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APRIL 2023

Happy Spring

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Update from the Supervisor's Office



Projects and Improvements

As we shed our winter clothing and look to the warmth of spring, another busy year is unfolding ahead of us. By the time you receive this newsletter, the new ADA-compliant restroom at the Ontario Street parking lot should be in place and fully operational. This will complete the first phase of our REDI project that includes the outer-harbor Breakwater and stabilization around the federal piers. If you recall, this phase of construction came in under budget, so the Town was able to add ADA-compliant fishing platforms to each of the federal piers and provide much-needed upgrades to the west pier access next to the Olcott Yacht Club.

The second phase of REDI construction, the west beach berm, will receive finishing touches this spring and early summer to lengthen and further stabilize the berm. Previous discussions on capping the structure with topsoil and plantings are being considered in the alternative design specifications.

The last phase of the REDI project is flood prevention work to stabilize the channel walls of the inner harbor. On March 7th, 2023, the Town Board voted to award this project to Mark Cerrone, Inc. at a base bid of \$918,310. Weather permitting and pending supply availability, we hope to see this construction start and end as quickly as possible.

In other work, the Town has approved an agreement with Kirk Starkweather Construction to replace the roofs on the two large red storage barns located at the Newfane Historical Society Country Village. In addition, we will be making improvements to the Gazebo on the Olcott commons and we are selecting a contractor to replace roofs at the Lake View Village Shoppes.

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Marina and Waterfront

At the Town Marina, we are exploring reconfiguration of the gas dock, and we are looking to upgrade the town dock on the east side at the foot of Ontario Street for use by transient boaters. Once again, the Town is partnering with Lake Ontario Trout and Salmon Association and their trout and salmon pen-rearing project at the Town Marina, where the rearing pens host well over 100,000 fingerlings that are typically released into the waterway three weeks later.

We are working with several agencies on problems associated with overpopulating shore birds that may be contributing to high bacterial levels and repeated summer beach closures. I have been talking with our Legislator Shawn Foti, Niagara County officials, NYSDEC and area residents about more comprehensive water testing and the search for an effective solution. NYSDEC has referred me to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and we will continue our cooperative work on this challenging issue.

Town Website

We are completing a challenging project to update our Town website and make information about town services more accessible. Hopefully the community will recognize the efforts we have taken in redesigning and updating our web page, which will make it easier to navigate the site and communicate with town departments.

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Grants and Funding

As a follow-up to our Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI/NY) application that requested state funding for several improvement in the town, it appears we were not successful ... this time! We are not discouraged, however, because we received great feedback about the projects and are encouraged about our chances next time. I have submitted a grant request to our federal representatives - Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Congresswoman Claudia Tenney - asking for \$3 million dollars from Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending to mitigate costs associated with improvements to our Wastewater Treatment Plant. I am also writing a Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) to help redesign our marina and transient docking. And ... congratulations to Karen Young, proprietor of *Gift Box at the Beach* at Lakeview Village Shoppes and a Town Tourism Committee member, who wrote a successful \$3,000 dollar grant to fund Town of Newfane tourism activities. Way to go, Karen!

The Town-Wide Garage Sale is coming back! Mark your calendar – the dates will be June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Please see the registration form below if you wish to participate.

2nd Annual Community Day - Save the Date -- August 26 from 3pm-10pm, the Community Day celebration will be at the Town Hall. There will be a live band, food trucks, games for the kids, a dunk tank, vendors and much much more. C'mon on out for one of the last events of summer! It's free, too!

Short-Term Rental (STRs) housing has been making the news lately – although it is more often referred to as *Airbnb or Bed and Breakfast* lodging. Over the last few months, the Town has been holding public meetings to discuss drafting a local law that would establish and codify permitting requirements for STR's. The proposed law recognizes there are numerous short-term rental establishments that are in violation of the Town Zoning Ordinance and are not compliant with the NYS fire prevention and building code. The Town Board has been working with our attorney, Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board Chair, STR operators and the public to develop a law that will maintain public safety, promote tourism and economic growth, protect neighbors and preserve our community character. All existing short-term rental establishments will be permitted to continue under the proposed law, but it will require that existing and all future STR's obtain a permit and comply with provisions of the law.

You can review minutes of these meetings on our website. If you wish to participate in one of our work sessions, please check our web page for upcoming dates. Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the complete draft proposal, kindly respond to info@townofnewfane.com

2023 ANNUAL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Friday-June 2nd, Saturday-June 3rd & Sunday-June 4th

ADDRESS: _____

DAYS PARTICIPATING:

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD _____

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH _____

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICIZED PARTICIPATION IS FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023. PLEASE DROP THIS OFF AT THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE IN TOWN HALL OR EMAIL TO [INFO@TOWNOFNEWFANE.COM](mailto:info@townofnewfane.com) PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

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

Visit Town of Newfane on Facebook

Town Hall

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

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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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Water/Sewer Maintenance 778-8587
Wastewater Treatment Plant 778-7131
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Town of Newfane, Newsletter Department
2737 Main St., Newfane, NY 14108 or newsletter@townofnewfane.com
Make checks payable to Town of Newfane

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Niagara County Legislature 14th District Legislator Shawn Foti

Happy Spring! I hope this newsletter finds that everyone is doing well and fared the winter as best possible. Mother Nature sure did throw everything she had at us. I am proud of the local and county response to the storms and how our communities rallied together to support our neighbors and loved ones. We truly have the best first responders of any county and they appreciate our support. 2023 is shaping up to be a very exciting, challenging, and rewarding year. There are lots of big projects and initiatives that I am fully invested in and will do my part to make sure they all reach the finish line. I want to again thank our community organizations, volunteer groups, local businesses and business associations, tourism boards, town governments, and all public servants for your tireless efforts to better our region and the teamwork it takes to make Niagara County a great place to live.

Krull Park

Our park continues to be a big topic in my newsletter updates because there continues to be a lot going on at the park and long-term investments being made every year. At the time I am writing this, the “Krull Park Shoreline Wall and Bank Reconstruction Project” is well underway and the improvements are already noticeable. Take a minute to visit the park and admire the hard work our contractor is performing in order to make this project possible. Thousands of tons of stone are being laid at the water’s edge to protect the shoreline and make the entire shoreline of Krull Park useable again, something that hasn’t been possible for my entire lifetime. Final design of the new bandstand/amphitheater should be complete soon and will pay respect to our Olcott Lions and the history of the structure. We will see many new events and attractions coming to the shoreline of Krull Park in the future. I cannot wait to see the finished product and our team is working hard to make sure the project is completed by Memorial Day. You may also see activity in the open green space toward the South end of the main park. We will be digging test holes to monitor ground water levels. Our intention is to dig a large pond which can be used for water sport recreation, fishing, and to help with park drainage which will make more areas of the park usable that are currently too wet. I believe this would be an incredible addition to our park.

Olcott Beach Water Quality

When contemplating running for office, if you told me that I would somehow find myself studying bird poop in the waters of Olcott Beach, I would have said you are crazy. But here we are! Last year, we saw an increase in frequency of bacteria levels that closed our beach and created a public health problem. I heard from many concerned residents, businesses, tourism board, and the Town of Newfane. Working with Supervisor Syracuse, NYS DEC, and the County Health Department, I requested increased water sampling and also to have the water samples sent out for a new DNA study to find the source of the bacteria E.coli. A previous DNA study done over 10 years ago pointed to ruminant species which could be deer or cows. The new study came back with high levels of avian feces, bird poop. Now we have a path to focus on and can begin to collect more data. Our goal is to find a solution which will provide safe and clean publicly accessible water, within the guidelines of the many different governmental jurisdictions. I want to thank the community for your patience and also our partners at NYS for stepping up and providing resources and funding to find a solution. We have a great team working on this.

Agriculture Rights Advisory Panel

Agriculture is Niagara County’s largest market sector and it is our way of life. We need to rally behind our local farmers, and support them with both respect and also financially by buying local. That is why I am proud to have been a cosponsor of the resolution to create an Agriculture Rights Advisory Panel. The concept is similar to our Gun Owners’ Right Advisory Panel we started a couple of years ago. We look at the Agricultural industry, quite frankly as under attack by downstate legislators who do not know anything about farm economics. With that in mind, the Legislature felt compelled to step in to try to support farmers and our agricultural industry. What we plan to do is appoint members from the local agriculture community to see what we can do within the powers of county government to support farming, perhaps through some local law or targeted investment. Niagara County has a long, proud tradition as an agricultural community that strongly supports the rights of farmers to run their operations free from harassment and with the support of local government. I look forward to seeing the advocacy and recommendations that come from this distinguished panel.

Calling all Lifeguards!



The Beach in Olcott will be open May 28th - September 5th seven days a week
11am - 7pm.

The Town of Newfane is now hiring lifeguards for the Beach. Applicants must have lifeguarding and waterfront safety certifications. Please submit applications to Mary or Christine at the Supervisors office at Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Laura Rutland at 807-1104.



A Rescue Plan for New York

New York is in need of a rescue plan.

Crime is up, economic activity is down, and our state continues to lead the nation in population loss. Individual rights and constitutional freedoms are under attack. These are just a few consequences of a state government controlled entirely by one party.

For years, we've witnessed a drastic decline in public safety, a depleted workforce, rising taxes, business-crippling regulations, and a lackluster economic "recovery" from the COVID-19 pandemic. A legislature dominated by New York City progressives has sent our state down the wrong path.

It is my sincere belief that the loss of human capital is the biggest threat New York State faces, and my colleagues across the aisle have provided no solutions. With each passing day, we lose more population, representation, and tax dollars to states with better business climates and safer streets. We are losing indispensable parts of the Empire State.

In January, my conference put these issues front and center by unveiling our "Rescue New York" 2023 legislative agenda. These policies are a roadmap to make our state safer, stronger, more affordable, and more free.

New Yorkers have made it clear they want Albany to address cost living and quality of life issues.

We must make our state safer by restoring common sense to our criminal justice system, addressing Albany's disastrous cashless bail laws, and putting victims first. We must increase our efforts to end the opioid and mental health epidemics. We must support and protect our seniors and vulnerable populations.

We need to make our state stronger by expanding economic opportunity and strengthening our workforce. This includes investing in infrastructure for the 21st century, helping our veterans and military families thrive, and ensuring every child receives a quality education.

We must make our state more affordable, by slashing burdensome taxes and regaining control of our governments enormous spending. By reducing the cost of living, and improving the state's business climate, we will be giving families the ability to stay in New York instead of fleeing. Policies like the banning of natural gas is just the latest example of how our state is heading in the wrong direction.

Finally, we must make our state more free. This means finally ending all Covid mandates, and rehiring thousands of workers fired over personal health choices and protecting parental rights when it comes to their children's education.

These are the issues that matter most to people and exactly what the Legislature should focus on this session. The time for talk and rhetoric is over — New Yorkers deserve real solutions to real problems. We are ready to tackle these issues and deliver for our constituents. To succeed, we need a unified partnership - meaning Republicans, Democrats, the Governor, and the Legislature working together – to Rescue New York in 2023.

Hometown Hero Banners a Popular Addition to Newfane's Streetscape



Thanks to all those participating in Newfane's Hometown Heroes streetside banner project and for your support in honoring Newfane's past and current military service members. The Newfane Hometown Heroes program placed 70 banners along Routes 78 and 104 in 2022 and will have more than 100 on display in 2023. The application period for this year has passed and our volunteers will be working through May to install the popular banners for this season. Most are displayed in clusters along Lockport-Olcott and Ridge Roads in Wright's Corners, Ridgewood, the Newfane village, Burt and Olcott. Look for an announcement in the fall to see if more banners will be installed in 2024.

