

# Town of Newfane

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DECEMBER 2025

## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Hello everyone!

My name is Sadie Gunby, and it is a huge privilege to be here today to celebrate the official opening of the Harper's Dog Park!

This beautiful park is a direct result of collaboration and dedication. It represents the best of what can happen when a community comes together.

It took countless hours of planning, fundraising, and tireless advocacy from so many people:

- Thank you to Dr. Syracuse for championing this project. He read a letter from a 5th grader and was on board from the beginning.

- Thank you to the generous donors, community, town employees and local businesses who contributed. Thank you to The Recovery Center. This wouldn't have been possible without them. Also, to Woodsmith Fencing who donated the fence.

So, on behalf of my generation and all the dog-loving people out there, thank you. Thank you for making this vision a reality.



Sadie Gunby stands next to the new dog park sign welcoming our residents and their four-legged friends!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Harper's Dog Park

### *A Message from Supervisor John Syracuse*



As we close out the summer of 2025 and welcome the holidays and new year, it's a good time to share a few updates about several capital projects nearing completion around our community.

#### **West Beach Walkway, Overlook and Parking**

This work is already underway and targeted and is expected to be complete in spring. With suitable breaks in the weather the new walkway leading to the soon-to-be constructed overlook will be poured and the entire parking lot will be paved and striped.

#### **Town Marina Water, Electric and Dock Work**

We have upgraded the water and electric service in high use areas by installing new utility pedestals that will improve reliability and convenience for marina users. Essential repairs to the fixed dock in the Charter Captain area are also near completion.

#### **Home for the Holidays**

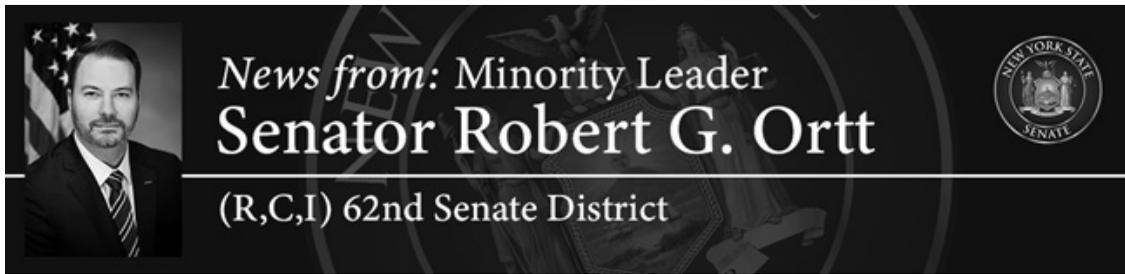
Highway Superintendent Jon Miller and his dedicated staff are busy brightening the streets and public spaces for our holiday gatherings and enjoyment. Holiday lights are going up, hometown hero banners are being cleaned and stored for next spring and preparations are underway for the 'Light Up Newfane' parade.

On behalf of the entire Town Board and our hardworking Town employees, join us in congratulating our champion Newfane Football team and Cross Country athletes ... and we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and joyous Holiday season. God Bless.

— John Syracuse, Supervisor

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The 2026 New York State legislative session starts in January, and while I find it much more enjoyable being home in the district, meeting with constituents and attending community events, traveling to Albany and being your voice is the most important part of the job.

This coming session, lawmakers will have to make some tough financial decisions, as it has been reported that we are looking at a \$34 Billion gap over the next few years due to decreased consumer spending, and loss of tax revenue and federal funds. My conference has long called for major cuts to spending and to root out waste and fraud - this is the perfect opportunity to do so.

It will be interesting to see where the governor focuses her priorities while faced with these financial difficulties. Each year, she has advocated for more spending, to the point where New York has one of the largest budgets in the nation, currently at \$254 Billion. It's also an election year and decisions have consequences - will she fight for a fiscally sound budget and make necessary cuts, or will she have to raise taxes in order to keep up the high levels of spending she, and many organizations have become accustomed to?

With the cost of nearly everything going up from utility bills to groceries, the last thing we need is a tax-hike to pay for non-essential services. I will continue to fight to make New York a more affordable place to live, work, and raise a family in. We will work to accomplish this by making childcare, elder care, and healthcare more affordable, cut taxes for residents and small businesses, oppose the looming natural gas ban and climate taxes on consumers and, protect New York farmers and agriculture in our state.

If there is ever a question you have or an issue you need help with, please do not hesitate to reach out to my district office. You can call 716-434-0680 or email ortt@nysenate.gov.

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**Deadline for ads is March 3, 2026. Complete the section below and return with your ad and full payment to:**

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**2737 Main St., Newfane, NY 14108 or newsletter@townofnewfane.com**  
**Make checks payable to Town of Newfane**

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

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

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

**Town Clerk**  
 Donna Lakes  
 716-778-8822 #2 Fax 716-638-4183

**Superintendent of Highways & Water**  
 Jon Miller  
 716-778-8844

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 2896 Transit Road  
 Newfane, NY 14108  
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 Terri L. Iannucci 716-778-6052

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     Nicholas Irr/ Plant Operator 778-7131  
     Wastewater Treatment Plant Fax 778-6160  
 Composting Plant 778-7807  
 Refuse 1-800-330-7107  
 Town Marina 778-5462  
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     Jeffrey Newman 716-807-6270  
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As my first legislative session in Albany came to a close, I find myself reflecting. As a freshman member I was honored to have been given several responsibilities usually reserved for more senior members. My energy, optimism and experience with many issues put me in a unique position to lead our minority conference's floor debates on a number of key issues. I am proud to have secured some key accomplishments for our region including funding for our local libraries, and was part of a coordinated effort to block bad legislation.

While I am more energized today and believe that the stakes are even higher next year, I can't help but be a bit disheartened because of what I witnessed this session. Rather than coming together to tackle the real and urgent challenges facing New Yorkers—skyrocketing costs, deteriorating public safety, and the crushing affordability crisis—the partisan politics ultimately squandered critical opportunities.

We saw a focus on Downstate initiatives that do nothing but play petty politics and raise the cost of living that will ultimately force more businesses and residents out of New York State. These include attacks on natural gas, a doubling down on the forced electrification of our state, a \$254 Billion tax and spend budget that includes housing vouchers open to illegal migrants, \$10 Million legal defense slush fund for politicians and adds to a \$65 Billion state debt.

Common-sense ideas were ignored. Bipartisan proposals that could have delivered real relief were brushed aside. And perhaps most troubling of all, the voices of every day New Yorkers—millions of them—were drowned out.

Over the frenzied final days of session, as hundreds of bills were pushed through, it became painfully clear that "The People's House" is no longer working for the people. Too many of the policies advanced did not reflect the will or the needs of our communities. In some cases, they actively worked against them.

While Albany missed many opportunities this session, I remained focused on supporting legislation that puts New Yorkers first—especially our families, workers, and first responders. These are just a few of the common-sense bills I sponsor:

Raising a family in New York is expensive, and we should be doing more to ease that burden. That's why I introduced A.7023, which would exempt infant safety and care items from sales tax—helping parents save money on essentials like car seats and baby monitors. I also support A.2492, which increases the value of the Empire State Child Tax Credit to 45%, putting more money back into the pockets of working parents.

New Yorkers deserve to know what's driving up their monthly bills—especially as Albany pushes aggressive and costly energy mandates. I co-sponsored the Ratepayer Disclosure and Transparency Act (A.6152A) to ensure that you see, in black and white, what banning natural gas and forcing statewide electrification will cost you. This bill is about honesty and accountability—two things sorely missing from the current electrification conversation.

Volunteer firefighters and ambulance corps members are the backbone of our emergency services, especially in rural and suburban communities. A.1064 would provide our volunteers with up to a \$2,500 state income tax credit.

Finally, I supported A.1528, which would repeal the so-called "Green Light Law." This law has hampered cooperation between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Repealing it would help restore public safety and support our law enforcement.

These bills reflect the priorities I hear from my constituents every day: safety, affordability, and government transparency. Unfortunately, many of them were blocked from advancing by the Majority. Still, I'll continue to advocate for common-sense solutions that will help our communities.

We need a Legislature that listens. One that acts with urgency and compassion and reflects the needs and wants of all of New York.



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As the winter weather comes into full swing and the holidays are upon us, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind our community members of the importance of safety, on and off the roadways. 2025 is quickly coming to a close and 2026 will ring in another great year ahead. Let's ensure everyone can enjoy this holiday season by remembering some valuable tips to keep our family, friends and neighbors safe while we are out and about.

Before hitting the roads:

- Check the conditions and forecast to ensure it will be safe to travel. Be mindful of road closures or plow access. Unplowed roads can lead to getting stuck in traffic lanes or other dangerous areas.
- Ensure your vehicle is ready for snowy and slick conditions. Taking an opportunity to check your gas tank, tire tread and AWD / 4WD functionality will allow your vehicle to operate at its best.
- Have extra items packed in your vehicle and ready in case of an emergency. Blankets, warm clothing, food, spare tire, etc. can all help in an emergency situation.
- If your vehicle hasn't been inspected in the past year, have your vehicle's NYS inspection completed to ensure it is ready to hit the roads!

While on the roads:

- Give yourself extra time. When the conditions make travel difficult, be prepared for a delayed arrival to your destination. Speeding in snowy conditions jeopardizes your safety, as well as the safety of other motorists.
  - Give yourself extra space. Following too closely behind another vehicle can result in a crash if you need to brake suddenly and begin to slide or lose control of the vehicle.
  - If a slide does occur, ease your foot off of the gas / brakes and steer in the direction you wish to go.
  - Remain focused on the task of driving. Distractors such as cell phones, changing the radio station or eating and drinking can all heighten the chances of losing control of your vehicle or crashing.
- While in the community:
- Be visible. With winter also come early sunsets. When walking in the dark, remember to wear visible, reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.
  - Avoid walking on the shoulder of roadways when possible. Vehicles sliding off the roadway are more frequent in the winter and are especially hazardous to pedestrians.
  - Dress warm and be prepared for rapid changes in the weather conditions. Bring a cell phone or other communication device, in the event you become lost or need assistance. Frostbite can onset very quickly.

I'd also like to remind our citizens, please do not drink and drive. Our **STOP DWI** initiatives keep us motivated to combat drunk driving and prioritize the safety of the communities we serve. There is never a safe time to drive drunk, and the dangers of winter only exacerbate the risks. Please do your part and have a plan!

**The Niagara County Sheriff's Office is available 24/7**

**Emergencies: 9-1-1**  
**Non-Emergencies: 716-438-3393**

Be sure to follow us on Facebook for information regarding public events, job postings, updates and more!



