

Town of Newfane

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April 2026

Update from the Supervisor's Office



Town Supervisor John Syracuse

As I (impatiently) wait for winter to finally loosen its grip on us, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on several administrative initiatives and accomplishments within the Town over the past few months.

One of the most impactful steps we've taken recently has been entering into a two-year contract with J. O'Connell and Associates, a highly respected grant writing firm. With their guidance—and the expertise of one of our own Newfane Central High School graduates, Sarah Gelnett—we are already seeing results. I am pleased to report that the Town has been successful in securing funding for the first two grants submitted under this partnership.

To date, we have received \$2,000 to support our newly designed Summer Recreation Program, which will enhance opportunities for our youth and families. In addition, we have been awarded \$84,000 to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan, an important step toward ensuring thoughtful growth, infrastructure planning, and long-term sustainability for our community.

Looking ahead, we are actively awaiting decisions on several additional funding opportunities. These include our NY Forward grant application, as well as a \$120,000 request submitted to the Ralph Wilson Foundation to support the construction of a comfort station and informational kiosk at the Historical Society complex on West Creek Road. We are also awaiting responses on grant applications for electric vehicle charging stations, along with a federal request to support improvements and expansion at the Town's Highway Facility.

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In the coming quarter, we plan to continue building on this momentum by pursuing several additional grant opportunities. These include funding for a comprehensive cloud storage system for Town records, which will allow us to better inventory, review, and manage documents while improving efficiency and freeing up valuable space—particularly within the Town Clerk's office. We also intend to apply for cybersecurity funding to strengthen our digital infrastructure, as well as pursue additional infrastructure grants such as the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) and the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP).

While winter may be slow to leave, progress here in the Town is moving forward at a steady pace. We remain committed to pursuing every available opportunity to enhance services, strengthen infrastructure, and invest in the future of our community.

As always, God Bless you and have a safe and happy start to our spring.



2026 Annual Town Wide Yard Sale

Friday June 5th, Saturday June 6th
and Sunday June 7th

ADDRESS: _____

DAYS PARTICIPATING:

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH _____

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH _____

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICIZED PARTICIPATION IS FRIDAY, **MAY 15TH, 2026**. PLEASE DROP
THIS OFF AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE TOWN HALL OR EMAIL TO
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the Clerk's office before the May 15th deadline. We are unable
to make any changes after that date*****

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

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

Town of Newfane

2737 Main Street
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Hours 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday

www.townofnewfane.com

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Councilwoman	Jessica Reinhardt	
Councilman	Peter Robinson	

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the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

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**Deadline for ads is June 29, 2026. Complete the section below and
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Town of Newfane, Newsletter

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Make checks payable to Town of Newfane

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Ad Size _____ Cost _____



Niagara Co. Legislature
14th District Legislator
Shawn Foti

Happy Spring to Newfane and the entire 14th District. It has been a brutal winter for all of us and it will take much of spring to clean up and prepare for summer.

A true WNY winter offered many opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy downhill skiing, sledding, cross-country skiing, ice skating, and many more.

Parks department worked hard to provide many of these activities within our facilities and we learned a lot throughout winter to expand offerings. Winter has been a challenge but the sun is starting to shine so let's look forward to warmer weather and more fun to come.

Krull Park is always a focus and we are constantly working to enhance the park. A new playground was installed last fall at the entrance to the park which is a great addition. We continue to see increased use, especially on weekends, so this will help spread out crowds and also offer a different set of playground attractions compared to the others. Electric Vehicle charging has been added to the North section near the bathroom and Lions Club pavilion. Federal grant funds and National Grid rebates were used to pay for this addition. We have already noticed them being used and it will offer more resources for travelers and guests who visit Olcott. The concrete wall along the West end of the park near the steps leading to our beach is in rough shape. Rehab or replacement is being looked at and I hope to begin the project this year. Increasing signage to promote foot traffic and tourism is always being discussed alongside our partners in the town and Olcott Beach Community Association. Parks is always looking for summer help so visit our website for details on how to obtain employment within our parks.

A very large Artificial Intelligence Data Center (Lake Mariner Data) is being built at the former Somerset Operating Company property. Total investment is estimated in billions of dollars. It is a multi-year project with many community benefits including high-end jobs, skilled trades work, revenue for local small businesses, housing, etc. This also comes with many headaches as we have seen with the increased traffic including dump trucks and oversized load trucking. Niagara County has been in constant contact with the developer to mitigate these concerns as much as possible. The site owner/developer will enter in to a Road Use Agreement which will help offset costs to repair roads in the future. Our infrastructure has seen many improvements the past few years and we want to make sure this project does not negatively affect our local resources. This will be an ongoing conversation but all stakeholders are in contact and we appreciate the community's patience.

2026 will continue to be a challenging year for County budget and providing resources that our residents deserve and pay for. NYS and Federal budgets are constantly changing which directly affect how Niagara County administers programs that many of our residents rely on. I am in constant communication with our state and federal representatives and they have been extremely transparent and responsive. I love that Niagara County is our own little slice of heaven tucked away from much of the chaos but we are not immune to the turbulent waters ahead. Newfane has always rallied together to support each other and enhance our community. Communication will continue to be vital so never hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.



New York State Senator
62nd Senate District
Robert G. Ortt

The 2026 New York State legislative session is underway. One of the biggest issues I hear about in the capital and here at home is the ever-increasing cost of utility bills.

There is no denying that energy and gas bills are up not just here in Western New York, but across the state. Every day, I hear from concerned constituents that they are having a harder time affording their utility bills. In fact, a recent newspaper article detailed how more than 400,000 customers in New York State had their gas or power cut off last year because they couldn't pay their bill - worse now than during the great recession of 2008.

The surging rates can be directly attributed to the Climate Leadership and Protection Act (CLCPA) and other "green" policies and mandates passed in Albany by Democrats since 2019. I and my conference opposed these policies then, and continue to advocate for an all of the above, energy choice agenda. In February, we introduced a legislative package that would return billions to ratepayers sitting in a "green" slush fund and repeal costly mandates that have proven unrealistic, unobtainable and only contribute to sky-high bills.

This is not the only way my conference is working to make our state more affordable. We introduced the "Keep What You've Earned" package of bills that would provide a personal income tax cut for all New Yorkers, reduce property tax burdens on homeowners, eliminate state tax on tips and overtime, and help small businesses and farmers by increasing the corporate tax threshold from \$390,000 to \$500,000 and lowering the rate to 2.5% - among other measures to help out everyday New Yorkers.

As the legislative session goes on, my conference will continue advocating for affordability, public safety, and personal freedoms for communities throughout New York State. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do for you or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my district office at (716) 434-0680 or through email at ortt@nysenate.gov.

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Charcoal Grilling Charcoal may be used for food preparation	Paper or Cardboard Burning Burning of Paper or Cardboard waste is banned
Approved Barbecue Grills Portable propane or gas grills	Construction Debris Burning No burning of construction waste
Propane Fire Products Portable propane or gas grills	Any uncontained Fire No uncontained fires of ANY materials

For full rules: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental/air-quality/open-burning>



New York State Assembly Assembly District 144 Paul A. Bologna

Over the past few weeks, you may have opened your utility bill and felt your jaw drop. For many families here in Newfane, energy costs have skyrocketed out of control.

That isn't an accident. It isn't random. And it isn't just the weather.

For the better part of the last decade, New York State has systematically reduced its own energy supply — shuttering nuclear plants, blocking new natural gas exploration, and cancelling pipeline projects — even though roughly half of our electricity is generated from natural gas. At the very same time, Albany has dramatically increased energy demand by prohibiting natural gas hookups and forcing electrification of homes, new construction, vehicles, school buses, and now even preparing for massive data center expansion.

When supply goes down and demand goes up, basic economics tells us exactly what happens: prices rise. Rapidly.

Layer on top of that record sub-zero temperatures across nearly three-quarters of the country this winter, and you have the perfect storm. Energy markets tightened nationwide — but New York entered that storm having already weakened its own position. What we are experiencing is, in many ways, a self-inflicted energy crisis. And you are paying for it.

In Albany, energy policy has become a branding exercise. Governor Kathy Hochul prefers the phrase “All of the Above.” It sounds balanced. It polls well. It suggests pragmatism.

But slogans don't power a grid. Infrastructure does.

Last month, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) approved the state's 2025 Energy Plan. Buried inside the document was a quiet admission: New York cannot fully electrify its economy anytime soon — not logistically, not economically, not physically. Even the state's own projections push a truly electric economy out to at least 2037. Until then, natural gas and other traditional fuels are not optional. They are necessary.

Yet under the banner of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), Albany has enacted a series of mandates that move us aggressively toward an all-electric future anyway: the All-Electric Buildings Act, Cap-and-Invest, advanced clean fleet requirements, electric vehicle mandates, electric school buses, and new building codes — each one restricting traditional fuels while forcing greater reliance on electricity.

That is not “all of the above.” That is all-electric by mandate.

Meanwhile, our grid infrastructure — transmission lines, substations, transformers — is decades old. Much of it was built generations ago. It was never designed to handle universal electric heating, mass vehicle charging, and full residential electrification all at once. When government forces more load onto a system without first expanding capacity, something must give.

The result? Higher rates

Last August, the New York State Public Service Commission approved a 20% rate hike for National Grid customers. During summer heatwaves, the New York Independent System Operator warned that operating reserves were thinning, urging conservation to avoid outages. This is not theoretical. Reliability warnings are happening in real time.

And here's the deeper problem: Albany reduced supply first, then forced demand higher, and only afterward began talking about infrastructure upgrades. That is backwards. You do not drain the reservoir before building new wells.

The ripple effects extend beyond your monthly bill. Housing experts estimate current electrification mandates could add tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of building a single-family home. You cannot claim to fight inflation while driving up the cost of energy and construction at the same time.

Let me be clear: this is not about opposing renewables. I support diversifying our energy mix. I support innovation. I support cleaner technologies where they make economic sense.

What I do not support is eliminating energy choice for families in Niagara County.

The overwhelming majority of residents I speak with here in Newfane want options. They want reliability. They want affordability. They want the freedom to decide what heats their home and powers their business — not arbitrary deadlines imposed from Albany.

New York produces only a small fraction of global emissions. Even dramatic reductions here would be offset quickly by growth abroad. We do not strengthen the planet by weakening our own economy.

If Albany truly wants an “all-of-the-above” strategy, then it must actually practice one: maintain reliable baseload power, invest in infrastructure before forcing demand, and allow communities flexibility based on local realities.

Right now, New Yorkers are not paying for balance. They are paying for an energy experiment.

And every time you open your utility bill, the cost of that experiment becomes painfully clear.

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

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Protecting Newfane and Niagara County Residents Against Fraud

Hopefully by the time you are reading this newsletter, the weather is starting to turn for the better and we have all thawed out from this harsh winter season. When we create these newsletter articles, we try and focus on providing information and education to our communities that will help prevent you from being victimized by the latest crime trends.