If you have questions or need information about the banner program, please email or call and leave a message at Newfane Town Hall, 716-778-8531, ext #7 newfanehometownheroes@gmail.com



News from Assemblyman **MIKE NORRIS**



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

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

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

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

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

So what can we do?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

An Update from Niagara County Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti



Much has changed in the landscape of criminal justice over the last three to four years. The change has been coined as “criminal justice reform”. I will be the first to admit that minor reforms and changes can be a good thing. As law enforcement has evolved over many years, we also need to keep our criminal justice process updated with the times. Many of the reforms are based around the need for fairness and equity within the criminal justice system. While I am agreeable with reform, I am not agreeable to the extremes with which these changes were made.

When we favor the rights of criminals over the rights of our victims that is completely unacceptable. There has to be a balance when considering changes. We are now, and have been, “reaping what we sowed”, as they say.

I will start with bail reform and the issues it has presented. Cash bail was eliminated in an attempt to take away a perceived financial advantage which would allow someone to be released from jail. The list of crimes that are now bail eligible is relatively short and they must be serious in nature. The list of non-bail eligible crimes is expansive in length and allows defendants almost guaranteed release. Only a few specific items, like existing warrants, will keep you temporarily in custody. Even with warrants for failure to appear, the defendant will most likely be released. For many offenses, this has now caused a revolving door in our criminal justice system. In recognizing this, the State Legislature has made minor changes to bail reform over the last couple of years. The changes have not gone far enough to correct what has been done. Judges need to be given back discretion on bail and this needs to include the ability to consider public safety when making their determination. We have to allow our judges to have the tools to keep a dangerous individual off our streets. Right now, our judges hands are tied by this and they must also follow the “least restrictive means” guidance. In other words, criminals should be released under the current law. This law has had many negative impacts on our community and our ability to do our job. It is certainly the perception that our criminal element is now emboldened by the current bail reform. Most would agree that reasonable changes need to be made to bail reform to serve the best interests of all. My priorities will always be the safety of our residents and justice for our victims.

Raise the age has also been implemented in New York State. Raise the age took criminal responsibility away from 16 and 17 years old. Essentially, we cannot charge a 16 or 17 year old with a crime and process them through the adult criminal justice system. This change was purportedly done to take 16 and 17-year-old defendants out of adult correctional facilities. I was opposed to this move at the time and I am still opposed to it. New York State promised more beds for these offenders in secure juvenile facilities. This has never happened and these individuals are sometimes transported by our deputies to a facility as far away as New York City. I am not quite sure how this is better for these offenders to be on the other side of the state. Data is also showing that this age group is carrying firearms at record numbers. Data needs to be reviewed by the State Legislature to determine the full effects of raise the age on overall crime.

Less is more was billed as parole reform. The goal of this reform was to release more parolees from jail because of the alleged unfairness of technical parole violations. This was a great story which was told that all

parolees were being hit with unreasonable technical parole violations. The sad fact is, this just wasn't happening. These parolees were released with conditions of parole and decided not to follow the parameters. They were taken back into custody to await a parole hearing to determine the outcome of the violation. When less is more went into effect, seven parolees walked out of our correctional facility chanting “less is more”. One of our parolees who was released had an expansive record of arrests and convictions. He went on to commit three more crimes in our community before being taken back into custody. These are three crimes that wouldn't have happened if this individual remained in our facility. The hands of Parole Officers are tied to do their jobs to keep our community safe from known offenders. The State Legislature needs to review the effects of less is more on crime in our community.

Discovery reform is a complicated subject to discuss. It changed the rules of the game for the District Attorney to declare trial readiness and turn over any evidence in criminal cases. I will demonstrate how discovery reform is hurting our system by way of example. Law enforcement receives several complaints regarding a drug house on your street. They build a case and ultimately execute a search warrant on the residence. Evidence, including drugs, is gathered during the search warrant. The narcotics seized will be sent to the lab for confirmation of the substance. Once the lab results are received an arrest can be made. Prior to discovery changes, an arrest would be made based upon evidence found at the scene. The process was more expeditious to address the problem of drug dealing in your neighborhood. Bail reform gets tagged in at this point and the suspect will most likely be released after the arrest. The end result is that same drug house open for business again. This is another piece of legislation which needs further review to keep our neighborhoods safe.

The most recent criminal justice reform is “raise the lower age”. This changed the age a juvenile can be charged for a crime from seven years old to 12 years old. The only crime a seven to eleven-year-old can be charged with under this new legislation is a homicide related offense. This leaves out a list of serious felonies that should concern us all. If a seven-year-old to eleven-year-old does commit a serious crime they will now be referred to social services for programs. By the way, participation in the social services program is optional. This law needs serious reform and it needs to happen quickly.

The question I get asked the most is, what do we do to get this changed? A push needs to be made in the senate and assembly for change of criminal justice reforms. Your local state delegation, Senator Robert Ortt, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello and Assemblyman Michael Norris have all championed against these reforms. Change needs to come from other areas of New York State to accomplish movement on fixing this. If you have family or friends living throughout New York State, I would encourage them to reach out to their senator or assemblyman. If we truly want to keep our communities safe we need to hold our criminals accountable and protect our victims. Criminal justice reform needs immediate attention and significant change. This article by no means covered all issues related to these reforms. It was intended to provide some clarity on what we have been facing in law enforcement. I will end with this, a recent Sienna College poll showed that crime is a serious issue to 93% of those they inquired with. Let's work together to keep our communities as safe as they can be.

Niagara County Prescription Drug Drop Off Bin

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

No Sharps are allowed to be placed in these bins.

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

Additional drop off locations are available around Niagara County:



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

A Great Day for Polar Bear Fundraisers

With hints of sunshine breaking through a cool March breeze, about 250 hardy swimmers and hundreds of spectators enjoyed their day at the 54th Olcott Polar Bear 'Swim for Sight'. In costumes and with huge smiles, swimmers and friends livened up the streets as they the enjoyed food provided by not-for-profit vendors and local business establishments. A strong team from the Youngstown Fire Company seized firefighter's tug-of-war trophy before a Polar Bear Queen was selected and swimmers entered the 34-degree water of Lake Ontario. for their icy plunge.

The Barker Lions Chicken BBQ, Lockport Lions hamburgers and sausage, Kiwanis meat treats, chowder and chili were all a big hit with the crowd. The Swim's crowning achievement and purpose, however, is the money swimmers raise to benefit local charities. Polar Bear Day is sponsored by the Olcott Lions Club and proceeds benefit Lion's services that aid the visually impaired. The Swim also shares funds with community activities we all count on; including Hospice, Rainbow of Help, Olcott Beach Carousel Park and local emergency responders. This coming summer, the Olcott Lions Club will be helping with the 'Olcott Beach Jazz Trail', the 'Park After Dark' fundraising party for the Carousel, and the Lion's 'Kindergarten Roundup'.



Newfane Historical Society's

45th

Apple Blossom Festival

Sunday, May 21st
10am-4pm



*Celebrate spring during our Sunday gathering!
Join us rain or shine and enjoy everything
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Crafts | Flea Market | Attractions | Live Performances

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Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

We hope everyone had a good winter and have stayed healthy. Even though its been a pretty mild winter we are looking forward to Spring and another season at Ye Olde Log Cabin. We have new items to add to our displays for all to see and are always looking for more. If you have anything you would like to donate to our displays please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. We would love to add your items for everyone to see and enjoy either on permanent or on loan basis.

We are working on new ideas and bringing back old ones for Old Olcott Days at Ye Olde Log Cabin this year. The big thing we are looking forward to is bringing back the Trolley Tours, which will take you on a tour of Olcott and explain some of the historic sites as well as some of our current attractions. We are also looking forward to having Schulze Vineyard and Winery join us for wine tastings and purchases. We will again have our extra displays under the tents outside of the Cabin as well as our normal displays inside the Cabin with the slideshow running. On the front porch we will be showing the video "I Remember Olcott". We also have a couple more things in the works for you to come and enjoy so please mark your calendars to come spend some time with us on Saturday July 29th and Sunday July 30th from 12-5pm.

Our Santa at the Cabin event was a great day with lots of excited, smiling kids. We were happy to see all the kids and have them visit Santa, receive their stockings, and get a treat too! Our Peanut Butter and Jelly bin was heavy with jars of peanut butter, jelly, and fluff. We would like to thank everyone who donated to make Santa at the Cabin a success and a fun happy time for the kids, we couldn't do this without you all!

Ye Olde Log Cabin will open for the season on Friday, June 2nd from 12-5 pm. We will be open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12-5pm until the end of our season on Sunday September 10th. If anyone is interested in joining our volunteer family and spending some time at the Cabin please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. We always love to welcome new people to our Cabin family!

We hope you enjoy your spring and look forward to see you this season at Ye Olde Log Cabin in "The Pine Grove"!



Grace Bible Church

Worship In The Park

Join us for our annual worship service in the park!

Sunday, July 23, at 10:30 am

Krull Park, Olcott - Lions Shelter - Bring your lawn chairs

Call (716) 778-9081 for more information.

Vacation Bible School

July 24-28, 2023

9:00 am-Noon - For kids ages 4 through 6th grade

"Keepers of the Kingdom - Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth"

Call (716) 778-9081 for more information.

Van Horn Mansion

The Van Horn Mansion is a living history museum & event center, first built as a home by the Van Horn Family in 1823. It's on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a cultural and historical highlight for the Town of Newfane, NY.

If we raise \$35k, we earn another \$35k!
Funds are going towards vital upgrades and maintenance.
We have currently raised \$6k+...help us keep going!

WAYS TO DONATE

Thanks to all for your amazing support!

Or donate at
VanHornMansion.com

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

The NCFP provides food assistance to families living in the Newfane school district. Clients must agree with the financial incomes based upon the number of family members as required by The Food Bank of WNY. Please review the chart below to see if your yearly gross income qualifies you for services based upon family size. We are also a "client choice pantry" which simply means that the client chooses what food items serve their family best from our inventory of stock. 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.

This table shows a yearly gross income for each family size. If your household is at or below the income listed for the number of people in your household or any services listed below, you are eligible to receive food.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL GROSS INCOME
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160

EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON \$9,000

Food stamps, WIC, unemployment, Disability, SSI, Free or reduced school lunches, TANF.

If you know of a neighbor, family member or senior needing a little helping hand with food assistance, please have them call our pantry, we do not place judgement, nor do we question your cause. Call 778-9822.

We are extremely grateful for the support and backing of our local community. Churches, businesses, organizations and individuals.

Without your support we would not exist. We continue to look for new pantry volunteers, so if you're interested in serving and giving back to the community, come give us a try. Any questions please call Kathy Phillips at 433-2499 or Wreatha Harvey at 807-7451.

Just a reminder, Food Express has returned to the Newfane Town Hall every fourth Saturday of each month. All residents are welcome. Food express is sponsored by The Food Bank of WNY with both the First Baptist Food Pantry and The Newfane Community Food pantry collaborating to run it.

Be Safe and Stay healthy!

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

by Edna Wolfe

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

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

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

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

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

MARINA & FISHING

We had a very busy opening weekend on April 1st as many of our fishermen and boaters prepare for the season. Call 716-778-5462 to reserve your dock for the summer. Chinooks and steelhead have been put in their pens and the lake is ready for the upcoming season. There are several fishing derbies and tournaments coming up over the next few months. The LOC Spring Derby runs May 5th-14th, the Olcott Big Boy Tourney is on May 13th, and the Niagara Pro Am is June 2nd-3rd.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!

