

# Town of Newfane

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## AUGUST 2025

### Update from the Supervisor's Office



Town Supervisor John Syracuse

#### Harper's Dog Park Project Moves Forward with Incredible Community Support

Exciting progress continues on Harper's Dog Park in the Town of Newfane, and we're thrilled to share some truly heartwarming news with our community. Thanks to the incredible generosity of **Woodsmith Fence Corp.**, the entire cost of the fencing and its installation has been donated to this project! We extend our deepest gratitude to **Joseph Smith** and the entire team at Woodsmith for making such a vital contribution. Their

support brings us one major step closer to realizing a safe, welcoming space for both dogs and their humans to enjoy.

As of this publication, the site has been cleared and a comprehensive site visit was recently completed by (pictured from left to right) our town engineer **Adam Rush**, **Brian Gunby**, father of **Sadie Gunby**, the young advocate whose passion helped spark this initiative, **Joseph Smith** (of Woodsmith), and **Jon Miller** (Highway and Water Superintendent). The tentative schedule places fencing installation within the next 3-4 weeks, pending weather and logistics. Once the fence is up, our focus will shift to installing benches, interactive play features, and other enriching elements designed with both comfort and fun in mind — for dogs and owners alike.

Harper's Dog Park is quickly becoming a shining example of what's possible when local government, businesses, and residents come together for a shared cause. We look forward to celebrating its completion with you soon — and seeing tails wag across Newfane!

As progress continues toward the development of Harper's Dog Park here in Newfane. I am happy to report that we have secured a grant from the Grigg Lewis Foundation to help offset the cost of fencing.

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#### Newfane Community Day Expands to a Full Weekend of Family Fun!

The Town of Newfane Community Day is back — and this year, it's bigger, better, and bursting with fun all weekend long! We've heard your feedback and are excited to announce that our beloved celebration has grown into a three-day event designed with the whole family in mind. Recognizing that Saturdays in the summer are often packed with youth sports like football, cheerleading, soccer, and baseball, we've added Sunday festivities to help more families participate and enjoy the fun at a relaxed pace.

#### Friday, August 22 – Time Capsule Ceremony (6:30 PM)

Join us as we kick off the weekend by burying a community Time Capsule—a meaningful tribute to the memories, milestones, and people who make Newfane special.

#### Saturday, August 23 – Community Celebration (3:00–10:00 PM)

- Live music: **Classic Rock All-Stars** from 3–7 PM at the Open Air Bar
- **Nickel City Blues Band** from 7–10 PM in the Town Hall parking lot
- Food trucks serving up delicious bites from 3–9 PM
- Fun, friends, and festivities all afternoon and evening!

#### Sunday, August 24 – Family Day (12:00–5:00 PM)

- Craft & Vendor Fair (Noon–5 PM)
- Face painting, bounce house, petting zoo, and the infamous Dunk Tank
- The Open Air Bar will be open from Noon–7 PM serving refreshments
- More live music featuring **Growler's Blues Band** 3–7 PM @ Open Air Bar

So mark your calendars, bring the whole family, and come celebrate the best of our town together!

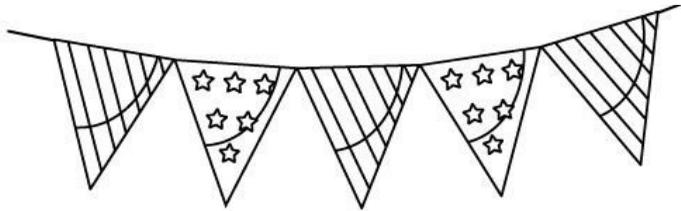


**Time Capsule to Be Buried on ‘Community Weekend’ Friday, August 22**

Newfane’s next generation time capsule will be buried on Friday, August 22 at 6:30 pm. It will be placed at the northeast corner of the Town Hall building in a historically appropriate and protective encasement. Please plan to attend and help with the preservation of our life and times Newfane.

**Share Your Stories**

You can still contribute content and photos for the capsule by dropping items off at the Town Hall. The most popular items removed from the capsule last May were letters families wrote to be opened by their children and grandchildren fifty years later. School activities, family stories, memories our grandparents shared with us, and tales of life in Newfane are all excellent contributions.



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Councilman	Peter Robinson	

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

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# Town of Newfane Community Weekend

Join us for a fun filled WEEKEND at Newfane Town Hall, Friday August 22 - Sunday August 24



**Friday at 6:30pm we will be burying our time capsule! We invite the town to join us for this historical event!**

## Saturday 3pm - 10pm

**3pm-7pm**  
Live Band at Open Air Bar

**3pm-10pm**  
Beer Tent by Open Air Bar

**3pm-9pm**  
Food Trucks in Comm Ctr Lot

**7pm-10pm**  
Live Band in Comm Ctr Lot

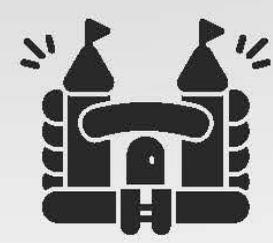


## Sunday 12pm-7pm

**12pm-5pm**  
Vendor Fair  
Free family friendly activities  
Food Trucks  
Face painting  
Bounce Houses

**12pm-7pm**  
Beer Tent by Open Air Bar

**3pm-7pm**  
Live Band at Open Air Bar



## Assemblyman Paul Bologna - 144th Assembly District



As my first legislative session in Albany came to a close, I find myself reflecting. As a freshman member I was honored to have been given several responsibilities usually reserved for more senior members. My energy, optimism and experience with many issues put me in a unique position to lead our minority conference's floor debates on a number of key issues. I am proud to have secured some key accomplishments for our region including funding for our local libraries, and was part of a coordinated effort to block bad legislation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

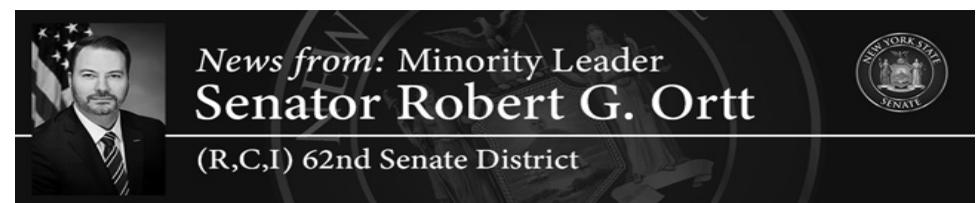
New Yorkers deserve to know what's driving up their monthly bills—especially as Albany pushes aggressive and costly energy mandates. I co-sponsored the Ratepayer Disclosure and Transparency Act (A.6152A) to ensure that you see, in black and white, what banning natural gas and forcing statewide electrification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

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

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

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

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



Newfane Newsletter Summer 2025

It's summer, which means the legislative session in Albany has wrapped up, and there is much to report. As a taxpayer, it's important to keep you informed about both the positives and negatives of how our tax dollars are being spent.

In the final hours of the legislative session, the majority found time to rush through pro-criminal policies to protect inmates but not our correctional officers. More radical energy mandates were passed, such as the new repeal of the "100 foot rule" - which will do nothing except increase costs on ratepayers. Downstate politicians do not understand, Western New Yorkers rely heavily on natural gas to heat our homes during the long, cold winters and bills will continue to go up as radical politicians attempt to force ratepayers to seek alternative energy sources that are unreliable.

Two of the most notable egregious takeaways from this legislative session include the \$10 million dollar slush fund designed to pay Albany politicians private legal bills. This is a gross misuse of tax dollars. We should not be funding the legal fees of any politician. As if that wasn't enough, the

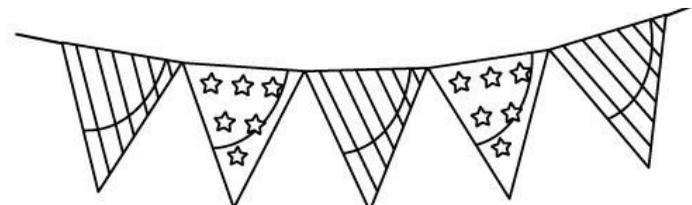
Democrats in the Majority fast tracked another bill weaponizing our court system and undermining the public trust in our judiciary system. A pure political move to gerrymander New York's judicial districts.

It wasn't all negative - however. I'm proud to have fought hard to provide some relief to our businesses and families during this session. After COVID-19 many of our businesses were struggling to survive. Our Conference has fought hard to put an end to the unemployment insurance burdens that were unfairly tacked on to businesses throughout the state. The good news is that this year's budget allocated \$8 Billion to pay off the \$6.2 Billion of debt, money that was owed to the Federal Government to cover pandemic era unemployment claims. This will come as much-needed relief for our small businesses that already find it incredibly difficult to operate in New York State.

For our families, parents will be able to keep more money in their pockets thanks to the enhanced child tax credits. Children aged four and under will now qualify for a \$1,000 tax credit, children up to age 16 qualify for a \$330 tax credit.

One of the reasons I ran for Senate was to give hunters and sportsmen in my district a voice in Albany. I voted in favor of a bill that clarifies provisions for the taking of big game with crossbows in any areas that currently allow longbows. However, my bill to legalize suppressors for hunting was struck down in the senate conservation committee - despite this, I will reintroduce it next year, and I will always fight for your second amendment rights.

With the legislative session over, I look forward to spending more time throughout Senate District 62 in the coming months. If there is anything you need from me, don't hesitate to reach out to my Lockport office via phone at (716) 434-0680 or through email at [Ortt@nysenate.gov](mailto:Ortt@nysenate.gov).