Late last year, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office encountered several instances of fraud involving internet and phone schemes, primarily through email, phone calls and text messages. We noticed that victims were being contacted by fraudsters, instructing them to go to the bank and withdraw large sums of cash. Victims would take out the money out of fear of retaliation, black-mail or to resolve an illegitimate warrant or debt. On numerous occasions, the fraudsters would send a driver to retrieve these funds from victim's homes, which could have put them at significant risk of robbery or physical harm. In an effort to address this issue, our Criminal Investigation Bureau, in collaboration with our Community Services Division, created an educational letter for banks throughout Niagara County. These letters were distributed and we encouraged banks to call the Niagara County Sheriff's Office to report suspicious banking activities. In all, please utilize your best judgement if you receive one of these suspicious phone calls, emails, etc. Agencies or representatives of police departments, governments, the IRS, etc. will never demand immediate payment the way these fraudsters are claiming. If clarification is needed, we encourage you to research the legitimate phone number of these agencies and confirm whether or not the activity is real. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us to file a report for fraudulent activity.

Another fraud trend that we are noticing is the use of skimmer devices. With the uptick of digital payments through credit cards and debit cards, thieves are utilizing skimming devices to steal your card information while you are attempting to make a legitimate purchase. Skimmers are often inserted into or overlaid onto credit card terminals, and can be hard to detect. If you notice loose parts on a credit card reader or any signs of tampering, a skimmer could be present. Rest assured though; The Niagara County Sheriff's Office is taking proactive measures to combat frauds through skimmer devices. We have recently acquired several skimmer detectors that are being deployed into the field on a routine basis. Our Deputies have been checking credit card readers for skimmers, in an effort to reduce fraud and ensure confidence to Niagara County's businesses and their consumers. If you locate a device that may contain a skimmer, please notify the merchant. The merchant can investigate the card reader and contact NCSO if needed.

As we looking forward to the enjoyable weather ahead, we wish you a happy and healthy spring and summer. We are looking forward to seeing you at all of the upcoming events and gatherings, including the Niagara County Fair, 4th of July and the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Please take a moment to follow our social media platforms, such as Facebook and Instagram, to stay up to date on upcoming events, employment opportunities, crime reports and more!



Town of Newfane Text Alerts!

Get town updates sent directly to your phone via text message.



Sign up to receive town text message notifications!

Get Started,
opt-in to any of the following notification lists:

- For Town-wide Notifications,
text "NEWFANE" to 91896

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You may receive multiple text messages a month with a notification for each alert category opted-in to.
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- You can text STOP at any time to remove yourself from ALL notification lists.

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

Hess Road wesleyan CHURCH

Good Friday Communion Service

April 3, 2026 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday Service

April 5, 2026 10:30 AM

Grief Share Support Group

13 week Support Group to provide help and encouragement after the death of a loved one, To start mid April, Exact Dates can be found online.

Dwell Tour with Chris Stephens

April 17, 2026 7:00 PM

Classic hymns reimagined in a folk/gospel style

Annual Multi-Family Yard Sale

April 25, 2026 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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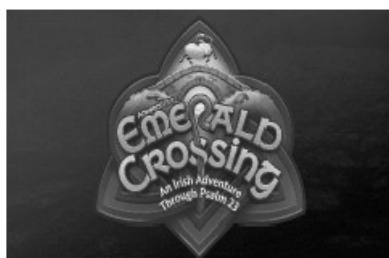
Cobblestone Building erected in 1843



Grace Bible Church

Join us for Good Friday Service on April 3, at 6:30 pm

Easter Worship Service on April 5 at 10:30 am



Vacation Bible School

July 20-24, 2026

9:00 am-Noon - For kids ages 4 through 5th grade

"Emerald Crossing - An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23"

Call (716) 778-9081 for more information.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

AT

NEWFANE METHODIST CHURCH

2699 MAIN STREET, NEWFANE

April 2nd - Holy Thursday, 7:00 pm Service at Warrens Corners UMC, 5293 Stone Rd, Lockport, NY 14094

April 3rd - Good Friday, 7:00 pm Service at Newfane UMC

April 5th - Easter Sunrise Service at the Forsyth Tavern, 6:30 am, 5182 Ridge Rd, Lockport, NY 14094

April 5th - Easter Worship Service - 9:30 am, at Newfane UMC

Everyone is Welcome!



Newfane's Community Food Pantries

On Tuesday's at St Brenden's Church

Did you know that the **Newfane Community Food Pantry (NCFP)** was founded in 1982 and has been serving the Community for approximately 44 years. It started when a group known as Friends In Service to Humanity (FISH), which served the community for many years disbanded, and volunteers from many of the Newfane area churches decided that a Food Pantry was needed to help their neighbors in difficult times. The Newfane Community Food Pantry was born and its first location was the in the storage area of the priest's garage at St. Bridget's RC Church on Ewings Road. The volunteers from area churches brought with them their hearts and souls to this new endeavor.

This same passion to help those in need continues to this day. After 44 years, loving hands and hearts are still in action. Faces and names have changed, but the same great passion to help others remain at the present day Newfane Community Food Pantry.

In the early 1990's an addition of class rooms and a conference room at St. Bridget's were added at the south end of the church building along with a room that serves as a much needed expanded space for the NCFP. Approximately 10 years ago the St. Bridget site was combined with two other local sites to form the St. Brendan Parish. The NCFP is currently a separate entity with its own 501c3 status, and St. Brendan's kindly and lovingly provides the space for us to operate.

On behalf of the NCFP we would like to thank all our volunteers, friends and supporters now and through the previous years. We thank the eleven supporting churches, The Lions Club, BPO Elks Lodge, Newfane Central School, multiple local businesses and organizations, and many individuals for their abundant food donations and monetary support. During the past year we averaged 63 families per month and during our Christmas Sharing this year we helped 104 families with a bountiful Christmas package making their holidays merrier and a little less stressful. People are always very thankful and some were in tears saying how much this support helped them.

Currently the NCFP is open 52 weeks a year on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. All those in the Newfane School District that need a helping hand may call Tuesday for an appointment that day. Our phone number is 716-638-4245.

We are always looking for new volunteers that are willing and able to spend a few hours a month assisting with helping others in our community.

May you all be blessed with increased faith, hope, and love in the coming year.

Kathy Phillips
NCFP Co-coordinator

On Wednesday's at the First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church Food Pantry is located at 6047 East Ave in Newfane. 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 011 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.

Submitted by Edna Wolff



BLOOD DRIVES Newfane Community Center 2737 Main St., Newfane

Mon., April 27th, 2026

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Help hope bloom! Give blood 4/13-30 for \$15 e-gift card to merchant of choice. See rcblood.org/hope

Mon., June 29th, 2026

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

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

Appointments Preferred

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“News from the Town Clerks Office”

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

What a long winter it has been!!!



FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2026

The Niagara County Department of Health in cooperation with the Niagara Co. Veterinary Society will hold FIVE FREE Rabies Immunization Clinics in 2026.

NO WALK-INS - APPOINTMENTS ARE MANDATORY!

For directions call the specific clinic site.

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

Saturday, April 11 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Somerset Highway Garage 8700 Haight Road, Town of Somerset
Saturday, June 6 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Hyde Park Oasis/Centennial Pavillion 911 Robbins Drive, City of Niagara Falls
Saturday, July 11 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Wilson Highway Department 3356 Wilson-Cambria Road, Wilson
Saturday, September 12 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Town of Lockport Highway Department 6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport
Saturday, December 5 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	North Tonawanda Public Works Dept 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

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

Bring the previous Rabies Vaccination Certificate for cats and dogs. WITHOUT proof of previous vaccination, you will receive a certificate valid for one year. Dogs and Cats WITH proof will receive a certificate valid for three years. All Ferrets must be vaccinated annually. ALL ANIMALS must be properly restrained. Cats & Ferrets must be in a carrier. Dogs must be leashed.

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

ATTENTION ALL PET OWNERS: Dogs licenses are renewed annually in the Town of Newfane. You can renew in person, by mail, or by using the drop box located on the north side of the building to the right of the double glass doors. The Dog License Renewals are mailed from the Town Clerk's Office to the last mailing address provided. If any of your information has changed it is important that you provide those changes to the Town Clerk's Office. It is also important to secure the ID tag on your pet's collar. In the event that your pet should wander away without this means of ID you may not be reunited again, simply because you were not able to be located. If you love your pets, please take this step in ensuring their safe return. Sadly, lost pets are a very common occurrence. Additionally, please be certain that the Town Clerk's office has your **“CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER/CELL”** allowing us to contact you. Thank you!

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!

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

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

***Additional \$3.00 convenience fee if paying by credit/debit card**

THE FEES FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

Jeff Newman - 807-6270 - constable.newman@townofnewfanenys.gov

Ken Nerber - 940-5497 - constable.nerber@townofnewfanenys.gov

Joe Flagler - 998-1041 - constable.flagler@townofnewfanenys.gov

Dog License Application for Unlicensed Dogs or Overdue License

List additional dogs on a separate sheet of paper

Owner's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Number of Dogs to be licensed: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Dog's Breed: _____ Dog's Age: _____ Dog's Gender: _____

Spayed/Neutered: Yes___ No ___

Dog's Color(s): _____ Tattoos or Markings _____

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

RED DOT PROGRAM: This program alerts the Police, Fire Dept and First Aid when they approach a home that an occupant may have disabilities and proceed with caution. The sticker needs to be placed outward on a window or door of the residence. The Town Clerks office has these available.

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM: This is to help Emergency Responders provide prompt care in the event of an accident. There is an information card as well as a yellow dot sticker. The information card should be filled out and placed in the glove compartment of the vehicle the yellow dot sticker should be placed on the window of the vehicle. The Town Clerk's Office has these available.

***FREE FISHING DAYS IN 2026:**

- * June 27th and 28th
- * September 26th
- * November 11th

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

***SPORTSMAN EDUCATION CLASSES:** This link will provide information on classes for both Shotgun and Bow Hunting Certification, as well as information on lost Certificates and other related topics that you may find helpful:

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

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

***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.



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

MAY 19,2026

The Newfane Elementary School Student Senate will be sponsoring a military luncheon for all Active-Duty Military Members and Veterans. This will be held at the Newfane Community Center on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026. The lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. doors will open at 11:30am. The cost is FREE and you may bring a guest. Please RSVP no later than May 1st to vbower@newfanecentralschools.org or 716-778-6376 and ask for Virginia Bower.

Thank you for your service!



ALERT! Official Changes to Postmark Processing

In November 2025, the federal government formally and quietly finalized changes to postmark procedures, which went into effect on December 24, 2025 and impacts individuals that use the United States Postal Service (USPS) to mail time-sensitive items.

Specifically, a postmark is now officially defined as a marking, applied by the USPS to a mail piece, which displays the location of the processing facility or retail unit that applied the marking and (if applied at a processing facility) the date of the first automated processing operation performed on that mail piece, or (if applied at a post office) the date on which the mail piece was accepted at that post office.

