagara County. Morrison built a cabin and lean-to with elm bark, cleared five acres of land for stump farming and planted corn and beans. Before development occurred in Lockport in the 1820s, local settlers would trek to Batavia for goods and supplies, which for Morrison was an overnight excursion. Alone that night, Mary Morrison heard wolves yapping on the creek bank as she put the children in their trundle beds. Their log home did not yet have a door, where they hung only a coarse wool blanket to keep out the bugs, snakes and skunks. The wolf pack eventually caught the scent and the crescendo of yaps and howls slowly circled closer and closer to the cabin. John Morrison had taken the only gun they possessed, so the young mother took an ax from the wall and stationed herself at the door. Snarling beasts came to the threshold several times, eventually retreating to the nearby pack where they whined all night, seemingly waiting for the time to strike. Mrs. Morrison held her post, too, and sunrise mysteriously triggered the pack's retreat to the forest. John Morrison returned that afternoon to find his children barricaded in the lean-to and his wife drowsing in the door frame with the ax on her lap.

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Historian continued...

Delilah Wisner Merritt left us some of the most detailed chronicles of Newfane's early days. Delilah was the daughter of William Wisner who brought his family to Newfane in 1808, settling east of Olcott. Families would often consist of 8 to 10 children or more and Dililah writes of the heartbreak they endured because infant deaths were so common and a family might lose one or two siblings to disease in the course of their childhoods. Dililah and Issac Merritt started their family with two sons, their third, a daughter, died; then there was another daughter, two more sons and one more daughter, and two years later they had twin boys. A fourth daughter followed, then one of the twins died – Dililah was pregnant with their last son (11th child) when Issac Merritt died of cholera in 1853. She was then 40-years old and of the 9 remaining children, her oldest were entering adulthood and five ranged from infancy to age 15.

NEWFANE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

We are a community and a country that have been hit with the severity of COVID. It has affected each and every one of us through protecting our families, ourselves and everyone around us. We too at the Food Pantry had to make changes to protect our clients as well as our many volunteers. During this Covid-19 pandemic we will be here to serve you and our community. Many of our volunteers have agreed to continue working at the pantry. We THANK them for their dedication to the pantry. We use required precautions, wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and use hand sanitizer. During this time continue to call for an appointment and when you arrive, stay in your car and we will place your food on a table, so you will not have contact with anyone there. We want to serve those in need including people laid off from a job, and/or on unemployment. We will not turn anyone away.

The support of the community has been tremendous and it's the churches, businesses, social clubs, town organizations and from the private sector that we give deep thanks for supporting us in helping our community. Their generosity has shown us that we are one.

The Newfane Community Food Pantry provides food assistance to families living in the Newfane School district and they can attend our pantry once a month. They need to provide proof of residency and ID according to The Food Bank of Western New York, now known as Feed More of Western New York requirements. Recent changes in financial requirements will make it more accessible for more residents. We are at this time pre-bagging pantry items so that there is no contact with staff in our pantry. The pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Please call 778-9822 between the hours of 10:00 am to 12 noon for an appointment that day. We are located at 3455 Ewings Road at St. Brendan's Church.

The Food Express will continue at the Town Hall on the following dates :

March 27th. April 24th. May 22nd. June 26th.
July 24th. August 21st. September 18th. October 23rd.

The food truck does not deliver the months of November or December.

Reminder: If the Newfane Schools are closed due to weather conditions the pantry will be closed as well.

Any questions about the pantry, please call:

Kathy Phillips 433-2499
Wreatha Harvey 807-7451

Open Air Bar 2720 Maple Ave

Opening May 1st

Grand Opening Party May 22nd

CLAMS EVERY SUNDAY

BANDS EVERY SATURDAY



Serving Lunch and Dinner
with Daily Specials

Look us up on Facebook



Avant Realty is a thriving real estate brokerage started by Charles Glander and Nathan Marziale. Their first brokerage location under Avant Realty was opened at 8180 Main St Williamsville in June of 2020 and is still operating. Avant Realty has huge plans to grow over the next couple of years and expand it's brokerage, agents and clientele.