Building Faith



Through Christ

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2730 Transit Road

Newfane, NY 14108

(716) 778-7981

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

Olcott Beach Carousel Park Opening May 27, 2023 Volunteers and Student Employees Needed!

by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.

Pack up the kids and head to Olcott. The Olcott Beach Carousel Park is opening May 27, 2023 from 12 - 6 pm. Come celebrate our 21st season featuring Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show on stage at 2 pm. The Magic Shows are presented by the WNY Dairy Farmers. Each day that we are open, there is a free stage show at our Tom Kelley Rustic Theater. The park is a sparkling jewel that features five vintage kiddie rides, a vintage arcade, a Pick Up a Duck Game, and seven vintage Skee-ball machines; all under cover except for the vintage kiddie Ferris Wheel. All rides are still 25¢; the same price as when we opened in 2003! We are able to keep this low-cost, family friendly atmosphere because the park is run by volunteers and the money raised by our one fundraiser, the Park After Dark (August 8, 2023).

In addition to the rides and games and stage shows, this immaculate park features two vintage Wurlitzer band organs and Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show and stage performances -- All Free!

This year, the park will be open the following times:

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

June (Saturday, Sunday): 12 -6 pm

July 3: 12 - 8 pm

July 4: 12 - 6 pm

July -August (Friday, Saturday, Sunday): 12-6 pm

September 1, 2, 3 and 4: 12-6 pm



Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show at 2 pm



There is no admission charge. Leashed dogs are permitted and can take advantage of our Pet Station which offers water, special treats and poopie bags for our four-legged friends. In addition, there are handicapped restrooms equipped with baby changing stations and there is a private nursing mothers' area. No smoking of any kind or alcohol is permitted.

We can accommodate children up to 52 inches tall on the kiddie rides; no exceptions. We require that everyone wear shoes in the park.

You can become a volunteer at the park, Email Rosemary at rsansone1947@gmail.com or call 716-778-7066. Two three hour shifts (12 - 3 & 3 -6 pm) are available each day the park is open. Volunteers can choose the days, shifts and areas where they want to work (ticket booth, carousel operator, Skee-ball, or Pick Up A Duck game). We train our volunteers on Saturday, May 20th from 10 am to 12 pm, but we can make other arrangements if you are not available that day. There is a sign-up sheet in the carousel building for available shifts and jobs.

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

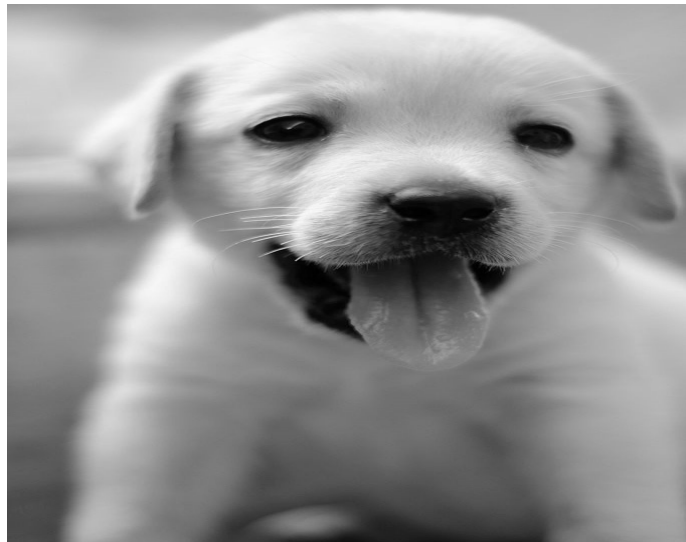
If you are available, we are always looking for volunteers to help get the park open for the season. We will need help on May 6 and May 13 starting at 9 am. Generally, this involves cleaning, some painting and moving equipment from storage.

See you Memorial Day Weekend!



News from the Town Clerk's Office

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



FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2023

The Niagara County Department of Health in cooperation with the Niagara County Veterinary Society will be holding the following **FIVE** FREE Rabies Immunization Clinics in 2023.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW MANDATORY

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR BY PHONE

Any questions or to register by phone, call 716-439-7490
 ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Saturday, April 15 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Somerset Highway Garage 8700 Haight Road, Town of Somerset
Saturday, June 3 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Hyde Park - Oasis/Centennial Pavillion 911 Robbins Drive, City of Niagara Falls
Saturday, July 15 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Wilson Highway Garage 3356 Wilson-Cambria Rd, Town of Wilson
Saturday, September 16 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Lockport Highway Department 6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport
Saturday, December 9 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	City of N. Tonawanda Public Works Dept 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

APPOINTMENTS FOR RABIES CLINIC ARE NOW MANDATORY

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

- BRING YOUR PRIOR RABIES CERTIFICATES.
- Cats and Dogs receiving immunization WITHOUT PROOF of a previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate valid for one year. Dogs and Cats WITH PROOF of previous rabies will receive a certificate valid for three years.
- Cats and Dogs WITH PROOF of previous rabies will receive a certificate valid for three years. Ferrets must receive vaccinations annually, regardless of previous immunization.
- All Animals must be properly restrained. Cats & Ferrets must be in a carrier. Dogs must be leashed.

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:

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

WE DO NOT ACCEPT DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS AT THIS TIME

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

Questions regarding Dog Licenses please contact Town Clerk's Office at 778-8822 #2.

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

JEFFREY NEWMAN
 716-807-6270

RICHARD SMITH
 716-807-4659

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION FOR UNLICENSED DOGS or OVER-DUE 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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NOTARY SERVICE: If you are in need of a Notary Public please call ahead of time to check for availability.

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES: New License sales will start at the beginning of August and can be obtained from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS AT THIS TIME.

“FREE FISHING DAYS” New York’s Free Fishing Days in 2023 are as follows: February 18th and 19th, June 24th and 25th, September 23rd and November 11th. 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 18th, 2023.

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

[Hunter Education Program - NYS Dept. of Environmental ...](#)

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor>

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



WINDSONG RADIOLOGY IN NEWFANE

The Mobile Coach is scheduled to be at the Newfane Town Hall on Monday, July 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For anyone needing 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



COOKING WITH THE CLERKS

Hammy Sams

12 servings About 1 Hour

- 1 Package of Hawaiian rolls
- 1 ½ - 2 sticks of butter
- 2/3 lb. Swiss cheese wafer thin
- 1 lb. Krakus ham wafer thin
- 1 Tablespoon Poppy Seeds
- ½ Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 ½ Tablespoon mustard
- 1 Tablespoon onion flakes
- 2 1/3 Tablespoon brown sugar

aluminum tray

Pre heat to 350*. Cut rolls in ½, being sure to keep them all attached. Spread softened butter on both sides of rolls (about 1 stick). Place bottom side of rolls in aluminum tray. Fold cheese in half and place on each roll for first layer, followed by a layer of ham (folded in half on each roll). Repeat layering as many times as you like until cheese and meat are gone. Place top rolls on top of completed layers.

In saucepan, melt 1 stick of butter on low-medium heat. Add sugar, poppy seeds, Worcestershire sauce, mustard and onion flakes in pan and heat until sugar is dissolved and ingredients are blended well. Pour mixture over top of rolls. Place in oven at 350* for 45-50 minutes or until center is at 160*.

**Keep rolls uncovered in oven until tops are crisp and dark enough, (about 15 min), then cover with foil and cook until done.

BANANA SPLIT DESSERT

Yield: 15 servings

- 2 cups reduced fat graham cracker crumbs (about 32 squares)
- 5 tablespoons reduced fat margarine
- 1 can (12 ounces) cold reduced-fat evaporated milk
- ¼ cup cold fat-free milk
- 2 packages (1 ounce each) sugar-free instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 medium firm bananas, sliced
- 1 can (20 ounces) unsweetened crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 carton (8 ounces reduced-fat frozen whipped topping, thawed)
- 3 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- 3 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- 5 maraschino cherries, quartered

Combine cracker crumbs and margarine; press onto the bottom of a 13x9x2 inch dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. In a bowl, whisk the evaporated milk, fat-free milk, and pudding mixes for 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Spread pudding evenly over crust. Layer with bananas, pineapple, and whipped topping. Sprinkle with nuts; drizzle with chocolate syrup. Top with cherries. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before cutting.

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.

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

Michael R. Mills
Water/Sewer Superintendent

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 checkCredit 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 in 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 bill.

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 require another garbage tote, please contact the Water Department at 716-778-8132 extension 6 to purchase and one will be delivered. We have large garbage totes available for \$80.00 and small totes available for \$50.00. Please be advised an additional annual fee of \$55 applies to any additional tote. Bag tags are available for \$5.00 in the Water office.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
Assessor: Mary Hastings

Welcome to Connie Kyle who was hired to work part time in the Assessor's Office and the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Office.

The office hours for Assessor's Office are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.
Feel free to call the office with any questions at 716 778-8827 Option 4 or email assessor@townofnewfane.com.

Filing of any exemptions must have been filed by March 1, 2023 (exemption filing deadline) for the 2023 Assessment roll. Any applications for an exemption filed after March 1, 2023 will be applied to the 2024 Assessment Roll.

The Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed May 1, 2023

Board of Assessment Review (Grievance Day) is the 4th Tuesday, May 23 at Newfane Town Hall, 2737 Main Street, Newfane NY 14108. If you are unable to attend, make sure you file your paperwork in the Assessor's Office by the close of the work day May 23. Forms for Board of Review are available in the Assessor's Office or online at www.townofnewfane.com under Assessor.

The Final Assessment Roll will be filed July 1, 2023.

****THINKING OF A SPLIT OR MERGE OF PROPERTY? YOU MUST SEE THE ASSESSOR OR BUILDING INSPECTOR DIRECTLY TO COMPLETE PROCESS ... AND A SURVEY IS REQUIRED.****

Throughout the year we are out taking updated photos for our files and working on building permits for the next year. If you have any questions, give us a call at 716 778-8827 Option 4.

Do you need help paying your water/sewer bill?

Made available through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps low income households pay the cost of water and sewer services. The program can assist households who have past due bills (arrears) for water and/or sewer services.

Benefits

LIHWAP is a benefit based on the actual amount of water and /or sewer arrears, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per water or sewer provider, or \$5,000 if water and sewer services are combined, per applicant household. Benefits are paid directly to the household's water and/or sewer vendor(s).

Eligibility:

Eligibility and benefits are based on:

- Income
- Household Size
- Amount owed to water and/or sewer provider(s)

For more information about this program, call the NYS LIHWAP Call Center at 1-833-690-0208

Lakeview Village Shoppes

Opening Weekend May 6th & 7th

The Lakeview Village Shoppes are so excited about the upcoming season in Olcott and again we look forward to welcoming visitors from all over the world! The boardwalk is made up of 10 individually owned small businesses and we are really excited to welcome our two new shoppes; 3 Sisters Garlic and Dragonfly Epress_O. And, our veteran shoppes can't wait for you to see all the new things they have!



5955 Ontario St - Olcott Beach, NY 14126

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| 3 Sisters Garlic | KM Treats / Kaveman Treasures |
| Chenez's Popcorn | New Life Reclaimed |
| Dragonfly Epress_O | Oscar's Doghouse & Ice Cream |
| Gift Box at the Beach | The Boho Siren |
| Just Looking on the Lake | Walden Willow Boutique |

The shoppes will be open for the 2023 season on May 6th at noon! Daily hours for the season are outlined below.