Importantly, the date that the postal service first takes possession of they may not align with the date on the postmark, i.e., the postmark may bear a later date from the date of first possession due to a shift towards Regional Transportation Optimization (RTO). RTO was identified as part of the Collecting for America plan adopted by the postal service, with the stated goal of “modernizing USPS’s transportation network to account for a decline in mail volume. The Postal Regulatory Commission issued an advisory opinion against RTO, stating that it would negatively impact service, particularly in rural areas. Specifically, these new changes set forth that mail dropped more than 50 miles from a regional hub is collected the next day as opposed to the same day.

Towns are impacted by these changes, as many taxpayers opt to pay their taxes by mail and rely on postmarks for timely payments. However, it is important to note that the only way to guarantee a date on a postmark is to have the mail piece hand cancelled at the counter by the postal service. This has always been the case. This rule does not change when mail is postmarked, is the mail piece has been and will continue to be postmarked upon processing by the USPS, which is not necessarily the day the mail piece is dropped off. Taxpayers still have the ability to get a postmark on the same day it is mailed by them by requesting the hand cancelling at the counter. This new rule confirms what has been happening in practice over the last few years: a mail piece deposited in a mailbox may not, in fact, be postmarked that same day. This will now hold true for rural towns and towns not located within 50 miles of a regional hub.

To ensure timely payment and avoid penalties that the town cannot legally waive, taxpayers should either pay online, pay in person, or request hand-cancellation at a USPS retail counter when mailing payments near deadlines. Towns should prominently post this information on their websites and on their signboards to alert residents that mailbox deposits may result in delayed postmarks that could trigger late payment penalties.

NEWFANE CONSTABLE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Newfane Constable Department was created in January of 2024 and approved by the State of New York on September 23, 2024.

A Constable is a public official who is elected or appointed rather than hired. Constables are considered peace officers (NYS Criminal Procedure Section 2.10) and have law enforcement powers within their jurisdiction while on duty (Section 2.10).

All Constables must either go through the New York State approved Peace Officer Training or have completed a Police Officer Academy as outlined by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice.

Town Law allows the Constables to serve in the direction of the Town Supervisor, Town Board, Building/Code Enforcement Officer and the Courts.

Contact information is 716-778-8822 X 119, or the emails listed below.

Jeff Newman Constable.Newman@townofnewfaneny.gov
Kenneth Nerber Constable.Nerber@Townofnewfaneny.gov
Joseph W Flagler Constable.Flagler@Townofnewfaneny.gov

Cooking with the Clerks

Cheeseburger Casserole

Kosher salt
8 oz. elbow macaroni
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 Yellow onion, finely chopped
2 Garlic cloves, finely chopped
Freshly ground black pepper
2 lb. ground beef
1/4 cup Tomato paste
2 tsp. Smoked paprika
1 1/2 cup Slow-sodium beef or chicken broth
1/2 cup Ketchup
2 oz. Cream Cheese (about 1/4 cup)
2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
3 cups Shredded Monterey Jack cheese (about 8 oz.)
3 cups Shredded sharp cheddar (about 8 oz.)
Finely chopped fresh parsley, for serving

Carrot Cake Bars

Nonstick baking spray
CARROT PUREE
12 1/2 oz. carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2-in. chunks (4 to 5 large carrots)
2 Tbsp. salted butter, at room temperature
CARROT CAKE BATTER
1 1/2 cups All-purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 tsp. Ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. Ground cardamom
Pinch of ground cloves
1 cup Salted butter, divided
2 cups Packed light brown sugar
2 tsp. Vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. Kosher salt
2 Large eggs plus 4 egg yolks, at room temperature
3/4 cup Chopped pecans, toasted
CREAM CHEESE BATTER
1 (8-oz.) Package cream cheese, at room temperature
1/2 cup Sour cream, at room temperature
2 Tbsp. Granulated sugar
1 tsp. Vanilla extract
1 Large egg, at room temperature

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F, with the rack in the center of the oven. Grease a metal 13-by-9-inch pan with nonstick baking spray. Line the pan with a piece of parchment paper, being sure to leave an overhang for easy removal later, then lightly grease the parchment paper with nonstick baking spray as well.
2. For the carrot puree: Fill a medium pot with 1 inch of water and place a steamer basket inside. Cover the pot and bring the water to a boil over high heat. Add the carrots to the steamer basket and reduce the heat to low. Cover the pot and steam until the carrots are very tender, 20 to 25 minutes. While the carrots are still hot, transfer them to a small bowl with the butter. Using an immersion blender or food processor, puree until smooth and then set aside to cool (you should have about 1 cup of carrot puree).

1. Arrange a rack in center of oven; preheat to 400°. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta, stirring occasionally, until al dente according to package directions. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, in another large pot over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onions and garlic; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 7 minutes. Add beef; season with salt and pepper. Cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 8 minutes. Drain fat, if needed.
3. Add tomato paste and paprika. Cook, stirring, until tomato paste is brick red, about 3 minutes. Stir in broth, ketchup, cream cheese, Worcestershire, and mustard. Cook, stirring, until cream cheese is incorporated and smooth, 2 to 3 minutes; season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat. Add pasta, Monterey Jack, and cheddar and stir to combine. Transfer pasta mixture to a 13" x 9" baking dish.
4. Bake casserole until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbling, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool slightly. Top with parsley.

3. For the carrot cake batter: In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, cardamom, and cloves. Place a large saucepan over medium heat and add 12 tablespoons of the butter (1 1/2 sticks). Let it melt, then continue to cook, swirling the pan occasionally, until the butter is golden brown and has a nutty aroma, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and add the remaining 4 tablespoons of butter. Swirl the pan continuously until the butter stops foaming, then whisk in the brown sugar, vanilla, and salt. Transfer to a large bowl and let the mixture cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes.
4. For the cream cheese batter: Add the cream cheese to a medium bowl. If it is not soft enough to whisk, microwave in 10-second intervals until it is softened but not melted. Whisk in the sour cream, granulated sugar, vanilla, and egg until there are no lumps and set aside.
5. Once the brown butter-sugar mixture is cool, whisk in the carrot puree until you have a smooth mixture. Add the eggs and yolks all at once and whisk together until fully combined. Add the dry ingredients and stir until just combined, then add the pecans, gently folding them into the batter.
6. Spread half of the batter into the prepared pan. Using half of the cream cheese mixture, dollop tablespoonfuls on top of the carrot cake batter and swirl it through with a butter knife or wooden skewer.
7. Gently spread the remaining carrot cake batter over the top using an offset spatula, aiming to cover most of the cream cheese (it does not have to be perfect). Dollop the remaining cream cheese mixture over the top and repeat the swirling process. Don't be afraid to really go for it so that you evenly distribute the cream cheese mixture and there's some in every bite!
8. Bake until the cream cheese swirl has set and a toothpick inserted into the center of the bars comes out with only a few crumbs attached, 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Use the parchment paper overhang to lift the cake out of the pan and cut into bars. Serve immediately or store in the fridge until ready to serve.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY:

Some days are better, some days are worse, look for the blessing instead of the curse. Be positive, stay strong, and get enough rest. You can't do everything, but you can do your best.

Spring Updates from your Building Inspector's & Assessor's Offices

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

As of January 1st, 2026, The New Town of Newfane building department has started to use the new 2025 NYS Building Codes. Please be patient, as we all work through the new State regulations, as well as local Town and County regulations.

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

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

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

Remember, if you have an outstanding Building Permit, please note that the Newfane Building Inspector is to be called for all inspections done for your project to be able to close out your permit and to issue a Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance.

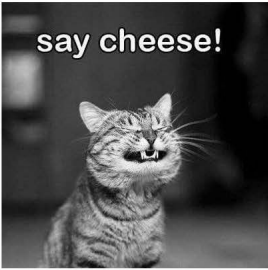
You can contact me, David Schmidt, by e-mail at: **building.inspector@townofnewfanenyny.gov** or call my office at **(716) 954-2030, (716) 778-5947 ext. 106** or fax at **(716) 638-4261**.



Your home is the single most expensive financial investment you will ever make.

Upkeeping your home is essential to protect your largest investment, significantly boosting resale value and preventing minor issues from escalating into, or causing, expensive, major repairs. Regular maintenance ensures a safe, comfortable, and energy-efficient living environment while extending the lifespan of crucial components like roofs, HVAC systems, and appliances. A high return on investment spring clean-up for home value focuses on boosting curb appeal, deep cleaning, and essential maintenance. Key tasks include pressure washing siding and walkways, cleaning windows inside/out, decluttering completely, repairing, cleaning gutters, and updating, such as repainting the front door or refreshing mulch. Let's not forget maintenance & efficiency. Replacing furnace filters, or scheduling a professional AC tune-up before summer is always a good idea. Plus, check those smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, replace batteries, if needed. With electricity bills rising, think about replacing burnt-out bulbs with energy-efficient LEDs this also boost modern appeal. Vacuum refrigerator coils and clean the dryer vent to improve efficiency and reduce fire hazards. New York State offers low-cost energy programs though NYSEDA like EmPower+, Comfort Home and the Appliance Upgrade Program. Go to nyserda.ny.gov click on the find a program scroll down to find the program that best fits your needs.

Hey North Newfane!!!



It's picture time 😊

The town is updating parcel pictures in our system, so don't be alarmed if you see a town employee taking a picture of your house this spring and summer. New York State requires updated pictures every 4 years. The Assessor's Office will be out driving or walking starting in Olcott at the lake and going west on 18 to the town line and east on 18 the town line and south to Wilson Burt/Drake Settlement/Dublin Roads.



NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data are available for examination and review. This data is the information, which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel on the Tentative Roll for the Town of Newfane, due to be filed on or before May 1, 2026. This information may be reviewed in the Assessor's Office at the Town Hall, Newfane Town Hall, 2737 Main St, Newfane NY 14108 on Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 p.m. For an appointment call the Assessor's Office at 716.778.8822 ext. 103.

Now Let's talk about those darn Taxes!



Here are some programs that can help you reduce your property taxes:

Apply for STAR (School Tax Relief) Program: This program offers significant relief for primary residences. Basic STAR: Available to homeowners with incomes below \$500,000. Enhanced STAR: Offers larger benefits for seniors (65+) with total household lower than \$110,000.00. Let's look at some Property Tax Exemptions. If you are a home owner 65 or older with limited total household income under \$34,700.00 you may qualify for a Senior Exemption. Veterans did you serve during a wartime, the Cold War, or have a veterans disability rating? Bring your DD214 to the Assessor's office for a review to see if you qualify for a Veterans Exemption. For homeowners who are state certified 100% disabled with a total house hold income under \$34,600.00. you may qualify for a disability exemption. Do you farm or do you lease land to a farmer? There are Agricultural Exemptions. NYS just updated the Agricultural Assessment Values Per Acre. Stop by the Assessor's office in Town Hall to receive a copy. Check with the Assessor's office to ensure that your property inventory is correct and let's review your assessment inventory for accuracy. If you have made any changes to your property, please let us know. If the assessor has incorrect information about your home (e.g., number of bedrooms/baths, finished basement), you can correct it. An accurate inventory = an accurate assessment

Newfane Water and Sewer Department

Maintenance Department

Thank you to all the residents that continue to keep 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.