Our newest location is located at 2778 Main St Newfane. We want to welcome all of the surrounding community to stop in and visit us. Our agents look forward to helping many of you list or buy your next home or property.

Free advertisements as part of a first time advertisement promotion. If you have a business and have not advertised with us before, please contact us for a first time free ad!

Notice from our Highway Department:

Effective May 1, 2021 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



Garbage Reminders

- Handles on your garbage tote face the house. Please pay attention to the arrows on the top of the lid. The arm of the garbage truck must be able to dump your tote into the top of the loader and can only do so if the totes are positioned correctly.
- Large Item Pick-up is the third full week of collection each month. Please adhere to three large items on your garbage day during bulk pick-up week. Please note that a second truck comes back around for the large items, so your tote may be emptied first.
- Leaf and yard waste must now be contained in your appropriate garbage tote. You can no longer put bags of leaves and yard waste to the curb. Should you have more than what fits in your tote, please refer to the Lockport Recycling ad on page 6 of this newsletter. They have indicated they will take yard waste and debris.
- Should you require another garbage tote, please contact the Water Department at 716-778-8132 extension 6 to purchase and one will be delivered. Please be advised an additional annual fee of \$55 applies to any additional tote.
- All FAQ's and refuse/recycling collection schedules are located on our website at www.townofnewfane.com.



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.

Billing Department

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

1. CASH
2. CHECK
3. CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS – **ONLINE ONLY** - 2.95% fee
 - An account must be created online
 - You must have an active email account
4. ACH PAYMENTS - NO FEE
 - Fill out a form in the Water Office along with a voided check

Credit and debit cards will no longer be accepted when paying in person or by mail. However, you can now make your water/ sewer payment on-line, using your credit card or debit card. To create an account online:

- Go to townofnewfane.com
- On the homepage, in the top right corner, click 'Pay Town Bills' then 'Pay Water'
- A screen will pop up asking for username and password. If you are a first time user, click on "register here"
- Enter your information and click "register" you will receive a message that says "registration was successful". A temporary password will be sent to your email, which will allow you to make your payment and change your password.
- Be sure to record your username and password for future use.

There is a night drop box located on the north side of Town Hall, to the right of the door. Payments when dropped go into a secure locked box. Any payments left the evening of 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 years County tax bill. A tax removal fee of 10% is added to your total outstanding bill.



News from the Town Clerks' Office
 Mickie Kramp, Town Clerk/Registrar RMC/CMC
 Donna Lakes, Deputy Town Clerk
 Christine Nilson, Deputy Town Clerk



FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2021

The Niagara County Department of Health in cooperation with the Niagara County Veterinary Society will hold the following Free Rabies Immunization Clinics in 2021.

FOR DIRECTIONS call the specific clinic site

FOR ANY OTHER CLINIC RELATED QUESTIONS call 439-7511

Saturday, April 17 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Hartland Salt Shed 3542 Wruck Road, Town of Hartland 735-7179
Saturday, June 5 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Amtrak Train Depot 825 Depot Avenue, City of Niagara Falls
Saturday, July 10 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Lewiston Highway Garage 1445 Swann Road, Town of Lewiston 754-8213
Saturday, September 18 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Lockport Highway Department 6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport 439-9524
Saturday, December 11 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	City of North Tonawanda – Public Works Department 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda 695-8585

APPOINTMENTS FOR RABIES CLINIC ARE NOW MANDATORY AND THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE A WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/HEALTH THE MONDAY PRECEDING EACH CLINIC

BRING YOUR PRIOR RABIES CERTIFICATES. Dogs and Cats receiving immunization WITHOUT PROOF of a previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate valid for one year. Dogs and Cats WITH PROOF of previous rabies will receive a certificate valid for three years.

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

Volunteers are welcomed. Please call 439-7511 if interested.

It is requested that anyone bringing more than six animals to one clinic contact the Niagara County Department of Health at 439-7511 up to one week prior to the clinic so paperwork can be processed more efficiently.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!

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

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

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

THE FEES FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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 807-6270	RICHARD WERTH 545-0829
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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!