**“News from the Town Clerks Office”**

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

**NEWFANE CHILDREN RECEIVE LETTERS FROM SANTA!**



Santa Claus has once again told us he will answer children's letters they send to him from our Town Hall. Children who reside in the Town of Newfane can drop off their "Letter to Santa" in our Santa drop box located next to the north door at the Town Hall. The box is clearly marked with a picture of Santa.

Letters to Santa can be dropped off from **November 28 until December 12**, giving Santa plenty of time to respond. Santa and his helpers are very busy this time of the year, so he asks that only children up to and including the 4th grade who reside in the Town of Newfane write to him from this location. Santa can only respond to one letter per child and is not able to accept letters from groups such as scout troops, school classrooms, libraries, etc.

Please include the child's full name and a self-addressed return envelope to ensure a timely reply.

**FOR YOUR PET -- FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
City of North Tonawanda Public Works Department  
758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

**APPOINTMENTS ARE MANDATORY**

Registration Begins At 9:00 A.M Monday, December 1  
Sign up at: [www.niagaracounty.com/rabiesclinic](http://www.niagaracounty.com/rabiesclinic)

Bring the previous Rabies Vaccination Certificate for cats and dogs. Without proof of previous vaccination, you will receive a certificate valid for 1 year. Cats and dogs with proof receive a certificate valid for 3 years. All ferrets must receive vaccinations annually.

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

**HOLIDAY PET SAFETY**

The cold wseather is here and your pets need a warm place too! If your pet is outdoors for an extended time, please make sure they have proper shelter and fresh water. Long periods of exposure to the cold can lead to hypothermia.

While this is the time of year we enjoy our best food and treats, strive to keep your pet's diet the same as any other day. Fatty foods, sweets, spices, turkey or chicken bones can all be dangerous to our pets. Think safety before generosity - avoid feeding your pet unhealthful ingredients - and especially keep alcoholic beverages away from them.

**ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!**

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**Dog Licenses are Required and Must Be Renewed Annually**

Dog enumeration (licensing) is required by NYS Law - any dog over the age of 4 months must be licensed in the town where they are sheltered. You can obtain a dog license and renew an existing license at the Newfane Town Clerk's office, or mail it to our office, or use the drop box next to the north door of the town hall. In all cases, however, you must include the required certifications, documents and payment outlined below, or the application will be returned to you to resubmit.

Any dog owner or harborer of a dog found in violation of the law shall be liable for all damages arising from the violation, and shall be subject to a fine not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

**To Obtain a License for a New Dog** - Use this form below and provide the following information and payment:

1. Current Rabies Certificate from the Veterinarian
2. Spay or Neuter Certificate from Veterinarian
3. Check payable to Newfane Town Clerk or cash

Licensing fees for dog(s) are as follows:  
Spayed/Neutered - \$8.50  
Unspayed /Unneutered - \$18.50

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**Dog License Application for Unlicensed Dogs or Overdue License**

List additional dogs on a separate sheet of paper

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

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**Annual Dog License Renewals** - A dog license renewal form is mailed to you from the Town Clerk's Office. It is mailed to the last mailing address you provided for our record. If any information has changed, including your address, phone number and email, it's important to notify the Town Clerk's office with updates.

Check the rabies expiration date located near the top right of the license renewal form. If that expiration date falls within 30 days of the date to renew your license, we will need an updated Rabies Certificate to process a new license. If the information is blank, that means the rabies date has expired and an updated Rabies Certificate is required. Do not bring your vet or clinic rabies invoice, New York State requires you to submit a valid rabies certificate. If your dog is ill and cannot receive a vaccination, we will need a letter from your veterinarian.

Replace your dog's ID tag on the dog's collar after renewing your license. Lost pets are very common and the ID assists everyone in helping locate your pet and reunite them with you. We hope to soon be able to register and renew dog licenses using email.

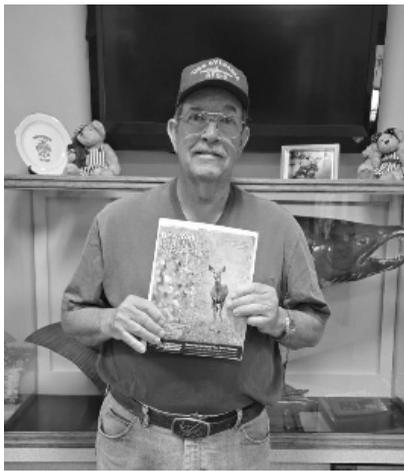
Any questions regarding Dog Licenses please contact:  
Town Clerk's Office at 778-8822 #2

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

JEFFREY NEWMAN	KEN NERBER	JOE FLAGLER
dco@townofnewfane.com	ken@townofnewfane.com	jwf@townofnewfane.com
716-807-6270	716-940-5497	716-998-1041

# Hunting & Fishing News

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## HUNTING / FISHING LICENSES

The licenses are now on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, and you can have your license emailed to you at the time of purchase.

Hunters are NOT required to wear a Back Tag.

The law allowing Crossbow use during Bowhunting season requires that you have a Hunting License and Bowhunting Privilege.

**Fred Srock Jr.** was our first hunting license customer of the season!

## 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 important to 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 online, 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, as it will take approximately ten to fourteen days to receive your tags.

**Lifetime license holders may also have their Lifetime License emailed to them**, so you will receive it sooner. You have the option to sign up for email delivery of your lifetime license and tags by calling 1-866-933-2257 in January of 2026. Once you receive the email you will be able to print out your lifetime license and tags and be ready for the upcoming season.

## 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 DEC  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting>

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

**PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION & DISPOSAL:** The Clerk's Office now offers a pre-paid MED-PROJECT Mail-Back Envelope to properly dispose of medications. The envelopes have an 8-ounce capacity and their size is 8 1/2" x 12". Stop at the Clerk's office to pick up an envelope, take it home and fill it with unwanted medicines, then drop it in the mail -- there is no cost to you. We maintain a limited supply for your personal and family use.



## *Cooking With The Clerks*

### No-Bake Eggnog Pie

1 cup cold Eggnog  
½ tsp. ground nutmeg, plus more for garnish  
1 (3.4oz) box instant vanilla pudding  
4 oz. cream cheese, cubed and at room temperature  
1/3 cup powdered sugar  
2Tbsp. Bourbon, spiced rum, or brandy  
2 cups cold heavy cream  
1 (9in.) Graham Cracker crust

- In a large bowl, whisk together the eggnog, nutmeg and pudding mix until the mixture starts to thicken to soft to soft-set consistency, about 2 minutes.

- In a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, combine the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and Bourbon, if using. Mix on medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Add the heavy cream, increase the speed to medium high, and beat until stiff peaks form, 2 to 3 minutes.

- Scoop 1 cup of the whipped cream mix into the eggnog pudding, fold gently until combined and fluffy.

- Spoon the eggnog pudding mixture into the graham cracker crust, smoothing the top. Cover, and refrigerate for 12 hours or overnight.

- Transfer the remaining whipped cream mixture to an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to serve.

- When ready to serve, top the pie with the reserved whipped cream mixture and dust with nutmeg.

- Tip: Pie keeps covered in the refrigerator for up to two days and in the freezer for up to three months.

### Aunt Betty's Taco Soup

1 lb. ground turkey  
Onion, chopped  
One can undrained 13-16 oz of each of the following:  
Kidney beans  
Fat free refried beans  
Black beans  
Corn (I use frozen)  
Rotel tomatoes  
1 1/2 c. water  
1 4oz mild green chilis  
1 pkg Ranch dressing mix (Hidden valley or I use the store brand)  
1 pkg taco seasoning mix

Cook and drain meat and onion. Mix in the rest of the ingredients, boil, then simmer for 20 minutes!

Serve with shredded cheddar and tortilla chips and sour cream (anything you wish or have)

## ***HAPPIEST HOLIDAYS TO ALL!***

## ***& GO BILLS!***

## Newfane Highway Department

### SNOW REMOVAL AND WINTER PARKING

#### Overnight Parking is not Permitted on Roads and Streets in Winter

The Town of Newfane Winter Parking Ordinance states that no vehicle shall be allowed to park on any Town Highway right-of-way (including road shoulders) between the hours of 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM from November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Property owners must look to provide space for off-street parking and the law includes enforcement provisions for violators



#### Remove Residential Hazards from the Right-of-Way

Homeowners must remove portable basketball hoops, trash bins and other items from the highway right-of-way that will interfere with keeping roads clear and safe. The town is not responsible for damage to these items and the homeowner is responsible for any fees incurred if the town must remove them.

*The right-of-way is several feet wider than the pavement. Plows first clear the driving lanes, then return to clear the shoulders*

#### Plowing Snow onto Public Roadways is Against the Law

Vehicle and Traffic and Highway Laws of New York prohibit pushing or blowing snow, ice or other substances onto any highway (this includes pavement, shoulders and ditches).

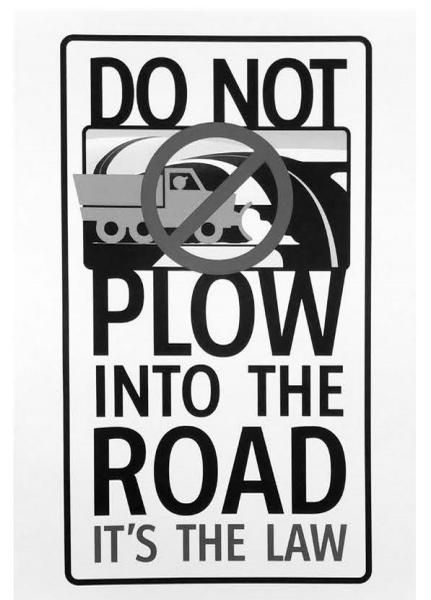
Over the past few years, the practice of plowing or depositing snow from private driveways or private property on the highway has increased. This occurs even after the town has plowed roadways and cleared the shoulders. The practice is against the law and serious accidents can result. Those plowing or depositing snow upon the highway will be issued a summons and may be fined up to \$1,000 per day per occurrence.

#### Mailboxes

During and after snowstorms, the Highway Department receive calls regarding damage to mailboxes caused by snowplows or from the force of snow being thrown by the plows. If such damage is caused during snow removal, it is not done intentionally and the town is not responsible for repairing or replacing mailboxes that are in the public right-of-way.

It may be common practice to place mailboxes and trash containers near roads for efficient delivery and collection, but there is no legal authority or right that permits a property owner to place any item in the public right-of-way. Even if mail and trash collection are temporarily disrupted because of a snow event, the overriding priority is to keep roads and streets clear of snow and ice to prevent accidents, injury and property damage.