This June, The Boho Siren will host the Olcott Mermaid Festival on the boardwalk on Saturday, June 17th from 12pm to 4pm. The Mermaid Festival will feature fun & games for all ages as well as a costume contest! This year, the parade is also returning at 1pm!

We are also bringing back live music this season to our Friday Nights on the Boardwalk! Every Friday, from June 2nd to September 1st, from 5pm-8pm the boardwalk will host a local winery for tastings and we will have live music playing as well!

May	Weekends Only	12pm to 6pm
Memorial Day to Labor Day	Sunday to Thursday	12pm to 6pm
	Friday and Saturday	12pm to 8pm
September through October	Weekends Only	12pm to 6pm

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

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

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

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

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

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



At The Olcott Beach Carousel Park

FREE! Concessions Available

Bring Blankets & Lawn Chairs

Presented by The Town of Newfane Tourism Board

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

July 20 - Home Alone
July 27 - The Princess Bride
August 24 - The Sound of Music
August 31 - Horton Hears a Who

Visit: www.olcott-newfane.com or www.facebook.com/NewfaneOlcottNY for details!



The Park After Dark: An After Hours Party With Purpose

By Gina Guido-Redden, OBCP Fundraising Chair

Mark your calendars! The Olcott Beach Carousel Park's annual fundraiser - **The Park After Dark will be August 8, 2023!** The fundraiser contributes substantially to the economic viability of the park's mission - providing a high quality attraction at the lowest possible cost to the WNY community. Each and every year, the revenue raised by this event keeps the park on stable economic footing for the following season – funding restoration and improvement projects and offsetting operating costs.

The Park After Dark is **the one and only event held in the park at night** – transforming the kiddie park into a grown up vintage carnival!

<p>Affordable family attractions are bordering on extinction, but The Olcott Beach Carousel Park offers families an affordable day of family fun! Eat, drink and play under the stars while you support our fundraising efforts! Each donation helps us ensure the park remains low cost and high quality, giving every family the chance to make memories that will last a lifetime!</p>	<p>An Evening of Fun & Festivities!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Fresh Popcorn and Nacho Stations o Cider and Beer on tap at the Rialto Beer Garden o Wine by the glass or bottle at Luna Park Landing o Food by Simply Tasteful Served at 7:00 o Carnival Gaming Midway o Skee-Ball Tournament o Carousel Derby Races o Fortune Teller o Strolling Magician o Raffles and 50/50s o Vintage Vocals by Back in the Day 6:00-9:00 o The Sophisticats 7:00-10:00 	<p>Schedule of Events!</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Beer Garden, Wine Bar, Popcorn Stand, Nacho Station, Basket Bonanza Raffle Tent, Skee-ball Tournament and Gaming Midway open to all comers. o Vintage Vocals by Back in the Day <i>Under the circus tent</i> <p>7:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Food service by Simply Tasteful o The Sophisticats <i>On the mainstage</i> <p>7:00 - 10:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Carousel Derby Races <i>Every 30 minutes</i> <p>9:45 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 50/50 Winner Drawn o Raffle Winners Drawn
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- Vintage carnival game midway & prizes
- Fortune Telling
- Midway Madness raffle
- Rialto Beer Garden
- Luna Landing Wine Bar
- Carousel Derby Races
- annual skee-ball tournament
- 50/50 split
- live music on 2 stages
- dancing
- popcorn, nachos, appetizers, dinner and dessert!

Tickets are \$35 pre-sale and \$40 at the door – and can be purchased on line, or from local ticket sellers. **For ticket information and event sponsorship opportunities** (including naming rights to the main stage, the midway games, derby horses, the beer garden and the wine bar) contact the park:

olcottbeachcarouselpark@gmail.com or call us at (716) 713-6434 or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OBCCarousel>



Summer Events . . .

May 6th - 7th - Sat & Sun

Opening Weekend at Lakeview Village Shoppes

This quaint gathering of food & specialty shoppes on the boardwalk opens for the new season! Shoppes are open weekends in May, September and October, and daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. 5955 Ontario Street, Olcott

May 21- Sunday

45th Apple Blossom Festival, 10am-4pm 2685 West Creek Road, Newfane

Enjoy the arrival of spring with old-fashioned attractions and activities, alone with food, entertainment, vendors and hands-on fun. Family Friendly, free admission and free parking (no pets). Benefits the Newfane Historical Society. www.newfanehistoricalsociety.com

May 27- 29- Saturday- Monday Carousel Park Opens!

Celebrate our 21st season featuring Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show on stage at 2pm daily. Days of Operation are Sat., Sun., & Mon., from 12-6pm of Memorial Day Weekend; Open Saturdays and Sundays, 12-6pm through June; open Friday through Sunday 12-6pm, July through Labor Day. Park rides are 25 cents. Call 716-778-7066 for more info.

May 28- Sunday

Super Sunday Car & Bike Cruise, 1-4pm Main St. Olcott

Your favorite classic cars and motorcycles fill Main Street. Family fun for all ages. Free dash plaques to the first 100 cars and bikes. Free admission and parking. Sponsored by OBCA and area businesses. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

May 29- Monday

Memorial Day Observance, 11am Corwin Cemetery

Come join us as we honor those who have served our country in war and peace. Sponsored by the Town of Newfane and by the Newfane American Legion. 716-408-3311

June 2- September 1- Fridays

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

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

June 2- 4- Friday - Sunday

Ye Olde Log Cabin, Opening Weekend

Noon -5pm every Fri-Sun through September 11th.

June 3- August 19 - Saturdays

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

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

June 11- Sunday

Chicken BBQ, Noon- 2:30pm

Olcott United Methodist Church, 5956 Main St.

June 10- Saturday

2nd Annual Newfane Pride Picnic, 12pm-3:30pm, Calhoon's Pub

Join Nuagara Pride and Calhoon's Pub in bringing Pride to Newfane, NY with our second annual family-friendly event. Enjoy entertainment, lawn games, and activities for children. Food will be available. Bring your family, friends, or just yourself to this laid back and fun event designed to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride. Call 716-638-0455 for more info. Caloon's Pub Outdoor Grove 2598 Main

June 11 - Sunday

26th Annual Duck Race, 2pm Olcott Harbor

1000 brightly colored ducks race to the finish line in 18 Mile Creek. Free Admission. \$5 fee to rent a duck. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

June 17th- Saturday

8th Annual Mermaid Festival, Noon-4pm, Parade at 1pm

Come flip & frolic in your most magical mermaid finery. Email thebohosiren@gmail.com for more info. or to sign up for the parade. Lakeview Village Shoppes, 5955 Ontario St, Olcott. (716) 957-0429

June 24- Saturday

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

Held on the Saturday of New York's Free Fishing weekend. No licenses required. Register at the Olcott Marina pavilion. Must be ages 4-15 to participate and accompanied by an adult. Call 716-778-8531 & 716-778-5462 for more info.

June 24- 25- Sunday

NYS Free Fishing Days

No fishing license required anywhere in the State this weekend.

July 1- Saturday

Newfane Chalkfest, 9am-5pm.

Features chalk art in the parking lot behind Newfane Town Hall, 2737 Main St., Newfane. www.wahistudio.org.

July 5- September 27 - Wednesdays

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

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

July 3- Monday

Fireworks over Lake Ontario, 10pm Olcott

July 4- Tuesday

Patriots Day Parade, 12:30pm, Olcott

This parade is nostalgic, patriotic, and fun! Dress up in red, white and blue and decorate your bikes & wagons. Free ice cream and ride tickets for participants. Meet at Krull Park Main St. by noon and march to Olcott Beach Carousel Park. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

July 7- 9- Friday- Sunday

Pirates Festival, Krull Park

Friday 6pm-12am, Saturday 12pm-12am, Sunday 12pm-6pm

Parade Saturday at noon. Rides, food, music, car show and live entertainment. Catch beads at the parade and wear your pirate costume!

July 8- Saturday

Pirate Festival Car Show, 9am- 4pm, Krull Park

Registration 9am-noon. Free event for spectators. Portion of proceeds benefit the Olcott Fire Dept. Register your car at www.wnycruiser.com

July 8 - 9 - Saturday- Sunday

Janice Spagnola's Extra Fun Balloon Stage Show at Olcott Beach Carousel Park

2 pm. FREE event for live on stage at the Tom Kelley Rustic Theatre. Olcott Beach Carousel Park, 5979 Main St, Olcott, 14126. 778-7066

July 16- Sunday

Chicken BBQ, noon-2:30pm

Olcott United Methodist Church, 5956 Main St. Olcott

All are welcome. Call 716-638-4030 for more info.

July 20- Thursday

Free Outdoor Movie Night - Home Alone

Christmas in July Weekend in Olcott - Carousel Park

Gates open 7pm. Begins at dusk (around 9pm). Bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy a movie outdoors in the Olcott Beach Carousel Park. Concessions available. www.facebook.com/NewfaneOlcottNY

July 21- 22- Saturday & Sunday

Santa Visits the Carousel Park, 2:30-5pm Olcott

July 23- Sunday

Omnipresent Puppet Theatre Show

Olcott Carousel Park, 12:30 pm

July 27- Thursday

Free Outdoor Movie Night - The Princess Bride

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

July 29- 30- Saturday & Sunday

Old Olcott Days, Noon-5pm, Ye Olde Log Cabin

Call 716-778-8284 for more info.

August 11- Friday

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

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

August 13- Sunday

Law Enforcement Day at Olcott Beach Carousel Park,

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

August 13- Sunday

Chicken BBQ, Noon- 2:30pm

Olcott United Methodist Church, 5956 Main St.

August 20- Sunday

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

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

August 24- Thursday

Free Outdoor Movie Night - The Sound of Music

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

August 26- Saturday

2nd Annual Newfane Community Day, 3-10pm

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

August 31- Thursday

Free Outdoor Movie Night - Horton Hears a Who

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

OLCOTT BEACH CONCERT SERIES 2023

At the Olcott Beach Gazebo

(Next to Carousel Park) Main Street, Olcott

ALL CONCERTS 2-4 PM (unless otherwise noted)

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

Mon., May 29	Mark Mazur & His Little Big Band	
	MEMORIAL DAY	2pm to 4pm
Sun., June 4	Nite Cruze	2pm to 4pm
Sun., June 11	TBD	2pm to 4pm
Sun., June 18	Dave Stoll Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., June 25	Joe Baudo Quartet	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 2	Barker Community Band	2pm to 4pm
Mon., July 3	Easy Street Big band	7pm to 9pm
Tue., July 4	Mark Mazur & His Little Big Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 9	Lancaster Steel Drum Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 16	Pocket Change	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 23	Me and the Boys	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 30	Riverdogs	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 6	Buffalo Banjo Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 13	Janice Mitchell & Jim Beischline	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 20	My Cousin Tone	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 27	Easy Street Big Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., Sept. 3	**Olcott Beach Jazz Trail**	12pm to 8:30pm
Mon., Sept. 4	LABOR DAY	Riverdogs 2pm to 4pm

Wednesday Concerts at the Gazebo

sponsored by the Newfane Business Association (NBA)

Main Street Gazebo - Newfane

All concerts start at 7pm, except the June 28 music recital (6 pm). Bring a chair, your friends and family to the Gazebo on Main Street (Rt 78 north of Town Hall). Concerts are sponsored by the Newfane Business Association, Town of Newfane and Wilson's Pizza.