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FREE FISHING DAYS

New York's Free Fishing Days in 2021 are as follows: June 26-27, 2021, September 25, 2021 (National Hunting and Fishing Day), and November 11, 2021 (Veterans Day). No license needed! It's the perfect time to enjoy fishing with family or friends.

Opening Day of Regular Shotgun Season in the Southern Zone will be Saturday, November 20, 2021.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION CLASSES: We have not yet received the calendar of classes for Bow, Shotgun and Trapping. Beginning in 2016: All Sportsman Education courses will require students to review course materials and complete a homework sheet prior to attending the classroom and field sessions. You must take completed paperwork to your Hunter Education Classes. To Access Sportsman Education and to get details on the procedure to obtain your certification log in to www.dec.ny.gov. From the home page you can either click on News & Learning or in the Quick Links box you can click on Hunter Safety Courses. From either of those options it will take you to the page where you can choose Hunter Education, Bowhunter Education, Trapper Education, etc. By following these instructions this is the page you should wind up at.

LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS Your license privilege tags are sent directly to the last address you provided to 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. There is no other way to obtain the license and tags.

WINDSONG RADIOLOGY MOBILE COACH: The Mobile Coach is scheduled to be at the Town Hall on the following dates. Monday, July 12, 2021 and Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Newfane Ladies in need of a mammogram it doesn't get any more convenient for you than this. You will need to schedule an appointment and can obtain all the necessary information by visiting their website www.windsongradiology.com/mobile or by calling (716) 929-9494



MANAGING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES: NEVER FLUSH MEDICATIONS!

Our prescription drop-box is located inside the Town Hall at the Water Office. Protocol at the time of this writing is that you will need to call us and someone will meet you at the door to take the medications from you. Niagara County Residents may drop off prescription and over the counter medications, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and/or pet medications.

This service is "FREE OF CHARGE AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED". Please do not bring household hazardous wastes, needles or mercury containing devices. To see the complete guide you may go to www.rethinkyourwaste.com. You may dispose of needles at the Newfane Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center on Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Protocol at the time of this writing is you will need to call them and someone will meet you at the door. Needles must be in rigid plastic or glass containers. Two other convenient locations are City of Lockport Police/Locks Plaza and Niagara County Sheriff's Office, 5526 Niagara Street Extension (Jail entrance). For more information about disposing of hazardous waste please visit Niagara County Division of Environmental/Solid Waste at www.rethinkyourwaste.com.

COOKING WITH THE CLERK'S



ROOT BEER BAKED BEANS (CROCK POT)

- * 1 (15 oz) can baked beans
- * 1 (15 oz) can chili beans
- * 8 slices bacon, cooked and diced
- * 1 (15 Oz.) can pork and beans
- * 1 (12 Oz.) bottle root beer, do not use diet
- * 1 cup favorite BBQ sauce
- * 1 small onion, finely diced
- * 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- * 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- * kosher salt & freshly ground pepper to taste

Whisk together root beer, barbecue sauce, mustard and Worcestershire sauce in a medium bowl and set aside.

Place all beans, diced bacon and onion in slow cooker, then top with barbecue sauce mixture and stir together until fully incorporated.

Cover slow cooker and cook on high for 4 hours, then cook uncovered until desired consistency is reached.

Cherry Pineapple Dump Cake



- * 20 oz. can of Crushed Pineapple with juice
- * 1 stick of unsalted butter
- * 21 oz. can of Cherry Pie Filling
- * ½ cup of chopped pecans
- * 1 box of Yellow Cake Mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; dump one 20 oz. can of crushed pineapple with juice in a 9x13 baking dish; dump one 21 oz. can of cherry pie filling over pineapple and spread evenly; take one box of yellow cake mix and evenly spread cake mix over the cherry pie filling; chop up one stick of butter into small squares and spread evenly across cake mix (this will create a nice crust); add chopped pecans to the top and spread over the rest of the cake. Place baking dish in oven for 35-45 minutes or until topping is slightly browned. Let cool a bit and ENJOY!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Sunflowers follow the sun but did you know when it is cloudy and gray they face each other and share their energy? IMAGINE if people would do this too.