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

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

Jon Miller
Water/Sewer Superintendent

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

- 1. CASH
- 2. CHECK
- 3. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS-ONLINE ONLY + SERVICE FEE
- 4. ACH PAYMENT- NO FEE- Form is available in the office or at townofnewfaneny.gov.

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.

Garbage Reminders

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

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

Should you require another garbage tote, please contact the Water Department at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6 to purchase and one will be delivered. We have large garbage totes available for \$80.00 and small totes available for \$50.00. Please be advised an additional annual fee of \$55 applies to any additional tote. Bag tags are available for \$5.00 a piece at the Water Office at the Newfane Town Hall. A maximum of 5 bag tags are allowed per week.



Handicap Parking Permit Applications

For renewal of handicap parking permit tags, please stop in at the Water Office at the Town Hall. For renewal of a permanent (blue) tag, please bring in your old tag and we will provide you with a new tag. For renewal of a temporary (red) tag, another application form will need to be filled out by a doctor prior to receiving a new temporary tag. For new permit applications for both permanent and temporary tags, please bring with you the driver's license of whoever the permit is addressed to.

Parking permit application forms are available in office or at townofnewfaneny.gov.

Highway Department

Effective May 1, 2021 the following rules will be enforced for the town wide brush pick-up:

- All branches **MUST** be piled as neatly as possible with **ALL CUT ENDS FACING** the road and **NO LONGER** then 10 ft long.
- Tree removal companies are responsible to remove **ALL** of their own debris. *****
- We will **NOT** pick up large stumps, leaves, rubbish, etc.
- A maximum amount of 2 tandem truck loads will be picked up at a time at any one residence.
- We will **NOT** pick up branches in front of wooded lots that are being cleared.
- We will **NOT** be responsible for any damages to anything that is under the pile of brush that we cannot see. Large piles are picked up with large machinery.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Highway Department at 778-8844 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday.
- Thank you for your cooperation.
- Jon Miller
- Highway Superintendent



MARINA & FISHING

We look forward to a very busy opening weekend on April 4th as many of our fishermen and boaters prepare for the season. Call 716-778-5462 to reserve your dock for the summer. Chinooks and steelhead have been put in their pens and the lake is ready for the upcoming season. There are several fishing derbies and tournaments coming up over the next few months. The LOC Spring Derby runs May 1st - 10th , and the 23rd Annual Lake Ontario Trout \$ Salmon Assn. King Salmon Tornado is July 25th

Hope everyone has a safe and fun Spring!



Olcott Swimming Beach

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day
(when lifeguards are on duty)

Thursday to Sunday: 12pm-7pm

Any questions about the status of the beach,
please call the Newfane Town Hall: (716) 778-8822

NOTE: Pursuant to NYS Guidelines, Niagara County Dept. of Health must test the waters weekly for bacterial count. Testing is performed every week on Mondays. In the event of a failed test, the beach is re-tested on Wednesday of the same week. Information about this testing can be found on the county's website: <https://www.niagaracounty.com/BeachReport>



Electronic Recycling

Saturday, May 16 2026

9am - 1pm

Electronic Materials Drop-Off

Town of Newfane Highway Dept.
6176 McKee Street

For TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY

Please check this list on the next page for
acceptable and non acceptable items

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR ELECTRONIC RECYCLING



COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES

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

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

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

ENTERTAINMENT EQUIPMENT

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

DATA CENTER EQUIPMENT

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

COMMON HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Rechargeable Dry Cell Batteries (Nickel Hydride, Lithium Ion)	Microwave Ovens	Watches	Curling Irons
Small Home Appliances	GPS Units	Power Tools	Fans
	Wires & Cables	Christmas Lights	Vacuums
	Fitness Trackers/Smart	LED Strips	

MOBILE DEVICES

Cell phones/Smart phones	Tablets	MP3 players
	PDA's	Cameras

LAB EQUIPMENT

Defibrillators	Spectrometers	Anesthesia Units	Portable Oxygen Concentrators (no O ₂ tanks)
IV Pumps	Ultrasound Equipment	CPAP Machines	

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Hazardous or Regulated Materials: Devices containing mercury, Household hazardous waste, Radioactive materials, Devices containing PCBs, Propane tanks, Vaping devices and e-cigarettes, Medical sharps.

Refrigerant-Bearing / Cooling Appliances: A/C Units, Water Coolers, Dehumidifiers, refrigerators, wine chillers, etc.)

Damaged or Small Household Batteries: Loose or common household batteries (AA, AAA, D, C, Button Cell etc.), Damaged or defective or recalled or swollen or burned or leaking batteries.

Media & Consumables (Non-electronic): CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, Cassette tapes, Re-manufactured or off-brand or generic toner, Paper for shredding.

Other Unacceptable Materials: Broken or bare CRT TVs or monitors, Gas-powered equipment, Large appliances, materials containing liquids.

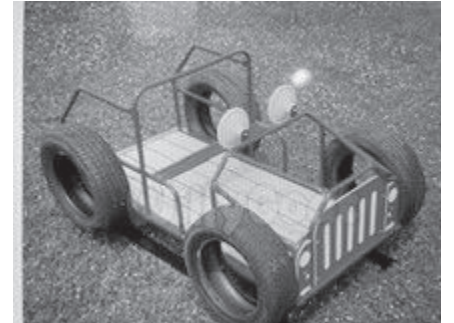
Olcott Beach Carousel Park Opening May 23, 24, & 25 of 2026
Volunteers Needed!

by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.

Olcott Beach Carousel Park (OBCP) is opening May 23, 24, & 25 from 12 - 6 pm. That means that there is a lot of preparation to be done before we can be ready for our 24th season! If you are available, we are always looking for volunteers to help get the park set up for the season. That will happen on Saturday, **May 16, starting at 9 a.m.** Generally, this involves cleaning, raking leaves, sweeping, and moving equipment from storage. Please feel free to come to the front or back gate and we will put you to work!

Volunteers Needed

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the carousel, work at the Pick-Up-A-Duck and Skee Ball games, and sell ride tickets in the ticket booth. Two three-hour shifts (12 - 3 & 3 - 6 pm) are available each day the park is open (holidays and weekends). Volunteers can choose which days, shifts and areas they would like to work. We train our volunteers on **Saturday, May 9th, from 10 am - 12 pm**, so if you haven't had a chance to sign-up, just show up! However, if someone wants to volunteer and can't come that day, we can make special arrangements to train them when they come to volunteer. There is a sign-up sheet in the carousel building for available shifts and jobs. Volunteers can sign up during our hours of operation or email. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing or would like more information, please email Rosemary Sansone at: ***rsansone1947@gmail.com***.



Playground car in memory of OBCP treasurer Gary Cammarata is new this year.

Park Attractions

For those of you who do not know, OBCP is a not-for-profit vintage kiddie amusement park run by volunteers. Adults and children can take a spin on the 1928 Herschell-Spillman carousel overlooking Lake Ontario to the tune playing on either our 1926 Model 105 or 1931 Model 145 Wurlitzer band organs. For children 52 inches or less in height, there are five vintage kiddie rides. Adults and children 8 years and older can try their luck at one of the 25¢ vintage Skee-ball machines. The park features a small old-fashioned arcade and a "Pick-Up-A-Duck Game" (a prize every time). We are very fortunate to have the WNY Dairy Farmers sponsor a free Magic Show featuring Rob and Carol Allen, during days of operation at 2 pm on the Tom Kelley Rustic Theater stage. This year marks Rob and Carol's 50th year performing. In addition, the park has a private nursing mothers' area. All rides are just 25¢ and shoes are required while in the park.

Day and Hours of operation are as follows:

Memorial Day Weekend (Saturday, Sunday, Monday): 12 - 6 pm
June (Saturday, Sunday): 12 - 6 pm
July 3: 12 - 8 pm
July 4: 12 - 6 pm
July - August (Friday, Saturday, Sunday): 12 - 6 pm
September 1: 12 - 6 pm (Labor Day - last day of the park's season)



OBCP also offers other free family stage shows and events:

July 11 & 12: Pirates Weekend and **Janice Spagnola's Extra Fun Balloon Show**, 2 pm

July 15: The movie **The Rookie** (Gates open at 7 pm, sponsored by the Olcott Beach Community Association (OBCA))

July 17, 18, 19: Christmas in July, Santa is present from 2:30 - 5 pm

July 26: Omnipresent Puppet Theater Presentation of **Bonnie the Brachiosaurus**, 2 pm

August 2: Law Enforcement Day (12 - 2 pm) **Thunderstruck Magic Show** 2 pm

August 11: The Park After Dark Benefit for OBCP (adults' night at the park, 6 - 10 pm)

August 19: Toy Story Night OBCP's 24th anniversary experience (rides & games open until the movie, **Toy Story**, starts at dusk; gates open at 7 pm (sponsored by OBCA & OBCP))

August 23: OBCP's 24th Anniversary & Community Appreciation Day, 12 - 6 pm



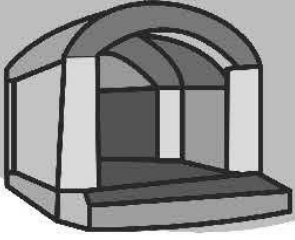
Our new a garden kaleidoscope.

New for 2026

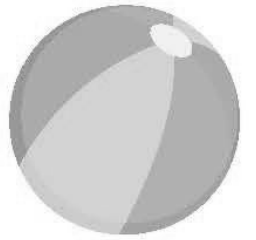
During the winter, volunteers have been busy making improvements and doing maintenance. This year, look for new enclosure fencing around the Skee-ball area. There are also two new steel doors on the front of the carousel building and several kiddie cars have been professionally repainted. A new playground car in memory of our past treasurer, Gary Cammarata, will be added to a play area for small children. In addition, there will be a garden kaleidoscope to remember past volunteers Dan Horanburg, Hope Seager and Nelson Colley and for viewing the flowers in a unique way. The projects are being funded by generous donors and money raised by the park's only fundraiser, The Park After Dark (August 11).

See you Memorial Day Weekend!

REGISTRATION
OPENS IN
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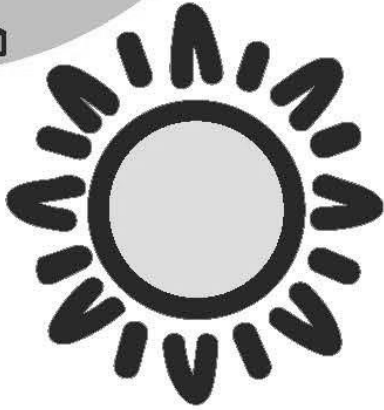


TOWN OF NEWFANE



Summer

Recreation!



Open to
Children
entering
grades 2-7



JULY 6
THROUGH
AUGUST 7

Hosted at:
**Newfane
Elementary
School**
2909 Transit
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NY 14108

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**Standard
Registration**

9am – 3pm
\$175 per child

**Extended
Registration**

Drop off 8:30-9:00
Program 9am – 3pm
Pickup 3:00-3:30
\$200 per child

Field Trips
Surprise Guests
Daily Free Play
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Crafts
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THE BEST SUMMER EVER!

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BRING A LUNCH (and snack) DAILY
Food will not be provided****

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required for all
registrants**

Spring & Summer Events...

