

The Town of Newfane Bicentennial

December

Celebrating 200 Years

2024

Update from the Supervisor's Office

John Syracuse
Newfane Town Supervisor

Bicentennial Celebrations, Partnerships and Beautification Cap a Successful Year for Newfane



As the end of our busy and successful Bicentennial year approaches, we are also thrilled to highlight the strides made in beautifying and preserving our beloved community. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the support and dedication of numerous community leaders, organizations and volunteers who devoted time and effort to our shared vision.

Pictured left is former Town Supervisor John McNally who served during Newfane's Sesquicentennial celebration in 1974 and right is current Supervisor John Syracuse.

Over the past year, we've completed several significant projects, including the repainting and rewiring of lampposts throughout town to ensure brighter and more reliable lighting. Thanks to these updates, our streets now shine more vibrantly than ever and enhance the community's overall appearance.

Sanitation and street-cleaning work along with lawn and flower maintenance have been top priorities this year. These ongoing efforts keep our town looking great, creating a comfortable and inviting appearance for residents and visitors. Cemetery upkeep has also been a major focus, with increased landscaping, trimming and clearing of overgrown vines and bushes that preserve the dignity of these honored grounds. A heartfelt thank you goes to volunteers at Olcott's Lakeview cemetery and to the 'Historical Baddies', a passionate group whose dedication is helping to preserve the beauty and legacy of those resting in Olcott's West Main Street cemetery. Equally valuable work have been undertaken at the Hess Road cemetery where we removed a decaying tree and limbs.

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We want to recognize our valuable collaboration with Save the Michaels of the World, Inc., whose residents have been essential in advancing many of our community improvement projects. Moving forward, we are excited to build upon these relationships and invite more residents to get involved as volunteers. One of their largest accomplishments was repair of the former Burt Post Office that is now located at the Country Village historic grounds on West Creek Road. They are also helping with cleaning and winter storage of our Hometown Hero banners. A special 'Thank-you' goes to John Getman for his leadership.

Looking ahead, our town is embarking on an exciting new chapter with the development of Harper's Park, a dog park that will be located near Maple and Ketchum Avenue. This project is a partnership with the Lions and Leos Club and the Recovery Center of Niagara. We look forward to the opening of this new green space that will serve as a gathering place for community members and their four-legged friends.

As the holiday season approaches, I want to extend warmest wishes to all. May you and your loved ones enjoy a safe, happy and blessed Christmas and New Year. Thank you once again for your dedication to our community and for your support in making this year's accomplishments possible. Together, our continuing efforts to improve our community generate pride we can all share.



Newfane Kids Receive Letters from Santa



Once again, Santa has asked us at the Town Hall to collect letters that Newfane children want delivered to Santa for Christmas – and we are more than happy to help him out. As in past years, children can place their “Letters to Santa” in our Santa drop box located next to the north door at the Town Hall. The drop box is clearly marked with a picture of Santa and letters can be placed in the box beginning Thursday November 25 until Friday December 13. This allows time for Santa to respond to all the kids. Santa and his helpers are quite busy this time of year, so he asks that only children up to 4th Grade who reside in the Town of Newfane write to him at this location. Please remember, Santa can only reply to one letter per child and is not able to accept letters from groups such as Scouts, school classrooms, etc. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope so Santa can reply on time.

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Councilman	Richard Coleman	
Councilman	Robert Horanburg	
Councilwoman	Susan Neidlinger	
Councilman	Peter Robinson	

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Nicholas Irr/ Plant Manager		778-7131
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Wastewater Treatment Plant		778-7131
Wastewater Treatment Plant Fax		778-6160

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Ordinance Enforcement Officer

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Advertise your Business in our December Newsletter.

Deadline for ads is March 1, 2025. Complete the section below and return with your ad and full payment to:

Town of Newfane, Newsletter

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Make checks payable to Town of Newfane

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Time Capsule to be Buried in the Spring

After opening the 1976 time capsule at the Apple Blossom Festival in May, we have been collecting town, family and historic memorabilia to place in a new capsule for the next generation. Burial is now planned for spring 2025 and details will be announced soon. If you want to include family and community memories in the next capsule, please drop them off at the Clerk or



Supervisor's office at Newfane Town Hall. Letters and memories that folks wrote to be shared with their children and grandchildren fifty years later were the most popular items taken from the capsule last spring. Items must reflect the Newfane community, our history and heritage, and must be a fit for the capsule shown in the photo above. A summary of the contents in the recently opened 1976 capsule is on page 28 of the August town newsletter available on the Town of Newfane website. www.townofnewfane.com

Shawn Foti

Niagara County Legislature 14th District Legislator



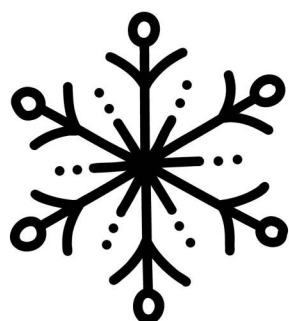
FALL 2024

Happy Fall to Newfane and the entire 14th District! It seems as though this year flew by and I can't believe we are already staring at another winter. I am still wondering where summer went. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the many summer activities offered around Newfane, including the wonderful Bicentennial Celebrations. We are blessed to have countless community events hosted by our wonderful organizations and I was happy to see our residents support their efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions/concerns/suggestions. I will do my best to address each item and collaborate with all departments and levels of government to provide the support necessary.

I have been extremely busy at the Legislature, working tirelessly to bring much needed resources and reinvestment back to our community. I am very proud of the Small Business Façade Grant Program 2.0 that occurred in 2024. Our 14th district saw 25 businesses receive grant funding totaling \$482,394 in matching funds which equated to almost 20% of all funds distributed around the county. I want to thank all the small businesses who participated in the program and it has been great to see the aesthetical improvements in our community. I also want to thank our residents who support those businesses. It is a community effort to revitalize our business districts and keep a thriving economy in tough times.

As Chairman of our Infrastructure Committee, we have been working very hard to bring much needed rehabilitation and new improvements to our parks, roads, and municipal buildings. Krull Park has seen new upgrades every year, and 2025 will follow suit. New pavilions, new playground, new pickleball courts will be built alongside rehabbed tennis courts, EV charging stations, and new signage. I am very proud of our partner agencies working together to install Bald Eagle nesting poles which will provide safe habitat for the increased population of eagles we have been seeing. Highway department has new bridge culvert projects next year on Hess Rd and Hartland Rd along with more paving and road rehabilitation. We are also breaking ground on a brand new DPW complex which will include a new Administration Building with office space for the entire DPW staff in one location and upgraded facilities for our employees who spend their days out on the roads in all weather elements. The new complex also includes a large heated storage building to house our heavy equipment which will extend the lifespan.

County EMS ambulance service has been very busy assisting our local volunteer EMS providers. I hope to expand the department to include a night shift ambulance in 2025. I want to thank our volunteer agencies who continue to respond to hundreds of calls a year and provide essential life saving services to our residents. They are heroes to our community and I will always support them in any way possible.



As I enter my 10th year as your New York State Senator, I would like to thank the great people of the Town of Newfane for this wonderful opportunity. Serving the people of Niagara, Orleans and Monroe counties is a great honor and I'm proud to continue to represent you in the state legislature.

Since the legislative session wrapped up in June, I've been able to spend much more time throughout the 62nd Senate District, attending a variety of events and programs. I enjoyed taking part in several of Newfane's Bicentennial festivities - there is a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and volunteer to bring these celebrations to life and honor the history of our great town.

Sportsmen across Niagara County can celebrate a legislative win - hunting big game by rifle is now permitted throughout the county. Hunters asked for this to get done and I'm happy to say we delivered. I'd like to thank county legislator Shawn Foti for sponsoring the home rule message - an essential step to get the bill through the state legislative chambers. I'd also like to thank the folks at Escarpment Arms for their support and knowledge of hunting and the firearms industry, and to Governor Hochul for signing this bill ahead of this year's hunting season.

In January, I'll be heading back to Albany for the start of the new legislative session. Mark Twain had a famous quote that states: "No man's life, liberty or property are safe when the NYS legislature is in session". Our Republican conference will remain focused on defending liberty, including making NY more affordable for working families and safer for law abiding New Yorkers. The rights of gun owners, farmers and small businesses will remain a cornerstone of our agenda in 2025 and beyond.

My district office is open during regular business hours and if there is ever anything you need help with, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can email ortt@nysenate.gov, call 716-434-0680 or stop by 175 Walnut Street, Suite #6, Lockport, NY 14094.



Hometown Hero Banners are Produced and Installed in the Spring

The Newfane Hometown Heroes street banner program for Veterans and active service personnel takes orders through the end of February for placement in May 2025. If your banner has already been placed or has been ordered, you do not need to take any action. For those who ordered banners after the May installation last spring, an unfortunate set of circumstances prevented us from producing and installing them this year and they will go up in the spring. There will be only one installation period in 2025, so new requests must be submitted by the end of February. This will be the fourth year for the popular program and most of the banners are holding up well. Applications are available at Town Hall or look on the Town website.

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It has been an extraordinary privilege to serve the people of Newfane as your state assemblyman over these past eight years. This is truly a wonderful community and I thank you for the opportunity to be your voice in Albany and to fight for Newfane.

It has been a pleasure working with so many elected and community leaders, including Town Supervisor John Syracuse and his predecessor, the late Town Supervisor Tim Horanburg, Town Clerk Donna Lakes and her predecessor, Mickey Kramp, Highway Superintendent Jon Miller, Town Attorney Jim Sansone, all the town board members, and County Legislator Shawn Foti. The cooperation with your community leaders has truly been fantastic!

When I was sworn into office in 2017, I walked into the Assembly chamber for the first time as a member and said I was thinking of you—all of the hardworking families and farmers, our highway crews, firefighters and EMTs and everyone here in Western New York who helps make this a special place to call home. I meant it and pledged to work hard and focus on improving our quality of life.

During my tenure, I have proud to work with our Farm Bureau and help stand up for the agriculture industry on many issues including improving food and farm security, speaking out against mandates that drive up costs, supporting the Niagara Wine Trail, helping breweries with licensing, promoting farmers' markets and helping reimagine the agriculture industry so our farms and food producers can excel as soon as today but also for generations to come.