Hilts Retires from Niagara Tourism after 35 years

After 35 years of serving as the Niagara County Sportfishing Promotion Program Coordinator and working as the Outdoor Promotions Director with Destination Niagara USA (formerly Niagara Tourism and Convention Corporation) since 2003, Bill Hilts, Jr. of Lockport will be hanging up his marketing shoes from an innovative program he initiated with the county back in 1986.

“Thanks to the Niagara County Legislature following the lead of the Niagara County Fisheries Development Program and the late Senator John Daly, who came up with the initial funding to create a sportfishing promotion program position,” said Hilts. “It was through that kind of leadership that the program was first started 35 years ago, and it was up to me to keep it going. However, it was a team effort that really allowed Niagara County and Western New York to shine through the years.” The “team” that Hilts was referring to is the local contingent of area charter captains, the county’s Fisheries Development Board, local communities and groups along the river and lake, and even other tourism offices along Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

“We formed the Lake Ontario Sportfishing Promotion Council in the early 1990’s in an effort to get everyone working on the same page for marketing Lake Ontario,” said Hilts. “In that time as a group we spent over \$1 million to help put Lake Ontario on the map as one of the top angling destinations in the world. Even though I was the president the last 2 decades, it was a group effort that really made the difference. And the work will continue after I retire.”

One of LOSPC’s crown jewels was the creation of the Lake Ontario Counties (LOC) Trout and Salmon Derbies on the lake in the 1990s. After building a strong foundation, they handed the popular event over to Dave Chilson and ESLO Promotions in the early 2000s. The derbies are still popular events today.

Niagara County has led the way for other counties (and states) to look at sportfishing as an important tool in the tourism toolbox. In 1991, Niagara County and New York hosted the Outdoor Writers Association of America Conference and in 2007 the area hosted the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers. Niagara County has also been involved with 5 New York State Outdoor Writers Association conferences in that time-frame. Two years ago, the area hosted the Confederation Internationale de la Peche Sportive gathering, the first time this international fisheries congress was ever held in the United States.

In 2012, the Town of Newfane spearheaded an effort to put the spotlight on the hamlet of Olcott Beach as the Ultimate Fishing Town in America, a title that was earned through the World Fishing Network. Hilts was the person that placed the official nomination because he believed that it truly was. However, it was the community that rallied together, helping the small fishing town to push for the special recognition.

Throughout the 35 years, there was always a special focus on outdoor media. Television, magazine, newspaper, and electronic media from around the world helped to tell the story of the area’s fishing. Behind the scenes it was the fish that really helped to make the area stand out through the many media outlets. Hilts, an award-winning writer, and photographer himself, hosted hundreds of media folks through the years. It is important to note that it will not stop there with his retirement.



On March 1, the next person in line to assume the sportfishing and outdoor responsibilities of the office is Frank Campbell of Lewiston. Campbell is no stranger to sportfishing circles, serving as an important ambassador to these natural resources as a full-time charter captain for nearly 3 decades. He has been seated on the County’s Fisheries Development Board for over 20 years, at least 10 of those as board chairman. In addition, he has also been a member of the Board of Directors for Niagara Tourism and Convention Corporation, as well as Board Chairman for the tourism agency. He is a current delegate of the county for the state’s Lake Ontario Fisheries Task Group.

“I realize I have some big shoes to fill,” says Campbell, “but Hilts isn’t going to just fade away. He will continue to write for the Buffalo News, NY Outdoor News, and other outdoor outlets. I have some new ideas that I will try to implement along with continuing many of the other important programs that Hilts started or was involved with. I am looking forward to the challenge.”

For more information on Niagara Falls USA, check out www.niagarafallsusa.com. In addition to a travel guide, there is a weekly fishing report and an opportunity to request an outdoor activities map.



Spring and Memorial Day will soon be here and your American flag probably needs replacing after those winter winds. Your American Legion has the size flag you need, it’s American made and you are supporting your local veterans. Call 408-3311 and your new flag will be delivered locally and your old one will be taken to be honorably destroyed.