May 2 - 3 - Sat & Sun

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

May 17- Sunday

48th Apple Blossom Festival, 10am-4pm
The Country Village, West Creek at Ide Roads

May 23- 25- Saturday- Monday

Olcott Beach Carousel Park Opens! Celebrate our 24th season!
Call 716-778-7066 for more info.

May 24- Sunday

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

May 25- Monday

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

May 29-30 Friday -Sunday

Ye Olde Log Cabin Opening Weekend, 12-5pm
Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through August and every Saturday and Sunday in September. 6101 East Main St.

June 6-August 29 - Saturdays

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

June 7 - Sunday

29th Annual Duck Race, 2pm Olcott Harbor
1000 brightly colored ducks race to the finish line in 18 Mile Creek. Free Admission. \$5 fee to rent a duck. Call 716-628-4007 for info.

June 13- Saturday

5K Race Against Hunger, 8am
Newfane Lions Club's 5K to benefit both Newfane Food Pantries
Newfane Community Center, 2737 Main St.

June 20- Saturday

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

June 20- Saturday

11th Annual Mermaid Day at Lakeview Village Shoppes, 12-4pm
1pm Parade

June 27- 28- Sunday

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

July 3- Friday

Fireworks over Lake Ontario, 10pm Olcott

July 4- Saturday

Patriots Day Parade, 12:30pm, Olcott
This parade is nostalgic, patriotic, and fun! Krull Park Main St.

July 10- 12 - Friday - Sunday

Olcott Fire Company's Pirates Festival, Krull Park
Friday 6pm-12am, Saturday 12pm-12am, Sunday 12pm-6pm
Rides, food, music, car show and live entertainment.

July 17- 19 - Friday - Sunday

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

July 25- 26 - Saturday - Sunday

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

CHIAVETTA CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

Thursday, APRIL 23rd
4:00pm – ?

at the

Newfane United Methodist Church
2699 Main Street, Newfane, NY 14108

Take-out Only Drive thru style
\$16.00

Menu:

Chicken half
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Roll & Butter
and Dessert



Order Pre Sale -
716-778-5274 (Amy)
BY APRIL 20th

Pre-sale Dinners must be picked
up by 6:00pm

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



**FARMERS
MARKET**

Newfane United Methodist Church
2699 Main Street
Newfane, NY 14108

Open every Wednesday
June 24th – September 9th
4:30pm – 7:00pm

We offer a variety of vendors each week at our market
The church will have a food booth each week
Service organizations welcome
For a space, please contact the church at 778-7011
Follow us on Facebook: Newfane Methodist Farmer's Market



2026 Olcott Beach and Newfane

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For details and updates regarding planned events this summer,
please be sure to pick up a Visitor's Guide or check out The
Town of Newfane tourism website at www.olcott-newfane.com
or Facebook.

The Newfane Historical Society invites you to their
2026 Spring gathering honoring planting season!



Newfane's 48th Apple Blossom Festival

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



*Fun for the
Entire Family!*

Sunday
May 17
10am-4pm

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

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

NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com

2026 Olcott Concert Series

2026 Concert Series at the Olcott Gazebo
MAIN STREET, OLCOTT, NEXT TO OLCOTT BEACH CAROUSEL PARK

Free event and free parking. Handicap accessible.
Concert series sponsored by Olcott-Newfane Tourism.
**Olcott Beach Jazz Trail: A variety of notable jazz artists
featured throughout the day at separate venues.

Mon., May 25 (Memorial Day)	Mark Mazur & His Little, Big Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., May 31	Nite Cruise	2pm to 4pm
Sun., June 7	Far Band with Drew Azzinaro	2pm to 4pm
Sun., June 14	Three Parts Whiskey	2pm to 4pm
Sun., June 21	Back in the Day by Kurt	2pm to 4pm
Sun., June 28	Me and the Boys	2pm to 4pm
Fri., July 3 (fireworks)	Easy Street Big band	7pm to 9pm
Sat., July 4 (Independence Day)	Mark Mazur & His Little, Big Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 5	Joe Baudo feat. Denise Beehan	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 12	Pocket Change	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 19	Lancaster Steel Drum Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., July 26	National Band Organ Rally	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 2	Janice Mitchell & Jim Beishline	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 9	Barker Community Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 16	Easy Street Big Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 23	Buffalo Banjo Band	2pm to 4pm
Sun., August 30	Joe Baudo feat. Deanne Dimeo	2pm to 4pm
Sun., Sept. 6	Olcott Beach Jazz Trail**	12pm to 7pm
Mon., Sept. 7 (Labor Day)	Skinny G and the Meatballs	2pm to 4pm
Sun., Sept. 13	Me & the Boys	2pm to 4pm
Sun., Sept. 20	Pocket Change	2pm to 4pm
Sun., Sept. 27	Lisa Zelazny Band	2pm to 4pm

2026 Concert Series at the Lakeview Village Shoppes, Ontario Street, Olcott FRIDAY NIGHTS

May 29	Ed G	5pm to 8pm
June 5	Generous Pour	5pm to 8pm
June 12	Davey O	5pm to 8pm
June 19	Tom and Sarah Wright	5pm to 8pm
June 26	Tom Keefer	5pm to 8pm
July 10	Heenan Brothers	5pm to 8pm
July 17	Generous Pour	5pm to 8pm
July 24	David Stockton	5pm to 8pm
July 31	Rick Strusienski	5pm to 8pm
August 7	Sam Kingsbury	5pm to 8pm
August 14	Tom and Sarah Wright	5pm to 8pm
August 21	Heenan Brothers	5pm to 8pm
August 28	Davey O	5pm to 8pm
Sept 4	Ed G	5pm to 8pm

2026 SATURDAY -IN- SEPTEMBER SERIES

Sept 12 • 1pm - 4pm
David Stockton

Sept 19 • 1pm - 4pm
Cindy Sue and Bryan

Sept 26 • 1pm - 4pm
Rick Strusienski

FREE Outdoor Movie Nights at the Olcott Beach Carousel Park



**July 15 -
Rookie of the Year**
**August 19 -
Toy Story**



2026 Newfane Gazebo Concert Series

Sponsored by the Newfane Business Association,
Town of Newfane and Wilson's Pizza Shop

All concerts 6:30pm to 8:30pm unless otherwise stated - Bring a chair!

June 24th -- Newfane Music Recital - 6-8pm

No concert July 1st for the holiday week

July 8th -- Nickel City Blues Band

July 15th -- The Heenan Brothers

July 22nd -- Double Barrell

July 29th -- The Byways

August 5th -- Tom Keefer and Celtic Cross

August 12th -- Just Good Business

August 19th -- Tom and Sarah Wright

Gear up, Cyclists!

Slow Spokes Rides

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
ALL SUMMER!**

- ✓ Casual, Social Bike Rides
- ✓ Explore Olcott Right by the Water!
- ✓ All Biking Levels Welcome!

Come ride with us! Bring your bike and join the fun!

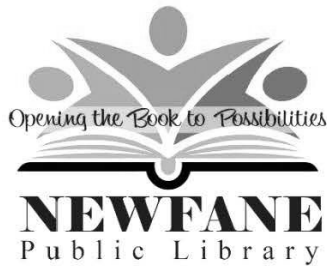
Live Music 6-9pm • Raffles & Giveaways!

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newfanelibrary@nioga.org

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Monthly Events	Monthly events for children • LEGO Club (<i>All ages</i>) • Toddler Time (<i>~15-36 mos.</i>) • Family Storytime (<i>All ages</i>) • Afternoon Books & Crafts (<i>Upper elementary and up</i>) • Homeschool Hour (<i>Elementary and up</i>)	Monthly events for adults • Book Club • Gadgets & Gear Tech Help • Coffee & Games • Craft Nights • <i>Healthcare Navigation help is available weekly each Wednesday from 1-3pm year-round</i>
Board of Trustee Meetings	<i>Board meetings take place at the library and are open to the public.</i> • May 5 at 6pm • June 2 at 6pm • July 7 at 6pm (Annual Meeting)	
Summer Reading 2026	 Read for your chance at prizes! The library's Summer Reading Challenge begins on June 28! For every day you read, get 1 ticket towards a raffle or redeem for prizes! All ages welcome to participate! Sign up and receive your reading log starting June 22! <i>Reminder! We are now open on Saturdays during the Summer!</i>	
UPCOMING CLOSED DATES	• April 3 & 4: Closed for Easter Weekend • May 23 & 25: Closed for Memorial Day Weekend • July 3: Closing at 3pm • July 4: Closed for Independence Day	

Stay up to date with our events by following us on social media, visiting our website, or stopping in!



Other services: Computers, Wi-Fi, Printing, Faxing

OPEN HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 10am-5pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10am-7pm

Saturdays: 10am-2pm

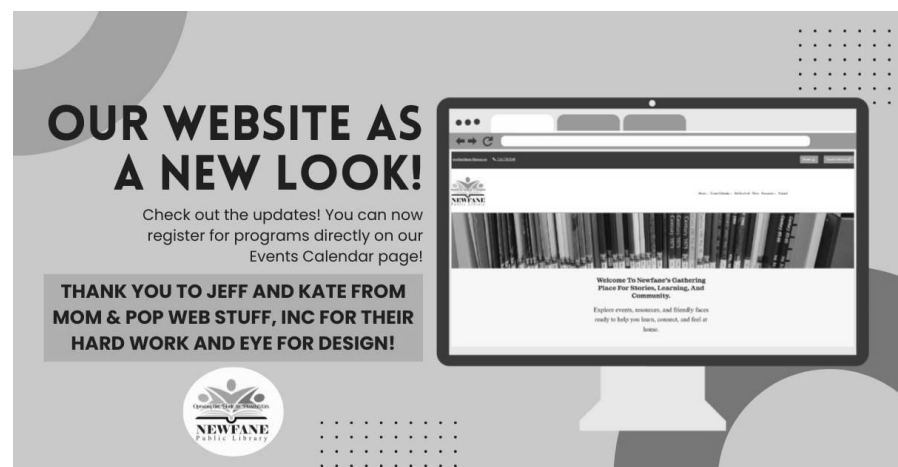
Sundays: **CLOSED**

Interested in being a volunteer?

Pick up an application at the library or download one from our website!

Library Director

Gretchen Schweigert
gschweigert@nioga.org





Newfane Alumni Association



Newfane Senior High School Graduation is fast approaching, June 26, 2026. The Alumni Association is proud to announce Dr. Brian Hamluk as the guest speaker at graduation this year.

Dr. Hamluk is a 1994 Newfane graduate who has earned numerous degrees throughout his career. He is the current Vice President of Student Life at the University at Buffalo and leads the departments, units, programs, and services committed to advancing the university experience for 30,000 students. Under his leadership, Student Life provides students with resources and support needed for academic success, personal growth, career development, leadership, community engagement, and health and wellness. He is also a Board Member of the Newfane Alumni Association.

Panther Pretty was held March 14, 2026, for its 5th season. Many students from Niagara County were able to visit and choose formalwear for prom or even interview outfits. All free of charge! Thanks to our sponsors we were able to raffle off gift certificates for hair and nails at several locations.