From all of us here at the Highway Department, may you and all of your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



## From your BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE:



Here are a few items to note from your Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, David Schmidt:

The Building Department has various responsibilities in the Town. Our goal is to provide prompt courteous service and to assist in making your project a success and Newfane a better Community in which to live. The Building Department administers and enforces regulations pertaining to the use of property and the construction of structures. It also reviews plans and conducts inspections for compliance with a variety of codes from Federal, State and Local to Wetland and Flood-plain regulations.

The Building Department responds to structure fires to assist the Fire Departments; conducts property inspections based on citizen complaints and explains code regulations to permit applicants.

Before any person shall erect, construct, alter, move, demolish or commence to erect, construct, alter, move or demolish any building or structure within the Town of Newfane, such person shall first apply for and obtain a Building Permit from the Building Inspector.

Contact this department for information and specifications regarding setbacks, permitted size and height of structures, prior to Building Permit application submittal.

If you are starting a new business, please contact the Building Inspector with your plans. He will need to do an inspection of your premises to make sure all the Building Codes/Town Codes have been followed, and the work has been completed. Once you receive your Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Inspector, your business can open the doors.

Remember, if you have an outstanding Building Permit, please note that the Newfane Building Inspector is to be called for all inspections done for your project to be able to close out your permit and to issue a Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance. Please be patient, as we all work through the new State regulations, as well as local Town and County regulations.

You can contact me, David Schmidt, by e-mail at: [building.inspector@townofnewfane.com](mailto:building.inspector@townofnewfane.com) or call my office at (716) 954-2030, (716) 778-5947 ext. 106 or fax at (716) 638-4261.

## Newfane Water and Sewer Department

### PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

1. CASH
2. CHECK
3. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS- ONLINE ONLY- 2.95% FEE
4. ACH PAYMENT- NO FEE-
5. Form is available in the office or at [townofnewfane.com](http://townofnewfane.com).



There is a night drop box located on the north side of the Town Hall, to the right of the door. Payments when dropped go into a secure locked box. Any payments left the evening of the due date will be accepted the next morning on time with no late penalties. **August 1st of each year, we remove all unpaid balances to the following year's County tax bill. A tax removal fee of 10% is added to your bill as well as a \$100.00 administrative fee.**

### Garbage Reminders

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

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



## **From the Receiver of Taxes, Terri Iannucci**

The Niagara County/Town of Newfane tax bills will be mailed at the end of 2025 and are due and payable upon receipt. Please review your bill and if there seems to be a great difference from prior years, compare the items listed to determine where the changes have occurred. Feel free to call our office at **716-778-6052** if more information is necessary.

### **Are You a NEW PROPERTY OWNER?**

- When purchasing a new home the buyer is responsible for property taxes from the time of signing.
- Property and school taxes are forward taxes and are usually prorated by the attorney for the buyer at the time of purchase.
- Whether or not a tax bill is provided to the homeowner, it is still the responsibility of the new homeowner to become informed as to what taxes are due and when they must be paid.
- If a mortgage company holds money in escrow for taxes, it is best to make sure that the mortgage holder is paying the taxes in a timely fashion. If a receipt is not received from my office shortly after the penalty free period ends, the property owner should contact their mortgage company.

For the PROPERTY OWNER who no longer has a mortgage

- The property owner is now responsible to pay the school and property taxes on their own and by planning ahead for this expense penalties can be avoided.
- School taxes are due in September without penalty and Town and County taxes are due by January 31st without penalty. School taxes unpaid by October 31st will appear on the Town and County bill for the following year and a penalty is included.
- Information is available at the Assessor's office for the Enhanced Star tax credit program for those eligible. This reduction is based on income and must be applied for yearly.

The Tax Office staff is always willing to help you and answer your questions.

Terri L. Iannucci -  
Town of Newfane - Receiver of Taxes



## **Can You Save Money on your 2027 Taxes ?**

Check with the Town Assessor to see if you qualify for ways to reduce your future property tax bills !

### **SENIOR CITIZEN LOW INCOME, VETERAN'S or LOW-INCOME DISABILITY EXEMPTION**

The property must be your "Legal Residence" for any of these exemptions.

**Senior Low Income** property owners must be at least 65 years old (or turning 65 during this calendar year). Eligibility is based on the owners' total household income that includes social security, pensions, wages, interest, etc. The Town of Newfane and Niagara County have set the highest income limit to be \$33,700. Applicants must provide their entire 2024 Federal Tax return or all income statements for the tax year 2024 along with proof of age and residency.

**Veteran's Exemptions** may be available to those on active duty during wartime or during the Cold War Era, which is between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991 – you must provide a DD214 (Discharge papers).

**Low Income Disability** residents may qualify if you are a property owner certified to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, and your annual income is less than \$34,600. Applicants must provide their entire 2024 Federal Tax Return or all income statements for the tax year 2024.

If you believe you might qualify for any of these exemptions, please contact the Assessors' Office at 716.778.8827 ext. 105, or stop by Town Hall to pick up an application. **Submission Deadline is Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**If you Currently Receive a Property Tax Exemption** – agricultural, senior citizen low-income, disability low-income or a non-profit exemption - the deadline to renew is March 1, 2026. Renewal letters have already been sent out -- please bring them to the Assessor's office.

**Homeowner STAR Credit** -- If you just purchased a home you may qualify for STAR (School Tax) credit. Stop by to pick up instruction on how to register today!

**Winter Safety and Savings** - As winter approaches, follow these helpful tips to reduce costs make sure you are safe. Focus on heating, plumbing, and insulation to keep utility costs and insurance rates down. Sealing your house, pipes, windows, and doors will help, so will servicing your furnace, inspecting the roof, cleaning the gutters and preventing ice dams (but get help to do it safely). Other important tips are to service chimneys, trimming overhanging tree branches and checking smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. for safety. Prepare for winter storms by stocking up on supplies and clearing snow from walkways, vents and utilities.

See this link for Winter Home tips:  
<https://www.mrhandyman.com/tips-ideas/checklists-resources/winter-maintenance/>

## How Property Taxes are Calculated Your Assessment and the Tax Levy

Your state and local governments determine how your property taxes are calculated. Generally, this is done by multiplying your home's Assessed Value by the Local Property Tax Rate (Levy)

### Determining Tax Rates

- The taxing jurisdiction (school district, town, county, special district) develops and adopts a budget.
- The taxing jurisdiction determines the amount of revenue collected from all sources (state aid, sales tax revenue, user fees, etc.) other than the property tax.
- The total amount of revenue is subtracted from the budget. The remainder is the amount that must be raised from all property owners within the town.

This amount is referred to as the **Tax levy**

$$\text{Tax levy} = \text{budget} - \text{revenues}$$

- To determine the tax rate, the taxing jurisdiction divides the tax levy by the total taxable assessed value of all property in the jurisdiction.
- Because tax rates are generally expressed as "*per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value*," the product is multiplied by 1,000:

$$\text{Tax rate per thousand} = (\text{tax levy} \div \text{total of all taxable assessments in jurisdiction}) \times 1,000$$

### For Example:

- Town A's tax levy = \$4,000,000
- Town's total taxable assessed value = \$400,000,000  

$$4,000,000 / 400,000,000 = .01 \quad .01 \times 1000 = 10$$
- Tax rate = \$10 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value
- Tax bill for property with a taxable assessment value of \$150,000 = \$1,500  

$$150,000 / 1000 = 150 \quad 150 \times 10 = \$1,500$$

### Your tax bill may vary each year

The total amount of your tax bill will likely change every year due to changes at the school district or local government level. Changes to the following will directly impact the amount of taxes you owe each year:

- budgets
- revenue
- total taxable assessed value

## Now Let's Talk About Assessments!

If property assessments are kept up to date as the market value of the property changes, a property's assessment is supposed to reflect its market value. As market values increase or decrease, and if the assessments do not keep pace and reflect these changes, some property taxpayers could pay more than their fair share of taxes, while others may pay less than their fair share. Assessments are determined by current and local sales information of similar properties.

Example: You own a 3-bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod. The neighbor's 3-bedroom 2 bath Cape Cod just sold for \$200,000.00. If both are in similar condition, the fair market value of your home should now be \$200,000.00. But if your neighbor's house is in poor condition and yours is in better condition, the market value of your Cape Cod might now be more than \$200,000, and vice versa.

Condition truly matters when it comes to the value of your home

New York State would like each town to assess properties at 100% of their fair market value. Unfortunately, matching market values and assessments is difficult to do, so a property's market value often differs from its assessed value. This is where the State determines a townwide Equalization Rate to compensate for the difference when assessed values do not keep pace with the fair market (100%) value.

Example: Town Equalization Rate is 43. An equalization rate of 43 means overall property in the town is assessed at 43% of market value.

This means a property assessed at \$43,000.00 would actually have a fair market value of \$100,000.00.

**When a town re-assesses properties to 100%, it does not mean your taxes will go up!**

Remember taxes are based on a levy, let's look at the previous example.

**For example: Let's say that the Equalization Rate for this example is 50%**

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### Now the Town is Re-assessed to 100%

- Town A's tax levy = \$4,000,000
- Town's total taxable assessed value = \$800,000,000  

$$4,000,000 / 800,000,000 = .005 \quad .005 \times 1000 = 5$$
- Tax rate = \$5 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value
- Tax bill for property with a taxable assessment value of \$300,000 = \$1,500  

$$300,000 / 1000 = 300 \quad 300 \times 5 = \$1,500$$

**Your taxes stayed the same 😊**



Swimmer and Group Sign-Up and Fundraising  
[www.olcottlions.org](http://www.olcottlions.org)  
 Plunge to Raise Funds for your Non – Profit or Charity  
*Polar Bears #plunge4wny*

### **Olcott Polar Bear Day Sunday March 1**

Western New York’s longest running Polar Bear Swim is set for Olcott Beach on Sunday March 1. Today’s Polar Bear Day participants are the children and grandchildren of those who began this fun winter tradition 57 years ago ... and *The Swim* is now a family experience with a **Kids Zone** activity center, **Dodgeball** tournament, a dedicated swim segment for youth and a **Costume Parade**.

#### **Sunday, March 1**

- \* 9:30 am - Winter Dodgeball League
- \* 10 am - 1 pm - Tailgating, Street Festival
- \* 10:30 am - Kid Zone and activities begin
- \* 1 pm - Costume Contest and Parade of Heroes
- \* 1:30 pm - Announcements & Polar Plunge Begins

The Polar Bear Swim is a community fundraising event where you can participate as an individual or form a team. Your organization or workplace can sponsor a swimmer and help them raise funds, or you can organize a team to multiply your fundraising efforts. The sponsoring Olcott Lions now have a **‘Plunge Partner’** program for non-profit organizations where you can keep a portion of the proceeds you raise to help with your group’s fundraising goals.