2021 Fishing Competitions and Events

Lake Ontario Counties (LOC) Spring Trout and Salmon Derby

May 7-16, 2021 – This premier spring kick-off classic, offering a \$15,000 Grand Prize for the largest salmon caught overall, also sports over \$44,000 in cash and prizes overall. More than 60 percent of all the winning fish come from the waters off Niagara. For more information, call (888) REEL-2-IN or visit their website at www.loc.org.

9th Annual Wilson Harbor Invitational Salmon Tournament May 15 and 16, 2021 (2 days)

– The tournament is back for another battle of salmon seekers. Check out facebook for the tournament for details. Each day is a separate tournament plus overall options. \$1K at day and Salmon Slam options are set for May 8-14.

20th Annual Don Johannes Memorial Big Fish Contest and 15th Annual Pete DeAngelo Memorial Three-Fish Contest, June 3, 2021

– This is a precursor to the Pro-Am tournaments to get the teams warmed up for the fishing action. You don't have to be in the pro-am to fish, though. Sign up at The Boat Doctors or The Gas Shack in Wilson. Call 716-778-0713 for more info. \$100 per boat. 100 percent cash payout.

Greater Lewiston Smelt Festival (Cancelled for 2021)

36th Annual Skip Hartman Memorial Lake Ontario Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament – June 4-June 5, 2021:

Back to a two day event with a third day set aside for weather challenges. Over \$40,000 in cash and prizes last year. For more info call (877) FALLS US or log onto the tournament website at www.lakeontarioproam.net for rules and sign up information. 100 percent payback of entry fees!

11th Annual Lake Ontario Counties (LOC) Summer Derby– June 26-July 25, 2021

– Grand prize is \$10,000 for biggest salmon. Weekly prizes for the divisions (\$1,000 for salmon and \$500 for trout), \$30,000 overall. Check out the website for all the details for this new summer event at www.loc.org or call (888) REEL-2-IN.

New York's Free Fishing Days 2021 – June 26-27

– No license is required by anyone for these two days, resident or non-resident (although all the rules and regulations must be followed), in an effort to promote this popular pastime. This is a great time to get the whole family on the water and see how much fun it can be.

30th Annual Erie Canal Fishing Derby

July 15-25, 2021 (tentative) – The Erie Canal is spotlighted for this family-oriented fishing competition offering up more than \$8,000 in prizes. Eligible waters include from the Niagara River to the Main Street Bridge in Albion (Route 98) – 50 miles of waters. For more information visit their website at www.eriecanalderby.com. (Bass is included.)

18th Annual Lake Ontario Trout and Salmon Assn. King Salmon Tournament – July 17, Olcott from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This event offers 100 percent cash pay back. All participants must be LOTSA members. Deadline to register is July 15 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact www.lotsa.org. July 16 is the 9th Annual Curt Meddaugh Memorial Fishing Derby to remember an important LOTSA member. Free for anyone registered in the Saturday event. For more information, contact www.lotsa1.org.

Lake Ontario Counties (LOC) Fall Trout and Salmon Derby August 20 – September 6, 2021

– Over \$70,000 in cash and prizes including a \$25,000 Grand Prize for the largest trout or salmon caught during this 18-day event. Help anglers celebrate the return of the mighty king salmon on Lake Ontario! Sign up in local tackle shops or call (888) REEL-2-IN. You can also visit their website at www.loc.org for more info or to register.

Reelin' for a Cure Tournament (one day Ladies-Only event) August 20, 2021

– This 5th annual ladies event will once again be held out of Wilson and Olcott. It's a great way to celebrate life and pay tribute to cancer survivors. Last year, over \$13,000 was raised for the Hope for Two group as 36 teams also competed for cash prizes. Call Stephanie at (716) 481-6388 and also log onto the event's Facebook page.

45th Annual Greater Niagara "Fall Classic" Derby – 2020: A Fish Odyssey August 21-29, 2021

– The journey continues with another great event set for 2020 – 44 years of derbies! Last year, over \$14,000 in cash and prizes were handed out to winning anglers at the Newfane Community Center on awards night. Species categories included salmon, rainbow trout, brown trout, lake trout, smallmouth bass, carp and walleye. All have a chance to win the Grand Prize. For more information, call (877) FALLS US or visit www.fishodyssey.net. Kids are FREE in a special youth division.