Regarding our local infrastructure, record funding was secured for our local roads, bridges, sewers and culverts. The Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) was delivered, which committed \$300 million to communities along Lake Ontario and directly assisted property owners, small businesses and municipalities in Newfane, including the new break wall in the Olcott Harbor.

Listening to my constituents, I undertook two additional initiatives statewide in promoting the retention and recruitment of volunteer firefighters and the prevention of childhood drownings. I am grateful that funding for new volunteer firefighters' stipends and additional infrastructure resources for our departments have been allocated in the state budget and the \$150 million NY SWIMS Program is already making our state safer by increasing access to swimming lessons and recruiting and retaining lifeguards.

Whether it's the historic work accomplished to provide safe staffing levels for our nurses, championing more construction and bullet aid for our libraries and pushing back against Foundation Aid educational changes, which would have adversely impacted our local teachers, our key Western New York resources and quality of life were protected.

I've been especially proud to help bring the community together through events like the Christmas in July Toy Drive, benefitting children with cancer and other serious illnesses at the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, hands-only CPR classes and blood drives and the collection of peanut butter and jelly for our children who are in need. Thank you to everyone who helped with these important projects.

And, when faced with unprecedented challenges, we have rallied together. Through floods, the pandemic and more, our community has come together and come through stronger because of the tremendous resiliency and support of the people of the 144th Assembly District.

As I embark now on serving as a State Supreme Court Judge here in Western New York and begin a new chapter of my life, I want you to know how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to represent you in Albany as your Assemblyman.

I sincerely thank you and wish you a very Merry Christmas and extend my best wishes to you for a happy and healthy New Year!

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



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Protect Yourself from Holiday Scams

Criminals often impersonate government agencies and legitimate authorities to obtain personal information, access your accounts and steal your money. Scammers might call, email, text, write, or message you on social media claiming to be from the government, your bank or a legitimate fundraising group.

Four Basic Signs of a Scam

Scammers pretend to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust. They say they are acting in your best interest.

Scammers pressure you to act immediately

Scammers claim there is a problem, offer a special deal if you 'act now' or offer a prize.

Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way, not offering other payment options

Known Tactics Scammers Use

They focus on obtaining your personal information and account numbers.

Claim to need personal information to pay you money you are owed.

Threaten to suspend, lock or seize your account.

Threaten you with arrest or legal action if you don't agree and act immediately.

Ask you to pay with gift cards, prepaid debit cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, or by mailing cash.

Offer to move your money to a "protected" bank account.

Demand secrecy or tell you not to discuss it with anyone

Threaten to expose you on social media.

Use fake documents or webpages that look legitimate

Be skeptical -- look for red flags.

Scammers often have website addresses that are different and look nothing like a legitimate agency.

Do not follow links or download information if you are not familiar with the sender

Scammers often use incorrect punctuation or spelling.

Remain calm. If you receive a communication that is suspicious or causes you stress, take time to learn more and talk with someone you trust.

If they claim to represent your bank or an account you have, hang up and contact your bank directly.

Be Cautious: If an offer sounds too good to be true, it is.

Report suspected scams -- If you suspect a scam, you can call the Niagara County Sheriff's Office or report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov)

THE OLCOTT FIRE COMPANY

FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL MILLER

The Olcott Fire Company has been busy, responding to about 800 calls this year. We recently sponsored our Community Kids Halloween Party and annual Turkey Raffle. The popular Turkey Raffle with its refreshments, goodies, side raffles, prizes and so many good friends is always a fun and successful event.

As the holidays draw near and the weather turns colder, OFC wants to remind everyone about the importance of winter home safety. A house fire is absolutely devastating and simple safety measures can help prevent them. Make sure your family has a practiced exit plan, including a meeting place outside the home. 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, and need to be replaced when that time draws near. It's important to not overload your electrical outlets and be sure to discard any frayed or worn extension cords. Space heaters should always be used with caution and kept away from furniture and curtains. Never leave burning candles unattended and be sure to keep your Christmas tree watered if using a live-cut tree. It's a great idea to keep walk-ways outside your home shoveled and salted, especially porch steps, and make sure your mail-carrier can safely get to your mailbox. Inevitably, the first snowy, slippery day will come, so remember to leave yourself extra time to get to work, increase your stopping distance and drive with increased caution in harsh weather. Now is a good time to check your tires and make sure they are ready to handle the harsh western New York winter. It is also good practice to keep some granola bars, dry socks, a blanket, extra phone charger and a candle and lighter in your vehicle in the event you become stuck and have an extended wait for help.

After the holiday hustle, watch our Facebook page for announcements about our Polar Bear 5k Run and Polar Bear Day the following Sunday. We typically have hot chili available (made by 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 at the upcoming 'Light Up Newfane Parade'. Remember, we are always looking for new members, stop in and see us any Thursday evening after 6:30pm ... let us show you how you can be part of something bigger and help those in need. Also ask about our new EMS Pilot Program, where you can join and help as an ambulance driver or a non-firematic EMT!

Kenna Liddell, NYSA-EMT, OFC Safety Officer



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

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



Newfane Lions Club—We Serve

Newfane Lions continues to serve its community and more through donations and service. Our medical equipment loan closet continues to be busy. We have canes, walkers, commodes, wheelchairs, beds and more. We also build wheelchair ramps. If you are in need or wish to borrow anything please reach out to any Lion Member or you can email: newfanelionsclub@gmail.com including your name, what you are in need of and a contact number and we will get back to you.

We would like to thank all of those that came out to participate in or watch the Bicentennial Community Day parade. We had great weather, and it was wonderful to see everyone. A big thank you to all of you for supporting us through our hot dog sales.

September brought our first meeting of the new year, where we inducted 3 new members into the club and brought with it plans to bring a 5k Race Against Hunger to town June 7, 2025. Paul Beatty was our guest speaker and is President of Race Management Solutions. He and his team will be helping with this 5k Race, and we are looking forward to raising some well needed money with donations to our local food pantries. This race will be a registered and timed race, we hope to bring the community out to help us support those in need. More to come, follow us on Facebook at Newfane Lions Club or reach out to any of our members.



Newfane Lion Club members along with Newfane Town Employees on the People Mover during the Newfane Bicentennial Parade



October was very busy for many of us for us we had a visit (photot on left) from the Lions District Governor, Bette Stonebraker, and our Lions Zone Chair, Aimee Jarvis. District Governor Bette discussed the importance of communication and some ideas to help each club grow. District Governor Bette also installed the Newfane Leo Club Officers for the 2024-2025 year.

Since October is Fire Prevention Month, we invited guests from Newfane Miller Hose Fire Company, Olcott Fire Company, and Wrights Corners Fire Company providing each of the Presidents with a \$500 donation. Thank you for all you do for our community!



Leo Advisors Vic Thibault and Kevin Ketch. Leo Vice President Anna Ricker, Leo Secretary Melody Xu, Leo President Hayden Kopp, Leo Advisor Carly Phillips, and District Governor Bette Stonebraker

Coming this season for the Lions includes:

- Assisting the Newfane Leo Club with Breakfast with Santa at the Olcott Fire Hall
- 20 week Club Tickets are now available, see any Lion or stop in at Flint Brothers Hardware to purchase a ticket
- Super Bowl Pool opening early December, follow us on Facebook for more information
- Vision screenings at the Newfane Early Childhood Center
- You will see us at the Olcott Lions Polar Bear Swim for Site March 3, 2025
- 5K Run Against Hunger June
- Motorcycle Raffle in July at Open Air Bar's Bike Night



If you're looking to join an organization with a mission To Serve, please reach out to any Lion member or send an email to newfanelionsclub@gmail.com. We'd love to have you come grow with us.

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.

The first meeting was held in September with many students interested in joining the club. The club jumped right into discussions of the many events that they are looking to host or be involved in in the coming year. The October 1, 2024, meeting brought Town Supervisor, John Syracuse to the meeting to discuss a community wide project that Sadie Gunby brought to the Leo Club and the town.

Town Supervisor John Syracuse visits the Newfane Leo Club meeting to discuss a new Dog Park



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

1. The Leo Club will be participating in the Light Up Newfane Parade with their own float, December 6, 2024.
2. Breakfast with Santa will be held December 15, 2024, at the Olcott Fire Hall, doors will open at 8am. Breakfast will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12 and Free to children under 4 years of age. Come enjoy breakfast, photos with Santa, a vendor fair, basket raffle, 50/50, door prizes and more!
3. March 3, 2025, Polar Bear Swim for Sight, the Leos will sell hot chocolate and baked goods.
4. Spring 2025, the Leos will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Middle School, date to be determined.
5. The Leos are also looking into volunteering at the Newfane nursing home and possibly selling “Easter-grams” as a fundraiser at school, all still to be determined.
6. Keep an eye out for other Leo Club fundraisers! The Leos are working with Sadie and the town on a large community project to open a new Dog Park and will be hosting fundraisers to help support this effort. More details will be shared as things are solidified.

If you are interested in joining the Newfane Leo Club, please reach out to Mr. Thibault.



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The Newfane Community Food Pantry's Christmas Day of Sharing

Once again, it's time for families to sign up for the annual Christmas Day of Sharing at the Newfane Community Food Pantry. There will be only three days to sign up and recertify:

- Thursday, December 5 – 10 am to 3 pm
- Friday, December 6 – 10 am to 3 pm
- Saturday, December 7 – 10 am to 2 pm

Families must sign up at one of these sessions to qualify. No appointment is necessary.

Families need to bring the following information to one of these sessions: ID for all persons living within the household; birth certificate for children or school picture ID; proof of residence, such as a utility bill with name and address.

The Christmas Day of Sharing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18. Families will receive more information at the time of their recertification session.

The NCFP is located at St. Brendan on the Lake Church, 3455 Ewings Road, Newfane. It is supported by businesses, churches, farmers, and individual donors in Newfane. In addition, FeedMore of Western New York, provides substantial amounts of food for distribution.

Donations of food and personal care items are greatly needed and appreciated. Checks are always welcomed. Call the NCFP number for more information: 716-638-4245. Leave a voice message if there is no answer. The new phone line does NOT accept text messages.

For more information about the NCFP, please call Wreatha at 716-807-7451 or Kathy at 716-433-2499.

Be Safe and Stay healthy!

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

by Edna Wolfe


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

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

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

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

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

Building Faith  Through Christ	FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2730 Transit Road Newfane, NY 14108 (716) 778-7981 Join us for Worship every Sunday morning as we celebrate life and give glory to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.
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Greetings from St. Andrew's!