Funds raised at The Swim are shared with helping organizations and community groups that serve Newfane residents.

Learn more about Polar Bear Day activities and how you or your group can participate in *The Swim* at: [www.thepolarbearswim.org](http://www.thepolarbearswim.org)

## **Join us in supporting the ANNUAL PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY DRIVE**



**Benefitting Food Pantries  
 in our area - Let’s help  
 our neighbors!!**

## **Town of Newfane Winter Coat Drive**



**Please donate COATS, HATS, MITTENS,  
 FLEECE JACKETS, SCARVES...  
 And we will make sure they get dropped  
 off to HELP OTHERS!!**





## Newfane Leo Club – We Serve

The Newfane Leo Club’s mission is to provide young people with opportunities to develop and contribute as responsible members of their local, national, and international communities. The program’s motto is “Leadership, Experience, Opportunity”. The Newfane Leo Club meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in Mr. Thibault’s Art Room from 2:15pm -3pm. Officers are elected each year and run the meetings. Several Lion Members act as advisors to the club and help with Leo initiatives to give back to their community.

### 2025-2026 Leo Officers were inducted October 15, 2025

- President – Judianna Knott
- Vice President – Raegan Waters
- Treasurer – Emelia Thibault
- Secretary – Ava Deline

The Newfane Leo Club sponsors many events throughout the year. Upcoming events include celebrating **National Leo Day on December 5<sup>th</sup>** by entering a float in the Light Up Newfane Parade and of course hosting their Breakfast with Santa event on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Olcott Fire Hall. Their Easter Egg Hunt will happen again in 2026 as well, date to be determined.





### Newfane Lions Club

Serving the Community of Newfane since 1941

- Medical Loan Closet ● Eye Care ● Eye Glass Donations
- Hearing Aid Donations ● Scholarships ● And More

Please reach out if you need assistance  
Email: [newfanelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:newfanelionsclub@gmail.com)

The Newfane Lions Club began our new season in September with a great introduction to several new activities planned for the new year. In October, we kicked off by joining the PTSA Trunk-or-Treat event and sponsored our revitalized Halloween Party -- thanks to the First Baptist Church for letting us use their hall. In November, we hosted a district-wide joint Lions clubs meeting with a speaker from Lockport C.A.R.E.S.

### December

We will host a joint Christmas party with our Leo Club members -- **did you know December 5<sup>th</sup> is National Leo Day?** We will also participate in the *Light Up Newfane Parade* on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### January 2026

We will celebrate Melvin Jones’ birthday. Who is Melvin Jones? Melvin Jones is a man from Chicago who had a dream. Driven by a dynamic personality and a heart filled with kindness, he became the founder of Lions International. To celebrate his birthday and his life of humanitarian service, we will be making birthday cake boxes that will be donated to our two food pantries.

### February 2026 -- Vision Screening Starts in the Schools

Did you know that 80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured? The first step in prevention is awareness. The second is early detection -- through Lions International vision screening. Last year our Newfane Lions screened over 300 children in the Newfane school system. When the screening identifies a child with vision concerns, they are provided with a referral to an eyecare professional. Parents, please reach to us with any questions or concerns at [newfanelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:newfanelionsclub@gmail.com).

For more information about membership or if you are in need of assistance, please contact us [newfanelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:newfanelionsclub@gmail.com). Our Medical Loan Closet Chairman is Lion Clark Dunkelberger who is available at 716-870-5166.

# Olcott Fire Company

Chief: Michael Miller

President: Robert Horanburg

Our summer was busy and we have responded to over 900 calls so far this year. Fall has been just as active, with our Community Kids Halloween Party in October and our always popular Annual Turkey Raffle.

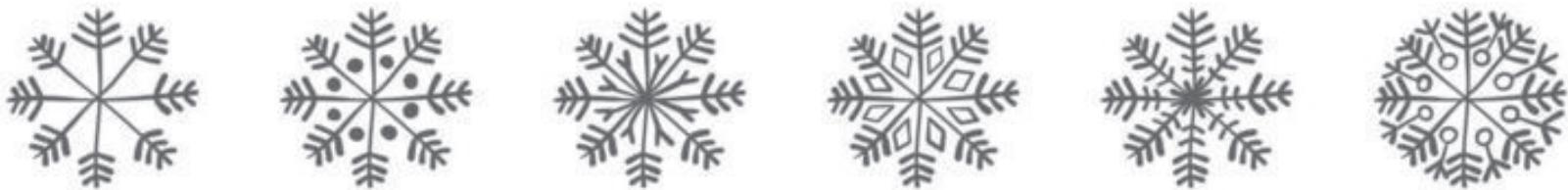
As the holidays near and the weather turns cold, OFC wants to remind everyone about the importance of winter home safety. A house fire is absolutely devastating, and simple safety measures can help to avoid them. Make sure your family has a practiced exit plan, including a meeting place outside of the home should a fire occur. If you smell or see smoke in your home evacuate immediately and call 911 -- and never, ever run back inside. Have your furnace and fireplace checked annually by a professional, and make sure your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries. Keep in mind, these appliances **will beep repeatedly** at the end of their useful life, which is typically 10 years, so they need to be replaced. It's important to not overload your electrical outlets and discard any frayed or worn extension cords. Space heaters should always be used with caution, away from furniture or curtains. Never leave candles burning unattended, and if you have a live-cut Christmas tree, make sure you keep it watered. It's also a great idea

Kenna J. Liddell, MBA, NYSA-EMT  
OFC Secretary/Director

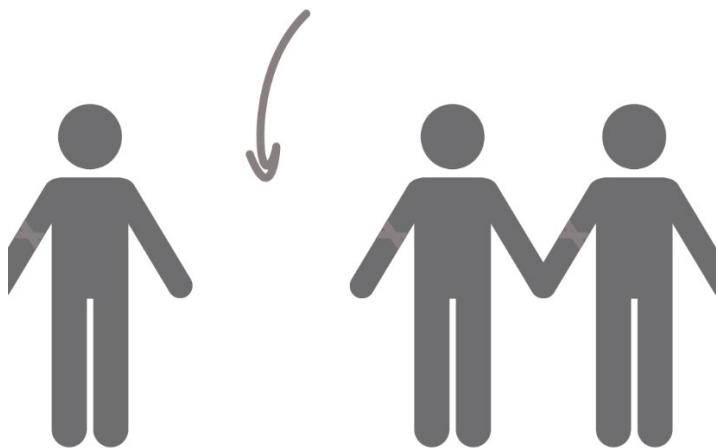
to keep the walk-ways outside your home shoveled and salted, especially porch stairs, and make sure your mail-carrier can safely get to your mailbox. Inevitably, the first snowy, slippery day will come to our roads, so remember to leave yourself extra time to get to work, increase your stopping distance, and drive with caution in inclement weather. Now is a really good time to check your tires and make sure they are ready to handle the harsh western New York winter. It's also a good practice to keep some granola bars, dry socks, a blanket, extra phone charger and a candle and lighter in your vehicle – if you become stuck it could be a long wait for help.

After the holiday hustle, watch our Facebook page for announcements about our Polar Bear 5k Run and Polar Bear Day, where we typically have hot chili available (made by our Firefighters) on Main Street for those brave enough to venture out for the festivities.

The Olcott Fire Company wishes good health and safety to all in our community. Look for us December 5th at the Light Up Newfane Parade! Remember, we are always looking for new members, stop and see us any Thursday evening after 6:30pm, let us show you how you can be a part of something bigger and help those in need. Also ask about our EMS Pilot Program, where you can join just an ambulance driver or a non-firematic EMT!



**You're needed here.**



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Newfane Community Center

2737 Main Street, Newfane

**Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**11 am – 5 pm**

Give blood December 19 - January 4 and get an exclusive long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, limited quantity!

**Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**12:30 pm – 6 pm**

Double your impact! Ask about a **Power Red Donation** to help Trauma Victims, Moms, Babies and Sickle Cell Patients!

For an appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org/Find A Drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/Find A Drive):  
NewfaneTH, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Appointments Preferred

ID Required

# An Update from the Miller Hose Fire Company

Chief – Gary Snyder

President – Robert Snyder

**What a fun and exciting close to summer and a spirited start to fall!** It's been a whirlwind season filled with community pride—from supporting local events to hosting one of our biggest annual fundraisers. We're incredibly grateful for the continued support from our neighbors and friends. Together, we truly make a difference.

**Exciting News from Miller Hose!** We're proud to announce that Miller Hose has been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA to purchase two LUCAS devices! LUCAS is an acronym for **L**und **U**niversity **C**ardiopulmonary **A**ssist **S**ystem. It's a portable, mechanical device designed to deliver consistent, high-quality chest compressions to patients experiencing cardiac arrest. By automating CPR, the LUCAS device ensures uninterrupted compressions, improving outcomes and supporting our responders in critical moments. We expect delivery of these life-saving devices in the coming months and will keep you updated as they arrive and are put into service.

**Call volume report July – October 2025.** Our team includes 60 active firefighters, including 13 who are EMS certified. We have responded to a total of **345 calls** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025, reflecting the continued dedication of our team to keeping the community safe and supported.

**65 Fire-Related Incidents** - This includes motor vehicle accidents, fire alarms, carbon monoxide alerts, flooded basements, downed wires or trees, mutual aid to neighboring departments, and other miscellaneous service calls.

**280 EMS Responses** - Calls included lift assists, cardiac arrests, strokes, respiratory distress, severe allergic reactions, and accident-related injuries.



To the dedicated members of Miller Hose: your commitment—whether answering calls, attending trainings, volunteering at events, or stepping up whenever needed—does not go unnoticed. Your service is the heartbeat of our mission, and we thank you deeply.

And to the families of our Miller Hose members: thank you for your unwavering support. We know your loved ones spend countless hours with their Miller Hose family, and your encouragement makes it all possible. You're an essential part of the impact we make in our community.

**Want to make a difference?** We're always looking for passionate individuals to join our team. Stop by the fire hall during our Thursday drill nights from 7 PM to 9 PM, or contact Chief Gary Snyder at [chiefmiller@roadrunner.com](mailto:chiefmiller@roadrunner.com) to learn more about becoming a volunteer. Your time, talent, and dedication could help save lives.