## Niagara County Legislature Shawn Foti 14th District Legislator

Happy Summer to all our Newfane residents. I hope everyone is relishing the heat, finding ways to stay cool, and enjoying all of the fun events around town. I am writing this newsletter following the Olcott Pirates festival and Car Show which was very hot in temperature but also in attendance and excitement. I saw all of the establishments very busy including our Lakeview Village Shoppes, Carousel Park, Marina, stores, bars and restaurants. The night before was Open Air Bike night which had great attendance and also wonderful help from Miller Hose Fire Co and our Newfane Lions Club raffled off a custom Harley Davidson Motorcycle. There are still many family friendly events planned for the Summer and Fall so I hope you all have a chance to attend some of these events hosted by our great community organizations.

Infrastructure is always a critical topic to share during this newsletter. The County recently completed partial repair on Wilson-Burt Rd bridge and finished ahead of schedule with our contractor. I say partial because more repairs to additional piers will be required in the future so I am providing advanced notice that the bridge will be closed again in years to come. Yes, it would have made sense to complete all of the work in one project but NYS has a very tedious and at times confusing funding system which did not allocate full Capital Bridge repair costs at one time. I will provide updates as this project moves forward. We have also completed a large culvert repair on Hess Rd near Rt 18 which should help with drainage issues for our farmers. Krull Park will be receiving a new Pickleball Court, renovated Tennis Courts, and a new playground at the entrance of the park. I am pushing to have these completed as soon as possible but we are reliant on the contractors who are also completing projects at Oppenheim Park and Burmaster (Bond Lake). Moving forward, as Chairman of Infrastructure Committee, I am planning to create a comprehensive ditching and mowing plan for next Spring. I saw every municipality struggling with ditch mowing this Spring due to rain and wet ground which caused weeds to grow higher than normal and then it was difficult to catch up. It can be unsightly but also cause safety issues with deer running in to the roadways, especially with motorcycles, and obviously can affect drainage.

Our Niagara County Gun Owners Rights Advisory panel has worked very hard to advocate for 2nd Amendment Rights and also legislate on NYS Bills that we support. I am happy to share that a bill passed both the NYS Assembly and Senate which will allow for crossbows to be used for all of archery season. This is important for people entering the sport and tradition of hunting but also for hunters who are unable to pull back a standard compound bow in a treestand. Deer harvest has declined over the years which has led to an increase in car vs vehicle incidents so hopefully this alleviates some of the overpopulation. We worked very closely with Senator Ortt's and Assemblyman Bologna's offices and I want to personally thank them for their tireless efforts at the end of session. We now wait for the Governor's signature to enact the law.

Upcoming initiatives include expanding our County Operated EMS ambulance service to include nightshift coverage, streamlining our Emergency Alert System and informing the public of how and where to receive these alerts (in the wake of flooding in Texas I want to be proactive), increasing access to County and State provided services in rural areas of the district, and expanding economic development through available grants and shovel-ready properties ready to build on.

In conclusion, Summer is a busy time for everyone, and there is a lot going on around Newfane which is exciting to see. All of this takes place from the hard work of our volunteers and amazing community organizations. Please consider joining one of our great organizations so that we can continue this momentum and enhance the quality of life for all residents in our town.

## An Update from Niagara County Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti



With the warm weather months in full swing, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office would like to provide some tips that will help keep us all safe as we enjoy the nice weather. For the boat enthusiasts always remember to wear a life jacket, know your local boating laws, ensure that your boat is prepared, check the weather and don't drink while operating your boat. Remember, as of January 1, 2025, all operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, are required to have their boating safety certificate.

As you hit the streets on your bicycles or other wheeled sport options, remember to ALWAYS wear a properly fitted helmet and to check your equipment before you start your ride. All bicyclists and in-line skaters are considered traffic when on the roadway and should always go with the flow of traffic and follow the rules of the road. Skateboarders and scooter riders should use sidewalks as riding in the roadway is not allowed.

As you walk around town, always walk against traffic and never assume that drivers can see you. Try to establish eye contact with a driver or adjust your activity to ensure that the driver is aware of your presence. Avoid crossing mid-block where there are no crosswalks or crossing signals. As you drive through town, remember to expect pedestrians and avoid distractions such as using your phone.

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming community events!

-The **Niagara County Fair will be held July 30 – August 3, 2025** at the Cornell Cooperative Extension (4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094). Stop in and see members of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office at the fair!

-On **September 7, 2025 the 6th Annual Niagara County 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb** will be held at Whirlpool State Park. Participants will walk in remembrance of all those who were lost nearly 24 years ago and all proceeds from the event will benefit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

-The **Annual Trunk or Treat will be held in mid-October** at SUNY Niagara (3111 Saunders Settlement Road). Dozens of Law Enforcement, Fire Department and EMS personnel will be in attendance for the largest Trunk or Treat in Niagara County!



## Launching @ the 2026 Plunge4WNY

Western New York's longest running Polar Bear Swim is set for Olcott Beach on Sunday March 1, 2026.

Today's Polar Bear Day participants are the children and grandchildren of those who began this fun winter tradition 57 years ago ... and *The Swim* is now a family experience with a **Kids Zone** activity center, **Dodgeball** tournament, a dedicated swim segment for youth and a **Costume Parade**.

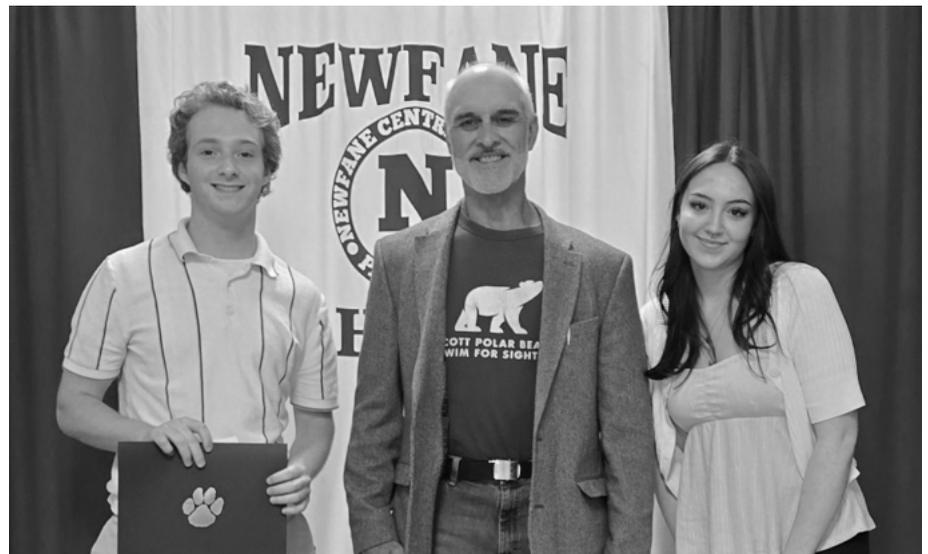
The Polar Bear Swim is a community fundraising event where you can participate as an individual or form a team. Your organization or workplace can sponsor a swimmer and help them raise funds, or you can organize a team to multiply your fundraising efforts. The sponsoring Olcott Lions now have a **'Plunge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

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

The Olcott Polar Bear Swim supports many worthy causes in the Newfane community, including scholarships for college bound Newfane graduates.

This year, the Olcott Lions Club awarded \$1,500 scholarships to graduates Cameron Gilson and Baylee Fudella. Presenting the awards is Olcott Lions Scholarship Chair, Greg Bienecki, who partnered with Newfane schools to identify students who demonstrate a goal to advance academically and have an interest in community service and helping others.

You can help the Olcott Lions with these important community services. Visit the Olcott Polar Bear Swim fundraising pages @ <https://plunge4wny.org/> [#plunge4education](https://plunge4education) [#heroesplunge](https://heroesplunge)



### BLOOD DRIVES

#### Newfane Community Center

2737 Main St., Newfane

**Mon., August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12:30 pm – 6 pm**

**Sponsored by: Town Supervisor Syracuse**

Give Aug 1 to 28 for \$15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: [rcblood.org/Test](http://rcblood.org/Test)

**Mon., October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 11am – 5 pm**

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**Appointments Preferred ID Required**

## Newfane Lions Install Leaders for 2025-2026

Officers for the upcoming year were installed by Lion John Syracuse during the Lions June meeting at Mariner's Landing.



Newfane Lion President, Ryan Phillips  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Lion Jacob Lundy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Lion Carly Phillips



Lion John Syracuse installing Secretary Lion Michele Phillips  
and Treasurer Lion Paul Conrad

### 5K Race Against Hunger

The Newfane Lions hosted its inaugural *5K Race Against Hunger* June 14<sup>th</sup>. We thank everyone – including our sponsors, Lions and community volunteers and especially our runners -- who helped make this event such a huge success. A very special thank you to Richard Leader for his fantastic photography skills!

### Motorcycle Raffle

Another successful fundraiser was concluded on July 11<sup>th</sup> when we raffled a 2021 Harley Davidson Softail Standards Motorcycle. The proceeds ensure we are able to continue providing services and help for the Newfane community.

### Vision Screening

Did you know that 80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured? The first step in prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through our vision screening program supported by the Lions International. Last fall our Newfane Lions screened over 300 children in our school system. Any child with screening concerns is provided a referral for follow-up vision care. Parents can please reach out with any questions or obtain information by emailing us at [newfanelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:newfanelionsclub@gmail.com).