We are excited to announce that we are interviewing candidates for a new priest. After eight dedicated years, Reverend Randi Hicks-Rowe accepted a position in Virginia that offers new opportunities for pastoral growth and brings her closer to her family. We are grateful for Reverend Randi's positive and impactful contributions to St. Andrew's.

Throughout this transition period, we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving our community.



The **Community Store** on Main Street is brimming with clothing and household items; you can even find budget-friendly treasures for your holiday decorating and entertaining. Watch for announcements about weekly specials through December at our store and online. Business hours are Wednesday, 11 am – 4 pm; Thursday, 10 am - 4 pm; Friday, 12 pm - 3 pm; and Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm. We will also be open during the Light Up Newfane festival on Friday, December 6th, from 4 pm -7 pm.



Our **Pet Food Pantry** is exploring new distribution methods following the discontinuation of the mobile food truck at the Town Hall. Please stay tuned for updates.



We continue to offer a monthly service on the 3rd Sunday at the **Newfane Rehabilitation and Health Center**. Many of the residents and their families look forward to this time of music and worship.



Creating joyful memories for **families** is at the heart of our mission! Keep an eye out for our free Christmas Ornament Craft Day in December and our annual Easter Egg Hunt in April.



Our popular **Fish Fry** is returning this year from Friday, February 28th, through Friday, April 11th. We will again be serving fresh fish from Montondo's accompanied by our famous homemade desserts.

We extend a warm invitation to all to join us for our **Sunday Morning services** starting at 10:45 am, with Sunday School starting at 10:30 am. Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 pm this year.

For more information on these and our other ministries, please visit our website at StAndrewsBurt.org or follow us on Facebook.

St. Andrew's is dedicated to sharing God's unconditional love with everyone!

News from the Town Clerk's Office

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

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!

NEWFANE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2737 MAIN STREET
NEWFANE, NY 14108

Happy Holidays to you all!! We certainly enjoyed all the amazing events that were carried out all through our Great Bicentennial Year Celebrations in Newfane! We hope you enjoyed all of the Bicentennial Events as well!!

DON'T FORGET, for your convenience, we have a drop box located at the doors on the north side of the Town Hall. It is secure, checked every morning, and you can feel confident that your documents will be delivered to whatever department you have it addressed to.

WE HAVE A NEW OPTION COMING SOON TO OUR DOG LICENSING SYSTEM: For our residents who may prefer to receive their License Renewals via email, we are hoping to soon have that option implemented. We know that not everyone would be interested in this option. No worries!!! The only way your renewal will be changed from mail to email is if you request us to change it.

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

Current Rabies Certificate from the Veterinarian.
Spayed or Neutered Certificate from Veterinarian.
Check payable to Newfane Town Clerk or cash. **(We do not accept credit or debit cards)**

The fees for licensing your dog(s) are as follows;

Spayed/neutered- \$8.50
Unspayed /Unneutered- \$18.50

Any dog owner or harbinger of a dog found in violation of Article 7 of the Local Law shall be liable for all damages arising from said violation, and shall be subject to a fine if not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Any questions regarding Dog Licenses please call the Town Clerks Office @ 778-8822 #2.

Any other questions regarding dogs can be directed to our Dog Control Officers

JEFFREY NEWMAN
716-807-6270

KEN NERBER
716-940-5497

JOE FLAGLER
716-998-1041



There is still **one** FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC available for 2024.

Saturday, December 7 North Tonawanda-Public Works Dept
9:00a.m.- 12:00 p.m. 758 Erie Ave, City of North Tonawanda

***APPOINTMENTS ARE MADATORY. THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 9:00 A.M MONDAY (TUESDAY IF IT'S A HOLIDAY) PRIOR TO EACH CLINIC ONLINE AT:**

WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/RABIESCLINIC

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

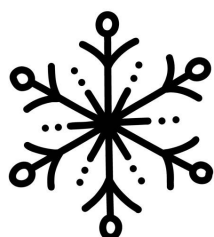
ALL ANIMALS must be restrained. Cats and Ferrets must be in a carrier. Dogs must be leashed.



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

Delicious Dangers:

While this time of year may include some of the best food, we recommend keeping your pet's diet the same as any other day. Fatty, sweet and spicy foods as well as turkey or chicken bones can all be dangerous to our pets. While a small piece of boneless turkey is a fine treat, it is always better to ere on the safe side and avoid accidentally feeding your pet something that could have a toxic spice or ingredient in it. If your celebration includes alcoholic beverages, be sure not to leave your drink unattended where pets can get to them.



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): _____ Microchip: _____
Tattoos or Markings _____

ATTENTION ALL PET OWNERS: A dog license is renewed annually in the Town of Newfane. You can renew in person, by mail or by using the drop box located on the north side of the building to the right of the double glass doors. The Dog License Renewals are mailed, or (emailed hopefully coming soon), from the Town Clerk's Office to the last mailing address provided. If any of your information has changed it is important that you provide us with the changes to the Town Clerk's Office. Be sure to secure the ID tag on your pet's collar. In the event that your pet should wander away without this means of ID you may not be reunited again, simply because they were not able to be located. If you love your pets, please take this step to ensure their safe return. Sadly, lost pets are a very common occurrence. Additionally, please be certain that the Town Clerk's Office has your "CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER/CELL NUMBER OR (EMAIL ADDRESS hopefully coming soon)" allowing us to contact you. Thank you!

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

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

PRESCRIPTION DROP OFF: We have received numerous calls requesting locations for prescription drop off sites. At this time, we know of 2 locations. Rite Aid Pharmacy in Wright's Corners, go to the back by the Pharmacy and they will direct you, and the Lockport City Police Department, enter the driveway on Niagara Street the box is in the entranceway.

HUNTING NEWS:



Pete Clark of Newfane was our first hunting customer of the season!

HUNTING /FISHING LICENSES: A new look for your Hunting and Fishing Licenses this year! The new licenses are now on an 8 1/2 x 11 paper, and you can also have your License E-Mailed to you at the time of purchase. Hunters are NOT required to wear a Back Tag and lastly, the Law allowing Hunters in Niagara County to use a rifle to Big Game Hunt, with some stipulations has been enacted.

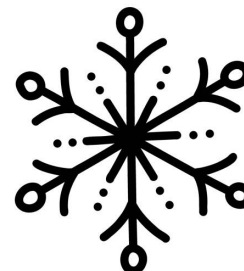
LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS: Your license privilege tags are sent directly to the last address on file with the DEC Fulfillment Center. If you have moved it is imperative that you inform the DEC of your new address. If you have Hunter Education or Bowhunting Education that needs to be added to your account you may edit your profile on-line, bring your original to a DEC License Sales Agent or fax it to (518-402-9025). Once the information is in your file the appropriate license or tags can be sent to you from the Fulfillment Center. Do not wait until the beginning of the season to take care of this as it will take approximately ten to fourteen days to receive your tags. Lifetime license holders may also have their Lifetime License e-mailed to them. It allows you to receive them sooner and to avoid them being lost in the mail. 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 2025. Once you receive the e-mail 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 Dept. of Environmental...

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

THOUGHT OF THE DAY.....
Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.



Cooking with the Clerks

Buttery Spritz Cookies



- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2-1/4 cups confectioners' sugar, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 to 3 tablespoons water
- Colored sugar and sprinkles
- Melted semisweet chocolate, optional

Directions

Whip sugar and salt until light and fluffy, 3-4 minutes. Beat in egg and extracts. Gradually beat flour into creamed mixture. Using a cookie press fitted with a disk of your choice, press dough 2 in. apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake until set, 6-8 minutes (do not brown). Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

In a small bowl, mix remaining 1 cup confectioners' sugar and enough water to reach desired consistency. Dip cookies in glaze; sprinkle with colored sugar and sprinkles. Let stand until set. Or, if desired, dip in melted chocolate, decorate and let stand until set.

Easy Slow Cooker Ham

- 1 (6 pound) bone-in country ham
- 30 whole cloves
- 3 cups apple cider, or as needed
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon ground nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 2 tablespoons ground cloves
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract (Optional)
- 1 orange's peel

Directions

* Press whole cloves into the ham so they are evenly distributed. You may score the ham for easier insertion if you wish. Place the ham in a slow cooker. Pour in apple cider until only about 2 inches of ham is above the surface. Pack the brown sugar on top of the ham, pressing into the cloves. This will get washed away in the next step but any that stays on is a bonus.

* Pour the maple syrup over the ham. Season the apple cider with cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, ground cloves and vanilla. Add the orange peel to the pot. Fill the slow cooker as full as you can with apple cider without going over the fill line. Cover and set to Low. Cook for 8 to 10 hours.

From the Receiver of Taxes, Terri L. Iannucci

Your Niagara County and Town of Newfane tax bill will be mailed at the end of 2024 and can be paid without penalty through the end of January. Please review your bill and if there seems to be a great difference from prior years, first look at the detailed charges to determine which taxes or fees may have changed. Feel free to call our office 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, be sure 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 September school tax bill and the county/town tax in January ... and the property owner must plan ahead for this expense to avoid penalties.
- 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.
If additional recycling totes are needed, please contact the Water Department to purchase.



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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

****Current Basic Star Exemption recipients ONLY****

If you are over 65 or turning 65 years of age by December 31, 2025, you may qualify for the Enhanced Star Exemption if your Adjustable Gross Income for 2023 was \$98,700 or less. This exemption will be applied to the upcoming 2025 assessment roll. To file for this exemption, the following items are needed: (1) Proof of age, (2) A copy of your 2023 Income Tax, (Federal or State), and (3) Proof of your New York State residency. **ALSO** it is now **MANDATORY** for all Enhanced STAR applicants to file a RP-425-Income Verification Program form. This form authorizes NY State Department of Taxation and Finance to annually verify income using your Social Security number. If you feel you qualify for Enhanced, please stop in the office no later than March 1, 2025 to file your paperwork.

Also, if you are 65 years of age or older, your **TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME** is less than \$33,700 (2023 income), you may be eligible for an additional exemption on your school or county taxes.

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

EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.