**Town of Newfane Fire Prevention Week** - On October 6th and 7th, Miller Hose partnered with Olcott Fire Co. and Wrights Corners Fire Co. to bring fire safety education to life at Newfane Elementary. It was a hands-on, high-energy experience that left a lasting impression on students and staff alike.

Kindergarteners kicked off the event by watching *Sparky the Fire Dog's ABCs of Fire Safety*, a fun and educational video that uses the alphabet to teach fire safety through songs and visuals. Key lessons included "Stop, Cover your Face, Drop, and Roll," creating an escape plan with two ways out, and how to dial 911. They even got to practice "Stop, Drop, and Roll" with the firefighters—followed by a thrilling ride around the parking lot in a fire truck, lights and sirens blazing. Definitely a highlight of the day!



Students in grades 1 through 3 explored exciting outdoor exhibits, including walk-throughs of fire trucks and an ambulance, where they learned about the equipment and tools used by first responders. They watched live demonstrations of a stove fire and learned how to properly use a fire extinguisher. 1st graders even got hands-on with the hoses and practiced putting out a (pretend) fire!



Fire Prevention Week is one of the many ways we give back to our community. It's also a chance to inspire the next generation and highlight the importance of volunteer service. Miller Hose proudly offers a **Junior Firefighter Program** for youth ages 13 and up in the Town of Newfane. Juniors participate in weekly Thursday night drills and help out at community events, gaining valuable experience and learning the importance of volunteer firefighting.

Have a son, daughter, or youth interested in joining or learning more? Stop by Miller Hose on Thursday nights between 7 PM and 9 PM, or email Chief Snyder at [chiefmiller@roadrunner.com](mailto:chiefmiller@roadrunner.com).

**The History of Fire Prevention Week** - Each October, Fire Prevention Week serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of fire safety. This national observance was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871 and caused catastrophic damage. The blaze claimed more than 250 lives, left 100,000 people homeless, destroyed over 17,400 buildings, and scorched over 2,000 acres of land.

In response to this tragedy, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) began observing Fire Prevention Week in 1922 to raise public awareness about fire safety. Just a few years later, in 1925, President Calvin Coolidge officially proclaimed it a national observance—making it the longest-running public health campaign in U.S. history.

During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and educators learn vital strategies to stay safe in the event of a fire. Firefighters across the country play a key role by providing lifesaving education aimed at reducing fire-related injuries and fatalities.

**Wrapping Up 2025 with Gratitude** - As the year comes to a close, we'd like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a safe and joyful holiday season to all. Thank you for your continued support throughout 2025. We're excited for what 2026 will bring and look forward to another year of making a difference together. **Happy Holidays from all of us at Miller Hose!**



# Olcott Church Completing its Restoration Drive

## *Polish the Diamond Campaign*

As a community, we have made great progress toward preserving this historic 1909 Olcott church located at the heart of the village. Most of the protective window coverings have been replaced and the window trim has been painted. The basement windows have also been replaced, and the bold centerpiece doors have been given a bright renewal. Music is playing in the bell tower for the first time in decades and for those following this project, they are blessed with a real sense of pride and community spirit. We thank all those who have generously contributed.

### Completing the Job

There are still a few more windows to refurbish, plus there is building trim and the bell tower frame that need to be painted. Completing these tasks will cap our efforts to restore this magnificent architectural gem that is the cornerstone of Olcott Beach.

We want visitors and those of us who pass by every day to see how beautiful this structure really is and enjoy its remarkable transformation. Some sunny weekend, step inside to view the fine interior architecture and impressive woodwork on the pews and pulpit. Get a sense of inspiration from the dynamic glow of the stained glass windows – you can even ask about holding a small group or family event in the building’s stimulating atmosphere. It is a unique community center.



### Help with our Spring Fundraising Drive

Early this spring, a group of dedicated volunteers will be reaching out to the community with phone calls, mailings and handshakes to raise funds to ***Complete the Job***. Your contribution will go directly toward restoring and beautifying this architectural gem, which benefits the community in so many ways, from feeding the poor to supporting those in need.

Please mail your donation to: Olcott Beach Church PO Box 24, Olcott, NY 14126.  
Checks Payable to: Olcott Beach Church, Polish the Diamond Campaign

Your generosity helps so much. Thank You

“FAITH” – GOD’S PLACE  
“All Are Welcome” to God’s Place Called “Faith”  
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2730 Transit Road  
Newfane, NY 14108  
(716) 778-7981

*All are Welcome!*

Sunday Worship – 9:00am

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWFANE**  
6047 East Avenue, Newfane, NY 14108  
10:30am: Sunday Morning Worship  
Wednesdays 1pm – 6pm: Food Pantry Open

194 years of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Newfane Community.

**Founded May 29, 1829**  
Oldest Church in the Hamlet of Newfane

**Cobblestone Building erected in 1843**

# THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

by Edna Wolff

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.

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## NEWFANE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

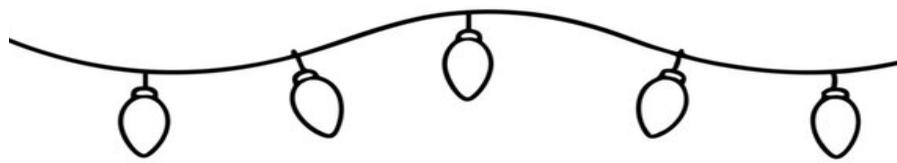
- **PANTRY HOURS:** Every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. You need to call for an appointment after 10 a.m. on the day you wish to visit the Pantry.
- **PANTRY PHONE NUMBER 716-638-4245:** Please leave a voice mail if there is no answer. The new phone line does NOT accept text messages.
- **OTHER NEEDS:** The Pantry can always use donations of staples such as meals in a can, soup, and cereal. Household products, such as hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bathroom tissue, paper towels, dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent are also needed. And monetary donations are always welcome.

For more information about the NCFP, please call Kathy at 716-433-2499.

NCFP is part of FeedMore WNY, formerly called the Food Bank of Western New York. We are grateful to receive support from many churches, businesses, community groups and other donors.

The Pantry welcomes families in need who live in the Newfane School District.

# Winter Events...



## KidBiz Market at Light Up Newfane



Join us for the very first Kid Biz Market at the Newfane Holiday Light Up! Shop unique, handcrafted items from talented young entrepreneurs on Friday, December 5 from 5-8 PM at the Newfane Community Center (note: there will be a short break during the parade at 6:30).



TO REGISTER AS A VENDOR  
AND FOR MORE INFO VISIT  
[NIAGARASBDC.ORG](http://NIAGARASBDC.ORG)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



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& NIAGARA SMALL BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER



## LIGHT UP NEWFANE FIRST FRIDAY OF DECEMBER

Main Street - Food, Vendors and More

**PARADE STARTS AT 6:30PM**

SPONSORED BY MEMBERS OF THE  
**NEWFANE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

**f VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION**



**The Living Nativity**  
**December 5, 6 & 7, 2025, 5:30-8:30 pm**  
**Held at Grace Bible Church, Newfane**

Go to: [www.gbcnewfane.com](http://www.gbcnewfane.com) to make a reservation. Guests will experience a 30-minute tour portraying the events of the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ. All scenes are outdoors, so please dress appropriately. Refreshments and children's activities while you wait. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to your reservation time. Park at the Newfane Town Hall and take the shuttle to the church. Free Admission!

## CHRISTMAS MAGIC Craft & Vendor Show

First Baptist Church of Newfane  
6047 East Ave. Newfane, NY

**Friday, December 5th**  
**4:00pm - 8:30pm**

Shop for gifts from local vendors,  
children's crafts, & Basket Raffle  
Come relax, enjoy some food  
& hot chocolate

Table Reservations Contact:

Nancy Beakman (716) 778-7300

or

Clara Thompson (716) 778-8193



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**NEWFANE**  
Public Library

presents

At the  
Newfane  
Community  
Center!

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Children's Holiday Craft Fair

2737 Main St. | Newfane

Saturday | December 6 | 6pm-8pm

A "Polar" Express to the Holidays!  
Where children make crafts to give  
as gifts! Meet Santa! Play games!  
Enjoy treats! All activities are free!



WELCOME TO  
**LAKEVIEW VILLAGE**  
 #OBNY SHOPPES EST. 1992

**Holiday Shopping Pop-Up**

Shop local for all your last minute holiday gifts at this one day event at selected boardwalk shoppes!

**SUNDAY  
 DECEMBER 7TH  
 12PM TO 4PM**

Follow our social media for updates about the event

The Van Horn Mansion's  
**Vintage Christmas!**  
 Saturday, Dec. 13  
 1-4pm

Enjoy a family-friendly journey through the Mansion, collecting gifts as you experience old-fashioned holiday games, crafts and activities!



Limited tickets, \$16 each  
 includes refreshments & gifts

Pre-sale only at  
[VanHornMansion.com](http://VanHornMansion.com)

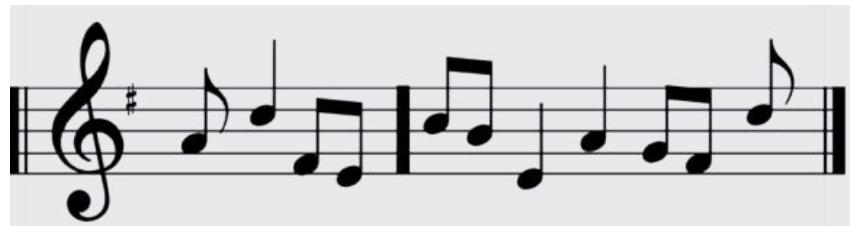
NEWFANE LION'S AND  
 LEO'S CLUB  
**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**



**Where: Olcott Fire Hall**  
**When: Sunday, December 14th**  
**Breakfast 8am - Noon**

Adults: \$10 Children 4-12: \$5  
 Under 4: Free

COME ENJOY A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST, PHOTOS WITH SANTA, CRAFTS, BASKET RAFFLE, 50/50, DOOR PRIZES, AND MORE!



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWFANE  
 INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR  
 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES  
 DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
 7:00pm & 11:00pm**

Come hear the story of Jesus' birth. Enjoy singing some of your favorite Christmas songs. And as the service comes to a close feel the true spirit of Christmas spread with the passing of the candlelight of Christ to the one standing next to you.




For details and updates regarding planned events this season, please be sure to check out The Town of Newfane tourism website at [www.olcott-newfane.com](http://www.olcott-newfane.com) or Facebook.



## 2026...A Memorable Year at Olcott Beach Carousel Park

by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.



Thank you for a great season at Olcott Beach Carousel Park (OBCP). According to our visitor guest book, the park had guests from 10 countries and 36 states. We also sold well over 125,000 ride tickets! This was a 4,000 ticket increase over last year!