Vision Screenings will begin again  
in the Fall of this school year!

### Visit with the Newfane Lions at these Upcoming Events

*Community Day, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 5pm*

We will be selling hot dogs again this year and the bounce houses will be back! We will also have our information table available for anyone who would like to know more about what the Lions do and how to join us in serving our community.

*PTSA Trunk or Treat*

We will be at this event as well, stop by and say Hello!

### Newfane Leo Club – Community Service for Students

The Newfane Leo Club is our active and well known youth service group. They finished another successful year by electing new officers for the year ahead. Leo Club meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month starting in September. Stop in at Mr. Thibault's art room at the Middle School to see what our Leos are all about.

### Join Us!

If you're looking to join an organization with a *Mission To Serve*, please reach out to any Lion member or send an email to [newfanelionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:newfanelionsclub@gmail.com). We'd love to have you grow with us.

# The Olcott Fire Company

Chief: Michael Miller

President: Robert Horanburg

We are well into Olcott's summer months and all the enjoyable activities the season brings.

The Olcott Fire Company has been busy. The active summer means we could be called upon to respond to 1000 calls in 2025; including EMS, fires, vehicle accidents, boating, and mutual aid for our neighboring fire Companies. We have also had crews on standby for the July 3rd fireworks and the Mermaid Parade. And, once again, we hosted a very successful Pirates Festival in Krull Park, July 11th-13<sup>th</sup>. Attendees enjoyed a variety of different foods, vendors, the Midway with games and rides, pirate shows, and Beer Tent with a great line-up of live music each day and night.



Please watch your mailboxes, as our Annual Fund Drive will be starting within the next couple of weeks -- your support is greatly appreciated.

Check out the Olcott Fire Company Facebook page for information about more upcoming events. On August 17th we'll be in front of the Carousel Park, providing fire truck rides for children. Planning is underway for our ever-popular Kids Halloween Party, and our Meat Raffle in November. Also, look for us Sunday, August 31st at the Jazz Trail where you can find local craft beers and ciders, along with pop and other cold drinks at our tent next to the Gazebo.

Our Main Hall is fully open and available for your functions, and is a lovely place to hold a wedding! Simply call and leave a voice mail and our Bar Steward will return your call promptly.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer! Remember to always practice good fire safety when having a bonfire, be careful on the roads, and watch out for motorcyclists during these warm weather months.

And if you have ever wanted to be a part of something bigger, learn life-saving skills, or help out the community, just stop by the Fire Hall any Thursday night after 6:30. Talk to our members and see what we offer, and grab a membership application. There is a place for everyone in the Fire Service, including our Junior Firefighter Program, our Pilot Program (just participating as a driver or EMT) and our Ladies Auxiliary.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

written by: Kenna Liddell

photo by: Rich Leader



## How We Roll - A Community Bike Project



Running a Bike Workshop at Newfane Library are librarian Gretchen Schweigert, Chuck Burrough, Alan Rosenbaum, Dan Paul, Joe Stein, Ken Hannah, Manny Garcia, and Steve Goodman.

*Who are we?* We are an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to restore donated bikes for donation to those in need. We have donated bikes to farm workers, Niagara County Youth Training and Employment, Save the Michaels, as well as local residents. Our donations total more than 300.

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?

We will be at Newfane United Methodist Church Farmers Market every Wednesday throughout the summer from 4:30-7:00. You can contact us through the church at 716-778-7011 or email at [newfanemethodist@verizon.net](mailto:newfanemethodist@verizon.net).

## An Update from the Miller Hose Fire Company

Chief – Gary Snyder    President – Robert Snyder

As we reach the halfway mark of 2025, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible community. We are truly thankful for the generosity, kindness, and support you continue to show.

### Membership

This year, the Town of Newfane approved the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) - a vital initiative designed to recruit, retain, and reward the dedicated volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel who serve our community.

As of today, we're proud to have 60 active firefighters, including 8 certified EMTs, 2 Advanced EMTs, 3 Paramedics, 7 administrative members, and 4 junior firefighters. We've also welcomed three new members in the first half of the year; Rebecca Chaplin (Paramedic), Penny Lyman (Firefighter), Brian Riedel (Firefighter), Steven Hunter (Firefighter), and Emily Cody (Administrative). We would like to congratulate current member, Brandon Cody for passing his EMT certification.

Want to make a difference? Stop by the fire hall during our Thursday drill nights between 7 PM and 9 PM, or reach out to Chief Snyder at [chiefmiller@roadrunner.com](mailto:chiefmiller@roadrunner.com) to learn more about becoming a volunteer.

### Call Volume Report: January – June 2025

Our department has responded to a total of 504 calls in the first half of the year, reflecting the continued dedication of our team to keeping the community safe and supported.

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

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

We would like to extend our thanks to our neighboring fire companies; Barker, Olcott, South Wilson, Wilson, Wrights Corners and Niagara County EMS for their mutual aid to Miller Hose.

### Upcoming Community Events

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to partner with our community to support a lineup of exciting events that will bring us together in fun, celebration, and support for great causes. Whether you're revving up for Bike Night, lacing up for the Newfane 5K & Family Fun Run, or joining us for the Annual Gun Raffle, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Together, we make a difference. Thank you for being part of this journey with us - we can't wait to see you at these upcoming events.

- Newfane **Bike Night** - Friday, August 8th at Scruple's Bar – Miller Hose will be hosting food concessions
- Newfane **5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Run** – Sunday, August 24th – Starts at Miller Hose Fire Hall and funds raised will be donated to Miller Hose Fire Company
- Miller Hose **Annual Gun Raffle** – Saturday, September 20th – Doors open at 1pm and the raffle will begin at 2pm – see any member for tickets
- Miller Hose **Boot Drive** – Sunday, September 28th – Donations will be put towards the purchase of a new Pumper Rescue Truck with delivery in spring of 2026



### A Proud History: Miller Hose Fire Company

The roots of the Miller Hose Fire Company trace back to 1905, when a small group of 24 dedicated individuals formed the Newfane Fireman's Club. In 1911, under the leadership of Charles Miller, the organization officially incorporated and adopted the name we know today: Miller Hose Fire Company.

Since then, the company has remained a pillar of public safety and community spirit in Newfane. In 1927, it launched the first local fire prevention contest—a tradition still carried on during Fire Prevention Week within the Newfane School District.

Miller Hose also played an instrumental role in the founding of several key organizations: the Olcott Fire Company (1928), Wrights Corners Fire Company (1939), and the Niagara

County Volunteer Fireman's Association (1937). In 1941, the company was recognized for establishing one of the first blood donor clubs in New York State.

Always forward-thinking, Miller Hose was among the earliest departments to form a Boy Scout Firematic Explorer program in 1974, which continues today as our vibrant Junior Firefighters initiative.

Stay tuned for additional history of the Miller Hose Fire Company in future Town of Newfane Newsletters!



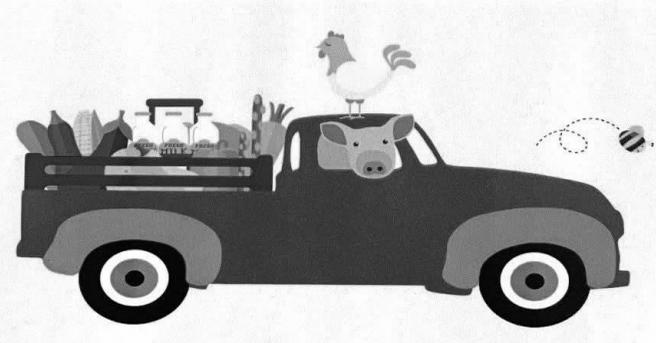
**FARMERS MARKET**

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

**Open every Wednesday**  
**June 25<sup>th</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**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**



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

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

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

**Cobblestone Building erected in 1843**



### Olcott Beach Church ‘Polish the Diamond Campaign’

The sun is now shining brightly through the stain glass windows on to the beautiful hardwood pews and pulpit inside the Olcott Church; thanks to generous contributions from the Newfane and Olcott Community. But there is still more to do.

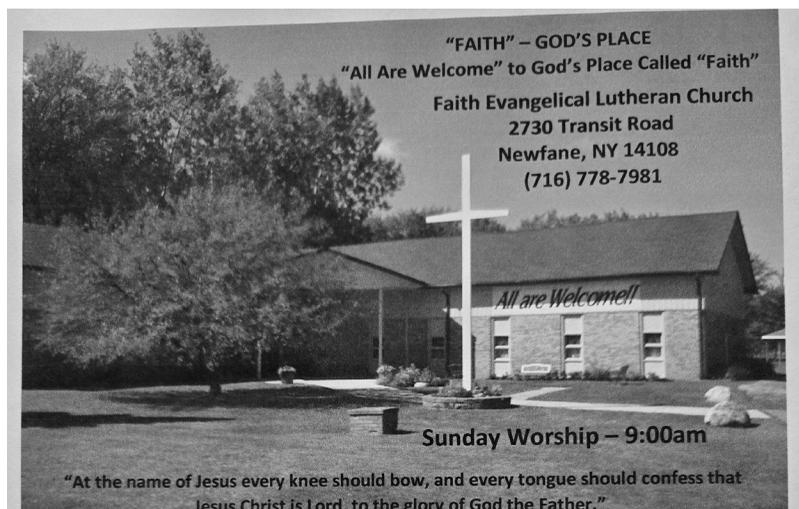
We’re reaching out from Olcott Beach Church, where we’ve been a place of comfort, hope, and gatherings in the community since 1909; we want to extend the church’s fellowship and community support for generations to come.