GRIEVANCE DAY IS THE 4TH TUESDAY IN MAY.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

Fall is here and there are a few items to note from your Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, David Schmidt: Yearly fire safety and property maintenance inspections entitled "2020 Fire Code of New York State and 2020 Property Maintenance Code of New York State" must be performed by a town's Code Enforcement Officer. Properties that fall under this code are those which contain an assembly area, all multiple dwellings, and all nonresidential occupancies, such as: all commercial and multiple residential buildings with more than 3 apartments, all small businesses, all warehouses, all Nursing Home buildings and the like, all Fire Departments, Churches, Taverns, Restaurants, Gas Stations, Hotels, Day Cares with 5 or more children and outdoor events with over 1000 people. Those that are exempt are small in-home businesses such as in-home hairdressers, tax preparers etc. Businesses that are required to have this yearly inspection done will be receiving a letter from the Building Inspector to set up an appointment, or you can call to set up a time that is most convenient for you. Any questions, please call the Building Inspector's Office at (716) 954-2030 (talk or text).

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 have been followed and the work has been completed. If there is food being served, you will also need to contact the Niagara County Health Department. 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. There are many outstanding permits which should be closed, but the Inspector has not been called to do the final inspection. All of these are done for the safety and well-being of your home or business, so please call to set up an appointment for your final inspection. As of January 1st 2025, please look for the new Town of Newfane building department permit fee schedule as there are a few changes. It will be on the town's web site.

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 or call my office at (716) 954-2030, (716) 778-5947 ext. 106 or fax at (716) 638-4261.

NEWFANE TOWN HALL

Attention Newfane Residents

There are positions open on our
Board of Assessment Review.



Although not required, candidates should have experience in: Agriculture and/or Business Ownership.

What is the Board of Assessment Review (BAR)?

The real property tax is an ad valorem tax (that is, a tax levied on the basis of value). In the first instance, it is the local assessor who determines the taxable value of real property. New York State Law requires all properties to be assessed at a uniform percentage of value each year. And that all assessments be fair.

Taxpayers who feel their assessments are unequal, excessive, unlawful or that their property is misclassified, have a right to have their assessments reviewed by the Board of Assessment Review, or, if necessary, by the courts. Members of the board of assessment review, have been vested with the duty and responsibility of hearing assessment complaints in the first instance. This includes exercising your judgment and discretion to render an impartial, objective determination on complaints of assessments brought before you.

The BAR constitutes what is known as a quasi-judicial body and the members of the board are charged with judicial responsibility to get all the facts, and apply appropriate laws and reasoning to the facts in a fair and judicious manner.

There is a training that the state & county provides that will give a BAR member a better understanding of the process. There is a 5-year commitment and a slight stipend per meeting.

If you are interested in joining the board, or would like more information, please reach out to John Syracuse supervisor@townofnewfane.com

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 15th to April 1st.

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



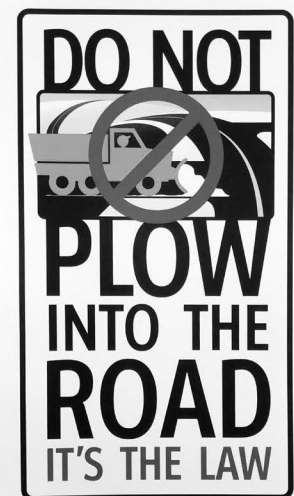
Homeowners must remove portable basketball hoops, trash bins and other items from the highway right-of-way that will interfere with keeping roads clear and safe. The town is not responsible for damage to these items and the homeowner is responsible for any fees incurred if the town must remove them.

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.

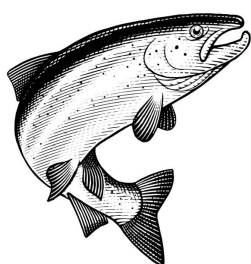


Mailboxes

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.

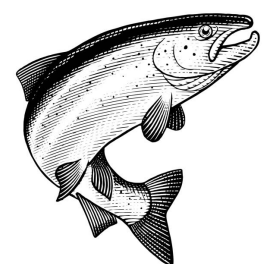
From all of us here at the Highway Department, may you and all of your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



MARINA & FISHING

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and happy new year!
We were busy at the Fisherman's Park this Fall and are looking forward to seeing everyone in the Spring.

The Marina will reopen April 5, 2025.
and reservations for the 2025 season can be made then.



NEWFANE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

It is with a very heavy heart that I inform you of the retirement of Michael R. Mills who gave a total of 42 years to the Town of Newfane, in which 25 of those years were with the Water Department. Jon Miller has been appointed to the position of Water/Sewer Superintendent as of 11/1/2024. Jon Miller will continue to be Highway Superintendent as well. In addition, Mike Brown has been promoted to Deputy Water/Sewer Superintendent.

Maintenance Department

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

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

Michael R. Mills

Water/Sewer Superintendent

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

Billing Department

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

1. CASH
2. CHECK
3. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS- ONLINE ONLY- 2.95% FEE

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. Please adhere to three large items on your garbage day during bulk pick-up week. Please note that a second truck comes back around for the large items, so your tote may be emptied first.

Leaf and yard waste must now be contained in your appropriate garbage tote. You can no longer put bags of leaves and yard waste to the curb. Should you require another garbage tote, please contact the Water Department at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6 to purchase and one will be delivered. We have large garbage totes available for \$80.00 and small totes available for \$50.00. Please be advised an additional annual fee of \$55 applies to any additional tote.

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

Recycling Reminders

Acceptable materials for recycling must be placed loose in your recycling tote/cart with the lid closed. For safety reasons, recyclables placed in a bag will be considered waste and will be disposed of.

Cardboard flattened and properly sized should be placed next to your full tote for collection. **Cardboard and other acceptable recyclables will be collected ONLY if the driver can safely place it back into your tote once it's emptied.** To ensure collection, flatten and size cardboard so it can fit into your emptied cart with the lid closed. Cardboard stacked on top of your tote will not be collected. If additional recycling totes are needed, please contact the Water Department to purchase.



Water Superintendent Mike Mills (left) has retired after 42 years with the Town, and Assessor Mary Hastings (right) has retired after 24 years.

Congratulations & we wish you both well!



Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin!!



It's hard to believe another season is over and in the books. We had a great year with so many fun and interesting visitors from all over the country and the world! Again, this year we had new items on display for everyone to see and enjoy. We had a great time with all the events at the Cabin and around the Cabin.

Our newest event this year was joining Lakeview Village Shoppes for Boonanza on October 5th. The outside of the Cabin was all decorated for Halloween and we gave treats to the kids. Also included was the "Trick or Treat Trolley" that gave rides through town to different stops for the kids to trick or treat. Thank you to everyone who participated and also to the Town of Newfane for the trolley. We look forward to doing this event again next

season and all the other great events throughout the season.

The Bicentennial Old Olcott Days/Pioneer Picnic weekend was a blast! Thank you to all who participated and came to enjoy the days. "Teddy Roosevelt" was a huge hit and so much fun! A special thank you to the Olcott Lions Club for all their help with setting up the bandstand for the program and for all the hotdogs and bottles of water they provided and gave away to all the visitors on Saturday. We appreciate all you did for us, thank you!

Now we are gearing up for our last event of the season. Santa at the Cabin is December 8th from 1-5 pm. Bring the kids to see Santa and tell him their Christmas wishes and to get a treat. We will also be collecting for the Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive that day, so if you are able to donate to give someone a needed hand we would appreciate it very much. Again, we will have a basket full of goodies to raffle off to begin our fundraising for next year's Santa at the Cabin. Without all the generous donations we would not be able to do what we do for the kids. We hope to see you there with excited kids to see Santa, we so enjoy this day! Remember to dress warm as you will probably have a wait in line to get into the Cabin to see Santa.

As always if anyone has anything they would like to display at the Cabin on loan or permanent display, please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. We are always looking to add to our Cabin volunteer family, so if you are interested in volunteering next season give Stella a call as well, we'd love to have you!

We hope you all have the Merriest Christmas, the best New Year, and a safe and healthy winter. See you next year at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the "Pine Grove"!

NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

We have had an active year. We made Lilac jelly at the home of a member, toured a member's gardens, toured the Goodie Girl Flower Farm in Lockport. We also planned and built a beautiful float for the Bicentennial Parade. We hosted a speaker from the Violet Society and visited Black Willow winery to learn about grape growing and wine making.

We try to plan interesting, educational programs or make garden themed projects. We have many ideas for the 2025 monthly meetings, however, no definite plans have been made. We would like to press fresh flowers, invite a speaker from the Cooperative Extension and tour a local farm.

Niagara Shores is a garden club, but we do more than garden. Our aim is to share knowledge and ideas concerning gardening, share plants and seeds, discuss problems we may have with certain plants and bring awareness to environmental issues.

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 2:00 pm. 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 call for information about a specific monthly meeting if you are interested in attending.

We do not meet in December due to the busy Christmas season. We look forward to you joining us in January. Have a wonderful, Christmas & Happy New Year.

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



“Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of Christmas.” -Peg Bracken

Winter Events...

December 6- Friday

Holiday Light Up & Parade, 4pm

Parade starts at 6pm, Cookies, hot chocolate, vendor/craft shows and carriage rides following the parade. Plan on making this a night for the whole family.

December 6-8 Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Living Nativity

5:30 - 8:30pm, 30-minute guided walk through the Christmas Story and beyond. Free admission and parking. 716-778-9081 Grace Bible Church, 6023 Dutton Place, Newfane.

December 8- Sunday

Santa at the Cabin, 1-5pm

Bring the kids to see Santa so they can tell him their Christmas wishes.

Ye Olde Log Cabin, East Main St., Olcott.

December 8- Sunday

Holiday Shopping Pop-Up at the Lakeview Village Shoppes 12-4pm

Visit your favorite boardwalk shoppes one last time for your holiday gifts! Lakeview Village Shoppes 5955 Ontario St, Olcott,



18TH ANNUAL

“CANDY CANE LANE”
CRAFT SHOW & SALE

at

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

on

Friday, December 6th

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

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

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

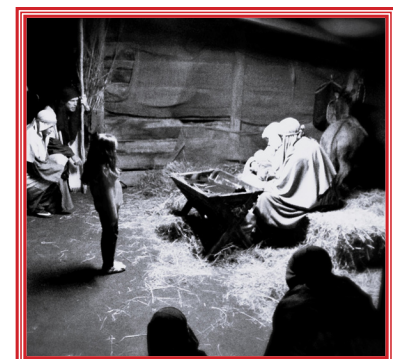


Light Up Newfane
Main Street
Fri., December 6th

4-8 pm Candy Cane Lane Methodist Church
4-8 pm Mistletoe Market Community Center
4-8 pm Christmas Magic First Baptist Church
5-6 / 7-8 pm Carriage Rides @ Gazebo
6 pm Parade Main Street
7 pm Lighting of the Tree @ Gazebo
6-8 pm Hot Chocolate & Cookies @ Gazebo
5:30-8:30 pm Living Nativity Grace Bible Church

Meet Santa after Parade @ Newfane Dentist near the Gazebo

The poster features a cartoon Santa Claus on the left and a cartoon reindeer on the right. The background shows a snowy street with Christmas trees and a large bow.