OBCP was fortunate to have a great staff, consisting of students and volunteers. Our top volunteers were Debbie Hahn, Gail Kilner, Christine Kennedy, and Dwight Owen donating a total of more than 300 hours of service at the park.

Each year, besides yearly maintenance of the rides, games and buildings, we try to undertake projects to improve the park for the safety and comfort of the staff and public. One of those improvements was creating a private nursing mother's station. This was achieved by donations from Kris & Scott Gerstung, Richard J. Winter, Frank Rakosk, Roy and Deanna Knapp, and Chuck Burrough. The building was made to resemble the Olcott Trolley Station from the International Railway Corporation (IRC). Originally the trolley transported people to Olcott from Lockport and Buffalo. For history buffs, there is a schedule and route of the IRC trolley on the side of the building. In addition to the nursing station there is improved lighting in the outdoor area of the bathrooms and a "Misting Station" located near the rocket swings for those hot days we had this past summer!

OBCP is fortunate to have the support of the WNY Dairy Farmers, who provide free family entertainment each day the park is open with the 2 pm Rob and Carol Allen Magic Show. This was the tenth year that the Dairy Farmers sponsored the shows! The park funds other family friendly free stage shows throughout the season, as well as hosting the Olcott Beach Community Association's free outdoor movie night.

There are some wonderful plans for OBCP in 2026 and we invite you to join us next summer to see the improvements. Thank you to all who visit the park, talk about it, and help to run it. A special thank you to Gina Guido-Redden and her committee for The Park After Dark (Tuesday, August 11, 2026). This is the park's only fundraiser. Thanks to this fundraiser; yearly donations from the Olcott Lions Club and Grigg-Lewis Foundation; private donations and the hours donated by our volunteers; we are able to keep the cost of rides at 25¢, hire college and high school students, maintain the rides and fund new projects. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if interested please come to the park at 10 a.m. on May 16, 2026, to sign up and be trained.

We look forward to our 2026 season starting Memorial Day weekend so we can "Build Memories for a New Generation!"

## NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

*It is with great sadness that we tell you our founder and long-time President, Barbara Reabold, passed away in July. Along with Alice Hall, she founded our Club in 2012. She was the driving force of our Club and will be missed by everyone.*

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Despite the Cold, Windy, Rainy Spring, we had a beautiful Summer. We hope you have noticed the beautiful flowers planted by volunteers around the trees on Main Street. They are a dedicated group whose mission is to beautify our Town.

Our August meeting was held at the home of a member. Her gardener identified plants in her garden and spoke about placement, care, and pruning of annuals and perennials.

In September, we toured the beautiful property of McCollum Orchards on North Adam Street in Lockport. They have many large greenhouses where they grow vegetable plants vertically. The owner, Rich Woodbridge, told us the history of the property, its owners and facts about the house, which was built using stones from the excavation and building of the Erie Canal. They also have an extensive 'you pick' flower garden which has been used for wedding & graduation pictures.

Our members put together flower arrangements for the Newfane Nursing Facility at our October meeting. We hosted a speaker from Cornell Cooperative Extension at our November meeting. We do not meet in December because of the many holiday activities.

We are working on program ideas for 2026. Come join us and give us some fresh ideas!

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

It is our hope that you might become interested in our club and join us for a meeting. We always welcome new folks and fresh ideas. Our home base is The Newfane Community Room. We have changed our meeting to the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 am. We are hoping this change will enable more people to be a part of our group, especially those who do not care to drive at night. Because we do take field trips, it would be best to call for information about a specific monthly meeting if you are interested in attending.

If you have any questions about our club or a monthly meeting, please contact Secretary, Nancy Beakman at 716-778-7300 or Vice President, Beth Cooke at 716-534-0920.



***"If you tend a flower, it will bloom, no matter how many weeds surround it."***

***Matshona Dhiwayo***



## Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

We have had a very busy summer at the Cabin. Visitors came from 35 different states, 9 different countries, Puerto Rico, and Washington DC. It was funny to hear people comment how hot it is here and these people were from Georgia and other warmer places! Always so interesting talking to people from other places, especially different countries. Comments were always good ones and they loved our area, Cabin, and all of our history. Thought we were very fortunate to have such a beautiful park and have a Great Lake right in our back yard, which sometimes I think we forget about and take for granted.

Halloween Boonanza at the Cabin was another beautiful day with lots of fun with the kids. The Trick or Treat Trolley was busy all day. We look forward to next year as it's always such a fun day!

We are gearing up for Santa at the Cabin. I've talked to the big guy and he will arrive at the Cabin on December 7th from 1-5 pm. Bring the kids to see Santa and have them tell him their Christmas wishes, receive a stocking from him, and get a treat. We will again be collecting for the Peanut Butter and Jelly fund drive this year, if you are able to please bring a donation for our bin to give someone in need a helping hand this holiday season. We will also be raffling off a basket of local goodies to begin our fundraising for Santa at the Cabin 2026. Dress warm as there is always a wait outside to get into the Cabin. We hope to see you there!

As always if anyone has anything they'd like to display at the Cabin on a permanent basis or on loan please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887.

Also if anyone is interested in joining our Cabin volunteer family, you can also call Stella at 716-778-9887 for more information.

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas from our family to yours. Stay warm, healthy, and safe and look forward to seeing you at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the "Pine Grove" in 2026!

We look forward to you all stopping in to say hello and see all of our great local history. Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe. See you at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the "Pine Grove"!!!

## It's been another fantastic season on the boardwalk in Olcott at the Lakeview Village Shoppes!!!

The addition of Brownie's Custard Stand, Christmas Gift Box, and Mama's Mission certainly added to our success.

Our Boardwalk was a popular place to be on Friday nights with live music and free wine tasting. The annual Mermaid Day Festival was a huge success! Many thanks go out to everyone who participated, donated and supported this day. A special thank you goes out to Christine Kelemen of the Boho Siren for all her creative work to make the festival a great one!

Our free outdoor movie nights, sponsored by OBCA, were a great success again this year. Families of all ages gathered under the stars for this fun event.

Once again, the boardwalk will be hosting several performances for the Jazz Festival which will be held on August 31st. This is a terrific event which brings man happy faces. What better way to relax and listen to fantastic music!

The Boardwalk will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm - 6pm after Labor Day. Please stop down to enjoy some of our fall events we have planned.

\*\* September 20-27 - 2nd Annual Scarecrow Village. Community members, businesses, groups and families are encouraged to participate in decorating and creating their own scarecrow. The posts around the Boardwalk will display handmade scarecrows for everyone to vote on and enjoy. Contact Dragonfly Espresso \_\_\_O! Either by visiting them at 5955 Ontario St, Olcott or email [dragonfliespresso4579@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonfliespresso4579@yahoo.com). Anyone interested needs to be registered. Winners will be announced on 10/4.

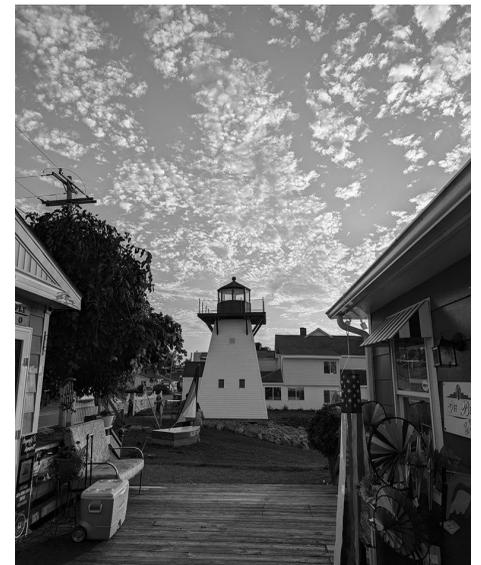
\*\*October 4th - Autumn Boo-Nanza & Pumpkin Palooza - Come trick or treat 12pm-3pm, listen to live music, wine taste and enjoy our fall festival. We will have pumpkin decorating, carnival games & special treats. The winners of the scarecrow contest will be announced on this day as well. The Log Cabin will have special treats as well. Bring the family down for this annual fall event.

\*\*October 11th - 4th Annual Psychic Faire - Walden Willow will once again sponsor this enchanting event from 12-6pm. Rain or shine, this event has proven to be a crowd pleaser. There will be vendors and private/gallery readings performed.

Saturday, October 18th - Fall Carnival on the Boardwalk. This fun event will be held from 12-3, sponsored by Mama's Mission. Stop by their shop for more information.

\*\*December 7th - Holiday shopping pop-up at The Lakeview Village Shoppes. All shops on the Boardwalk will be open for last minute holidays gifts from 12-4pm. Come visit us before we close for the season.

We encourage you to follow all of our boardwalk businesses on their social media pages to stay up to date on their sales, additional extended hours, and special events!



# Newfane & Olcott Beach Tourism: A Banner Season for 2025

By Janet Steggles

As 2025 winds down, it's clear that this has been one of the most exciting and successful tourism seasons the Town of Newfane (which includes our lakeside tourism district, Olcott Beach) has seen in years. From new businesses and record-breaking crowds to expanded events and even a brand-new live webcam, our lakeside community has been buzzing with activity!

## Growing Buzz, Near and Far

Newfane/Olcott Beach's online presence is stronger than ever. Visits to our tourism website grew by 13%, attracting clicks from 26 different countries. Our local gems also gained traction online:

- Olcott Beach Carousel Park saw a **12% increase** in engagement
- Newfane/Olcott Beach Tourism **grew 12.7%**
- Lakeview Shoppes traffic rose a remarkable **20%**

This digital visibility translated directly into more visitors exploring our town and spending time at our shops, restaurants, and events.

## What's New and Notable in 2025

- **Olcott Beach Lobster Company** made a splash, bringing in crowds from across Western New York—many visiting Olcott for the very first time.
- **Bye's Popcorn re-opened** to great fanfare and set new sales records.
- **Extended seasons** for the Saturday Car Shows, Gazebo concerts, Lakeview Shoppe's live music, and Ye Olde Log Cabin drew strong increased attendance.
- **Visitor guide expansion** added a third distribution route across New York State, quickly meeting high demand.

**Olcott Marina Webcam** went live! Streaming on its own YouTube channel, the feed can also be shared by any local business. <https://www.youtube.com/@OlcottCam>

## By the Numbers: A Look at the Season

- Many local businesses reported record-breaking sales days.
- Average sales **per customer** rose 13% for retailers and 9% for food & beverage businesses. Souvenirs featuring **Olcott Beach and the Great Lakes** were the hottest items.
- **August was up 25–30%** and September events showed strong turnout, proving that fun doesn't end with summer.
- **Ye Olde Log Cabin** welcomed 3,500 guests in 2025.
- **Olcott Beach Carousel Park** sold 4,000 more tickets this year and also logged guests from 35 states and 8 countries.