You might’ve noticed a few newly painted window trims highlighting the magnificent stained glass windows. But we still need a little more TLC. From the dulling Plexiglas that hides some of the windows, to the weathered doors and a faded gold dome, our beloved church needs further restoration to continue serving families and the community.

We’ve launched the Polish the Diamond Campaign to raise \$75,000, and we are well on our way to our goal, but we are not there yet. We are reaching out to the local business community, friends and neighbors like you asking for your support.

The entire community will benefit from our work to restore The Olcott Beach Church – it’s a centerpiece for our town. It’s where we hold food drives, host events, offer support groups, and come together in times of need. The church will once again be an architectural jewel that showcases our community pride. Your gift will go directly toward restoring and beautifying this architectural gem.

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

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

*All are Welcome!*

**Sunday Worship – 9:00am**

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



### August 17<sup>th</sup> Mark your calendars!!

The Newfane Methodist Church will have Worship in the Park on Sunday, **August 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Lion’s club pavilion in Krull Park, North side.

Time will be 11:00 am with a picnic lunch to follow.

Please bring a dish to share, your own table service and a chair if needed.

Beverages will be provided.

All are welcome to join us!

## August means backpacks at the Newfane Community Food Pantry

Does your child need a backpack? Children who live in the Newfane School District, grades Pre-K through 12, are eligible to receive a new backpack.

When: **August 19 or August 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Where: Newfane Community Pantry, located at St. Brendan on the Lake Church, 3455 Ewings Road, Newfane. Backpacks will be displayed in the church hall.

You do not need an appointment to choose a backpack. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Backpack donations will be accepted all summer. If you are writing a check, please write "backpacks" on the bottom left.



### More NCFP News:

- **PANTRY HOURS:** Every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. You need to call for an appointment after 10 a.m. on the day you wish to visit the Pantry.
- **PANTRY PHONE NUMBER 716-638-4245:** Please leave a voice mail if there is no answer. The new phone line does NOT accept text messages.
- **SUMMER NEEDS:** Hunger does not take a vacation. Please consider donating child-friendly healthy snacks such as juice boxes or granola bars.
- **OTHER NEEDS:** The Pantry can always use donations of staples such as

meals in a can, soup, and cereal. Household products, such as hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bathroom tissue, paper towels, dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent are also needed. And monetary donations are always welcome.

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

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

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



Pictured with Sienna is Pastor Troy Sellers

We are excited to announce our fourth annual Newfane United Methodist Scholarship winner for 2025 is Sienna Bowers!!

Sienna was chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship through the help of the guidance office and scholarship committee of the Newfane Central School District based on the following criteria: Newfane Central School District Graduating Senior, academic standing such as a solid student, but one that is not receiving any other scholarship during the awards ceremony, a financial need, a student that is involved in service and community and attending a college or trade school. Sienna and her family joined us for Worship on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> as we recognized our graduates.



# News from the Town Clerks Office

Donna Lakes, Town Clerk/ Registrar



Robin R. Bower, Deputy Town Clerk

Kristina Gifford, Deputy Town Clerk

Spring took forever to make its appearance and now summer is upon us!



## FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2025 are still available:

- Saturday, July 12                      Town of Royalton Highway Department  
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon              5316 Royalton Center Road
- Saturday, September 13              Town of Lockport Highway Department  
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon              6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport
- Saturday, December 6              North Tonawanda Public Works Dept  
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon              758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

**\*WALK-INS will NOT be accepted**

APPOINTMENTS ARE MANDATORY. 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](http://WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/RABIESCLINIC)

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

OUR DOG LICENSING PROGRAM HAS BEEN UPDATED. We now have the availability of emailing your License Renewal to you. If you are interested in this option, we can update your information to accommodate you. We can offer you both an email and a regular paper mailing, just an email or just a paper mailing.



**GO BILLS!**

## 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
3. Check payable to Newfane Town Clerk or cash  
**(We do not accept credit/debit cards)**

The fees for licensing your dog(s) 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 Article 7 of the 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.

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

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

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

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

List additional dogs on a separate sheet of paper

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

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

**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 don not accept credit cards at this time.

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Clerks Office continued...

**\*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.

**\*FREE FISHING DAYS:**

For the 2025 Fishing Season the following are the "FREE Fishing Days":

- \* September 27th (National Hunting and Fishing Day)
- \* November 11th (Veterans Day)

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

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

"Opening Day of Shotgun" in the Southern Zone is November 15, 2025

## Cooking With the Clerks

### Fresh Corn Salad

- 4 to 5 chicken breasts
- 3 cups Corn Kernels (about 4 cobs of corn)
- 1 cup Cherry Tomatoes (quartered)
- 1 cup Cucumber (sliced)
- 3 tablespoons Apple Cider Vinegar (or rice vinegar)
- ¼ cup Red Onion (finely diced)
- 3 tablespoons Olive Oil
- ½ teaspoon Kosher Salt (more to taste)
- ¼ teaspoon Black Pepper
- 1 tablespoon Fresh Parsley (chopped Cilantro, Basil or Dill)



Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add corn and cook for 3 to 4 minutes or until the kernels turn bright yellow (alternately the corn can be grilled). Drain the corn and cool completely, Cut corn off the cob.

In a separate bowl combine vinegar, oil and seasonings. Stir in fresh herbs if desired.

Combine all veggies together. You can add any other vegetables that you would like.

After combining the vegetables, drizzle on seasoned oil mixture and mix well. Serve cold.

We hope you love it!!!

**NOTARY SERVICE:** If you are in need of a Notary Public, please call ahead at 716-778-8822 Opt#2 to check for availability.

**\*Niagara County Clerk Joseph A. Jastrzemski** today announced that those who need to **take notary exams** can now do so at the SUNY Niagara campus rather than having to drive to downtown Buffalo. The exams are offered twice a month.

The exams are given at SUNY Niagara, 3111 Saunders Settlement Rd, in Building E (Humanities and Social Sciences), Room E125. The **exams** will be offered on the following dates: Thursday, June 26th, Thursday, July 10th, Thursday, July 24th, Thursday, August 14th, Thursday, August 28th, Thursday, September 11th, Thursday, September 25th, Thursday, October 9th, Thursday, October 23rd, Thursday, November 13th, Thursday, November 20th, Thursday, December 11th, Thursday, December 18th

**Please note that these dates are for NOTARY EXAMS only! They are not offering the classes for becoming a Notary Public.**

To learn about the requirements to for taking the notary exam and to fill out the application, visit <https://dos.ny.gov/become-notary-public>.

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### Smoked Salmon Dip

- 1 Cup Cream Cheese
- ¼ Cup Sour Cream
- ¼ Mayonnaise
- 1 Tablespoon Fresh Lemon Juice
- 2 Tablespoons Capers
- ¼ Tosbasco Sauce
- 4 Ounces of Smoked Salmon
- 2 Tablespoon Dill
- 2 Tablespoons Chives
- Add salt to taste.



Combine all ingredients in food processor and pulse. Spread on your favorite Crackers, Chips or Bread, eat and enjoy!!  
Serve immediately.

Thought for the day.....

**"Nothing will work unless you do."**



## Newfane Water and Sewer Department

A few words from the Water Superintendent:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the irrigators for their cooperation and understanding in helping to keep the pressures in the Town of Newfane at a safe level for everyone. It is greatly appreciated!!

### PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

1. CASH
2. CHECK
3. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS- ONLINE ONLY- 2.95% FEE
4. ACH PAYMENT- NO FEE-

Form is available in the office or at [townofnewfane.com](http://townofnewfane.com).

There is a night drop box located on the north side of the Town Hall, to the right of the door. Payments when dropped go into a secure locked box. Any payments left the evening of the due date will be accepted the next morning on time with no late penalties.

**August 1st of each year, we remove all unpaid balances to the following year's County tax bill. A tax removal fee of 10% is added to your bill as well as a \$100.00 administrative fee.**

### Garbage Reminders

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

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

Leaf and yard waste must now be contained in your appropriate garbage tote. You can no longer put bags of leaves and yard waste to the curb.

Should you require another garbage tote, please contact the Water Department at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6 to purchase and one will be delivered. We have large garbage totes available for \$80.00 and small totes available for \$50.00. Please be advised an additional annual fee of \$55 will be applied to your county tax bill for the dumping and collection of the additional tote.

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

## From Your Building Inspector's Office:

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

The Building Department has various responsibilities in the Town. Our goal is to provide prompt courteous service and to assist in making your project a success and Newfane a better Community in which to live.

The Building Department administers and enforces regulations pertaining to the use of property and the construction of structures. It also reviews plans and conducts inspections for compliance with a variety of codes from Federal, State and Local to Wetland and Flood-plain regulations. The Building Department responds to structure fires to assist the Fire Departments, conducts property inspections based on citizen complaints and explains code regulations to permit applicants.