34th Annual NYPA Wildlife Festival – Sept. 25-26, 2021

– Held in conjunction with National Hunting and Fishing Day weekend, this event is co-sponsored by the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs and held on the grounds of the Power Authority's Visitor Center in Lewiston. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 10,000 in attendance in 2019. Free admission.

NY's National Hunting and Fishing Day and Free Fishing Day– Sept. 25, 2021

NY Veteran's Day Free Fishing Day – Nov. 11, 2021

Hello, Town of Newfane:

Spring is upon us once again and that means it's time to open the Marina. We opened on April 3rd at 7:00am and started taking reservations for our transient slips. The slips are filling quickly so reserve yours today by calling the marina office at (716)778-5462 or stopping in to see us. My kind and knowledgeable staff will help you with any questions you may have.

You will be happy to know that there will be NO rate changes for the 2021 season.

Our local economy, especially small businesses benefit from the tourism that the Lake Ontario fishing industry brings to our area. Unfortunately, last year the pandemic had a devastating blow to our area. This year is looking up with COVID restrictions being lifted, no tournaments being cancelled and full marina parking lots. People are looking to get out and enjoy our town again. Come and experience the world class fishing Olcott has been known for. We welcome you!

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2021 season and seeing you at the marina, so stop by and say hi.

Scott Scheffler
Town of Newfane Facilities Manager

Town of Newfane Marina Rules:

1. Fueling at gas dock only! See attendant for special circumstances.
2. Reservations will be accepted on the first Saturday in April. At this time we will take reservations for the entire year.
3. All reservations will require a one day deposit when reservations are made.
4. There will be NO refunds on reservations made in advance. Credit vouchers only for special cases.
5. There will be NO sub-leasing reservations.
6. If the Facilities Manager is not notified at least one day in advance of the leaser's inability to keep their reservation, the Town of Newfane reserves the right to lease that dock on a day to day basis.
7. Never tie up to electrical posts.
8. The Town of Newfane reserves the right to place your boat in a space that helps us make the best use of the area we have to work with. We guarantee a "tie up", not a specific location.
9. The bow pulpit or gear should not extend over the walkway.
10. All pets must be on a leash at all times and properly cleaned up after.
11. Overnight docking will be from 1:00 PM to 1:00 PM. At 1:01 you will be charged for an additional day.
12. Daytime visitor docking will be restricted to two (2) hours. All boats must register with the Marina office.
13. Available docking will be designated by the Facilities Manager or designated attendant on a day to day basis.
14. No open fires will be allowed on boardwalks, bulkheads, docks or boats. A pavilion is provided for your use.
15. Not responsible for damage or slippage due to fowl or any animal droppings.
16. No on premises camping and no sleeping in vehicles.
17. Parking will be designated by the Marina attendant.
18. Riding of bicycles, skateboards, and etc. will NOT be permitted at the Marina for safety reasons.
19. Unattached boat trailers will be left in the upper parking lot only. Those in violation will be moved by the Marina attendant at the owner's expense.
20. All boats must be launched at the ramp only.
21. No unreasonable or disruptive noise.
22. Fish cleaning is allowed at the Fish Cleaning Station ONLY!
23. There will be a \$5.00 replacement charge for lost keys.
24. Any dingy not stored on a boat must be paid for by boat length. (behind or beside boat)
25. A three (3) day launch pass is for consecutive days only.
26. There will be no children under the age of 16 permitted in the marina without adult supervision.

All boat operators and passengers shall comply with all Marina rules and shall obey all instructions and directions of the Facilities Manager or the Marina attendant. Failure to obey Marina rules or to comply with directions and instructions of the Facilities Manager or the Marina attendant will result in revocation of privileges to use the Town of Newfane Marina.



Independent Living of Niagara County's 2nd Annual



An all inclusive 5K & 10K race!

May 31 - June 6, 2021

\$30.00 Donation Fee Per Person

Free T-Shirt Included!