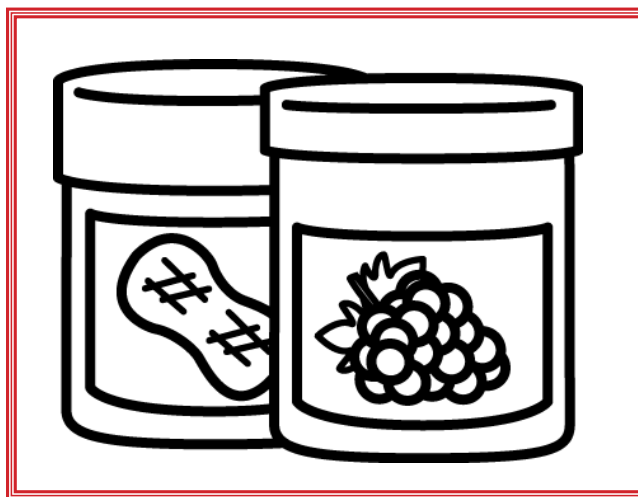
The Living Nativity

December 6, 7 & 8, 2024,
5:30-8:30 pm

Held at Grace Bible Church,
Newfane

Go to: 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. Hot cocoa and cookies while you wait. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to your reservation time. Park at Newfane Town Hall and walk to the church.

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



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY DRIVE

We are proud and excited to support this amazing cause. Please if you are able, help others by dropping off your donation at the Newfane Town Hall

THANK YOU!!!!

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Newfane Town Hall/ Community Center

Monday, December 23rd, 2024

12:30 – 6 pm

NEW long sleeve Red Cross T Shirt, ltd qty. Chill with us!

Monday, February 17th, 2025

12:30 – 6 pm

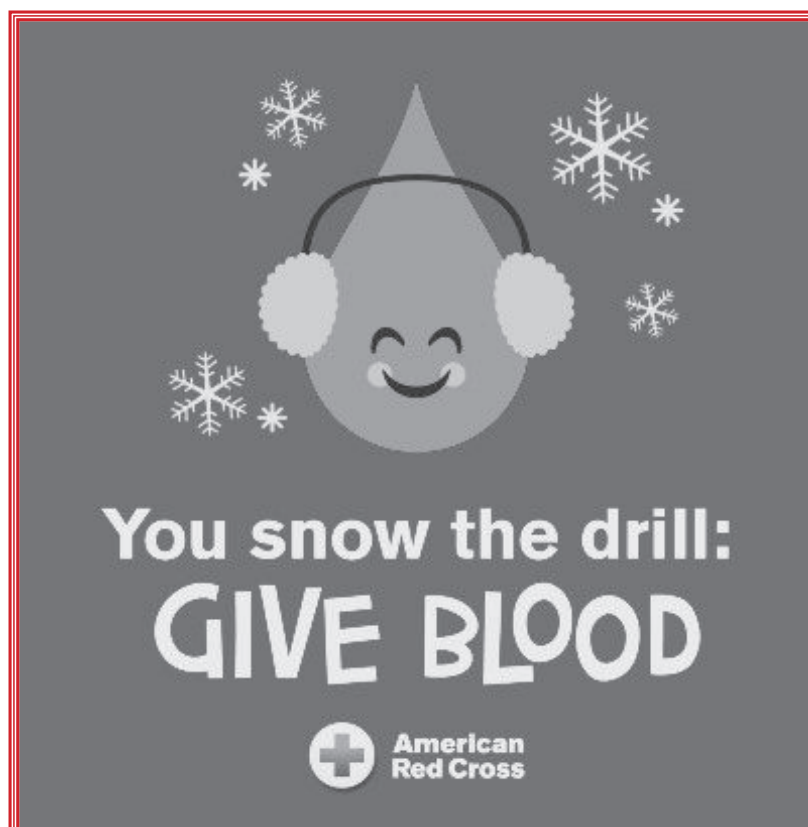
Stay tuned for thank you gift for donors!!!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT! Consider a Power Red donation, help trauma patients, newborns and emergency transfusions during birth, people with sickle cell anemia, and anyone suffering blood loss. You also may find you feel less fatigue since your other blood components are returned to you. Plus, a smaller needle is used!

For an appointment visit: Rcblood.org/appt or call

1- 800-RED-CROSS

Appointments Preferred

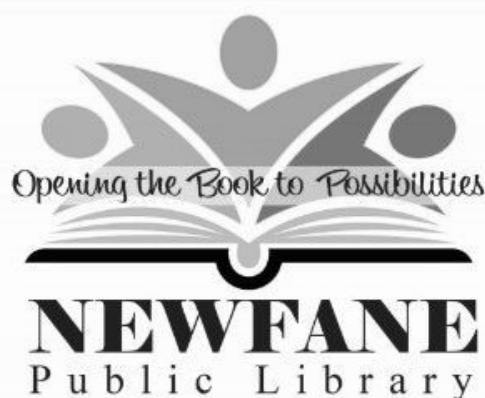


The Olcott Polar Bear Swim
is Sunday, March 2

Check it out, start your fundraising at:

www.thepolarbearswim.org

Participate in the Swim Join or Form a Team
Help a Swimmer or Team Raise Funds
Donate to Lions Charities



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<p>DECEMBER *Closing early Dec. 24 & 31 *Closed Dec. 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE Nutrition Class: Dec. 3 at 3:30pm • Lego Club: Dec. 4 at 5pm • Senior Coffee & Cards Dec. 6 from 10am-12pm • Family Storytime: Dec. 7 at 11am • Silk Scarf Dyeing Dec. 10 at 6pm & 7pm • Gadgets & Gear Tech Help Dec. 13 from 2pm-4pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanukkah Stories with Margo Sue Bittner Dec. 14 at 11am • Manga Club: Dec. 19 at 4:30pm • Winter Break Video Games & Cookie Decorating Dec. 27 from 1pm to 4pm • Noon Year's Party Dec. 31 at 11:30am
<p>JANUARY *Closed Jan. 1 & 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE Nutrition Class: Jan. 7 at 3:30pm • Board of Trustees Meeting: Jan. 7 at 6pm • Lego Club: Jan. 8 at 5pm • Book Club: January 16 at 6pm • First Day of Annual Book Sale at Marjim Manor: January 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manga Club: Jan. 23 at 4:30pm • Winter Storytime: Jan. 22 & 29 at 11am • <i>Family Storytime TBD</i> • <i>Gadgets & Gear Tech Help TBD</i> • <i>Senior Coffee & Cards TBD</i>
<p>FEBRUARY *Closed Feb. 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Winter Reading Challenge Feb. 1 • CCE Nutrition Class: Feb. 4 at 3:30pm • Winter Storytime: Feb. 5 & 12 at 11am • Lego Club: Feb. 5 at 5pm • Book Club: Feb. 20 at 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Day of Annual Book Sale at Marjim Manor: February 17 • Manga Club: Feb. 27 at 4:30pm • <i>Family Storytime TBD</i> • <i>Gadgets & Gear Tech Help TBD</i> • <i>Senior Coffee & Cards TBD</i>
<p>MARCH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE Nutrition Class: March 4 at 3:30pm • Board of Trustees Meeting March 4 at 6pm • Lego Club: March 5 at 5pm • MARIO Video Game Day March 10 from 3pm-5pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Day of Winter Reading Challenge March 15 • <i>Family Storytime TBD</i> • <i>Gadgets & Gear Tech Help TBD</i> • <i>Senior Coffee & Cards TBD</i>

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

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

OPEN HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 10am-5pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12pm-7pm

Saturdays: 10am-2pm

(Closed Saturdays from July 1-Labor Day)

Sundays: CLOSED



NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT OFFICE

6273 Charlotteville Road, Newfane, NY 14108
716.778.6850 Phone / 716.778.6852 Fax
www.newfane.wnyric.org

Dear Newfane School Community,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and well. As I started in the district in August, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the amazing things that I have experienced within the first few months as the new Superintendent of Schools. Of all the wonderful events and activities that I have seen, the one thing that I have been most impressed by is how much the community as a whole is invested in and supports our schools. I have met and had the pleasure of working with Newfane Town Supervisor John Syracuse, Newfane Highway Superintendent Jon Miller, the Newfane Business Association, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, our PTSA, the Newfane Alumni Association and many others who have a vested interest in the success of our students and school system.

We have completed phase 2 of our Capital Project. Our Middle School parking lot and access points have been addressed to provide a safer and more efficient traffic pattern for our students and families both during and after school hours. As you drive by NMS, you will notice a new access point from Ketchum Avenue, freshly paved and striped parking lots, freshly painted crosswalks, additional signage to slow and control traffic flow to make a safer experience for our vehicles and pedestrians. The Newfane Highway Department was integral in assisting us with this endeavor as they worked in collaboration with our contractors to provide signage.

We had a very successful homecoming week that was full of fun events for all. Our PTSA worked in collaboration with our Alumni Association to sponsor activities that kids of all ages could enjoy and participate in for a week that demonstrates how this community comes together. We would like to thank Miller Hose, Wrights Corners and Olcott Fire Departments for their help and assistance with our Bonfire. We also owe a large thank you to Rich Leader for his dedication to our district and his amazing photos and videos that capture these memories for our students.

Our Elementary School would like to thank the Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union and Ridge Road Express for providing a fun opportunity as they provided a Trick or Treating experience for our young students on Halloween. Our partnership with the Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union is a point of pride as they have a satellite office in our High School in which students have been trained to address banking needs.

On November 8th, Newfane Middle School held its Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony to honor our Veterans and celebrate their service. Newfane Middle School also had a group of 30-40 students serve their community by helping clean up the grounds of the Newfane Historical Society in preparation for the Apple Harvest Festival. This is the second service event at the Historical Society this year and we want to thank them for their partnership.