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

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

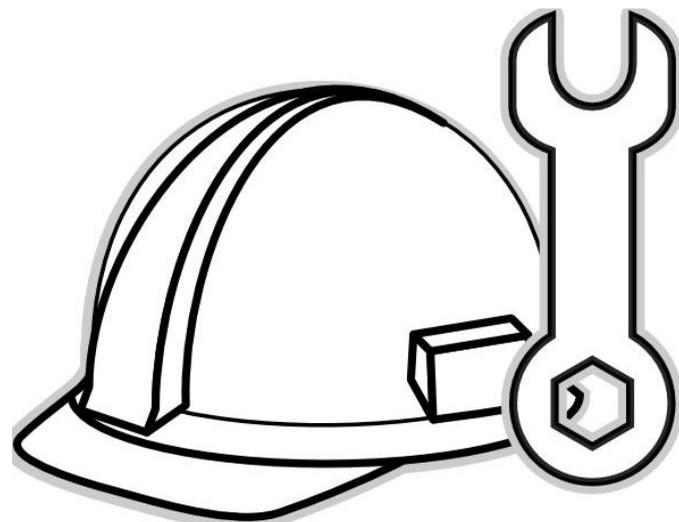
If you are starting a new business, please contact the Building Inspector with your plans. He will need to do an inspection of your premises to make sure all the Building Codes/Town Codes have been followed, and the work has been completed. Once you receive your Certificate of Occupancy from the Building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

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

Please be patient, as we all work through the new State regulations, as well as local Town and County regulations.

You can contact me, David Schmidt at any of the following:

- Email: [building.inspector@townofnewfane.com](mailto:building.inspector@townofnewfane.com)
- Office Phone: 716-778-5947 ext. 106
- Office Fax: 716-638-4261
- Cell Phone: 716-954-2030



## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Do the words "assessment" and "taxes" make you break out in a cold sweat, want to hide until it's over, or have you all up in arms? Have you ever been frustrated or confused by the process and feel helpless or hopeless?

Town of Newfane assessment office would like to provide ways to improve your understanding of the assessment process. We see the assessment process as a partnership between the residents and the government because both are necessary to ensure that the process is fair & equitable to all citizens.

Here are some key dates that affect the assessment and tax process.



**March 1st is Taxable Status Date and Exemption Filing Deadline:** The Taxable Status Date is a specific date that determines the condition and ownership of a property for the purpose of assessing its value and determining its taxable status. This is a crucial date as any changes to the property after this date, such as new construction or demolition, generally won't affect the property's assessment for the current assessment cycle. March 1st is also the last date that a property tax exemption can be filed. This process creates the Tentative Tax Roll. As of May 1st, the Tentative Tax Roll may be viewed online or at Town Hall.

**May 1st Tentative Tax Roll.** Once the Tentative Tax Roll is filled with Niagara County, the only assessment changes that are allowed, must come from a filed assessment grievance. Grievance Day is held every year the fourth Tuesday in May at Newfane Town Hall. July 1st is Valuation Date and Final Tax Roll Date: In New York State, the valuation date for property assessments is July 1st of the preceding year. For example, the assessment on the 2025 assessment roll would be based on the market value of the property as of

**July 1, 2024. The Final Tax Roll** is certified and submitted to Niagara County for preparation of the school taxes in September and the property tax bill we receive in January.

Every Fall the Town of Newfane along with Niagara County and the Newfane school district arrive at a budget. The Budgets consist of the proposed total expenditure minus any anticipated revenues. The difference between expenditures and revenue is the levy which represents the total amount to be raised by taxes. The levy is divided by the total taxable assessed value to obtain the tax rate per thousand dollars of assessed value.

**BUDGET – REVENUE = LEVY**

**THE LEVY/TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE = TAX RATE**

**TAX RATE x ASSESSED VALUE = AMOUNT OF TAX DUE**

If you would like to learn more about the assessment process, stop by the Assessor's Office at Newfane Town Hall.

### Roadside Brush Pickup –

#### What to Do and Not Do

*The following rules will be enforced for the town wide brush pick-up:*

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



## Olcott Swimming Beach July & August Hours

(beach is only open when lifeguards are on duty)

Thursday 12pm-7pm

Friday 12pm-7pm

Saturday 12pm-7pm

Sunday 12pm-7pm

**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>**



Thank you for your cooperation

Jon Miller  
Highway Superintendent



# Summer through Fall Events...

## August 2 - 23 - Saturdays

**Saturday Night Car Cruise**, 5-8pm

Sponsored by OBCA & area businesses. Main St, Olcott

## August 10 - Sunday

**Law Enforcement Day & Thunderstruck Magic Show** at Olcott Beach Carousel Park. 12-2pm

## August 17 - Sunday

**Olcott Carousel Park Presents its 23rd Anniversary & Community Appreciation Day.** Celebrate the carousel's 97th birthday with entertainment, free rides on the Olcott Fire Truck and free balloon animals and more. 12-6pm (see page 18 for more details)

## August 24- Sunday

**Newfane 5K & Fun Run**

9am Benefit for the Miller Hose Fire company.

6161 McKee St., Newfane

## August 22 - 24 - Friday - Sunday

**4th Annual Newfane Community Weekend,**

6:30pm Friday burial of the time capsule. Saturday activities from 3-10pm and Sunday 12-7pm. Live music, Local Food & Craft vendors, Children's games. Newfane Town Hall Community Center parking lot. 2743 Main St., Newfane.

## August 30- Saturday

**35th Annual Olcott Beach Car Show,** 8am- 4:30pm. The largest one day car show in Western New York. Krull Park, Olcott.

## August 31- Sunday

**8th Annual Olcott Beach Jazz Trail**

12-7pm. This FREE event features nationally and internationally known top jazz performers.



*8th Annual*  
Olcott Beach  
**JAZZ TRAIL**  
JAZZ AT THE BEACH  
SUNDAY  
AUG. 31<sup>ST</sup> • 12 - 7PM  
**FREE!**

## Wednesday Concerts at the Gazebo

sponsored by the Newfane Business Association (NBA)

### Main Street Gazebo - Newfane

Concerts start at 7pm.,

Bring a chair, your friends and family to the Gazebo on Main Street (Rt 78 north of Town Hall).

Concerts are sponsored by the Newfane Business Association, Town of Newfane and Wilson's Pizza.

**Aug. 6: Tom Keefer and Celtic Cross** - Celtic music

**Aug. 13: Restless Soles Folk**  
Country, Reggae, Americana and more

**Aug. 20: Tom and Sarah Wright** - Acoustic Duo

**Thursday \*\*Aug. 14: Double Barrell** - Classic Rock\*\*

Note: Concerts may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Please refer to our Facebook page for last minute cancellations.



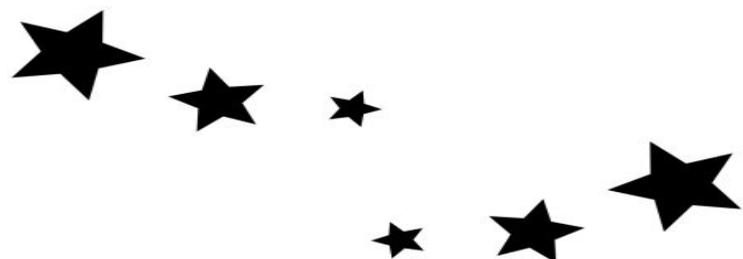
Olcott Beach Community Association presents

## FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS AT THE CAROUSEL PARK

Gates open at 7pm, Movies start at dusk  
Bring a chair or a blanket  
Concessions available for sale to benefit OBCA

July 16	July 30	August 20	August 27
			

\* Olcott Beach Carousel Park \* 5979 Main Street \* Olcott \*



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



# Music & Wine

*on the boardwalk*

Fridays - May 30 to August 29 - 5pm-8pm  
Saturdays - September 6 to September 27 - 1pm-4pm

<b>MAY 30</b>	ED G BLACK WILLOW WINERY	<b>AUG 1</b>	GARRY SINGS HONEYMOON WINERY
<b>JUNE 6</b>	CINDY SUE & BRYAN BLACK WILLOW WINERY	<b>AUG 8</b>	DAVID STOCKTON VIZCARRA VINEYARDS
<b>JUNE 13</b>	DAVID STOCKTON VICTORIANBOURG WINERY	<b>AUG 15</b>	TOM & SARAH WRIGHT SCHULZE WINERY
<b>JUNE 20</b>	TOM & SARAH WRIGHT SCHULZE WINERY	<b>AUG 22</b>	NICO ZARCONI LONG CLIFF WINERY
<b>JUNE 27</b>	TOM KEEFER LONG CLIFF WINERY	<b>AUG 29</b>	HEENAN BROTHERS MARJIM MANOR WINERY
<b>JULY 4</b>	RICK STRUSIENSKI MARJIM MANOR WINERY	<b>SEPT 6</b>	DAVID STOCKTON SCHULZE WINERY
<b>JULY 11</b>	NICO ZARCONI VIZCARRA VINEYARDS	<b>SEPT 13</b>	ED G HONEYMOON WINERY
<b>JULY 18</b>	GENEROUS POUR VICTORIANBOURG WINERY	<b>SEPT 20</b>	DAVEY O. A GUST OF SUN WINERY
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# Olcott Beach Carousel Park: Celebrating 23 Years!

by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.

Looking for a clean, safe fun place full of nostalgia for young children to have fun? Try Olcott Beach Carousel Park (OBCP). You still have one more month to get there! The park is like stepping back to the 1950's; a time when life seemed to be at a slower pace. It dates back to when children played Hopscotch and Kick-the-Can on warm summer nights until the street lights came on and, then hurried home. Sound good to you? Experience a ride on the carousel; play a game of Skeeball or Pick Up a Duck, and try your hand at old time arcade games (pre-video games); or let the kiddies ride one of our 5 vintage rides designed for children 52 inches or smaller. The prices are 1950's, too; 25¢ for the rides and 25¢ - 50¢ for games! There are also free games that you and your children/grandchildren can experience together, such as Hopscotch and Checkers.