Interactive events continue to shine. Festivals like the **Mermaid Festival, Pirate Festival, and Patriots Parade** gave visitors the chance to join in the fun, while paint nights, outdoor art for children, Santa experiences, and pumpkin decorating brought families together in creative ways.

## Fishing Frenzy

Lake Ontario proved once again why it's a top destination for anglers. In 2025, the western end of the lake hosted **14 fishing tournaments**, with nearly **3,800 boat entries**

## Staying Over

Vacation rentals continue to thrive, with area lodging performing above the averages at the national, state, and **county levels**.

## Looking Ahead: Winter Magic

Tourism in Newfane isn't just for summer! Upcoming winter events promise plenty of seasonal cheer:

- **Vintage Christmas at the Van Horn Mansion**
- **Holiday Light Up Parade & Living Nativity**
- **Santa at the Cabin**
- **Christmas Open House at the Van Horn**
- **Polar Bear 5k & Polar Bear Swim**

A heartfelt thank-you to the Tourism Board for their dedication: Gina Guido-Redden (Chair), Barb Miller, Jane Voelpel, Jim Sansone, Ann Schulze, Cate Banks Orr, Janet Steggles, Stella Tothill Wilson, Kris DeGlopper Banks, and Christine Kelemen. Together, they've helped make 2025 a record-breaking, memory-filled year for visitors and locals alike.

**Christmas Gift Box \* Dragonfly Espresso\_O! \* Gift Box at the Beach \* Just Looking on the Lake  
KM Treats \* Walden Willow \* Boho Siren \* Chenez Popcorn \* Mama's Mission \* Brownie's**



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James J. Lupini  
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Newfane School Community,

I hope this newsletter finds every one healthy and well. After an extremely busy summer, the Newfane Central School District had a remarkable start to the 2025-2026 school year.

After moving the Newfane Early Childhood Center (NECC) from Godfrey Road to the Old Intermediate School at 6175 East Avenue, our Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program and central administrative offices are running smoothly. I would be remiss if I did not thank our entire Buildings and Grounds Department and our partners at Orleans Niagara BOCES for making this a smooth transition.

As a district, we implemented an Away for the Day policy in accordance with Governor Hochul's ban on internet-enabled devices in schools. Although it may not have been popular with everyone at first, our students were amazing in navigating through this and are seeing the benefits both socially and academically. Our high school students even made a public service announcement video that can be found on our social media pages. I want to thank our Board of Education for their forward thinking and collaboration in implementing this policy.

Our students and teachers are off to wonderful start to our academic year. Our faculty has been working extremely hard as our district is focusing on data-driven instruction. Our District Planning Team has been analyzing the results of our Culture and Climate Survey that was administered last school year. All of this information will be synthesized into a Strategic Plan this Spring 2026 that will set the direction and goals of the district for the next 3-5 years.

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our Capital Project Vote. We will be presenting this to the community as two propositions. Proposition 1 will address key items of need such as roofs, electrical service upgrades, boiler and HVAC replacements, masonry repointing, floor and door replacements, and renovations to our Middle School nurse's

office, band room and a portion of our classrooms. Proposition 2 will complete renovations to our original instructional spaces at Newfane Middle School as well as upgrading our Technology Wing at the High School. Newfane Middle School is the beautiful centerpiece of our community. Construction of the building began in 1948. The classrooms have never been renovated or updated with the exception of painting and repairs. Any alumni of Newfane Middle School over the last 75 years, have sat in the exact same classrooms as our students are today. Our goal with this project is to provide our students with an updated learning environment that will foster engagement and improved academic success. Proposition 2 will be contingent on Proposition 1 passing.

- Proposition 1- NO TAX IMPACT - \$18,018,422
- Proposition 2 - Minimal Tax Impact - \$16,681,578
- Total of Two Propositions – \$34,700,000

Proposition 1 will have NO TAX Impact. This is the result of long-range financial planning that balances our state building aid, capital reserve and debt service so there is no increase to our tax levy. Proposition 2 will have MINIMAL TAX impact. The impact for \$100,000 of assessed value will be \$30.62/year. This equates to a tax increase of about \$3/month for a median home to address all of the capital improvements in both propositions. Proposition 1 has to pass in order for Proposition 2 to pass. We will be holding informational sessions for our public in December. The dates will be forthcoming.

I hope that everyone has a healthy and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

James Lupini





## Newfane Alumni Association

The Newfane Alumni Association held its third Distinguished Alumni Induction Ceremony on October 16, 2025. We were proud to recognize the following individuals that have set themselves apart as leaders in their communities and/or career field.

### 2025 Distinguished Alumni Inductees

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Beth Talladay Banks '72      | Philip Banks '70      |
| Lindsay Lash Bridenbaker '94 | Adam Burdick '08      |
| Michael Capen '88            | Timothy Horanburg '67 |
| Jordan Hogan '09             | David Shuey '08       |



To make nominations for 2027 Inductees please visit the Alumni link on the Newfane Central School District website. Here you can fill out an electronic nomination form or print one out and mail it to us. We look forward to your nominations.

### *Panther Pretty 2026!*

We will host our 5<sup>th</sup> annual event *March 14, 2026, from 10am – 2pm at the Newfane United Methodist Church*. This event assists students by providing free prom-wear from dresses to tuxedos to shoes and accessories. We take personal responsibility in assuring that the students in our community can experience a magical night. We also have business attire for students that may need attire for interviews. This event is open to all Niagara County School students.

\*Donations can be dropped off at Newfane High School, attention Mrs. Keys.



### *Giving Tree 2025*

The Alumni are hosting the Giving Tree once again this year at the Newfane Town Hall. This could not be accomplished without the joint efforts of our schools, town employees and our community members and we cannot thank you enough.

- Applications will be out soon through Parent Square
- Gift Drop Off at the town hall December 1-8
- Gift Distribution by appointment will be December 12-13

### *Alumni Brick Walk at Panther Stadium*

New brick spots are limited as the walk is filling fast. What better way to create a long-lasting memory than to honor a friend, family, or faculty member. All proceeds from the brick sales go back to the Association to fund scholarships, grants, and our flagship events like Homecoming and Panther Pretty. Bricks can be purchased at <https://polarengraving.com/newfanealumni>

#### Clip Art Section:

To view our full clip art library, please visit:

<https://polarengraving.com/newfanealumni>

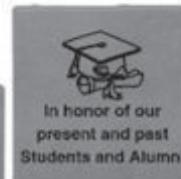
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Scan code with the camera app on your phone to open our website!



#### Virtual Brick Examples



### *Become A Member*

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



## Newfane Central School District Aquatic Center

Located at: 2909 Transit Road, Newfane, New York 14108

Contact the Athletic Department for more information (716) 778-6563

### AQUATIC PROGRAMS -- FALL 2025

*Please check the website for any changes and the pool is closed when school is not in session*

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

For community members and senior citizens: The pool is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 am – 8:45 am Cost: \$4.00 (pay at door)

#### **LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES**

Beginning this winter! More Information soon! Keep an eye on our Facebook page or District Website to learn more!

Cost: \$60.00

Session: Wednesdays (9-Weeks)

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 25; March 4, 11

Time: Level 1 & 2 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Levels 3, 4, 5, 6 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

#### **DAYTIME WATER AEROBICS**

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

Tuesday's & Thursday's from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Cost: \$4.00 (pay at door).

Minimum class size: 9 participants



#### **POOL PARTIES**

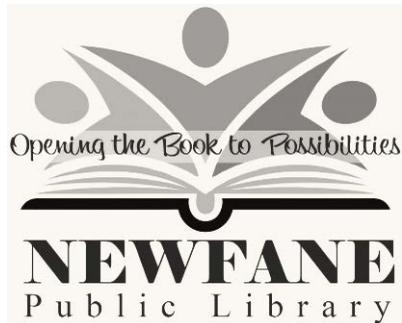
**Celebrate at the Newfane Aquatic Center!**

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

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

**[www.newfane.wnyric.org](http://www.newfane.wnyric.org)**

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



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<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>	<b>FOR KIDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>21st Annual Children’s Craft Fair</b> December 6 from 6pm-8pm</li> <li>• <b>Toddler Time</b> December 11 at 4:30pm</li> <li>• <b>AB&amp;C: Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses</b> December 18 at 4:30pm</li> <li>• <b>Noon Year’s Party</b> December 31 at 11:30am</li> </ul>	<b>FOR ADULTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holiday Book Folding</b> December 2 at 6pm</li> <li>• <b>Jane Austen Book Bedazzling</b> December 16 at 6pm</li> </ul> <b>FOR ALL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hanukkah Stories with Margo Sue Bittner:</b> December 18 at 6pm</li> </ul>
<b>WINTER 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Author Fair</b> Saturday, January 17 from 12pm-2pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Winter Reading Challenge:</b> January 17-February 28</li> <li>• <b>Annual Book Sale at the Winery at Marjim Manor</b> Monday, Jan. 19-Monday, Feb. 16</li> </ul>
<b>UPCOMING CLOSED DATES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dec. 24: Closing early at 3pm</li> <li>• Dec. 25 &amp; 26: Closed all day</li> <li>• Dec. 31: Closing early at 3pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan. 1: Closed all day</li> <li>• Jan. 19: Closed all day</li> <li>• Feb. 16: Closed all day</li> </ul>
	<b>Monthly events for children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEGO Club</li> <li>• Toddler Time</li> <li>• Family Storytime</li> <li>• Afternoon Books &amp; Crafts</li> <li>• Homeschool Hour</li> </ul>	<b>Monthly events for adults</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Club</li> <li>• Gadgets &amp; Gear Tech Help</li> <li>• Coffee &amp; Games</li> <li>• Craft Nights</li> </ul>

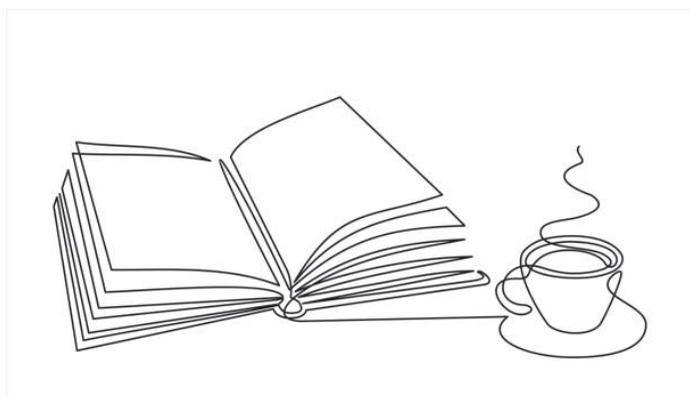
*This list of events is incomplete and subject to change. Stay up to date by following us on social media, visiting our website, or stopping in!*



**OPEN HOURS**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 10am-5pm  
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10am-7pm  
Saturdays: 10am-2pm  
Sundays: CLOSED

*Library Director:  
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[gschweigert@nioga.org](mailto:gschweigert@nioga.org)*





## Newfane Golden Agers

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



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

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

### Events from this Summer/Fall included:

- July Trolley Ride to Olcott
- August Picnic at Wilson/Tuscarora Park
- September Guided Tour of Van Horn Mansion
- October's Annual Birthday Party for nine members over 90 at Olcott Fire Hall (see photo below)
- November's "Pot of Gold" Meeting

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

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!*



Olcott Fire Hall was the location for the Newfane Golden Agers annual birthday party celebrating 90 years and older!