June 28: Newfane Music Recital (6-8pm)

July 5: Nickel City Blues Band - Blues & Rock

July 12: Double Barrell - Classic Rock

July 19: The Byways - Folk Rock Band

July 26: The Heenan Brothers
Folky, Bluesy, Americana Canal Blues

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

Aug. 9: Restless Soles Folk
Country, Reggae, Americana and more

Aug. 16: Tom and Sarah Wright - Acoustic Duo

Note: Concerts may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please refer to our Facebook page for last minute cancellations.
facebook.com/NewfaneOlcottNY

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.



Update from Your Newfane Schools Superintendent, Michael Baumann

Panther Field - Open for the Community!

This past October we had the thrill of hosting our first events in our brand-new **Panther Field**. Unfortunately, winter weather arrived shortly after that, so we really didn't get the opportunity to share this beautiful facility with the Newfane Community. But with nicer weather arriving soon, if you haven't checked out the stadium yet, please do. And feel free to step out onto the nearly four acres of artificial turf- the same turf that the Bills play on at Highmark Stadium. In addition to the multi-use rectangular athletic field, we are looking forward to seeing our softball and baseball teams playing under the lights this spring. And we also hope to see many of you on the tennis and pickleball courts, which we included in this project specifically for our community partners to use. Three of the 6 new tennis courts are also lined for pickleball, and the mobile nets will be available for our pickleball enthusiasts. With our athletic teams playing under the lights this Spring, we anticipate the facility, including the tennis/pickleball courts, being lit up most nights until at least 9:00 PM until the end of the school year. Summer hours will depend on usage. And for all you hardcore pickleballers out there, keep an eye out for information on the first ever Newfane BOE-sponsored Pickleball Tournament!

Building Improvements This Summer

This summer will see the focus of the remaining capital project work shifting to the Middle School and the Early Childhood Center, as we enter the second year of the \$30.5 million project. There will be significant roofing work happening at both locations as soon as the weather allows. Once school wraps for the year, the middle school will be off-limits as they begin remodeling the auditorium, reconfiguring the main office and Transit Road entrance, refinishing the wood throughout the building and reconstructing the track and field complex. There will also be significant work being done on the parking lots (including an expansion of the middle school faculty lot and the elimination of the "nose-in" parking along Transit in front of the building).

Summer Programs and Activities

Speaking of summer programming, the District has already begun planning for our **third year** of the summer **Academic Enrichment Program**. This year, because of the capital project construction at the Middle School, the K-6 grade Enrichment program will be held at Newfane Elementary school. The 7-12 grade credit recovery program will be held at Newfane High School. Middle School Assistant Principal /Summer Program Coordinator Caroline Miller has already begun working with teams of teachers to plan for summer enrichment activities that will allow our student to strengthen and enhance their academic skills this summer. Like last year, transportation will be provided, and breakfast and lunch service will be available for all our K-6 students who are involved in the summer program. We are also continuing our collaboration with the Town of Newfane and offering the afternoon summer recreation program for all students. **Summer Rec** will run from noon until 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday, and will be available for our K-6 students after the Academic Enrichment program. More information on signing up for our summer programs will be coming out soon.

Budget and Capital Improvements

As it is every year, the Spring is also the time when we come to the public and ask for support for our school district budget. The budget for the 2023-2024 school year will show a fairly substantial increase over this past year- nearly an 8.5% budget-to-budget spending increase. But that increase on the expense side of the budget reflects new costs associated with the ongoing capital project- costs which will be totally off-set by an equal increase to our revenue through our state aid allocation. So, while the over-all budget number will increase from \$36.7 to \$39.8 million, the amount of that budget that comes from the tax levy (the portion of the budget that comes from your school taxes) will only increase by 1%. Basically, if you have a home that has a market value of \$150,000 you can expect to pay no more than \$15.00 more in school taxes next year.

If you remove the capital project debt service from the budget equation, we are proposing a budget-to-budget increase of about \$1 million, very consistent with the increases of the past several years. These increases are largely due to the uncontrollable cost increases (health care costs, contractual salary increases, TRS/ERS and FICA increases) we deal with every year, which have been exacerbated by the recent growth in the inflation rate. However, by taking advantage of years of conservative spending and the prudent use of the federal stimulus monies we received after the pandemic, 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 burden on our tax payers. In addition, the Board of Education is continuing the "No Supply List" initiative started in the 2021-2022 school year. This will be the third year in row that classroom supply lists will NOT be sent home by our teachers- we will once again ensure that all the necessary student supplies are ordered by the District and provided to our students at no additional charge or hassle to parents.

In addition to our general operating budget, there will also be an additional proposition recommending the establishment of a **new "capital reserve" fund**. This proposition allows us to set up an account where the District can begin setting aside funds to help pay for future capital improvement projects. By setting aside funds incrementally over the next few years, we can ensure that future capital projects, like the current project, can be done without increasing the tax levy.

On May 2, 2023 we will hold our annual Budget Hearing to explain our budget proposal and the reserve fund proposition in greater detail. 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 2022-2023 school year will be presented to the public for voter approval on May 18, 2023. The budget vote and Board of Education election will be held at Newfane Elementary School (Aquatics Center entrance) from 12:00 noon until 8:00PM, and absentee ballots will be available upon request. Anyone interested in running for one of the two Board of Education seats that are up this year is encouraged to contact our Board Clerk, Crystal Franks, at 778-6856 for more information.

Thank You Newfane

Finally, on a personal note, I'd like to extend my own heartfelt thank you to the entire Newfane Community. I will be retiring from my position as Superintendent of Schools at the end of this school year. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to have worked for you these past eight years, and to have worked with so many talented, dedicated, hard-working professionals- both in the district and the community. Newfane is a very special place; and I will always appreciate and remember fondly the time I spent here.

"Together We Can"



Newfane Alumni Association

As we begin the third year of the Newfane Alumni Association, I can't believe how much we have accomplished in such a short time. Our members keep stepping up with great ideas to support our students and volunteer their time to make us visible in the community.

Thank You Rachel Maziarz

One of those great members, Rachel Maziarz, has agreed to be our new Second Vice President. Rachel has been a driving force behind many of our projects including the Christmas Giving Tree and Easter Vendor Fair, with plans for a summer golf tournament to support alumni activities. As the Second Vice President, she provides us with continuity through the 2024-25 school year. Thank you, Rachel.

Brick Fundraiser Supports Programs and Scholarships

Our brick fundraiser has been a huge success and is still going strong. All 238 bricks ordered in 2022 have been delivered, and we will be placing another order shortly for bricks purchased in 2023. The bricks will be secured under the pavilion this spring, and we are planning a dedication ceremony at that time. There is still space available for more bricks, so sales will continue throughout the year. Due to the success of the brick sales, the Alumni Association will be working with Level One Financial Advisors to invest our proceeds with the purpose of preserving capital while earning a greater return rate than in a savings account. This will allow us to earn a return which will fund scholarships, mini-grants, and other student-focused projects without using our savings. And, as the advisor is working pro-bono, there is no cost to the Association. Another huge NAA success is our scholarship program. A big thank you to Brian and Valerie Hamluk for starting the John and Elsbeth Hamluk Memorial Scholarship in honor of their parents. Additionally, the Association has selected the recipients for the first Camp Kenan Scholarships for elementary and middle school students in memory of Harrison Hazlett. Due to our fundraising efforts, we are able to award three Kenan scholarships. And, don't forget to apply for the Newfane Alumni Association scholarships which are now open to students and will be awarded in June. These include the Class of 1970, Kevin Newton Memorial Baseball, and Hamluk scholarships to be managed by the Association. Please contact us if your class or family is interested in starting a scholar-

ship, we can help you set it up! Recently, we participated in the Newfane Girls Alumni Basketball and Boys Basketball games in support of Panther Pretty. Upcoming events include the Elementary School Career Day on March 24th, Panther Pretty on March 25th, and the Easter Vendor Fair and Basket Raffle on April 1. If you would like to take a more active role in the Association or volunteer at an event, please reach out to any officer or board member to see how you can help.

NAA meetings are on Zoom the third Monday of each month at 7:00PM -- you can attend from home. Our next meeting will be on March 20th.

How can I attend a meeting? Go to zoom.com
Meeting ID: 531 394 6242 Passcode: 5eF6rY

How do I buy a brick?
Visit <https://polarengraving.com/newfanealumni>

How do I become a member of the association or make a nomination for distinguished alumni?
Visit <https://newfanealumni.org>

Newfane Elementary Students to Sponsor Luncheon for Military Members and Veterans



The Newfane Elementary School Student Senate will again be sponsoring a military luncheon for all active duty military and veterans. This will be held at the Newfane Community Center on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. The cost is free and you may bring a guest. Please RSVP no later than May 2nd to Virginia Bower at 778-6376 or via email vbower@newfanecentralschools.org Please enter through the glass double doors in the back of the Newfane Town Hall, 2737 Main Street.

Family Swim at the Newfane Pool

Saturday, April 22, 2023

11am to 1pm

\$2 per swimmer or \$5 per family

No reservation needed, just come and have fun!



Please check out the Newfane Central Schools Website for other aquatic opportunities such as ongoing classes and pool rentals for parties.
<https://www.newfane.wnyric.org>

SUMMER AQUATIC PROGRAMS

June 27th – July 28th (5 weeks)

**** These Classes have a walk-in fee: **\$2.00/day** ****

ADULT SWIM	MONDAY/ WEDNESDAY/ FRIDAY	7:00 – 8:45 am
WATER AEROBICS	MONDAY/ FRIDAY	10:45 – 11:30 am
LAP SWIM ...	MONDAY THRU FRIDAY	11:30 – 12:15 pm
DEEP WATER AEROBICS	WEDNESDAYS	10:45 – 11:30 am
PARENT & CHILD / 3 YR OLD Class	WEDNESDAYS	10:45 – 11:30 am



Summer Learn to Swim Program

<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION ONE</p> <p>A. June 26th – July 14th (3 weeks) Cost: \$ 56.00 Monday – Friday 9:00 - 9:30 am Levels I & II 9:30 - 10:00 am Levels I & II</p> <p>B. July 17th – July 28th (2 weeks) Cost: \$ 40.00 Monday – Friday 9:00 - 9:30 am Levels I & II 9:30 - 10:00 am Levels I & II</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION TWO</p> <p>A. June 26th – July 14th (3 weeks) Cost: \$ 56.00 Monday - Friday 9:00 - 9:45 am Levels III & up</p> <p>B. July 17th – July 28th (2 weeks) Cost: \$ 40.00 Monday - Friday 9:00 - 9:45 am Levels III & up</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION THREE</p> <p>June 26th – July 28th (5 weeks) Cost: \$ 56.00 Mon – Wed – Fri 10:00 - 10:45 am All Levels</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION FOUR</p> <p>June 27th – July 27th (5 weeks) Cost: \$ 40.00 Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 – 8:45 am All Levels 10:00 – 10:45 am All Levels 12:15 – 1:00 pm All Levels</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION FIVE</p> <p>June 26th – July 26th (5 weeks) Cost: \$ 36.00 Monday & Wednesday 12:15 - 1:00 pm All Levels</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMPETITIVE SWIM</p> <p>June 27th – July 27th (5 weeks) Cost: \$ 20.00 Tuesday & Thursday 10:45 - 11:30 am</p>

Questions, call Bernadette Seymour, Coordinator of Community Programs, at 778-6853

2023 NEWFANE AQUATIC SUMMER SWIM LESSONS REGISTRATION FORM

Child (Children) Name and Age:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

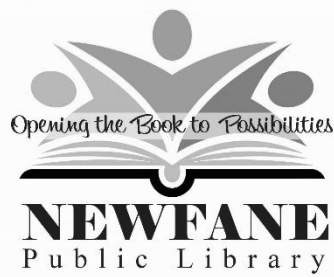
Address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Number Enrolled: _____ x \$ _____ Cash: _____ Session: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____



Newfane Public Library
2761 Maple Avenue, Newfane, NY 14108
www.newfanepubliclibrary.org
Phone & Fax (716) 778-9344
Email: Newfanelibrary@Nioga.org

Library Hours
Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Or visit us anytime at our NEW website:
www.newfanepubliclibrary.org

Check out what's new at your Newfane Public Library. The little library with BIG ideas!