We had a very successful fall athletics season as we welcomed our new Athletic Director, Anthony Buono. Our Girls Cross Country team placed first in the Niagara Orleans (NO) League for the 10th consecutive season and our Boys Cross Country team finished second overall with Liam Betteridge making it to the state qualifier. Our Varsity Football team was honored as Class C North Co-Champions. Our Girls Volleyball team had a strong run in the sectional playoffs. Caeleb Rivera represented our Golf team with first team all-league honors. Our Girls Soccer team made it to the second round of sectional playoffs. Our Boys Soccer and Girls Field Hockey had outstanding seasons and demonstrated tremendous growth.

Our Music Department has had a very busy fall. Our pep bands and chorus members have had several performances at our sporting events and for our Newfane Hall of Fame Induction. We have had several of our students represent Newfane in Area All State and Conference All State Events. We encourage you to attend one of our Winter Concert events. If you have not done so already, this will also allow you to see our new Auditorium.

- Dec 4 – Middle School concert – 5/6 Band and Chorus
- Dec 11 – Middle School concert – 7/8 Band and Chorus, Jazz Band
- Dec 12 – Elementary concert
- Dec 18 – High School concert

These last few months have truly been a pleasure. I am lucky and blessed to be part of the Newfane School Community. I am so impressed by the hard work and dedication of all of our employees. I want to thank our teachers for their creativity, compassion and flexibility in delivering instruction to our students. I want to thank our clerical staff for keeping our offices running efficiently and effectively. I want to thank our support staff who provide our students assistance in the classroom to ensure they have the optimal environment and resources to learn. I want to thank our grounds crew, maintenance crew, custodians and laborers for their efforts and pride they demonstrate in making Newfane CSD a home to our students, families and community. I want to thank the cafeteria staff for providing our students a healthy and well-balanced meal every day. I want to thank the administrative team for their work and vision in continuing to improve our schools and provide opportunities for our students. And lastly, I want to thank our Board of Education for their service to our community. These are volunteer positions that require a lot of time and work beyond two monthly BOE meetings. They have been working hard on creating their goals for the 2024-2025 school year and I would like to share them below.

I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy holiday season.

With utmost appreciation,

James J. Lupini
Superintendent of Schools

2024 – 2025 Board of Education Goals

- **Goal #1 – Safety & Security**
 - Policy Review
 - BOE Support for District Safety Committee.
 - Emergency Response Planning.
 - Electronic Use Policies.
 - Physical, Emotional & Cyber Security Measures.
- **Goal #2 – Board Governance**
 - Develop BOE Training / Mentor Program.
 - Develop Policy Committee.
 - Fiscally Responsible Budget with 5-year plan.
- **Goal #3 – Communication & Community Engagement**
 - Build relationships with Town Board.
 - External Communication Audit.



**Newfane Central School District
Aquatic Center**

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

**James Lupini
Superintendent of Schools**

**Anthony Buono
Athletic Director**

***COMMUNITY AQUATIC PROGRAMS
Winter/Spring 2024-2025***

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

PARENT & CHILD AQUATIC PROGRAM

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

Age: 6 months – 3 years

Cost: \$2.00 with adult

Session: Monday’s March 17, 2025 through May 19, 2025

Time: 6:30 – 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY and SENIOR CITIZEN SWIM

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

Cost: \$2.00

Session: September 4, 2024 through June 18, 2025

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

LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM

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

Age: 4+

Cost: \$60.00

Session: Wednesdays 9-weeks

January 8,15,22; February 5,12,19,26; March 5,12, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Level I & II

7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Levels III, IV, V, VI

EVENING WATER AEROBICS

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

Spring Session: Mondays & Wednesdays March 17, 2025 through June 18, 2025

Cost: \$2.00 per class

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

DAYTIME WATER ARTHRITIS PROGRAM

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

Cost: \$2.00 per class

Time: Change from prior years, please see below:

*Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM (starts again on March 17, 2024)

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM (ongoing all year)



POOL PARTIES

Celebrate at the Newfane Aquatic Center!

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

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

www.newfane.wnyric.org

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

PRIVATE PARTIES FOR ORGANIZATION

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

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

Questions or Suggestions?

Contact Mr. Buono, Athletic Director, at 716-778-6563 or abuono@newfanecentralschools.org



NEWFANE LEARN TO SWIM REGISTRATION FORM

SWIMMER NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COURSE(S) NAME _____

Mail registration to: Newfane Central School District Attn: Aquatics N. Phillips
6273 Charlotteville Road, Newfane NY 14108

**Checks payable to Newfane Central School District



Newfane Alumni Association

Our Mission

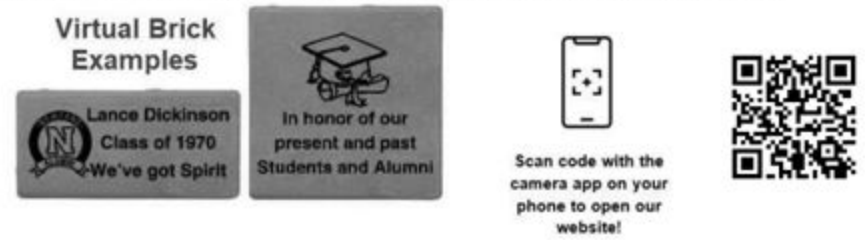
The Newfane Alumni Association's mission is to create, promote, and foster connections and relationships between alumni, the school district, and community. We do this through sponsorship, providing scholarships, helping with class reunions, and so much more.

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

- Gift Drop Off at the town hall December 2-11
- Gift Distribution by appointment is December 13-14

Panther Pretty -- coming in March 2025, it's our signature event that continues to grow each year. At this event students may select a dress, accessory, suit and shoes to prepare for their formal events. Because of the need in neighboring communities, we have also invited students from nearby districts to take advantage of the program. We collect new and used formal attire for both men and women through the year and provide it free to students in need. We are extremely grateful for any donation of formal attire, accessories, professional services and gift certificates of any amount. During the event, attendees enter to win services donated by local businesses and vendors. Please consider helping us make this initiative possible for our very deserving students. Donations can be dropped off at the high school for Mrs. Keys.

Have you noticed the bricks under the pavilion at the new stadium? Ever wonder how you can get one? The Alumni Association has them for sale, these are great gifts to family members to recognize their talents and special contributions to the Newfane Community.



Do you know a **Distinguished Alumni**? We are looking for Newfane alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen career through community service, or who have otherwise significantly impacted the lives of others. Alumni must have graduated from Newfane at least five years prior to nomination to be eligible. Posthumous recognition is also granted. Submit your nominations to the email or postal address below!!

Other events we sponsor include:

- Alumni speakers who visit classrooms to talk about their career pathways
- Scholarships for graduating seniors and alumni in college
- Teacher mini grants to help with special class/school projects
- Homecoming Tailgate Party
- Alumni Owned Business advertisement in our newsletters

If you are interested in joining our group to give back to our students, schools and community or to participate in any of our events, please contact us at:

www.newfanealumni.org or
newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org

Want to see what we are all about, join us at a meeting on 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, please mail to: Newfane Central School District, Attention Newfane Alumni, 6273 Charlotteville Road, Newfane, NY 14108.

Newfane Olcott Summer Tourist Season achieves record for 2024!

The Summer in Newfane Olcott is jam-packed with tourists who bring additional revenue to the Town and businesses in the Town. The Town of Newfane Tourism Committee is a volunteer Advisory Board appointed by the Town tasked with promoting tourism in the Town of Newfane.

One of the largest projects for the Committee is the creation and distribution of the Olcott & Newfane Visitor's Guide. There are 30,000 copies of the Guide printed and distributed across New York State, Northern Pennsylvania and Ohio. The Guide is primarily paid for by local businesses and sponsors who purchase advertisements in the book. The Guide book includes a list of events, tourism-related businesses, fishing information and other details about what is available for visitors in the area.

Advertising for the Town includes a comprehensive social media program including a distinct website, Google listings and Facebook page. Statistics for online visibility for Overall Reach of social media is 259,400, including 721 new followers, and 47,622 unique visitors to the Tourism Online Event Calendar.

The Committee attends various tourism expositions including the Fishing Expo in February in Niagara Falls and meetings with the County Tourism Board, Niagara Falls USA. Fishing Expo attendees receive copies of the Guide, canvas shopping bags with the Town of Newfane logo and website, floating boat keychains, and decals.

The Committee plans and manages Operations at the Lakeview Village Shoppes. This year, they focused on a project to update the Lakeview Village Shoppes infrastructure and were able to contract with Brownie's Food Shop to bring a strong partner to the Boardwalk as well as maintain a 100% tenancy on the Boardwalk. The Boardwalk tenants collaborate to bring many special events to the area including the Mermaid Parade, Christmas in July, Boo-nanza, Friday night Wine and Music, and many other events throughout the tourist season. The liaison to the Committee from the Shoppes, Karen Young, reported that "2024 sales on the Boardwalk were up on significantly over 2023, and 100% of Shoppe owners plan to return in 2025!" The Committee also provides funding for the concerts on the Boardwalk, Sunday concerts in the gazebo and Saturday night Car Cruise. Further support is provided to the Ye Old Log Cabin and the events held at that location. Stella Wilson, manager at the Cabin said, "We tracked 3500 visitors from at least 34 states and 8 Countries. Highlights at the Cabin included Eclipse weekend, Old Olcott Days and the Bicentennial Picnic, to name a few. Still coming up at the end of the year is the "Photos with Santa at the Cabin" event."

Additional plans for 2025 include expanding the events, including the Car shows, Summer Concert Series, Patriots Day Parade, Old Olcott Days and Boardwalk music through the end of September, and installing a webcam at the Lake.

Currently, the Board has an open position and are recruiting a new member with grant research and writing experience. If you are interested in the position, please send a brief summary of experience to the Committee Chairperson, Gina Guido-Redden at newfaneolcott@gmail.com.

Town of Newfane Tourism Committee – Janet Steggles

2024 Was 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 11 countries and 36 states. We also sold well over 123,000 ride tickets!