All of this has been welcoming guests to the park for 23 years. Now we are seeing the children who rode those rides 23 years ago, bringing their children to experience some old-fashioned fun at affordable prices! No wonder our motto is "Building Memories for a New Generation"!

How can we do this for so little and run a profitable business? We don't! Olcott Beach Carousel Park is a not-for-profit corporation made up of volunteers. That's right! All the adults working in the park, work for free! We like to think that our pay is the smile we see on the faces of the children enjoying the park. How do you pay utilities, keep up on maintenance, and operating costs you might ask? Once again, our volunteers help with maintenance and much of our new projects and operating costs are funded by generous people who donate to the park, grants and our one fundraiser, THE PARK AFTER DARK, which is always held on the second Tuesday in August.

This year, The Park After Dark will be held on August 12th, from 6 - 10 pm. It is held at OBCP (5979 Main St., Olcott) and is an evening to experience. We call it the "Party with a Purpose", the purpose being to keep OBCP an affordable, safe haven for all families! It's a fun time for adults to experience the park after hours! Tickets are \$35 and include appetizers, music and dancing, fortune-telling, photo booth, and food catered by Wegman's. Beer and Wine, old fashioned carnival games (that were played on Main St. in Olcott during the 1950's) can be experienced for a nominal fee. If you are interested, tickets can be purchased at the ticket booth at OBCP.



The park has some exciting events this month. You might want to mark your calendars and come to Law Enforcement Day, on Sunday, August 10th from 12 - 2 pm. The Niagara County Sheriff Deputies and NYS Police will be on hand with equipment and the K-9 unit so bring your cameras. The first 400 tickets are free. Get a sheriff's badge and have your picture taken. The event is sponsored by the Niagara County Sheriff's Office ALL S.T.A.R. Program. Catch Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show on the Rustic Theater Stage, followed by the Thunderstruck Magic show at 3 pm.

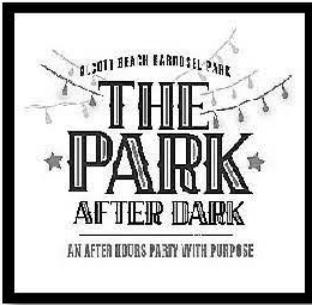
On Sunday, August 17th, Olcott Beach Carousel Park Presents its 23rd Anniversary & Community Appreciation Day from 12 - 6 pm. We will celebrate our 23rd season and our carousel's 97th birthday. Catch Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show at 2 p.m, presented by the WNY Dairy Farmers. Free washable tattoos for the kids, a Skee Ball Challenge (3 divisions, winners of each division receives a Local Gift Card), cookies, free rides on the Olcott Fire Truck from 1 - 3 p.m., and free balloon animals made from 3 - 5 pm. To show appreciation to the community for their support of the park, **carousel rides be will free, all other rides 25¢.**

The last day of the season will be on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st. Even if an event is not taking place, there is plenty of old-time fun to be had each day we are open. You can enjoy our fabulous Magic Show with Rob and Carol Allen at 2pm. The show is free, fun for the whole family, and is sponsored by the WNY Dairy Farmers.

Sometimes a special guest pops in to say hello and pose for pictures and you might want to bring your water bottle so you can enjoy free filtered cold water at our new bottle filling station (excellent for the environment). There is also a separate, comfortable new nursing mother's station.

We do ask that shoes be worn in the park at all times and that no one smokes in the park. The volunteers at the park hope you will join us this month to make our 23rd season complete! Open rain or shine on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and Labor Day, 12 - 6 pm.





## The Park After Dark: An After Hours Party With Purpose

Tickets are \$35 pre-sale and \$40 at the door purchased online, or from local ticket sellers. For ticket information and event sponsorship opportunities contact the park: [olcottbeachcarouselpark@gmail.com](mailto:olcottbeachcarouselpark@gmail.com) or call us at (716) 713-6434 or follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/OBCarousel](https://facebook.com/OBCarousel)

Mark your calendars! The Olcott Beach Carousel Park's annual fundraiser - **The Park After Dark - August 12, 2025!** The fundraiser contributes substantially to the economic viability of the park's mission - providing a high quality attraction at the lowest possible cost to the WNY community. Each and every year, the revenue raised by this event keeps the park on stable economic footing for the following season – funding restoration and improvement projects and offsetting operating costs. The Park After Dark is **the one and only event held in the park at night – transforming the kiddie park into a grown up vintage carnival!**

	<b>An Evening of Fun &amp; Festivities!</b>	<b>Schedule of Events!</b>
<p>This annual fundraising event is key to keeping the magic of the Olcott Beach Carousel Park alive! Your support helps maintain and operate our cherished vintage kiddie park, ensuring these classic rides are here for all to enjoy. Join us in celebrating and preserving a beloved piece of our community's history—together, we're making memories that last a lifetime.</p>	<p><b>Food and Drinks!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fresh popcorn and our Snack Shack</li> <li>○ Beer, soda and water at the Rialto Beer Garden</li> <li>○ Wine by the glass or bottle at the Luna Park Landing wine tent</li> <li>○ The Picnic Pavilion</li> </ul> <p><b>Midway Madness!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vintage Carnival Game Midway</li> <li>○ Fortune Teller Marquee</li> <li>○ Carousel Derby Races</li> <li>○ Lucky Draw Raffle Pavilion</li> <li>○ Skee-ball tournament</li> <li>○ The Snapshot Spectacle Photo Booth</li> </ul> <p><b>Music and Dancing!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Back in the Day, vintage vocals</li> <li>○ The Sophisticats, jazzy swing</li> </ul>	<p><b>6pm - Gates Open!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beer Garden and Wine Pavilion</li> <li>○ Fresh popcorn and Snack Shack</li> <li>○ Skee-Ball tournament open to all comers</li> <li>○ Midway Madness</li> <li>○ Vintage vocals by Back In The Day, Main Stage 6 - 7pm</li> </ul> <p><b>7pm!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Food Service at the Picnic Pavilion</li> <li>○ Carousel Races, every 30 minutes, 7 - 10pm</li> <li>○ Jazzy swing by The Sophisticats, Main Stage 7 - 10pm</li> <li>○ Vintage vocals by Back in The Day, Circus Tent Stage, 7 - 9pm</li> </ul> <p><b>9:45pm!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50/50 and Raffle draws</li> </ul>



- Vintage carnival game midway & prizes
- Fortune Telling
- Midway Madness raffle
- The Wegmans Picnic Pavilion and The Gourmet Snack Shack
- Rialto Beer Garden
- Luna Landing Wine Bar
- Carousel Derby Races
- annual skee-ball tournament
- 50/50 split
- live music on 2 stages
- dancing



**Featuring The Picnic Pavilion – Sponsored and Catered by Wegmans!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

\*\* September 20-27 - 2nd Annual Scarecrow Village. Community members, businesses, groups and families are encouraged to participate in decorating and creating their own scarecrow. The posts around the Boardwalk will display handmade scarecrows for everyone to vote on and enjoy. Contact Dragonfly Espresso \_\_\_O! Either by visiting them at 5955 Ontario St, Olcott or email dragonflyespresso4579@yahoo.com. Anyone interested needs to be registered. Winners will be announced on 10/4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **2025 Holiday Light Up Parade Changes**

Hard to think snow and Holiday Light Up this time of year, but getting a head start on events: the 2025 Holiday Light will be from **4-8pm, on Friday December 5**. The churches will have the same events offered as previous years including food and vendors. There will be children's activities offered in the Town Community Center that evening and there will be Santa, cookies and hot chocolate at the gazebo, as always. However, one big change this year is the parade start time. The parade will start at 6:30pm, to better accommodate people returning home from work and allow for more time for families to get to the parade. It is a request we have had over the years and we decided this year to make the change.



Another big change this year is people wanting to be in the parade, we are asking you to fill out an application for better communication of what time and where floats/organizations should be lining up for the parade. If you or your organization is interested in participating in the parade here is the link to use for the application: <https://forms.gle/Poynt1feLuiRFoqq5>

If you have any questions or concerns about the parade please reach out to Michele at 716-912-6951 or [mmphillips610@gmail.com](mailto:mmphillips610@gmail.com).



## NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT OFFICE

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James J. Lupini  
Superintendent of Schools

Summer 2025

News from our Schools

Dear Newfane School Community,

Summer is an exciting time for our school district. It gives our students, families and faculty a time to rest, recharge and rejuvenate so we can start our 2025-2026 school year in a focused and successful fashion. On the administrative and facilities side of things, it allows time for us to plan and make preparations for the upcoming year as well as address building repairs and upgrades without interrupting instruction.

We have had some administrative changes since the end of the school year. Pete Young, a thirty-five-year Newfane CSD employee, has retired from his role as Principal of the Newfane Early Childhood Center (NECC) and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology. We cannot thank Pete enough for his service and leadership and wish him and his family well during his retirement. This UPK Principal/ Director of CIA & T role has been filled by Carrie Miller, our former Middle School Assistant Principal. During the 2024-2025 school year, Carrie worked closely with Pete to learn the different aspects of the position to provide for a seamless transition. Our new Middle School Assistant Principal, Ashley Andreana comes to us from Niagara Falls where she served as an instructional coach.

During the Spring of 2025, Newfane CSD administered a culture and climate survey to its students, faculty, staff and families. We are currently reviewing the initial data from that survey. During the 2025-2026 school year our District Planning Team, comprised of BOE members, administrators, teachers, parents and students, will be analyzing the data so we can identify areas of strength and areas in need of growth regarding our culture. From the analysis, our DPT will use the perception data to formulate goals and plans that will be part of a Strategic Plan that will be developed throughout the year.