From books to programs, the Newfane Public Library always has something new in store for all ages! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the most up to date information on upcoming programs and reading incentives.

Here are a few of our upcoming events:

March

- 3/14 Book Club Meeting 6pm
- 3/20 Gadgets and Gizmos Tech Help with Sarah 11-12pm

April

- 4/3 Library Board Meeting at 6pm
- 4/4 Snap Nutrition Class 3:30pm
- 4/5 Library opens late at 11am for staff training
- 4/5 Lego Club 6pm
- 4/6 Easter Storytime and Egg Hunt 11am and 5pm
- 4/7 and 4/8 Library Closed
- 4/18 Simple and Sustainable Backyard gardening 6pm (Environmental Class Series)
- 4/20 Fishing Class 6pm (Environmental Class Series)
- 4/25 Facebook Help with Sarah 6-8pm
- 4/27 Geology Class 6pm (Environmental Class Series)

May

- 5/2 Snap Nutrition 3:30pm
- 5/2 Potager Gardens (Environmental Class Series)
- 5/3 Lego Club
- 5/4 Invasive Species (Environmental Class Series)
- 5/9 Book Club 6pm
- 5/22 The Intersection of Literature and the Environment 6pm (Environmental Class Series)
- 5/27 and 5/29 Library Closed

**Environmental classes supported by a grant provided by:
The Niagara Area Foundation,
a division at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo**



Walk Through History in Olcott's Krull Park

Generations of residents and visitors have enjoyed picnics, sunsets and the serenity of time spent in Olcott's Krull Park, but try taking this walk (or drive, or imagine as you read) around Krull Park with an eye for the historic events and experiences that make Krull Park such a special place. If you enter the park through the stone pillars at the corner of Main Street and look to Lake Ontario along Franklin Street, you will be viewing the space once occupied by the James Cooper house built in the mid-1800s. Cooper was one of Olcott's earliest settlers and developers who owned an early hotel on the west side near Water Street, built the first harbor piers and operated a shipping warehouse. The Cooper House later became a hotel known as the Tenbrook House, Lakeshore House (pictured) and Grove House before it was demolished by the International Railway Corporation (IRC) when they built the Olcott Beach Hotel.

Keep walking toward the stone wall and the top of the steps above the Krull Park beach. The imposing high stone wall under and to the right of you was part of the five-story hotel's foundation that occupied this space from 1900 to 1937. Stone for the walls framing the terraces below was brought from Lockport and placed on the hotel's footprint when Niagara County developed the park beginning in 1938.



Now walk east through the park – in the 1800s this area was privately owned and called the Pine Grove. In addition to the Tenbrook house there were two other 'cottages' that we would call country estates today. When the grove was purchased by the IRC and they built the hotel, they removed the Tenbrook house, used one of the cottages as a hotel annex and moved the other to the south side of Main Street. The IRC demolished the hotel, these structures and most of their holdings in 1937. Prior to selling their house to the IRC, the Tenbrook family made their property available to the public for summer picnics and outings and this is where the Niagara County Pioneer's Association held their summer gatherings beginning in 1877 ... a summer tradition that would continue for seventy years.

Turn and walk toward the Olcott Lions Club's 'Mike Rann Pavilion', which is the spot where the original Ye Olde Log Cabin was built in 1888 by the Niagara County Pioneer's Association. Today's replica Ye Olde Log Cabin museum situated further east was constructed to revive the history and heritage that the forward-thinking pioneers sought to share with us 150 years ago. Along this section of the Pine Grove you would also have encountered the original Bye's Popcorn stand, an ice cream parlor, souvenir sales and John Boeckmann's photography gazebo, where Boeckmann produced many of the family and Olcott Beach postcards we still collect and share today.

Moving on you will approach the dip and bandstand near the lake bank. This was the site of the former Rustic Theatre (pictured right) where then Governor Theodore Roosevelt spoke to an estimated crowd of 10,000 people at the Pioneer Association picnic in 1899. The Rustic Theatre was also the outdoor venue used by the Olcott Beach Hotel to entertain guests with vaudeville, trapeze, big-band and dance troupe performances. At the park's east end parking lot you are now at the site of the trolley depot where the Lockport-Olcott trolley passengers would disembark for their stay at the Olcott Beach Hotel and the trolley cars

looped around for the return trip to Lockport. Outside the park to the east are the seasonal Camp Allen cottages, a summer resort colony that dates back to the 1800s when visitors first used the site for tent camping.

From the parking lot, walk toward the southeast corner of the park on the lake side of Main Street. You may need to look around, but you will find the ground level foundation remains of the merry-go-round operated by the hotel, and this is where visitors could ride a miniature railway that took them through the grove from the trolley depot to the hotel entrance. Then make your way down Main Street to the crossroad toward Route 18. As you view the area south of Main Street, this is where the IRC built 'The Rialto' (pictured below) -- an amusement park for hotel and Olcott visitors that had a roller-coaster, roller-skating rink, baseball field, carnival games and food. When automobiles became popular, ridership on the trolley and visits to The Rialto dropped, so the IRC closed and demolished The Rialto in 1925.

As you cross Route 18 and enter what is today the south side of Krull Park, this area remained farm fields, peach and apple orchards until it was donated to Niagara County.

Frederick Krull, a Niagara Falls banker, political leader and member of the Pioneer's Association purchased the property from the IRC in 1938 and two days later he donated it to Niagara County for use as a park. Development of the Pine Grove and the area south into a county park began in 1938 in Krull's name.

Walking south on the park's west side lane, baseball and softball fields were built that attracted hundreds of players and spectators every Sunday for decades, and to the left there was a wading pool that was replaced with today's water splash park. Further south, across from the tennis courts and toward the Park Lane homes you will see a mounded pathway extending from the road to the woods that is the remnant of the old trolley line. The Lockport-Olcott trolley line split at south end of Krull Park; one spur ran down the east park road to the trolley depot and another spur ran behind Park Lane and Franklin Street, by today's Post Office and along the Eighteen-Mile creek bank to the east federal pier. The serenity of the park's south end has long been a haven for those seeking quiet space and is also known for wild mushroom harvesting and is popular among birdwatchers looking for bluebirds, warblers and songbirds.



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At the south end loop there was once the Olcott Lions Little League park with its green fence and dugouts where Olcott kids imagined they were in the big leagues. Walking back toward the lake on the east park road, the land to the east was the former Charles Lawton farm that the county later purchased, which extended the park acreage over to Transit and south to opposite Jockey Road. Closer to Lake Road, the Lawton farm purchase was developed as softball, soccer and lacrosse fields through the 1970s to 1990s and ice rinks were added. There were also a couple of houses along Lake Road, plus Speedie's concession stand, that were removed when they realigned Lake Road for construction of the Route 18 high bridge.

As you walk back across Route 18, this area of Krull Park was divided by road building in 1970 when today's high bridge was constructed. Continue to Main Street and walk west, noting the large white house with the cupola, which was a birthing hospital in the early 1900s where the great-grandparents of some of today's Olcott residents were born.

Next is the lot where the New Rialto Park and Open-Air bar were located and the steel remnants of the merry-go-round are still in place. The New Rialto was operated by Robert Murray, Neil Tothill and the Mylars from the 1940s to the 1990s. The three-story Mermaid Express Inn was built at the turn of the century to house workers that erected the Olcott Beach Hotel and was formerly called the Ronson Hotel, Skinny's Olcott Hotel, Olcott Inn and the Commodore Inn. The 170-year old homestead on the corner at Franklin Street was built in 1850 and has been occupied over the years by the Ferguson, Shaver, Burke, Hutchins and Ohol families.

Bill Clark, Town of Newfane Historian
historian@townofnewfane.com

2024 Bicentennial Planning

A Bicentennial committee was formed in December to begin planning Newfane's 200-year anniversary celebration in 2024. Citizens and community groups are coming together to plan an exciting number of events and special days in 2024 that will recognize our community's rich heritage and bright future. The committee is meeting on the third Thursday of each month to discuss a wide range of suggestions and activities, and is seeking help from organizations, residents and students. A lot of details are yet to be determined, but the Bicentennial committee wants to focus on the many existing events and functions that are held throughout Newfane each year and work with organizers to incorporate bicentennial themes and festivities into their plans. A few key events are gaining community momentum; including a kick-off celebration around March 20, the date in 1824 when the town was formed, and enhanced celebrations for the July 3 fireworks, a community day in Olcott in July and special events on Main Street Newfane in August. You can follow bicentennial preparations on the Town of Newfane website or on Facebook at 'Newfane Bicentennial 1824-2024', and folks are welcome to join the monthly bicentennial meetings.

Contact: newfane2024@gmail.com



Bicentennial Logo Design Contest Announced

The Town of Newfane Bicentennial Committee is sponsoring a public contest to create a logo that will be used as a symbol and promotional emblem representing 2024 bicentennial events, activities and products. The logo on this page was prepared for temporary use and will be replaced with a winning selection crafted by local designers. There is no cost to enter and a cash prize of \$200, donated by a local citizen, will be awarded to the winner.

Who can participate in the contest?

The contest is open to residents of all ages that reside in the Town of Newfane or the Newfane Central School District. One or more designs can be submitted by individual residents, families, groups and school or not-for-profit organizations. Commercial submissions are not eligible.

What are the criteria for logo designs?

- .. The design must include the name "Newfane", the word 'Bicentennial' and the year '2024'.
- .. Designs must be the participant's original work and cannot copy or use content designed by others. They cannot contain clipart, copyrighted content or images, or copy and paste material from published or online sources.
- .. Logo designs can be drawings or digitally prepared using graphic or publication software. The winning submission, however, must be one that can be converted to or applied in multiple file formats (including vector) that will produce high quality printing and applications.

Contest details and rules are available at www.townofnewfane.com -- or on Facebook 'Newfane bicentennial 1824 - 2024'

Email contest submissions to newfane2024@gmail.com by 4:00 pm, **June 15, 2023**. Label the submission 'Logo Contest' and it must include the logo design, the designer and/or sponsor's name, address, email and telephone number.