OBCP was fortunate to have a great staff, consisting of students and volunteers. Our top volunteers were **Kris Gerstung, Gail Kilner, Christine Kennedy, and Debbie Hahn** 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 permanent home for our Band Organ. This was achieved by a grant through Kris & Scott Gerstung and donations from the following: Richard J. Winter, Frank Rankowski, Roger & Susan Thews, Friends and Family of Anne Wilke and Linda Groves. The structure was designed by Roy and Deanna Knapp and made to resemble a trolley car from the International Railway which originally

transported people to Olcott from Lockport and Buffalo. Ellen Allen donated a hand painted sign for the trolley with a list of the donors.

Another addition to the park was an updated hopscotch game at the Ontario Entrance to the park, donated by Troy Barnes. The park blacktop was also repaired and sealed.

Inside the carousel roundhouse, a new display was created about the old Seafood Bar. The display has the original menu board and chair as well as other memorable items.

The park 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. The park also funds other family friendly free stage shows throughout the season as well as hosting the Olcott Beach Community Association's



New hopscotch game donated and created by Troy Barnes.

free outdoor movie night. This year in conjunction with the Town of Newfane's Bicentennial Celebration, we were honored to welcome former president "Teddy Roosevelt" to our Tom Kelley Rustic Theater Stage. The stage is a replica of the Rustic Theater stage that once stood in Krull Park where then Governor Teddy Roosevelt spoke to the Pioneer Association.

This year, Carousel Concessions, a privately owned food stand located near the park property was closed due to illness. Olcott Beach Carousel Park itself, does not sell items. The park is totally self-funded and a not-for-profit corporation. The purpose of the park is to bring visitors to Olcott, where they can enjoy inexpensive rides (25¢) in a safe and clean environment and still have money left over to patronize local business by purchasing food, beverages and souvenirs from our many restaurants and gift shops. Since it was a very hot summer, and visitors needed water, the park installed a bottle filling station; now anyone coming to the park can bring their water bottle and fill it free with cool filtered water. Thank you to Roy and Deanna Knapp and Chuck Burrough for their help with this project.

The park has some wonderful plans for 2025, including a new and more comfortable nursing mother's area that will resemble the Olcott Trolley Station from the past. Thank you to all who visit the park, talk about it, and help to run it. A special thank you to Gina Guido-Redden, the chairperson and her committee for The Park After Dark (Tuesday, August 12, 2025). This is the park's only fundraiser and it makes possible for us to employ ten students throughout the season, maintain the park and fund new projects! Additional thank you's go to the Olcott Lions Club and the Grigg-Lewis Foundation for their yearly donations. The park would not be able to function without the help of our dedicated volunteers. We are always looking for more, so if you are interested, please come to the park at 10 a.m. on May 17, 2025, to sign up and get trained. We look forward to our 2025 season so that we again can "Build Memories for a New Generation"!



Roy and Deanna Knapp designed the band organ shelter to resemble a trolley car.



Reenactor "President Teddy Roosevelt" speaks on the Rustic Theater stage after speaking in Krull Park for a Town of Newfane Bicentennial event.

Newfane/Golden Agers

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

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation at 10:00 am
Business Meetings at 11:00 am
Entertainment from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Membership: \$5.00 per year and \$1.00 per meeting
50/50 Raffles / Speakers / Travel

Lunch at 12:00 pm – Buffet \$3.25, or bring your own
Buffet by Niagara Nutrition Services/Office for the Aging
New members, please call 716-438-4031 for meal order
Attorney services available once per month -
Email: OFA@niagaracounty.com to schedule

For more information, contact Judy Dold at 716-778-7489

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

2024 Officers

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



*November's Birthday celebration.
Seated Left to Right:*

*Harvey Randall 92, Phyllis Simone 92,
Peggy Lozaw 93, Heinz Markert 94,
Russ Staples 94, Esther Myers 95,
Mary Lou Knightlinger 95,
John Lobzowski 95, Jeanette Hamminga 98*

VETERANS NEWS...

From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

The American Legion: The American Legion was formed in Paris, France at the end of World War I to help returning veterans reintegrate into their hometowns after the war, and to preserve their memories of the war. The American Legion, as a national organization, was chartered by Congress in 1919.

2025 - Newfane American Legion Celebrates 100 Years: Local veterans from WWI first met in 1921 to start the application process to form an American Legion post in Newfane. The official charter was granted on by the American Legion National Headquarters on July 25th, 1925, establishing Newfane American Legion Post #873. A plaque listing the original 1921 founding members, known as charter members, is located inside the north door of the Newfane Town Hall. Over the years, many veterans have met at the Post to follow the footsteps of these charter members to further the goals of the American Legion. As Legion members we advocate for veterans, service members and their families in sustaining the pillars of American Legion support for veteran affairs, rehabilitation, national security, America, children and youth. We, as a Post, hope to continue for another 100 years.

Honoring 4.8 million World War I Veterans: The National World War I Memorial is now complete and open to the public at the National Mall. Located in Pershing Park and named after General John J. Pershing, the memorial's final piece was unveiled in September and is titled "A Soldier's Journey". The 58-foot bronze relief with 38 figures shows the plight of World War I veterans through their entire war experience from leaving home, to life at war and their triumphant return.

Post Meetings: Our meetings are held in the Community Center behind the Town Hall at 7:00 pm (6 pm in December and June) on the second Monday of every month. We are always looking for new veteran members, so please stop by. With the 2019 LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act), eligibility for Legion membership now spans from December 7, 1941. If you are a veteran and want to be part of an organization that helped establish national veteran services, the Flag Code, the National Archives, the G.I. Bill ... and want to continue to lobby for the welfare of veterans and service members and their families ... and further help support the community of Newfane ... stop by a meeting or give us a call.

Your American Flag: Is your flag tattered, worn or faded and in need of an honorable replacement? The Post carries American made flags in various sizes and materials in stock for purchase. A portion of the purchase helps fund the Post's activities supporting veterans and their family members. Call us at (716) 408-3311 to purchase one.

Builder Delisle Brookins and His Lasting Imprint on Newfane

Many of us admire Newfane's long-standing buildings and stately homes, but know little of their origin and earliest days. One of the most prolific-Newfane builders when Newfane and Olcott were undergoing burgeoning growth in the early 1900s was Delisle Brookins, who's mark and craftsmanship was behind many town structures in those early decades. Today, we are most familiar with the Brookins Building, the two-story brick structure he erected on Maple Avenue between Van Horn and East Avenues that was first the Mason/Odd Fellows Hall and is now the Mandaville apartments. Local residents Dan and Beverly Mandaville donated the Brookins family album to the Town of Newfane Historical Society that details much of Brookins' life. The Mandaville family also has a long and distinguished presence in Newfane, arriving as settlers in the 1830s and they were members of the Niagara County Pioneer's Association.

Delisle Brookins was born in Gloversville in 1843 and came to Niagara County with his parents as a young boy. He married Ida Corwin of Newfane and spent more than 60 years in Newfane as a builder, developer and community leader before passing away in 1936 at age 83. If you view some of the 2 ½ story homes that Brookins built on Van Horn Avenue, the west end of Ketchum and on East Avenue near Maple, you can see the significant imprint he had as the Newfane village (then named Charlotteville) emerged from its farming roots to become an industrial town led by the expanding Lockport Felt Company. More of Brookins' work can be seen on South Main Street where his signature attic peaks, bay windows and front porches are featured on century homes built to accommodate the large families of the day.

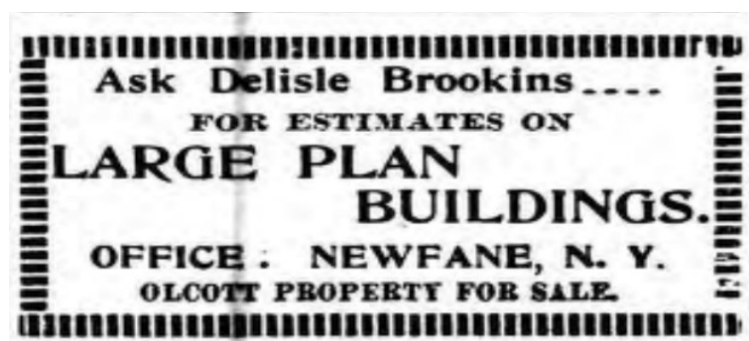
VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Charlotteville Continues to Show Evidences of its Business Awakening.

Delisle Brookins of Newfane was in the city Friday. He some time ago bought the property at Charlotteville on which stood the old Patterson hotel and he will divide the land into village lots and offer them for sale. Civil engineers Gooding & Frehsee were in Charlotteville on Thursday surveying the property. It will be cut up into 15 building lots and a street has been reserved running through the center of the plot. The property will be improved so as to make it one of the desirable residence districts of the village.

Mr. Brookins has also broken ground for a new store for McCollough & Greenman to replace the one destroyed by fire some months ago. The new building will be 24x60 feet in dimensions and two stories high.

His work is also evident on North Main Street, where he purchased the old Patterson Hotel in 1902, a Newfane landmark built in 1823 that is the Rutland-Corwin site today. He did not demolish the historic hotel, however, but with the help of his son Van (William V.) Brookins and house mover Jim Tillotson, he cut the hotel into three sections that still exist as homes today ... one is just south of the Rutland-Corwin lot, another was moved to Ketchum Avenue and the third to a lot on Main north of Ketchum. He then built a stately home on the vacated hotel property for Glen Corwin that is now the funeral home. Delisle Brookins also built the Newfane Hotel at Van Horn Avenue and Maple in 1915, which later became Patterson's Grocery, and he was the builder of Memorial Hall, the 1920 addition to the First Baptist Church named to honor Newfane's World War I Veterans. Delisle Brookins was also a prominent builder in Olcott where he served as general construction manager for the storied Olcott Beach Hotel in 1900. The 100 room hotel with its ballroom, dining facilities and amenities would define Olcott as a premier regional tourist destination for three decades. Brookins also built some of the early cottage homes on Olcott's West Bluff.



The photo below shows Delisle Brookins and the crew of craftsmen and workers he assembled to erect the Olcott Beach Hotel in 1900. Brookins is seated far right and his son, Van Brookins, who was later President of the State Bank of Newfane, is third from left in the top row.



This photo left (about 1902) shows the Brookins Building right of center, the Newfane trolley depot left and the trolley tracks that ran along Mechanic Street (now Maple Avenue). Taken from East Avenue looking north, the open space between the buildings would become Van Horn Avenue. The cobblestone structure on the right was Charlotteville's first school that was converted to a home when a school was built at today's town hall site ... this building was demolished when its wood frame roof collapsed and is now the parking lot for Mandaville Apartments at East Avenue and Maple.