Donations of formalwear can be donated throughout the school year. Please bring them to the Newfane High School or Newfane Public Library.

Alumni Scholarship Applications are open! The Alumni Association works with several scholarships and has created a common application for 5 unique scholarships.

Newfane Alumni Association (multiple)
John & Elsbeth Hamluk Memorial Scholarship
The Kevin Hamluk Memorial Scholarship
Newfane Class of 1975 Scholarship
Newfane Lions Club Scholarships (multiple) (must be a graduating senior)

Applications are due May 1, 2026. Open to all High School Graduating Seniors or Alumnus. The scholarship must be used to attend college or an accredited technical/trade school. Complete one application, selecting each scholarship you would like to apply for.

Clash of the Decades Scholarship Drive

A spin on the March Madness brackets, the Alumni hosted this Clash of the Decades challenging your decade to raise the most money. The decade winner will have a Scholarship named in your decade's honor. This started March 1, 2026, visit the Newfane Alumni Association Facebook page for more information and to see the results.

Giving Tree

Thank you to all who help support this event each year without our community partners, it wouldn't be possible. December 2025, we helped 40 families with a total of 103 kids.

Clash of the Classes

This was a friendly class competition to support our local food pantries. Donations were accepted November through the beginning of December 2025 when a total of \$3,211 was raised and split evenly between the Newfane Community Food Pantry and the First Baptist Church of Newfane Food Pantry. With classes ending in '4' crushing it with \$911 donated. Thank you to all who supported us with this fundraiser.

Alumni brick Walk at Panther Stadium

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

Clip Art Section:

To view our full clip art library, please visit:

<https://polarengraving.com/newfanealumni>

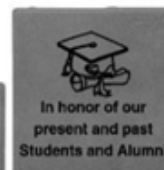
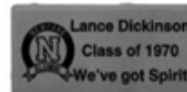
OR Scan the QR Code at the front!



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



Virtual Brick Examples



Become a Member

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

An Update from the Miller Hose Fire Company

Chief – Gary Snyder

President – Tammy Gunby

EMS Captain – Shannon Coleman

We look forward to the refreshing sense of renewal that comes with the spring season—blooming flowers, warmer weather, and longer, sunnier days. It’s also an ideal time to think about fire prevention around the home. Seasonal cleanup and maintenance can go a long way in reducing risks, and a few simple steps make a meaningful difference. Clearing dry leaves and debris from roofs and gutters, cleaning out clothes dryer vents, inspecting gas grills for leaks, and testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are all quick tasks that help keep your home and family safe as we welcome the new season.

Miller Hose Celebrates 115 Years of Service

Miller Hose proudly celebrates 115 years of dedicated service to the Town of Newfane. In January, the company held its 115th Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony, recognizing both tradition and the people who continue to carry it forward. Heartfelt congratulations go out to the 2026 incoming officers, as well as to our members honored for their years of commitment, and to our top responders whose steady service strengthens our company and our community.

Pictured below are the 2026 Officers and on the right EMS Captain Shannon Coleman, President Tammy Gunby and Chief Gary Snyder:



Butch Albee Honored for 55 Years of Service

The 115th awards featured a special milestone celebration honoring Labarron “Butch” Albee for 55 years of service. (Pictured here from left to right Bob Snyder, Gary Snyder and Butch Albee) At 90 years young, Butch remains an active member—an extraordinary testament to his dedication, resilience, and love for the fire service. His decades of commitment were recognized with commendations and certificates presented by representatives from the Town of Newfane, Niagara County, and New York State.

2025 Call Volume Report

From January through December 2025, Miller Hose responded to **1,066 calls**, a reflection of the unwavering dedication of our members and their commitment to keeping the Town of Newfane safe and supported.

Fire-Related Incidents: 157 These calls included motor vehicle accidents, fire alarms, carbon monoxide alerts, flooded basements, downed wires or trees, mutual aid to neighboring departments, and other service-related responses.

- **Fire Alarms — 39**
- **Service Calls — 25**
- **Fires — 19**
- **Motor Vehicle Accidents — 21**
- **Mutual Aid — 24** (including 8 dispatched directly to the scene)
- **Other — 21** (Fire Police, hazardous conditions, investigations, and rescue)

EMS Responses: 909 These calls ranged from lift assists and cardiac arrests to strokes, respiratory distress, severe allergic reactions, and accident-related injuries.

Miller Hose remains proud of the professionalism, readiness, and compassion our members bring to every call—day or night, in every season.

Upcoming Events

The Annual Fund Drive is underway, and this year’s campaign is especially important for the future safety of our community. Every donation—large or small—goes directly toward purchasing essential equipment that our firefighters rely on during emergencies.



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While some tools cost only a few hundred dollars, others require several thousand, and your support helps ensure that our members have the resources they need to respond safely and effectively.

This year, Miller Hose is working toward replacing our existing air packs, a critical piece of life-saving equipment used on fire scenes. Your generosity brings us one step closer to achieving this goal. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of our residents and look forward to serving the Town of Newfane for many years to come.

Join Our Team

- Want to make a difference? We are always looking for dedicated individuals to join our ranks. Stop by the fire hall during our Thursday drill nights from **7 PM to 9 PM**, or contact **Chief Gary Snyder** at **chiefmiller@roadrunner.com** to learn more about becoming a volunteer. Your time, talent, and commitment can help save lives.
- Have a son, daughter, or youth interested in getting involved? Our doors are open to them as well. Visit us on Thursday nights between **7 PM and 9 PM**, or email Chief Snyder for more information.

Miller Hose remains deeply grateful for the continued support of the Town of Newfane. From seasonal safety efforts to celebrating 115 years of service, responding to more than a thousand calls, and preparing for the year ahead, our mission is strengthened by the trust and partnership of our community. Together, we look forward to a safe, active, and connected year—one where our volunteers stand ready, our residents stay informed, and our shared commitment keeps Newfane strong.

Submitted by: Nicole Snyder



News from the Olcott Fire Company

Chief: Michael Miller President: Robert Horanburg

After a very long, cold winter, the longer days and milder weather of Spring is finally here for everyone to enjoy! The Olcott Fire Company has been busy, responding to around 250 calls at the time of this publishing. We've been working hard with specialized training, such as Ice Water Rescue over the winter, Window Bailout Training, Vehicle Extraction, keeping our EMS people sharp with their skills. It's been a year since OFC implemented our Pilot Program, specifically created for folks that may not wish to become actual Firefighters but would still like to help out the Community by training as an ambulance driver, a helper or an EMT. We have had some great new additions to our Membership through this program, which in turn, allows us to better serve the community. If this sounds like something you might have an interest in, we would love to talk to you!

As always, we are working on our upcoming events for the Spring and Summer months. In late March we hosted our Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Krull Park organized by Barb Johnson. This special event has been put on for many, many decades and is always fun for all. Our Ladies Auxiliary also did an enormous Vendor and Basket Raffle Event in March, and puts on delicious homemade dinner fundraisers several times each year. Watch for their Facebook postings!

July brings the summery heat, and of course our biggest fundraiser, the Pirates Festival, July 10th, 11th, & 12th. Three days of great bands, awesome food, rides and games on the midway, our enormous Beer Tent, and of course our huge Parade on Saturday. It's always a great time, so come out and enjoy, catch up and reconnect with old friends, and enjoy the beautiful views of Lake Ontario while enjoying some superb music and a frosty beverage.

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

If you have ever wanted to be a part of something bigger, learn life-saving skills, or help out the community by becoming a Firefighter or joining our Pilot Program, just stop by the Fire Hall any Thursday night after 6:30. Talk to our members and see what we offer, and grab an application. There is a place for EVERYONE in the Fire Service, including our Junior Firefighter Program for boys & girl ages 12-17, which offers a college scholarship program, and our Ladies Auxiliary, an amazing group of ladies who support us through everything, all the time. They always welcome new members.

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful summer!

Kenna Liddell, MBA, NYS-AEMT
Olcott Fire Company Secretary/Safety Officer



Newfane Lions Club

Serving the Community of
Newfane since 1941

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

Please reach out if you need assistance
Email: newfanelionsclub@gmail.com

clubs in November to discuss and share information about each club's activities – the meeting included a presentation by Rev. Alan Bauch about the Lockport C.A.R.E.S program. In January, we celebrated the birthday month of Lion Melvin Jones, the late founder of Lions International, by creating Birthday Boxes that included a soda cake recipe, cake mix, a can of soda and a pan. The boxes were donated to the Newfane Food Pantry and the First Baptist Church Food Pantry. Look for the following exciting events coming this spring and summer.



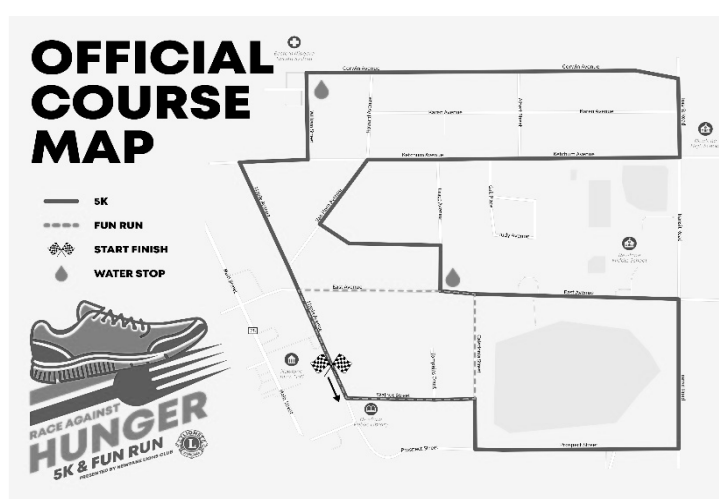
Senior Spring Fling - May 16, 2026

We invite all seniors 60 years of age and up to attend a Spring Fling Dance from 4pm - 8pm in the Town Hall Community Center. There will be music, food and more. Look for flyers around town and watch our Facebook page for more information. We can't wait to see everyone; Lion Wreatha Harvey chairs this event and can be reached for any questions at 716-807-7451.

5K Race Against Hunger - June 13, 2026, at the Town Hall

The Newfane Lions will host a 5K Race and Fun Run/Walk Against Hunger with proceeds benefiting local food pantries. Come join the fun and support our runners.

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



can choose a \$6,000 cash prize in place of the bike. And there will be three additional \$500 prizes. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at: Mariner's Landing, Flint Bros Hardware, Scruples Bar, Open Air Bar, A+ Performance Cycle and any Lions member.

Winners will be drawn, July 10 during the Open Air Bar's Bike Night!