Help With Your Spring Clean-Out
Two Drop-Off Events
Electronic Recycling, Saturday, May 13
Household Hazardous Waste, Saturday, June 10

Electronic Materials Drop-Off

Saturday, May 13 from 9am - 1pm

at the Town of Newfane Highway Department, 6176 McKee Street

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

Please be prepared to show ID as proof of Newfane residency

ACCEPTABLE ELECTRONICS FOR RECYCLING

COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES

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

MOBILE DEVICES

Cell phones/Smart phones
 Tablets
 PDAs
 MP3 players
 Cameras

DATA CENTER EQUIPMENT

Servers
 Storage arrays
 Network related equipment
 Power distribution units
 Routers and switches
 Cabling
 Switchgear
 Panelboard
 Mainframe computer equipment
 Motor generator sets
 Server racks

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

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

ENTERTAINMENT EQUIPMENT

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Rechargeable Dry Cell Batteries
(Nickel Hydride, Lithium Ion)
 Most Home Appliances
(no refrigerators)
 GPS Units
 Wires & Cables
 Fitness Trackers/Smart Watches
 Power Tools

LAB & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Defibrillators
 IV Pumps
 Spectrometers
 Ultrasound Equipment
 Anesthesia Units

CABLE EQUIPMENT

Cable Boxes
(analog, digital, satellite)



SUNNKING

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

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

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off - June 10, 2023

Sign-up online or call in advance ... Check first to see what is eligible

The Town of Newfane is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste event at the Highway Department, 6176 McKee Street for all Niagara County residents on June 10, 2023. Anyone interested must sign up in advance at www.rethinkyourwaste.com or call 716 439-7242. There is a list of acceptable items here and on the website.

Please read the list of Eligibility and Exclusions and Acceptable Items prior to scheduling an appointment:

Eligibility and Exclusions:

Must be a resident of Niagara County

The first 50-lbs of waste is covered by Niagara County and NYSDEC (Voucher program only). All extra weight or excluded material is the responsibility of the generator

Only waste generated from homes is accepted. Not-for-profits, and businesses are excluded

Alkaline Batteries, Motor Oil, Electronics and Explosives are NOT ACCEPTED.

All residents are required to pre-register online or call

Fire Extinguishers, Smoke Detectors and Propane Tanks are subject to additional fees

Acceptable Items:

Oil-based Paint

Wood Stains and Preservatives

Automotive Fluids (Antifreeze, Brake, Power Steering and Transmission Fluids)

Pesticides and Fertilizers (both Solid and Liquid)

Flammable Products (Gasoline, Kerosene, Thinners, Strippers, Solvents, Glues, etc.)

Household Cleaners (Soaps, Waxes, Drain Cleaners, etc.)

Driveway and Roof Sealer

Pool and Photo Chemicals

Mercury (Thermometers, Thermostats)

Fluorescent Bulbs



*Better, Safer Ways to Dispose of
Hazardous Waste*

Roadside Brush Pickup -- What to Do and Not Do

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

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

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

We will NOT pick up large STUMPS.

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

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

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

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

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



“Bringing hope one day at a time.”

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

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

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

CONTACT US

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

OLCOTT BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Olcott Beach Community Association (OBCA) is a group made up of community members and business owners that meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

We rotate our meeting locations to support a local business each month. There is no fee to join and everyone is welcome at all of our meetings.

The OBCA is so excited for the coming year and we are already planning our annual events for 2023: Our Super Sunday Car Cruise is scheduled for Sunday, May 28th from 1pm-4pm on Main Street with the first 100 cars receiving a commemorative dash plaque along with a goodie bag from our local businesses.

The weekly Saturday Night Car & Bike Nights will start on Saturday, June 3rd and run all summer until Saturday, August 26th (with the exception of July 8th because of the Pirate Car Show) from 5pm to 8pm on Main Street in Olcott. There is no fee to attend thanks to our many great local sponsors!

Our annual Duck Race will be taking place in the Olcott Harbor on Sunday, June 11th at 2pm. Duck Tickets (\$5 each) will be available from local sellers and our local businesses in the weeks leading up to the race. The money raised from this event helps pay for the 3rd of July Fireworks as well as other OBCA projects.

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



NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!! AND the Garden Club is back to holding indoor meetings! The pandemic shut us down, but we have made slow, steady progress back to a meeting schedule. Our aim is to share knowledge and ideas concerning gardening and the environment.

We are a garden club, but we do more than garden. We usually meet at our Home Base (Newfane Community Room), but we also take field trips or meet at member's homes when invited.

We started our year with a member demonstrating how to make teacup cactus gardens. That was a nice project for a cold, snowy February meeting.

We hosted speakers from Hahn's Honeybee Haven in March. Their interesting program gave us ideas for pollinator friendly plants for our gardens and told us about the effect of pesticides on pollinators.

In April a member will demonstrate making jewelry using "paint skins". The popular craft of paint pouring results in paint run off. When it is dried, it forms "paint skins" that can be used in other crafts.

There are several outings planned, in May we will visit Heimiller's Greenhouse. The owner is always glad to answer our gardening questions and then we shop for spring/summer garden plants. There is always a wonderful variety of healthy plants available.

June and July we will meet at member's homes for garden tours and refreshments.

The August gathering will be at Ancestral Acres, Ridge Road, Hartland. The owner of this farm grows and dries beautiful flowers. We will tour her extensive gardens with her.

In October we will again host the Hahn's Honeybee Haven speakers. They will demonstrate making beeswax luminaries and assist our members in making them to take home.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: This is information and a request for volunteers not connected to the Niagara Shores Garden Club business.

Every Spring a dedicated group of volunteers have planted flowers around the trees on Main Street. There is always a need for volunteers to plant and weed these plots. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to continue as a volunteer, please email Nancy Beakman at nancybeakman@yahoo.com. We are attempting to put together a list of volunteers to continue this important work of beautifying the Town. We are also looking for volunteers to water the plants daily. It is a 3 hour daily commitment during the hot, dry summer. However, if enough volunteers are found, the duty could be shared. Our many thanks to the volunteers who have planted and maintained the plots in past years.



SPARKLE THIS SPRING MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



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EYELASHES
FACIALS
MAKEUP



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NEWFANE NY 14108

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MILLER HOSE FIRE COMPANY

Fire Chief Jason Coleman

President James Enderton

It has been an eventful past few months with the massive Josh Allen height snow that came in late November and the historic Christmas weekend "Blizzard of 2022". For us older folks out there, we can include this in our memory resume alongside the "Blizzard of 77". Miller Hose volunteers answered numerous calls over the 2-3 day storm response and our members remained on station for hours. Then came the rumble of an earthquake in February and rain, ice and snow followed days later. We did not receive the full blunt of Mother Nature that Erie County got, but it certainly caught our attention. Then on March 1st, the tragic news that a City of Buffalo firefighter from Engine 2 had died at a fire scene. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and all others involved. As of this writing, the Ides of March have not completed their timeline and here's hoping that April showers only bring April flowers.

Retention and Recruitment Legislation

In the coming month(s), county and local governments will be reviewing a new state law that would allow them to authorize a property tax reduction for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. The law would assist in the retention of current members and recruitment of new volunteers. Membership in the volunteer fire and EMS service here and across the state has become a major concern and some local towns already have an incentive program in place ... the Town of Newfane does not. A number of years ago, two attempts to create an incentive program were put up for a vote and both were turned down. Recruitment and retention of members has become as important as training and responses to an emergency situation. In 2022, Miller Hose received a record number of 987 calls made up of 172 fire/rescue related and 815 EMS responses. On average that is 2 to 3 per day. Man or woman power is another reason that retention/recruitment incentives are so important to a volunteer organization like Miller Hose and the other Area 3 fire companies. Tax relief would be an important incentive to acknowledge the time, effort and potential risks that our first responders face and would significantly improve public safety for the community. For more details on this legislation proposal, please call your state, county or local representatives.

Awards, Honors and Memorials

The Miller Hose Fire Company celebrated their 112th year of service to the Town of Newfane at the annual Installation of Officers banquet on January 28th, where those elected to lead the Company in 2023 were installed. Following a welcome by Master of Ceremonies, Undersheriff Michael Dunn, Pastor Kim Smith, Miller Hose Chaplin rendered the Invocation. A moment of silence was taken in remembrance of former Chief Roger Gillings (1985-1987) and Past President Larry Miller (1965-1967) who passed in 2022.

MC Dunn introduced the honored guests that included NYS Senator Rob Ortt, George McNerney representing Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, NYS Assemblyman Michael Norris, Niagara County Legislator Shawn Foti (MHC member), Newfane Town Supervisor John Syracuse, Newfane Town Board member Richard Coleman (MHC member), Newfane Town Clerk Mickie Kramp and Niagara County Fire Coordinator Jonathan Schuliz. Also introduced were guests representing the Area 3 fire companies of Barker, Hartland, Olcott, South Wilson, Wilson and Wrights Corners.

Following dinner prepared by Donna Eick and her staff, the elected officers installed for 2023 were: President James Enderton, Vice President Robert Snyder, Secretary Alexia Marvin, Corresponding Secretary Jennifer Killion, Treasurer Michael Mills, Assistant Treasurer Tammy Gumby, 3 Year Trustee Gregory Dunning, 2 Year Trustee Nate Knab, 2 Year Trustee Richard Coleman, 1 Year Trustee Shawn Foti and Bar Steward John King.

Fire and EMS officers installed were: Fire Chief Jason Coleman, Assistant Chief Gary Snyder, 2nd Assistant Chief Megan Snyder, 3rd Assistant Chief Todd Carpenter, EMS Captain Shannon Coleman, 1st Lieutenant Chris Gontko, 2nd Lieutenant Kurt Schuler, Fire Police Captain Gregory Dunning.

MHC Ladies Auxiliary officers installed were: President Julie Muller,

Vice President Janice Mitton, Secretary Paula Holzman, Treasurer Christine Smith, Trustee Christine Smith, Purchasing Agent Julie Muller, Sunshine Correspondent Paula Holzman.

Installed MHC Exempts officers were: President Carlton Greenwald, Vice President Edward Gillings, Secretary Paul Beakman, Treasurer Bernard Stoltz, 1 year Trustee Jeffrey McDonough, 3 year Trustee Richard Coleman, Sergeant at Arms David Braun.

The Junior Firefighters taking the Oath were: President Jeanne Dunkelberger, Vice President Timothy Goerss, Secretary Ella Dickinson, Treasurer Ella Dickinson, Captain Peter Blake.

Newfane Town Clerk Mickie Kramp administered the Oath and swearing in of the Miller Hose Fire Police.

Chief Coleman gave a highlight synopsis of the MHC year of 2022 followed by the introduction and award presentation to the 10 top fire/rescue responders. Kurt Schuler(127), Todd Carpenter(101), Greg Dunning(89), Jeff Brown(88), Jennifer Killion(81), Tammy Gumby(79), Jeff McDonough(72), Tim Ryan(64), Robert Snyder(60), Butch Albee(54). Three new members were added to the roster in 2022: Patrick Carpenter, coming from the Junior Firefighters. returning past members Clayton Skye and Dakota Jeffords. Receiving years of service pins and awards were: Jeffery McDonough, 30 pin years and the traditional maroon coat. Receiving the 25 year watch and pin, Don Yung. Receiving their 5 year pins, Annette Carpenter and Karley Niezgoda.

EMS Captain Shannon Coleman spoke about the record number (815) of EMS calls that Miller Hose EMT's responded in 2022. An update was provided on new equipment that was purchased for training and recertification purpose. Shannon also made note of a number of Junior Firefighters attending drill nights put on by the EMS department. A special Thank You was given to MHC member Ray Catanesi, a NYS certified training officer and paramedic for all his support and instruction. The top 10 EMS responders were announced; Robert Snyder(236), Tim Ryan(177), Tammy Gumby(165), Don Yung(156), Mark Phelps(138), Jennifer Killion(126), Megan Snyder(95), Jason Coleman(94), Gary Snyder(80), William Dunkelberger(79). Recognized for obtaining their NYS EMT Certification were Tammy Gumby and Jennifer Killion. In conclusion, the following EMT's were cited for their efforts during 3 days in the month of August that could have ended with tragic results: EMT's Kurt Schuler, Chris Gontko, Don Yung, Tammy Gumby, Tim Ryan, Jason Coleman.