We also have had several building and facilities improvements. Last winter, we experienced some heating issues at the Elementary School. We were able to reallocate dollars from our 2020 Capital Project to purchase and install replacement unit ventilators for all classrooms in the A and B wings.

We have moved our Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program and Central Administrative offices into the Intermediate wing attached to the Middle School. We have two different Orleans Niagara BOCES programs providing services within our district, Godfrey Learning Center and Newfane Learning Center. This move resulted in BOCES, who serves many of our students, being able to consolidate its operations within our district to one school building. It also provided Newfane CSD an additional revenue stream, a reduction in expenditures, and ability to centralize and consolidate into three buildings.

We are also currently in the planning phase for our next Capital Project which we will be presenting to our taxpayers this winter. We have to address some major mechanical and control system infrastructure needs. In addition, we would like to improve the state of our middle school classrooms. Our middle school building is a beautiful centerpiece of our community. However, the interior classrooms have not been updated since the school was built in 1948. With this next capital project, we are aiming to provide our middle school students with a modern learning focused environment that will increase engagement and connection.

I hope that all of you are having a happy, healthy and relaxing summer with family and friends.

I am greatly looking forward to seeing all of our students return on September 2nd.

Warm Regards,

James J. Lupini  
Superintendent of Schools

## UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2025



Beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, our Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program and Business Offices will be relocated to the former Newfane Intermediate School location on East Avenue in the Village of Newfane.

This strategic move comes with several important benefits for our students, families, and the broader Newfane community:

**Continued Partnership with O/N BOCES:** The relocation allows us to maintain and strengthen our valued partnership with Orleans/Niagara BOCES. As BOCES expands to occupy an entire district building, our lease agreement with them will increase district revenue.

**More Efficient Use of District Resources:** By consolidating our operational footprint to match current and projected student enrollment, we are ensuring responsible stewardship of our facilities while positioning ourselves for the future.

**Centrally Located Services:** With both our UPK program and central offices now located in town, families will benefit from greater convenience and accessibility.

**Sustained Quality Programming:** Our commitment to providing a high-quality UPK experience remains unchanged, and this transition supports continued excellence in early childhood education.

**Operational Efficiencies:** The move enables us to redeploy some of our operational staff to better support students and schools.

We are confident that this change will maintain the quality educational experiences for our youngest learners and enhance service delivery districtwide. As always, we are grateful for your continued support and partnership.

Should you have any questions or wish to learn more about this transition, please don't hesitate to contact the Newfane District Office at 716-778-6351 or [webmaster@newfanecentralschools.org](mailto:webmaster@newfanecentralschools.org)



## Newfane Alumni Association

At the June awards night held at the high school, the Newfane Alumni Association handed out 4 scholarships. These scholarships are supported by the Hamluk family, Newton family and Alumni Lincoln Stahl, along with several other sponsors the association works with.

### Newfane Alumni Scholarships:

Hannah Hambruch  
Samantha Harmon  
Samantha Broecker  
Ayden Buttery

### John & Elsbeth Memorial Scholarship:

Sienna Bowers

### Kevin Hamluk Memorial Scholarship:

Cameron Gilson

### Kevin Newton Memorial Scholarship:

Jamar Swanson

### Be a Victor, Not a Victim Scholarships:

Kaia Farley  
Mia Clare

The Alumni Association also sponsors 4 Harrison Hazlett Camp Kenan Scholarships to attend Camp Keenan during the summer to our elementary students. Of the four winners, one will attend the Mini-Camp session, one the First Experience, one the traditional weekly session and the fourth will attend Day Camp. Congratulations to our winners!

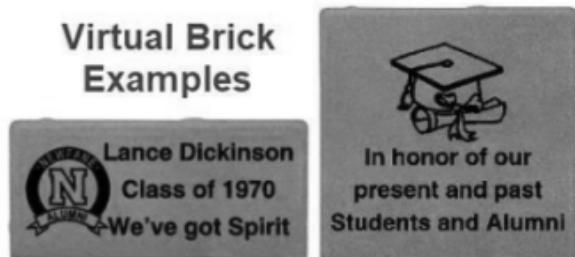
## Distinguished Alumni

The **Third Distinguished Alumni Class** will be selected this summer and inducted during Homecoming week. Selectees and information on the dinner will be announced in September.

*Visit us at Homecoming!*

## Bricks at the Stadium

Our Alumni Brick Walk at Panther Stadium is filling up fast and we would like to fill the remaining six rows this year. What better way to create a long-lasting memory than to honor a friend, family, or faculty member. See more at our Alumni website noted on this page.



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



## MINI GRANTS

The Alumni Association provides Mini Grants, open to all teachers in the Newfane Schools through an application process. The goal of the Mini Grant Program is to fund an activity or learning experience for students that would not be available through regular budget allocations. This year the association funded \$4,050 in grants to nine teachers to fund student activities and learning experiences.

These will include:

- Sets and costumes for the Middle School drama club
- ELEVATE reading enrichment program
- Help with the high school student store
- STEM in Art
- 3D printing in a tech class
- Collaboration with the Conservation Club
- Junior Musical Program for elementary students
- Multisensory phonics materials
- Author visit to the Elementary School
- Photography equipment for the art departments
- A Buffalo Zoomobile visit

## Join Us

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

## Visit us at:

### Community Day

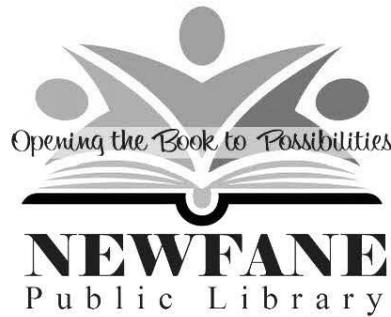
August 24, 2025  
12pm – 5pm

We will have a merchandise table and be hosting the dunk tank (guests to be announced), a 50/50 raffle, and a brick raffle to be placed under the pavilions in the sports complex.

### Light Up Newfane

December 5, 2025  
4pm – 9pm at the community center

We will be doing our annual Giving Tree again this year! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details in the fall.



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<b>AUGUST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Break Out! Game:</b> Aug. 1 at 2pm &amp; 4pm</li> <li>• <b>Final Summer Storytime Session:</b> August 5 at 10:30am &amp; 4:30pm</li> <li>• <b>Mindful Coloring &amp; Mocktails:</b> August 7 at 6pm</li> <li>• <b>Creepies &amp; Crawlies--Chameleons at the Library:</b> August 9 at 1pm <i>(Rain date Aug. 16)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Circus For All! Circus Arts by Benjamin Berry</b> <i>(Rescheduled from July 3):</i> August 14 at 2pm</li> <li>• <b>Gadgets &amp; Gear Tech Help:</b> August 18 from 1pm to 4pm</li> <li>• <b>Fresh Air Fridays: Flower Power</b> August 22 from 1pm to 3pm.</li> <li>• <b>Storywalk at Newfane Community Days:</b> August 24</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Healthcare Navigation Help:</b> Every Wednesday from 1pm-3pm all year round</li> <li>• <b>Gadgets &amp; Gear Tech Help:</b> September 19 from 1pm-4pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>If Looks Could Kill</i> New Book Release Talk with local author Julie Berry:</b> October 21 at 6pm</li> <li>• <b>Book Club: <i>Lovely War</i>, by Julie Berry (discussion with the author):</b> October 21 at 7pm</li> </ul>
<b>UPCOMING CLOSED DATES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>August 30 &amp; Sept. 1</b> for Labor Day</li> <li>• <b>November 27-29</b> for Thanksgiving</li> </ul>	

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



### **OPEN HOURS**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 10am-5pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10am-7pm

Saturdays: 10am-2pm

*(Open on Saturdays during the Summer now!)*

*Sundays: CLOSED*





## Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

We have had a busy start to our season at Ye Olde Log Cabin with all the events such as the 4th of July weekend, Pirates Festival, Christmas in July, and of course Old Olcott Days. I hope you have been able to make it for some of those fun times and have stopped in to the Cabin to see all the new items on display. People have donated some really great items for us to display so everyone can see and enjoy them.

It's crazy how fast summer is going and I certainly do not want to hurry any of it away, but just a reminder that we will be open again for the Olcott Beach Car Show on Saturday, August 30th from 12-5 pm, so make sure you stop in and say hello! As well as our normal weekend hours we will also be open on Monday, September 1st from 12-5pm for Labor Day. Our hours for September are extended this year. We will be open all of September on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-5 pm. On Saturday October 4th from 12-3 pm we will be open and all decorated for Halloween to celebrate Boo-Nanza with the Lakeview Village Shoppes. There will be trick or treats, and the "Trick or Treat Trolley" will be there to take the kids through town to different stops to trick or treat.

The Cabin will then close until we get our visit from the big guy from the North Pole on December 7th. Bring the kids to see Santa at the Cabin from 12-5 pm to tell him their Christmas wishes, get a stocking, and a treat. Again, this year we will be collecting for the Peanut Butter and Jelly fund drive, so if you can donate to give a helping hand it is much appreciated. Dress warm as there is always a wait outside to get into the Cabin and you never know what the weather will bring!

As always if anyone has anything they would like to donate to Ye Olde Log Cabin for permanent or on loan display, please contact Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887.

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

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## THE LATEST VAN HORN MANSION NEWS

Newfane's historic 200-year-old estate welcomes guests from all over the U.S. and Canada who enjoy learning about Newfane and the rich history of former Mansion residents.