From left to right is Supervisor Syracuse, and seated are the guests of honor:

Jane Girard (90), Alice Balcom (90), Phyllis Simone (93), Peggy Lozaw (94), Charlie Schultz (94), Heinz Markert (95), Russ Stapler (95), Esther Meyers (96) and Harvey Renalds (93).



# VETERANS NEWS...

## From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

### Attention Veterans with Graduating Newfane Seniors

The Post is offering its \$500 *Lester Oakes Memorial American History Scholarship* to a graduating Senior from the Newfane Central School District, which includes district home schooled students. The applicant must be a child of a current or former service member of the U.S. Military, including the National Guard and Reserves, or under legal guardianship of a service member or veteran. They should also have been accepted to attend a 2 or 4 year college or trade/technical school, meet the qualifications for their social studies grades, and have been involved in community service activities. The cutoff for the application submission is May 1st. For details and information, students can see the School Guidance Office senior scholarship webpage, or contact the post at (716) 408-3311 or newfanelegion@yahoo.com..

### High School Juniors Interested in Government

The Post and its Auxiliary Unit are looking for Juniors in the Newfane Central School District (and home schooled students) interested in Government and Political Science. The post and the American Legion Department of New York offer a unique experience with the Legion's Boys State program and the Legion Auxiliary Empire Girls State program, where attendees learn about government and experience the political process in New York State. The immersive workshop engages students in the multifaceted workings of government and politics, from local elected positions all the way to the Governor. Students research and propose legislation

and lobby to gather votes to get laws passed. Both programs are steeped in non-partisan patriotism. The young men also receive an introduction to the military lifestyle with assistance from a Marine Corps cadre who help Legionnaires as course facilitators. New York's Boys State is held at SUNY Morrisville and Empire Girls State is held at SUNY Brockport toward the end of June. The Post and its Auxiliary Unit will be holding interviews in the early spring. Attendees who are a direct descendant of a wartime era veteran (grandchildren, etc.) are also eligible to compete for the American Legion Samsung scholarships when they attend the course. Contact the post for eligibility and related information.

### Stop-In at our Meetings

We can always use new members to help, or just stop by to meet your fellow veterans. Our meetings are held in the Community Center behind the Town Hall on Main Street.

The second Monday of every month.

At 7:00 pm (6 pm in December and June)

The Newfane Post's Auxiliary Unit is also open to new members! If you are a mother, daughter, sister, spouse (including male spouses of female veterans), or a female descendant of a Legion member, you could be eligible to join. Contact the post to discuss how you might be eligible and for more information.

### Veterans -- Is your DD Form 214/Service record on file at the Niagara County Clerk's office?

Bring your service records to the Clerk's office where they will securely keep them on file and provide you with stamped, certified copies. This will assure they are safely maintained and will be available to you or your family if there is an emergency and its necessary to prove your service and request benefits you and your family are entitled to. Benefits can include final rights of folding and presenting your interment flag, playing of Taps, and burial in a National Cemetery if chosen). While you are at the Clerk's office, sign up for the Niagara County Thank-a-Vet program to access discounts at businesses throughout the county.

### Veterans -- Are you a member of a Veteran Organization?

If not, think about joining one of your choice. As we lose the last veterans of the Greatest Generation and increasing numbers of veterans of the wars in Korea and Vietnam, membership in these organizations is dropping, which reduces our ability to influence and lobby for the interests of veterans and their families in Washington. If you used the Veterans Administration or the GI Bill for college after you got out of service, organizations like the American Legion and VFW played key roles in lobbying to get those benefits for service members and returning veterans. The American Legion also had a hand in the establishment of the National Archives, the Flag Code and more recently the PACT Act. The American Legion Post 873 is the last remaining veteran organization in Newfane and has

been here for 100 years supporting Newfane Veterans. Even though we no longer have a Legion hall, the Newfane Post has remained active since the 1980s to provide veteran and community services. The Legion has set its roots in Newfane to serve veterans, families and neighbors; you will often see us out providing the following services.

- Military honors at a veteran's funeral
- Collecting peanut butter and jelly for the food pantries
- Providing scholarships and opportunities to area students
- Assisting with maintaining the Veterans Memorial Park
- Helping to maintain Newfane's Hometown Hero banners
- Cleaning up along Lockport-Olcott Road through town
- Placing and removing the flags on veteran's graves in area cemeteries

With the 2019 LEGION Act -- *Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act* -- the eligibility for American Legion membership now spans from December 7, 1941 until this time. If you are a veteran who served honorably and would like to be part of an organization that is still serving, stop by a meeting or give us a call. If you are missing something that you had during your service time, like the camaraderie and sense of purpose we shared, check out a veteran organization, you may find that thing you are missing

## Working at Newfane's Lockport Felt Company was a Family Tradition

Newfane's Lockport Felt Company operated from 1891 to 1981 below the hill off West Avenue. Now home to Forest Creek Business Park and 4 Kings Distillery, the site was known as the 'Felt Mill' and served as Newfane's principal industry, employing 275 people during its most prosperous years from the 1940s to the 1960s. The company played a vital role in shaping Newfane's economy, supporting local families and contributing to the town's growth.

The roots of Lockport Felt go back to the early 1800s when Newfane (the village was then called Charlotte) was establishing itself as a mill town on the Eighteen Mile Creek. In a time when there was no electricity, early mills were sites that used waterpower to turn machinery that ground, cut or crushed materials for three purposes; woolen mills used for producing fabrics, grist mills that ground grains for food and sawmills to cut lumber. The first Newfane mill was built in 1810 by James Van Horn on the creek in Burt, then later Ira Tompkins started a mill near Condren Road and the Collins mill was built off Ewings Road near Main Street. The Lockport Felt site first began as the Charlotte Woolen Mill in 1863 and had several owners (one was Daniel Van Horn) before it was bought by Lockport pulp mill

investors in 1891. They purchased the site primarily to gain its water rights and soon obtained a contract to produce papermaking felts, naming the fledgling business Lockport Felt Co. Through the first half of the 1900s the company was owned by the Lee family who expanded operations, acquiring facilities and distributing product throughout the U.S. and Canada. By 1950 they had become a worldwide leader in the production of felts for the paper industry. Lockport Felt was purchased by the Carborundum Company in 1966, and in 1977 it changed hands again and became a subsidiary of Ivaco Industries. Over time, Newfane's felt operations were relocated to other locations, and by the time the aged West Avenue plant shut down in 1981, just 34 employees remained. The Transit Road building closed in 1985.

Lockport Felt frequently acknowledged the commitment and dedication of their employees, often giving 6% of an employee's salary as a Christmas bonus and each worker and retiree was given a Christmas ham. Lockport Felt newsletters featured stories about multiple generations of family members who worked at the company, including some with careers spanning 45 years.

### Seven Keller Sisters & Five Husbands

Particularly notable was the Keller family, who had seven sisters and five of their husbands who logged 222 years of combined service at Lockport Felt.

Shown here are sisters, Nellie and Lorraine, and below are sister Violet and husband John Linderman.



There were also sisters Pearl, Sarah, Katie and Florence. The other four husbands were Harold Reackhoff (Nellie), Ralph Halifax (Lorraine), Fred Schnoor (Pearl) and Elmer Higardiner (Sarah).



### The Paradise Family

The Paradise family was another with long service. Father, Peter started at Lockport Felt in 1901, and like many factory workers of the time he still operated the family farm. Each of his four children – Frank, George, Edward and Mary also worked at the mill - shown are Peter, Frank and George.



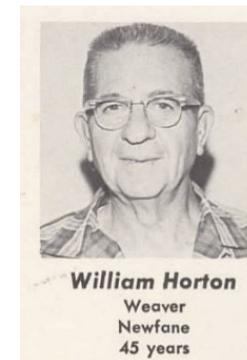
Frank Paradise



George Paradise

### The Horton's

Four generations and at least 12 members of the Horton family were honored for long service at Lockport Felt. Here are brothers William Horton and Harold 'Dutch' Horton.



William Horton  
Weaver  
Newfane  
45 years

Others were their father Albert, mother Nettie, Albert Jr., Bill's wife Florence and Dutch's wife Mary. Also, Dutch's grandfather John Gibson, Dutch's sons John (Jack) Horton

(also a driver) and Harold Jr., and daughter Betty Horton Wilson and husband Sanford.



Many families had more than one relative who worked at the Felt Co. In available records we find Knapp, Robertson, Mills, Weir, Miller, Degnan, Krueger, Walker and Brown – but there are certainly more.

Bill Clark, Newfane Town Historian  
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- 2<sup>ND</sup> THU** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP\*  
Online (7:00 - 8:30pm)
- 3<sup>RD</sup> WED** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Amherst (7:00 - 8:30pm)
- 3<sup>RD</sup> THU** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Hamburg (7:00 - 8:30pm)
- 3<sup>RD</sup> THU** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Lockport (6:30 - 8:00pm)
- 4<sup>TH</sup> THU** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
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Newfane Business Association along with the Town of Newfane will once again sponsor the *Light Up Newfane* event

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Pictured from left to right promoting the Winter Clothing Drive: Supervisor John Syracuse, Legislator Paul Bologna and Confidential Secretary Mary Zeller.



Congratulations to the Varsity Football team for finishing their season undefeated, capturing the Class D League Title and winning the First Championship Game!

Congratulations to Newfane Girls Cross Country athletes on their league championship and to Eden Hillman on her success at the NYSPHSAA XC Finals! She also finished as the top 8th grader in Class C.

*Special thanks to photographer Richard Leader*