Alexis Marvin, Junior Firefighter Advisor along with Jeanne Dunkelberger, President of the Junior Firefighters presented the William Krauss Memorial Award. This monetary award was established by the Krauss family in memory of Bill's involvement with the Explorer Program that became the Junior Firefighters. It is based on the activities of a person in the program that eventually moves to the active roster. The first half of the award is given on the person's first installation dinner. The second award comes on attendance at the second installation. Receiving their second \$250 award totaling \$500 is Natallie Seib. Receiving his 1st award of \$250 is Patrick Carpenter who is now on the active roster.

The Installation of Officers was closed with the Benediction by Pastor and MHC Chaplin Kim Smith and the evening was turned over to Beaming Sounds Entertainment.

Fundraising: Raffles and Boot Drive

On February 25th, a successful Meat raffle was held. Chairperson Megan Snyder and her committee reported that quite a few people went home with food for the table.

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Trustees and Executive Board Members

The month of April brings the MHC **Cash Raffle** on the 22nd of the month. Only 370 tickets will be sold for this event which consists of 37 money prizes being awarded. The raffle will be held at the fire hall, 6161 McKee St. Doors will open at 6pm with the raffle to start at 7pm. A basket raffle will be held along with other side games. Anyone wishing to donate a basket can call 716-983-1347. Beverages and food will be provided (Cook's Choice). Miller Hoes

On May 21st, Miller Hose will be conducting a **Boot Fund Drive** that coincides with the annual Apple Blossom Festival for the Newfane Historical Society. Donations collected will be used to upgrade fire protection equipment.

September 16th will be our annual **Gun and Cash Raffle** event. Chairman Dave Hoffman and his committee are putting together an array of prizes. Tickets will be available later from members of Miller Hose.

Member Recruiting

The weekend of April 22nd and April 23rd has been designated as RECRUIT NY weekend across New York State. It provides a time for an individual to consider joining the roster of their local volunteer fire company. It's a time to ask questions, take a tour of the fire hall, check out the equipment and maybe even take in the view from the seat of a fire truck. There is a very distinct feeling of self worth, pride and accomplishment each and every time you pull on the boots, don the rest of the PPE gear or wear the EMS coat as a volunteer fireman. TRY IT ON FOR SIZE. Applications can be obtained from members of Miller Hose or stopping in on Thursday drill nights.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Miller Hose Ladies Auxiliary is also looking to expand their current roster. The auxiliary has always been an integral part of Miller Hose and they would like to revive their capacity to offer and host functions at the fire hall. For information or to join the auxiliary, contact Julie at 716-946-9172.

Junior Firefighters

Applications to become a Junior Firefighter are available for those 14-18 years of age at the fire hall. Receive an early hands on understanding of what is involved in the Fire and EMS service as a first responder.

Members of Miller Hose Fire Company gratefully acknowledge the residents of the Town of Newfane for their continued support and thank you to our neighboring Area 3 fire companies for Mutual Aid assistance when needed.



l-r: 3rd Assistant Chief - Todd Carpenter; 2nd Assistant Chief - Megan Snyder; 1st Assistant Chief - Gary Snyder; Chief - Jason Coleman



l-r: 1st EMS Lieutenant - Chris Gontko; 2nd EMS Captain - Shannon Coleman; EMS Lieutenant - Kurt Schul



What is the NAMI Family Support Group Program?

NAMI Family Support Groups, offered by NAMI Affiliates in communities across the country, are free, confidential and safe groups of trained families helping other WNY families who live with mental health challenges. In NAMI Family Support Groups, family members and caregivers join a caring group of individuals to help one another by using their collective lived experiences and learned wisdom. Family members can achieve a renewed sense of hope for their loved one living with mental health challenges.

For in-person groups, just go to the meeting on the date scheduled at the location. Pre-registration required *only for online groups*. Send request to online@namibuffalony.org



Participant Perspectives

"Before coming to the support group, we had never spoken about mental illness to neighbors, friends and often not even to our relatives."

"NAMI Family Support Group really works and it makes the group experience even better."

"I just attended my first NAMI Family Support Group and the facilitators and the group experience was just the kind of support I was seeking at this time."

Monthly Dates/Locations – no pre-registration needed in person

1st Wednesday ♦ NIAGARA FALLS Earl W. Brydges Library, 1425 Main St, 6:30-8 pm

2nd Thursday ONLINE ♦ (open to family members from anywhere in WNY), 7-8:30 pm

Pre-registration required for online groups. E-mail request, with "Family Support Group" and date, to online@namibuffalony.org. You will be called to register and caller ID will read "Boston, NY"

3rd Thursday ♦ LOCKPORT Save the Michaels of the World, 81 Walnut St, 7-8:30 pm

Visit our website calendar at www.namibuffalony.org to be sure there are no changes. COVID mask requirement, social distancing and sanitizer protocols in use. Depending on location, temperature check and sign-in may be required for Contact follow-up. Snow closings listed on WGRZ Channel 2.



PO Box 146, Buffalo, NY 14223
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info@namibuffalony.org

About NAMI

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Buffalo & Erie County is an affiliate of NAMI NYS. NAMI Buffalo & Erie County's dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our WNY community living with mental illness and their loved ones.

NAMI Family Support Groups also take place in Erie County.

For more information, see www.namibuffalony.org calendar for complete listing of locations and times.

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDICTION?

NAR-ANON OFFERS HOPE

Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, we offer help by sharing our experience, strength and hope.

'HEARTSEASE' NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP

JOIN US FOR SUPPORT AND RECOVERY

2nd & 4th Thursday of each month 7pm
at Save the Michaels House of Hope
81 Walnut Street
Lockport, NY 14094



For more information - email anchoringhope@outlook.com



PO BOX 177 Newfane, NY 14108
(716) 778-0389
<https://anchoringhope.org>

STRUGGLING TO MANAGE YOUR MEDICATIONS?

Anchoring Hope of NY offers support to those affected by Mental Illness and/or addiction through Quality of Life Scholarships.

DISPENSING MEDICATION BOXES (INCLUDING TAMPER-PROOF)

SUCCESS

Less missed medications resulting in more stability

Reduced opportunities to self medicate

Reduction in overdoses

Decrease in hospitalizations

Peace of mind to providers prescribing controlled medications



TESTIMONIALS

"He went from 19 hospitalizations in less than a year to 3 the following year."

"Everyone like me should have a box like this."

"I want to take more meds but can't. I guess the box is doing it's job"

"She's no longer sleeping 18 hours a day and beginning to enjoy life".

CONTACT US FOR AN APPLICATION

anchoringhope@outlook.com or (716) 778-0389

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Anchoring Hope of NY is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing success and hope for those affected by mental illness and/or addiction and their loved ones through the use of unique and unconventional equipment and services

QUALITY OF LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Tamper-proof medication boxes
- Emotional Support/Service Animals
- Tablet based monitoring programs
- Recreational and educational cost's

ADVOCACY

Continued focus on ensuring the right supports/services are available

Ensuring CHOICE / CHANGE

'THINKING DIFFERENT'

NARCAN

Training and Narcan Kits

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

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Phone: (716) 778-0389 Address: PO BOX 177 Newfane, NY 14108

"Whether it be finding the right support to overcome for yourself or a loved one, Anchoring Hope serves as a means to heal."

VETERANS NEWS ...

From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

Meetings are held in the Town Hall Community Center, at 7:00 pm (6 pm in December and June) on the second Monday of each month. Guests are welcome ... see what the American Legion can do for you and our community!!!

Memorial Day Flags – we place flags on Veteran's graves in local cemeteries in May. To help, or to provide us with a Veteran's grave location for placing a flag, please email or call:

(716) 408-3311 ext. 0 or email newfanelegion@yahoo.com

Sponsor a Flag - The Post is seeking sponsors for the flagpole flags at Corwin Cemetery. Use the contacts noted above. Donors will be highlighted in the Memorial Day Remembrance program, on our Facebook page and website.

LEGION Act signed into law - Signed by President Trump in 2019, the law declares the U.S. has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941. The declaration will honor 1,600 U.S. service members who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war – and The LEGION Act opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access additional programs and benefits. Use the contacts above to ask for more information about this law.



Memorial Day Observance

WNY Heroes (wnyheroes.org, 716-630-5020) has food giveaways on E Delevan in Buffalo. Please visit their website as they have a lot of activities, events and support for all veterans

Adopt a Highway – the Newfane American Legion has adopted the section of Lockport Olcott Rd and Main St from Rounds Road to Newfane Tops and will be out cleaning up the following Saturdays at 9am...

May 13th Corwin Cemetery to Rounds Rd, meet at Gordie Harpers

June 17th Corwin Cemetery to Kenyon's, meet at Cemetery

July 15th Cafora's to the end our section near Newfane TOPs Market, meet at Cafora's

August 12th for any area(s) that may need attention.

Contact a Post member or just show up, to help keep Newfane Beautiful

Red Kettle Drive - The Newfane Legion participated in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive and raised \$687.60 during our collection at Newfane's TOPs in December 2022!! Thank you Newfane, for your donations.

Purchase a Bright New Flag – Newfane Post 873 sells American flags if you need to replace your worn out flag for spring. Flag prices and information can be found on our website or call the number above.

Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

11:00 AM on Monday, May 29th, 2023 at Corwin Cemetery, Newfane NY.

The theme for the Memorial Day Ceremony this year will be the Korean War, so personal stories from Korean War Veterans or their families are welcome. Please let us know if you can help; we are looking for individuals or groups to sing patriotic songs, musicians to accompany those voices and speakers to help relay our message and stories.

Bring a chair and stay hydrated. Also remember, there are no restroom facilities at the cemetery.

Scholarship Available

Contact any Post Member or School Guidance Counselor for more information about these opportunities:

Outstanding Youth and Adult Award

**Girls State through the American Legion Auxiliary
Oratorical Contest**

Lester Oakes Memorial Scholarship

Boys State through the American Legion



NEWFANE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
Brick Application and Information

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

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

Purchaser Information

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State: _____ Zip code: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone Number: (____) _____
 Clip Art # T _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Brick Information

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

Three (3) lines, 20 spaces per line - No Military emblem \$25
 or
 Three (3) lines, 15 spaces per line, \$32 when adding Military emblem. Emblems can be viewed at polarengraving.com/NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark or by picking up a copy at Town Hall.

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

Note: Spaces between words, and periods count as spaces.

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 Line 2 _____
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Mail or drop off completed form with proof of military service and check (on memo line write "Memorial Brick") to *Town of Newfane, 2737 Main Street, Newfane, NY 14108*
Veterans being honored must have lived in Newfane sometime in their life time, and have a good conduct discharge. DD214, discharge papers, or photo of VA grave.

Questions? Call Paul Leader at 471-0382

To view clip art choices and/or order online please visit:
polarengraving.com/NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark

"Key West" Sunset Party

Saturday, June 10th 5pm - 8pm

A party before the sun sets over Lake Ontario -- featuring a number of street performers!

Sponsored by Goody's Emporium
 (585) 356-9584

Olcott United Methodist Church

Sunday Chicken Barbeques

June 11
 July 16 12pm - 2:30pm
 August 13

All are welcome, walk-up or call
 716-638-4030
 5959 Main at Lockport Streets, Olcott