Bill Clark - Town of Newfane Historian

‘Polish the Diamond’ Campaign Going Strong! Help Restore Olcott’s Architectural Gem

Next time you turn the corner by the church in Olcott Beach notice the new clear plexiglass and freshly painted trim on its beautiful stained glass windows. Now called the Olcott Beach Church, its stunning stained glass and stonework make it a brilliant architectural gem in the heart of the village. There is still more work to be done and the fund-raising campaign to upgrade the church’s imprint on our town center continues. We hope to raise enough funds to finish the remaining windows, paint all the trim, renovate the classic architectural doors and provide a new lift for wheelchair accessibility. The estimated cost of remaining construction is \$75,000.



The Olcott Church has long been a supporter of family services and charities in the community. The church has sponsored fundraising dinners for the Olcott Fire Company, Lockport Care Net Pregnancy Center, Salvation Army and many programs that our neighbors use. The church hosted groups such as Weaver’s Guild and the State Environmental (DEC) briefing about water pollution that closes Krull Park Beach. Many community events are supported by the church through its Slot Car Racers and the sale of hotdogs and refreshments at Saturday cruise nights. The Olcott Church is truly a valuable community asset and partner.

This year the Church will be play Christmas music from its bell tower. A couple of volunteers recently climbed into the tower and cleaned years of bird droppings. They plan to mount speakers in the tower and play holiday music that will ring throughout the community.

The *Polish-the-Diamond* campaign is a grassroots community effort to assist the church with exterior upgrades that enhance the look of Olcott’s main intersection and increase the pride we all share about our town. Take a look inside the church too, the stained glass shines even brighter and the woodwork is incredible. Joel Grundy in the picture is just one of the spirited volunteers helping with the project.

The Polish-the-Diamond Campaign

If you have already sent a donation Thank you so much.

Volunteers will be knocking on doors, sending out mailings and emailing flyers over the next few months as the campaign continues. We hope to wrap up the campaign early next year and continue the renovations in the spring.

The best way to help “*Polish the Diamond*” and restore Olcott’s architectural gem for future generations is to mail your donation to:

Olcott Church
Polish the Diamond Campaign
PO Box 24
Olcott, NY 14126



The Olcott Beach Community Association (OBCA) is a group of community members and business owners that meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We have been having our meetings at the Olcott Beach Church on the corner of Route 78 & Main Street each month. There is no fee to join and everyone is welcome at all of our meetings, especially if you love Olcott as much as we all do!

We had a great year full of activities! The year was highlighted by the great time we had celebrating this year's Bicentennial in Olcott! We purchased banners and yard signs to promote the Bicentennial, we hosted the Bicentennial Dinner in March, and we volunteered with Ye Olde Log Cabin at the Pioneer's Picnic in July for Old Olcott Days in Krull Park. We also enjoyed pulling the Pirate Ship full of the Pirates for the parade in July! We continue to pay the rental fees for the Viewers at Lakeview Village Shoppes and at the Beach, where so any people love to look out over the lake using the viewers!

We hosted 4 FREE Summer Outdoor Movie Nights in conjunction with the Town Tourism board and the Olcott Beach Carousel Park this year. Our volunteers worked the events selling concessions to benefit OCBA activities. Next year we will host 4 FREE movie nights, but are moving them to Wednesday nights! The movies and their dates are: July 16 - Miracle on 34th Street, July 30 - Ice Age, August 20 - Rookie of Year, & August 27 - Flicka! We hope to see everyone there!

The successful Saturday Night Car Cruises on Main Street in Olcott will continue every week all summer! We are thankful to all the local sponsors that allow us to continue these cruises

each year - and thanks to Pete VanWagoner for again being our DJ for the season! We will extend the season in 2025 to include Saturday afternoons in September!

We are grateful for the outstanding community support of our 27th Annual Duck race in June! The grand prize winner was Tom Hahn from Wrights Corners and we had 51 door prizes donated by local businesses and community members! We also thank Scott James for dressing up as the duck to hand out goodies to the kids! The proceeds from the duck race support our OBCA projects each year and help pay for the July 3rd Fireworks! Next year's Duck Race will be held on Sunday, June 8th, 2025 and we will start selling tickets in the spring (\$5/duck).

This year's William G. Maynes Community Beautification grant will be used to add flowers along Main Street and at the Lakeview Village Shoppes, and we will update the "Welcome to Olcott" sign at the corner of Routes 78 & 18. Darlak Signs in Lockport designed the new sign with the help of our grant committee and the Town of Newfane. We are already thinking of ideas for next year's grant to help beautify Olcott!

We will be selling Olcott Beach Polar Bear Swim mugs again in March at KM Treats in the Lakeview Village Shoppes. Make sure you swing by to pick up your collectible mug for the year.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events & projects. If you want to volunteer and help with our work to improve the Olcott community, or if you want to receive our meeting minutes, please email olcottbeachcommunityassociation@yahoo.com and follow us on Facebook for all the group's updates!



Top left: Mike Darlak with newly installed sign; Top right: Karen Young, Stella Wilson, Jane Voepel, Joe Wiegand as "Teddy Roosevelt", Rosemary Sansone, Sue Bochenski, Sue Stolzenberg at Pioneer Picnic; Bottom left: Pirates of Fortune's Folly and other pirates at parade; Scott James as the duck in front of replica lighthouse

We had another great season in 2024!

The Lakeview Village Shoppes had a great season in Olcott and welcomed visitors from all over the world! Many of our visitors come to the boardwalk to see the lake, attend one of our many events and festivals, or to shop our unique shoppes. We are grateful to the Niagara Falls Visitors Center for sending so many people our way!

Some of the boardwalk shoppes will be **open Sunday, December 8th for the Holiday Shopping Pop-Up**, done in conjunction with Santa at Ye Olde Log Cabin! Our shoppes will be open 12pm-4pm; Santa will be at the Cabin from 1pm-5pm. This is a great time to get some Christmas shopping done while SHOPPING LOCAL!

We had many successful events this year with overwhelming, awesome reviews. Some of those included: The Mermaid Festival, Band Organ Rally and Teddy Roosevelt visit, Old Olcott Days and the Jazz Trail. The restored trolley added an exceptional plus to these events. A huge thank you to all that helped make these events successful.

Our first annual Scarecrow Village contest was well received. We are looking to make this an even bigger event next year.

Here is a current list of the individually-owned businesses that will make up the boardwalk in 2025: [Chenez's Popcorn](#), [Dragonfly Espresso](#), [Ol Gift Box at the Beach](#), [Christmas Gift Box](#), [Just Looking on the Lake](#), [KM Treats/Kaveman Treasures](#), [Mama'sMission](#), [The Boho Siren](#), [Walden Willow Boutique](#) and [Brownies](#).

Make sure you follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with all the boardwalk fun!
www.facebook.com/lakeviewvillageshoppes

Lakeview Village Shoppes, 5955 Ontario Street, Olcott, NY 14126

May: weekends only, 12pm to 6pm

Memorial Day to Labor Day:

Sunday to Thursday, 12pm to 6pm; Friday & Saturday, 12pm to 8pm

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

Our 2025 season will open Saturday, May 3rd. Be sure to mark your calendars and come welcome us back!



Newfane Business Association

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Cafora's Pizzeria	Niagara Implement, Inc.
Challenge Island	North Shores Niagara LLC
Chateau Niagara Winery	Olcott Beach Carousel Park, Inc.
Clyde's Feed & Animal Center	Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union
Creative Customwear	Open Air Bar
Creekside Income Tax LLC	Dr Fredrick Piwko
DJ Shade	POW Collision CARSTAR
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church	Rainbow of Help, Inc.
First Baptist Church	Recovery Center of Niagara
Flint Brothers Hardware Inc.	Red Leaf Milling Company, LLC
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Miller Hose Fire Co. Inc.	Development Center
Mom & Pop Web Stuff, Inc.	Town of Newfane Historical Society
Newfane Alumni Association	Voelpel Farms, Inc.
Newfane Auto Repair LLC	Web Essentials
Newfane Central School District	Wilson's Pizza
Newfane Dental PC	WNY Auto Supply NAPA

The Newfane Business Association meets the Third Tuesday of every month at the Community Center at 8:30 am. To become a member go to <https://Newfanebusiness.com> - Look for current activities on the Newfane Business Association Facebook page. All are welcome to attend our meetings.



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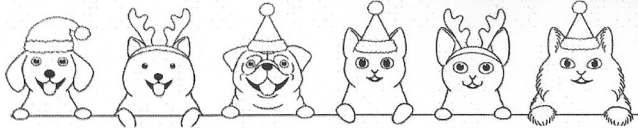
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NEWFANE HIGHLIGHTS...



Retiring members of the Newfane Planning and Zoning Boards are congratulated for their decades of service to the town and its citizens. Phil Baehr (left), Oliver Kneeland (center) and Fran Gilson (right) are recognized for their long and distinguished service by Supervisor Syracuse and Councilman Coleman.



Volunteer John Getman's leadership provided painting upgrades to this historic building



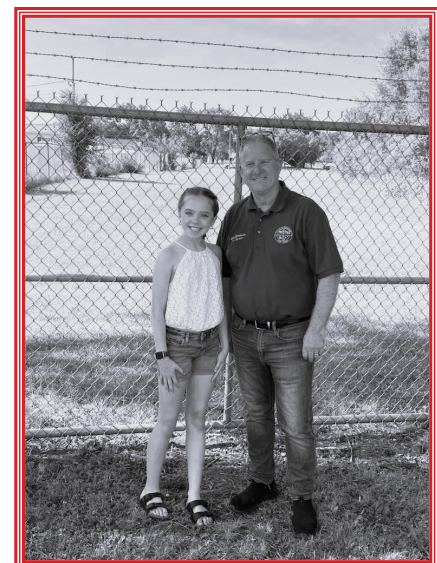
Two eighth-graders, Liam Hedley and Hunter Marcello were recognized as local heroes for their rescue efforts on July 3 at the Newfane Marina.



Goody's at Olcott Beach had a wonderful 1st season! Our scoop masters look forward to seeing you next year!



Town historian Bill Clark discusses local history at Goody's



Sadie Gunby is with Supervisor Syracuse at the site of Harper's Park, the planned dog park that will be located near Maple and Ketchum