Registration Opens April 16th

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/NiagaraFalls/ILNCWalkRunRoll>

Are you – or someone you know with a disability --living as well as you can? Independent Living of Niagara County can help!

By: Sarah K. Lanzo

Independent Living of Niagara County is a member of the Western New York Independent Living, Inc. family of agencies that offer an expanding array of services to aid individuals with disabilities to take control of their own lives. All its information and counseling services are offered at no cost to the consumer!

A BROAD ARRAY OF PROGRAMS THROUGH INDEPENDENT LIVING OF NIAGARA COUNTY:

Like all Centers for Independent Living, ILNC has five Core Services:

- **Peer Supports:** peers explain how someone like them can live with a disability.
- **Independent Living Skills,** demonstrating how having the right adaptive equipment and the methods they need enables them to accomplish everyday tasks.
- **Individual and Systems Advocacy,** to help change the physical world to improve access or go to bat for them to overcome disability-based prejudice.
- **Information and Referral,** to connect them with organizations or assistive devices that can help. And
- **Transition Services** to help them make the leap from school to work, higher education or vocational training, and from institutional to community living.

Taking Control: Consumer-Directed Personal Assistant Services (CDPAS)

- For individuals who are self-directing, Medicaid-eligible, and wish to control their own lives, but have disabilities that require home care Personal Assistants (PAs) to help with activities of daily living. ILNC's Taking Control program prepares them to choose friends, neighbors, or family that they feel can fill their needs and serves as a Fiscal Intermediary (FI). The consumers are their bosses, doing the hiring, training, scheduling, evaluation, and termination and are in control of their own daily living.

Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

- Offers individual and family support, Telecommunication Technology information, deaf support groups, education, referrals, deaf community outreach and on and off-site American Sign Language classes.

Addict 2 Addict Niagara

- Addict 2 Addict Niagara (A2A Niagara) differs from other opioid crisis outreaches you see advertised that are clinic-based, the A2A Niagara staff offers empathy and identification in meeting those who are still struggling with addiction – **When They're Ready** - to work towards their own recovery. Our team can be reached by calling: 716-398-4333

Aged, Blind & Disabled - Medicaid Application Assistance Program

- Funded by the New York State Department of Health (DOH), the Medicaid Application Assistance Program (MAAP) helps individuals who are over 65, certified blind and/or disabled regardless of age, to apply for programs through local Departments of Social Services.

Health Homes Care Coordination

- Health Homes provide Care Management services to ensure all those involved in an individual's care are working together and sharing the necessary information in supporting a person's recovery. A Health Home Care Manager is expected to help coordinate not just medical, mental health and substance abuse services, but the social service needs of the individual as well.

Open Doors/Money Follows the Person

- Open Doors/Money Follows the Person (MFP) is a program designed to assist consumers to move out of nursing homes and institutional care and back into the community, linking them with services that would meet their needs to assist them to be independent in the community of their choice.

Olmstead Housing Program

- Statewide rental subsidy and transitional housing support service program for high-need Medicaid members. Eligible participants of the program are those enrolled in Medicaid who are homeless, living in a Skilled Nursing Facility for at least 120 consecutive days, and have the ability to live safely in the community.

NY Connects

- A state agency working with ILNC and the Niagara County Office of the Aging (NCOA), NY Connects is a trusted place that gives consumers information about available options whether they are paying for services, get them through insurance, or are eligible for a government program.

Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN)

ICAN is a New York State Ombudsman Program for people with Medicaid who need long term care or behavioral health services. They assist people in enrolling in and using managed care plans. These advocates can be reached at: (716)284-4131 x251 or email: djackson@wnyil.org.

ACHIEVING SERVICES

ILNC's Main Office is at 746 Portage Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14301, there is a branch office close to Newfane at 140 Genesee Street, Lockport, NY 14094. Considering pandemic restrictions, many staff are still working remotely and serve consumers by phone, email, or the Internet, but can meet with staff at the office, by appointment. The first step is to contact our Intake Department at 716-284-4131, extension 126.

Let this be the day that you start to overcome disability and improve the quality of your life!

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