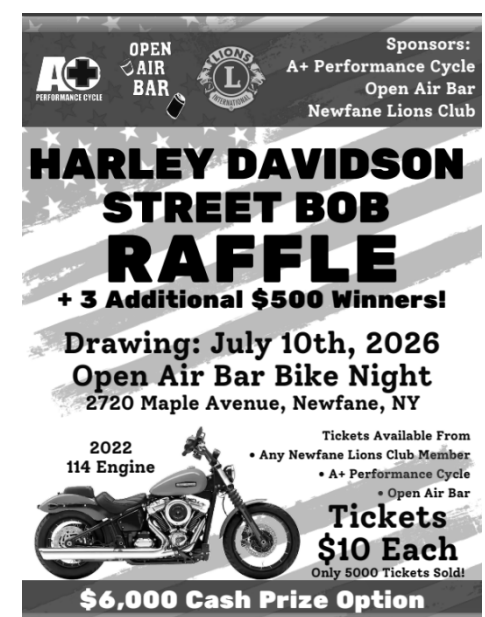
For more information about becoming a Lions member, or if you need assistive equipment from our Medical Loan Closet, please email: newfanelionsclub@gmail.com, or call our Medical Loan Closet Chairman, Lion Clark Dunkelberger, at 716-870-5166.

The Newfane Lions Club has had a great start to the year. We hosted a Halloween party at the First Baptist Church that was a huge success, featuring wonderful costumes and an amazing time for the kids. Thanks to the First Baptist Church for partnering with us on this event that was held in conjunction with their Trunk or Treat. We also assisted the Newfane Leo Club at the Halloween PTSA Truck or Treat event, and in December we helped the Leo's at their *Breakfast with Santa* at the Olcott Fire Hall, and with their *Letters from Santa* program at the Newfane Town Hall. We held a joint club meeting with our fellow Olcott, Barker and Lockport



Harley-Davidson Softail Motorcycle Raffle

The Newfane Lions Club, the Open Air Bar, and A+ Performance Cycle are raffling off a 2022 Harley-Davidson Street Bob motorcycle with less than 3,000 miles ... or the winner



Olcott Lions Club



Polar Bear Swim Supports Local Services

The popular Olcott Polar Bear Swim remains a successful fundraising event that benefits a wide range of local charities and community services. Although the overall attendance and the number of swimmers have declined in recent years, participants have responded by increasing their fundraising efforts, ensuring that swim revenues continue to be strong. The Lions

Club now provides online tools to assist swimmers and partnering organizations in raising money, which has contributed to the ongoing success of the event and enhanced the experience for both swimmers and their supporters. If you are interested in supporting the Lions Club with this event or other community services, please reach out to a Lions member.



Newfane Retirees Restore and Donate Bicycles

How We Role is a group of retired bike riding enthusiasts who have taken to repairing time worn bicycles and donating them to those in need. The all-volunteer restoration specialists, some who are well-known retired industrial arts and science teachers, have set up shop in the basement of Newfane United Methodist Church. They have already restored and given hundreds of donated bikes to area farm workers, the Niagara County Youth Training and Employment Service, Save the Michaels rehabilitation group and local families.

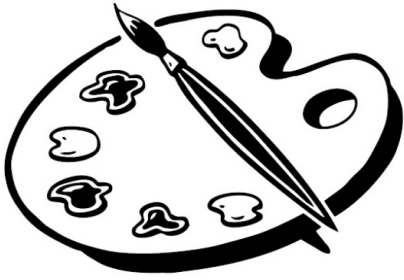
At right, Keith Robinson, Bill Neidlinger and Steve Goodman relax after finishing their restoration work for Christmas donations

The bike season is just getting started and the group plans to display and offer their work at the Wilson Public Library on May 7 from 4pm - 7pm. They will be at Newfane PRIDE at the Main Street Gazebo on June 6 from 11am - 4pm, and the Newfane Farmers Market every Wednesday through the summer from 4:30pm - 7:00pm.

Do you or someone you know need a bike? Do you have a bike to donate? Can you help us with a monetary donation? Would you like to get involved? Please contact us through the church at 716-778-7011 or email at: newfanemethodist@verizon.net



Ken Hannah



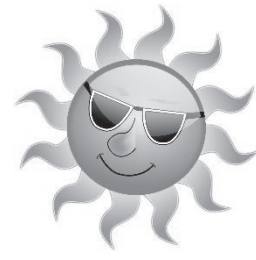
Judy's Art Friends

Are you bored and looking for something new?

Please come and enjoy our arts and crafts group that meet every Wednesday from 10am – noon in the Newfane Community Center.

Painting, Crafts, and conversation!
Just show up and bring your own supplies and crafts.

**For more information, contact
Meg Weiler 716-931-8363**



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
Entertainment from 10:30 am

Lunch at 11:30 am – Buffet \$3.25, or bring your own
Buffet by Niagara Nutrition Services/Office for the Aging
New members, please call 716-438-4031 for meal order
50/50 Raffles / Speakers / Travel

Attorney services available once per month -
Email: OFA@niagaracounty.com to schedule

Membership: \$5.00 per year and \$1.00 per meeting

For more Information, contact Shirley Linnenbank at 778-5314

NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

We hope that everyone has survived the brutal January & February weather. I'm sure all of us are looking forward to the warmer Spring and Summer. The seed and plant catalogs start arriving about now in the mail. They give us a chance to dream and plan. There is a true desire on the part of garden enthusiasts to begin cleaning out the gardens, preparing the soil, planting seeds, watching for the green shoots to begin and looking for the emergence of our perennial favorites. Of course, with our recent storms, we still have a long wait before we begin that work.

I read an article by Fredi Stangland 'Time to tidy-up your houseplants'. Great idea for gardeners who are waiting to get outdoors. Remove the dead foliage and spent blooms. Loosen the soil, wipe the dust off the leaves. It's surprising how much brighter the plants look. Sterilize the cutting edges of your tools with alcohol. This article appeared in the Hometown Extra newspaper, Vol. 10, No. 2 Thursday, February 26, 2026. It contains many more tips and suggestions. This might also be a good time to attend to the plants you brought in to 'winter over'.

Our club normally does not meet in December. This year, we also did not meet in January or February due to the weather and illness.

We have some interesting meetings and projects planned for this year. A presentation on Growing and Cooking with Herbs, Stenciling a cloth Garden Tote, hosting a speaker: John from the Rose Society, making a Beaded Garden Stake, Potluck dinner, Hosting Hahn's Bees and making Bees Wax lanterns and hosting a speaker from the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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

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

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

"The garden year has no beginning and no end"
Elizabeth Lawrence





Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

We hope you all are well and stayed warm during this cold, snowy, blustery winter that we had. Reminds me of our winters we used to have growing up in Olcott Beach, NY!

Spring is on the way and we are looking forward to a new season at Ye Olde Log Cabin, we are celebrating our 10th anniversary this year! Hard to believe!

Our opening weekend is Friday, May 30th 12-5 pm. We will be open every Friday thru Sunday all season 12-5 pm. We also have special days and events coming up this season. We will be celebrating Christmas in July the weekend of July 17th - 19th 12-5 pm. The Cabin will be decorated for Christmas and I've heard the big guy, Santa, will be vacationing in Olcott Beach on July 18th and will be at the Cabin from 12-5 to see the kids. I've also heard he will have a small gift for them as well! The weekend of July 25 and 26th is Old Olcott Days celebration which is the 30th anniversary this year. We will have added displays outside under tents, the theme outside this year is Amusement Parks of our Past. Also we will have free narrated Trolley Tours, as well as some other fun things. Lots of anniversaries in 2026.... Happy Anniversary America, 250 years! A look ahead to Labor Day weekend, we are open on Monday September 7th 12-5 and we may have a visit from our favorite Governor/President that previously visited Olcott Beach, "Teddy Roosevelt". Watch for Teddy visiting all around Olcott Beach that day.

We look forward to our upcoming season with some great new displays to see. As always if you have something you would like to display on a permanent or on loan basis, please contact Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. We are always looking for volunteers to join our Cabin family so if you are interested in volunteering at Ye Olde Log Cabin please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887, any amount of days you are able to volunteer is a big help!

Wishing you a Happy Easter and beautiful Spring. Come visit us at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the "Pine Grove", we'd love to see you!



The Newfane Historical Society's 2026 Plans

Public tours of the Van Horn Mansion return on June 7, and run through August 30. They are on Sundays only, from 1-4pm, and run app. 90 minutes. Tours include a journey from cellar to attic while learning history, architecture and supernatural tales. The cost is \$5 per person (free for society members). We look forward to your visit!

You're also invited to our 48th Apple Blossom Festival, held on Sunday, May 17th from 10am-4pm. The event is free and open to the public. Enjoy a celebration of the planting season through vendors, crafters, great food, music, historical displays and demos. It's a casual and fun day for the entire family. Join us rain or shine; no pets please. Learn more at NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com.

We are also seeking community support in a number of ways, and thanks ahead of time for your support preserving our local, shared history!

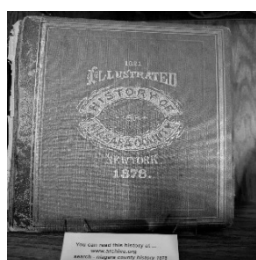
- **Become a member:** Your \$10 annual membership goes a long way towards supporting our goals. You'll receive our quarterly newsletters filled with updates, events, and historical articles. You don't have to live in Newfane to join; membership can be purchased or renewed on our website, listed above.
- **Volunteer:** You can give as few or as many hours as you wish, and students are welcome to earn work hours. Jobs include assisting with tours, working at fundraising events and our Spring and Autumn apple festivals, working on special projects and more. Please visit our website to learn more and sign-up.
- **Book Your Next Event:** The Van Horn Mansion and our Country Village are available for private rentals at affordable prices. If you're planning a wedding, shower, family gathering, birthday party, or even a photo shoot, please visit our website to learn more.

The Many Ways to Read About Newfane History

Bill Clark, Town of Newfane Historian

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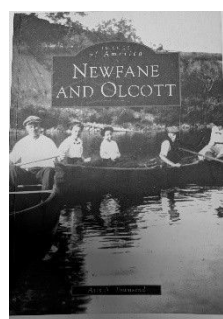
It is often asked if there is a book or comprehensive written history of Newfane, and the basic answer is there is not a complete book, but much of our rich heritage is documented in a wide range of formats. Writing an accurate history is a detailed and time consuming process that includes months or years of research, preparation and organization. Short synoptic historical accounts are more common, and many can be found online or in newsletters and various publications. Today, the most comprehensive and updated summary of Newfane history can be found on the Town of Newfane Historical Society website, but there are many interesting ways to learn about Newfane's past.



The *Illustrated History of Niagara County*, written in 1878 and referred to as the Sanford History, has several pages that describe Newfane's pioneer origins, the growth of early settlements and the area's founding leaders and families. A section about Newfane starts on page 275, but use the search feature

to see much more. Also, there are nine pages dedicated to Newfane history in the *Souvenir History of Niagara County* that was written in 1902 to commemorate the Pioneer Association's anniversary. Both are large volumes that are no longer in print, unless you are a lucky holder of one of the rare vintage copies that remain. Both can be found in the secure local history sections of most libraries, archives and museums, and you can read them online at www.archive.org ... use the website's search feature (not the third party search) and type in History of Niagara County.

The late Ray Newell, who was Newfane town historian in the 1940s and 1950s wrote a pamphlet history of Newfane in 1952. Ray lived on The Heights and worked at Newfane's Lockport Felt Company. His fifth great-grandfather fought in the War of 1812, was captured by the British and imprisoned in Montreal, then his son came to Newfane in the 1820s. Ray's booklet describes the earliest times in Newfane from the Holland Land Purchase, and how the railroads and industrialization set the stage for the Newfane of today. His booklet, *The History of Newfane, N.Y.* was published by the Niagara County Historical Society and copies are sometimes available from their store at the Niagara History Center, 215 Niagara Street, Lockport.



Many today are familiar with the pictorial book, *Newfane and Olcott*, prepared by Avis Townsend and printed by Acadia Publishing. This book has been around for 20 years now and features captioned pictures of Newfane history. It can be purchased from Barnes & Noble, and if you look around, copies can still be found in area bookstores and retail shops.



Judson Heck, Sr served as Newfane Town Historian from 1974 until his death in 2009. Jud was a founding organizer and first President of the Town of Newfane Historical Society and is widely recognized for his restoration of Newfane's historic archives and his service in multiple civic organizations. Jud's most notable contributions were his leadership during Newfane Sesquicentennial celebration of 1974, and his popular 35mm pictorial slide presentations he delivered to students and community groups.

The most comprehensive and regularly updated history of Newfane is available on the Town of Newfane Historical Society's website. This history is divided into three parts, The Early Years, and sections for Olcott and other Newfane communities. It is maintained and edited by Historical Society Director, Vicki Banks. Go to the Town of Newfane Historical Society website and select the Town History tab.



If you're a regular follower of these newsletters, you know that over the past ten years I have prepared dozens of short accounts of Newfane historical topics. Some of the more popular tell the history of the Olcott Beach Hotel and Krull Park, how each of Newfane's hamlets got their names, and the background of prominent Newfane families like Cowin, Van Horn and Brookins. Many of these writings are available on the table inside the north door of the Town Hall, and they can be found inside archived editions of the Newfane town newsletter that is distributed three times each year. Past newsletters can be seen on the town's website under the Town Notifications tab.



Another good way to follow Newfane history is to spend time on various Facebook pages dedicated to Newfane topics and events. '*Memories of Newfane*' and '*Olcott Kids from the Past*' are two sites on Facebook where you can see thousands of pictures, old and new, and participate in discussions about our town's past. Administrators monitor these pages, keeping them free of the nonsense and annoyances that plague other social media.



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

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

Our Super Sunday Car Cruise is back on Sunday, May 24th from 1pm-4pm on Main Street with the first 100 cars receiving a commemorative dash plaque along with a goodie bag from our local businesses.

The weekly Saturday Night Car Cruises will start on Saturday, May 30th and run all summer until Saturday, August 29th, every week from 5pm-8pm. Back again this year in September (12th to 26th), we will be having Saturday Afternoon Car Cruises from 3pm-6pm!

Our annual Duck Race will be taking place in the Olcott Harbor on Sunday, June 7th at 2pm. Duck Tickets will be available from local sellers and our local businesses in the weeks leading up to the race. The money raised from this event helps pay for the 3rd of July Fireworks as well as other OBCA projects.

We will again be hosting FREE Outdoor Movie Nights at the Olcott Beach Carousel Park in July & August! The dates of the movies are: July 15th: Rookie of the Year; & August 19: Toy Story. All movies start at dusk and before the movie you can ride the Carousel or play Skee Ball!

As part of Old Olcott Days (July 25 & 26) and to celebrate America's 250th Birthday, we will be again hosting the COAA National Band Organ Rally in Krull Park and along Main Street!

Another fun event planned for the America 250 is to bring back Joe Wiegand as "Teddy Roosevelt" on Monday, September 7th (Labor Day)!

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

This Summer at Goody's at the Beach



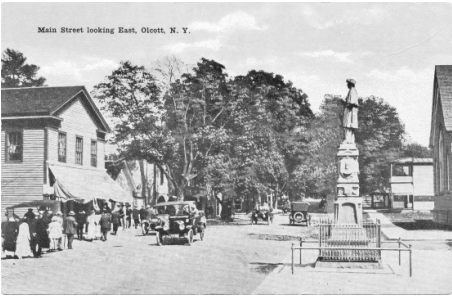
Opening Day – Saturday, May 15th ... Free Balloons to the first 100 kids that come in

Hours 12 noon – 9 pm		
Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays	Memorial Day	July 3 rd & July 4th

Wednesday's Are Event Nights at Goody's

Wednesday June 10 th and Wednesday July 8 th	7pm to 8pm	Olcott Beach History
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Town of Newfane Historian, Bill Clark, will talk and show photos about the storied history of Olcott Beach, from the War of 1812 to the days of the trolley and amusement parks. Learn about Olcott's early settlement, the Civil War years, its steamship and bootlegging days, the hotels, amusements and the origin of Krull Park. Join in as others share their stories, memories and more ... its casual and fun, and best of all its FREE.



Wednesday June 17th and Wednesday July 29th – 7pm to 8 pm
Musician, Singer and Storyteller - Pete Robinson



Pete Robinson, Newfane's affable and well-respected music man will be playing and singing all your favorite songs. Pete is a music maker for several local groups and has a wonderful way of entertaining folks. There'll be lots of smiles and yes, it's FREE.



Wednesday July 22nd 6pm to 8pm Community Fundraiser with a FREE DISH OF ICE CREAM.

The ice cream is free and donations will go to finishing the restoration of stained glass and trim at the architectural jewel of Olcott's Main Street, the Olcott Beach Church and Community Center.

VETERANS NEWS ...

From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

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Newfane American Legion Post 873 awards member Honorary Lifetime Member status: The Post awarded Honorary Lifetime Membership to Legionnaire Paul Leader. Paul served as the Post's Commander from 1999 until 2015. If it wasn't for his effort all those years, there probably would not be a Newfane American Legion Post 873. His constant effort to keep the Post's programs going took considerable effort and time. The members of Post 873 feel that covering his membership in the Post is a small way to show the Post's appreciation for all his hard work and dedication during those years.



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

Post 873 selects a Boys State Citizen - The post proud to announce it has selected Charles Layman, a Newfane High School Junior, to attend the Department of New York American Legion's Boy State. Boys State is a week-long program that immerses high school juniors in citizenship and leadership training. They learn the practical aspects of government as it exists in New York State and gain hands-on leadership, civics, and other skills. The Department of New York's American Legion Boys State will be held at SUNY Morrisville from June 27th to July 2nd. The post will be interviewing other applicants as they come forward prior to the selection cutoff.

Post Auxiliary selects a Girls State Citizen - The Newfane American Post 873's Auxiliary Unit has chosen their Citizen for 2026 Girls State. Alexandria (Allie) Kempton will represent Newfane at SUNY Brockport June 30-July 6. Citizens will build a mythical 51st state and will learn about how our government works from the local level up to the state level. We are proud to have Allie represent Newfane this year!

NY State passes real property tax exemption for some veterans with a 100 percent service-connected disability - The Governor signed into law a full property tax exemption for certain veterans with 100% service-connected disability ratings. Niagara County has selected to adopt the state exemption. Not all veterans with a 100% rating will qualify. To be eligible, the veteran must have a 100% service-connected rating; must be eligible for the VA Special Adaptive Housing Grant; and must be certified as unemployable by the VA due to the disability. The Assessors office in the Town Hall has the required forms.

Veterans, do you have your DD Form 214/Service record or is it on file at the Niagara County Clerk's office? The post continues to run into veteran family members who cannot locate the key document to access the benefits veterans earned from their honorable service upon death, the final rights of folding and presenting your interment flag and playing of Taps. Making final arrangements in a timely manner is next to impossible without this form. If you need help getting your DD Form 214, contact the Niagara County Veterans Service Office or the post.

Is your flag ready to celebrate America's 250 anniversary?: Is your flag tattered, worn, from our winter storms? The Post carries American made flags in various sizes and materials in stock for purchase. Our prices usually beat store prices and a portion of the purchase helps fund the Post's activities supporting veterans and their family members to include our scholarship. Our sewn stripes and embroidered stars nylon flag with grommets is \$25. Call us at (716) 408-3311 ext. 0 to purchase one or see a Post 873 Legionnaire near you. We will also properly retire your old flag for you.

Cemetery Flags: In the weeks leading up to Memorial Day, Post members and volunteers will be placing flags on Veterans graves in our local cemeteries around town. We use key identification features when placing flags: Bronze VA plaques on the backs of standing monuments or the flush mount versions; "V" disks on the monuments designating a veteran grave, flag holders of veteran organizations, military services and war periods, and sometimes the actual engravings on headstones. If you have a veteran that was missed, please contact the post to let us know (call, email, or Facebook messenger). We will ensure a flag is placed and work with the family to ensure it is properly marked if it is not.

Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony: This year's ceremony will occur on Monday May 25th at 11 AM at Corwin Cemetery. This program will highlight the Revolutionary War, the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, and our local Revolutionary War veterans. Come prepared for the weather with a chair and some water. The alternate site location will be at the Community Center if weather threatens the outdoor event.

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. If you served honorably any time after December 7, 1941 you are eligible to join the American Legion. Stop by a meeting or give us a call at (716) 408-3311.



Newfane Business Association

We're excited to share what's in the works for Newfane — and how you can be a part of it!

The Newfane Business Association is here to promote the businesses within our membership area and grow the community by using the expertise of our existing members and the town, county, state and federal government organizations at our disposal.

Together, we are building a thriving local economy while preserving the charm and character that make Newfane such a special place to live, work, and visit

Main Street Flower Planting

With spring on the way, it's time to begin planning one of our favorite annual traditions — planting flowers along Main Street!

Each year, toward the end of May or beginning of June, volunteers come together to beautify our downtown area. These colorful additions not only brighten our streets but also showcase the pride we take in our community.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to lend a hand. Whether you're a business owner, resident, or simply someone who loves Newfane, your help makes a difference!

Be sure to watch our Facebook page for updates on planting dates and times.

<https://newfanebusiness.com>

Join the Newfane Business Association!

Are you looking for ways to connect, collaborate, and grow your business while giving back to the community?

Becoming a member of the Newfane Business Association offers you:

- Increased visibility for your business
- Networking opportunities with fellow professionals
- The chance to participate in beautification projects and events
- Access to shared knowledge and resources

When you join NBA, you're not just becoming a member — you're becoming part of a team dedicated to making Newfane stronger together.

If you're interested in joining or learning more, we'd love to hear from you. Together we can continue to grow, support, and celebrate our local business community! Join us at our meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30am in the Community Center at the Town Hall.



OLCOTT YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSE DATES

The Olcott Yacht Club is hosting an Open Houses this coming season, Saturday June 6th, starting at 5 pm. Stop in and check us out!

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

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

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



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“Bringing hope one day at a time.”

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

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Nails
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Makeup



Runners braved the cold to support the Olcott Fire Co at the Polar Bear 5K



On March 1st people gathered for the annual Olcott Polar Bear Swim, New York State's oldest continually operated charity swim.



Congratulations to Mac Capen (above) and Stephanie Chunco (below) on being honored at the 42nd Annual PAL Sports Award Banquet



The Wizard of Oz Musical entertained crowds on March 6th & 7th - photo by R.Leader