### **Christmas at the Van Horn Mansion**

Our most popular seasonal event was our 2nd Christmas Open House which hosted hundreds of visitors. Ticket holders have great fun wandering the mansion and discovering a different old-fashioned Christmas game or activity in each room. This event is returning in December and we'd love to have you join us! We'll have more details in late summer.

### **Fundraising and Improvements**

As a living history museum, we are always refreshing and redesigning our many historical displays. As an event center, the estate is receiving upgrades and new equipment to boost the quality of service we offer to everyone who books a private event. Work began in 2023 and we are now focused on electrical updates, new appliances and rental amenities. We have raised over \$45,000 thanks to our generous donors, to whom we are sincerely grateful, and we were very fortunate to receive a matching grant from the Grigg-Lewis Foundation. We are so thankful for their support, and for everyone who is coming together to invest in the future of the Van Horn Mansion.

### **Sunday Tours of the Van Horn Mansion**

June to August | Sundays, 1-4 pm About 90 minutes / \$5.00  
Enjoy a guided tour as you deep dive into the history of the estate and former residents. Open to the public.

### **Donate**

If you would like to donate to the Van Horn Mansion to help keep it a mainstay attraction of Newfane, use these options:

- Donate online through our PayPal link: [bit.ly/VHMansion](https://bit.ly/VHMansion)
- Use Venmo @NewfaneHistory (charity account)
- or mail a check to Newfane Historical Society: P.O. Box 115, Newfane, NY 14108 (subject line "Van Horn")

### **Membership**

We're always seeking volunteers who love history and supporting local tourism. It's affordable and easy. To become a member, to volunteer, or book the mansion for your event visit [NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com](https://NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com).

## Newfane/Olcott Beach Welcomes You! Tourism Board Newsletter | August – November Edition

There's something magical about Newfane and Olcott Beach — and it's not just the sunsets over Lake Ontario. It's the warm smiles, historic charm, and buzzing events that make our Town a must-visit spot. The Newfane/Olcott Beach Tourism Board is hard at work helping to share that magic with visitors from near and far.

### Why Do We Love Visitors?

Great question! Welcoming tourists brings some very real benefits to our community:

-  **Economic Boost:** From cozy inns and beachside shops to local diners and artisans — every tourist dollar supports our small businesses and fuels the local economy.
-  **Cultural Enrichment:** Visitors are drawn to history, arts, and events. Their interest encourages us to preserve historic sites and host memorable festivals.
-  **Community Investment:** Revenue from tourism helps maintain our parks, improve public spaces, and create events that both visitors and locals can enjoy.

### Working Behind the Scenes

Our dedicated Tourism Board volunteers have contributed over 1,000 hours this year alone! They've helped publish the Town Visitor Guide, run the Lakeview Village Shoppes, manage our online calendar, appear on local broadcasts, and organize much-loved events like the Olcott Gazebo Concert Series and the Friday Wine & Music Nights.

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### Fall Fun You Won't Want to Miss

As the leaves start to turn, our calendar is packed with cozy, colorful, and downright fun activities. Mark your calendars!

#### Ongoing Through Fall:

-  **Lakeview Village Shoppes** – Open daily through Labor Day, then weekends through October. [Facebook.com/lakeviewvillageshoppes](https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewvillageshoppes)
-  **Olcott Beach Carousel Park** – Open Fridays–Sundays, 12–6 PM through Labor Day
-  **Sunday Olcott Gazebo Concerts** – Every Sunday, 2–4 PM, through September
-  **Wine & Music** – Friday nights in August and 1–4 PM Saturdays in September
-  **Ye Olde Log Cabin** – Open Friday to Sunday until Labor Day, then weekends through Oct. 31

#### Save These Dates:

-  **August 12, 6–10 PM** – *Park After Dark Fundraiser* at Olcott Beach Carousel Park
-  **August 20 & 27, 7 PM** – *Free Movie Nights* at Olcott Beach Carousel Park
-  **September 27** – *Scarecrow Contest* returns to the Lakeview Village Shoppes!
-  **September 28** – *Apple Harvest Festival* at the Newfane Historical Society at West Creek Historical Site
-  **October 4** – *Autumn Boo-nanza* + the Treat Trolley rolls into Olcott!
-  **October 10** – *Spiritual & Metaphysical Faire* at Lakeview Village Shoppes
-  **October 18** – *Fall Carnival* at Lakeview Village Shoppes
-  **Mid–Late October (Fri/Sat)** – *Candlelight Tours* at the Van Horn Mansion
-  **Nov. 16, 23 & 30** – *Holiday Tours* at the Van Horn Mansion

 *Want more?* Visit our full 2025 events calendar at [www.olcott-newfane.com](http://www.olcott-newfane.com)

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### Meet Your Tourism Board

Big thanks to the volunteers who make it all happen:

Gina Guido-Redden (Chair), Barb Miller, Jane Voelpel, Jim Sansone, Ann Schulze, Janet Steggles, Stella Tothill Wilson, Cate Banks-Orr, Kris DeGlopper Banks, Christine Kelemen, Karen Young (Lakeview Liaison & Social Media), and Pete Robinson (Town Council Liaison)

*Story submitted by Janet Steggles*

## VETERANS NEWS ... From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

**New Post Officers Sworn In for 2025-2026:** The following Legionaries were sworn in as this year's leaders for the Newfane Post in by Kathryn Kiddle, Past Department of New York Vice Commander for 7th and 8th Districts. Congratulations to the incoming elected officers ....

Post Commander – Stanley Johnson

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Christopher Kankiewicz

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – John Burnett

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Don Peace

Treasurer – Ricci Hoffer

Sergeant At Arms – Brian Schultz

Chaplain – Ricky Ostrom

Adjutant – Pamela Rider

Historian – Ricci Hoffer

**Newfane High School Seniors Entering Military Service:** The Post proudly handed out certificates of commendation for military service to **Maggie Quattrini** (US Navy ROTC), **Ella Tower** (Army National Guard), **Peyton Mangione** (US Navy). Blue Star Banners were also presented signifying a family has a member serving in the Armed Forces. Congratulations on joining a proud American tradition.

**Lester Oakes Memorial American History Scholarship:** The Post awarded the 2025 scholarship of \$500 to **Kendall Hoffer** during the Newfane High School's Academic Awards Night ceremony.

**Newfane American Legion Post 873 Auxiliary Scholarships:** The Auxiliary Unit awarded two scholarships during the Newfane High School's Academic Awards Night ceremony. This year's awardees are **Lydia Lamont and Kendall Hoffer**.

The Lester Oakes Memorial Scholarship and Auxiliary scholarships are available to college or trade school bound Newfane students who have a parent or guardian that is a Veteran (including National Guard and Reserve). For details about the scholarship and its scholastic and community requirements, please see a Post or Auxiliary member or your Newfane High School guidance counselor.



*Auxiliary Unit member Sheila Flanagan with scholarship winners Lydia Lamont and Kendall Hoffer*

**Fundraising Raffles:** Post members will be at various community events selling our annual raffle tickets. This year's raffles include a Wagon Load of Cheer (Liquor and Wine), Lottery Board (Scratch-offs and \$50 bill), and a handmade patriotic quilt (throw size). Tickets are \$2 for the separate raffles and all funds raised support the Post's community service programs. See us at our booth, ask a Post member, or give us a call to purchase tickets. The winners will be drawn on September 14th at the conclusion of the Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival.

**American Legion Boys State and Empire Girls State:** The American Legion Auxiliary's **Girls State** is a summer workshop that provides high school Juniors across the State the opportunity to create and govern a 51st mythical state. They learn the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship in this week-long, hands-on experience in government. **Kalynn Stern and Roxy Smith** were chosen by the Newfane Auxiliary Unit to attend this year's program held at SUNY Brockport. The Auxiliary selects attendees after considering their scholastic achievements, leadership, character, honesty and physical fitness

American Legion **Boys' State** is a week-long program that immerses high school youth (currently completing their junior year) in citizenship and leadership training. They learn the practical aspects of government as it exists in New York State, and come to recognize that the individual is integral to the character and success of government. They also participate in physical fitness, teamwork and other activities under the guidance of American Legion counselors and U.S. Marines. The Newfane Post had no applicants for this year's program, but continues to seek candidates for Boys' State that is held at SUNY Morrisville.

**Charter Members of Newfane American Legion Post 873 Honored:** The veterans who formed the Newfane Post American Legion were recently honored on the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Post's charter on July 25<sup>th</sup>. To honor these charter members and World War I Veterans, and in grateful recognition to the 12 veterans from Newfane who died in their country's service during World War I, the bugle call TAPS was simultaneously played at the recently dedicated National World War 1 Memorial, formerly Pershing Park in Washington, DC, and at the Newfane Veterans Memorial Park on Main St.

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## Life in Newfane is Closely Linked to the Erie Canal

This year's Erie Canal Bicentennial celebration highlights the profoundly significant influence the canal had on growth and development in Newfane, just as it did in Lockport and surrounding communities. In fact, life and times in this part of New York State would not resemble what we have today if it were not for the grand old Erie Canal. Many of the pioneers and families that were drawn to Lockport and Niagara to participate in building the canal and its later expansions would eventually buy homes, start businesses and turn to farming in Newfane. And once the canal was built, thousands more would take advantage of the speed and ease of travel the canal offered to move west across America, many choosing to settle, work and raise families in Newfane and area towns.

Prior to the Erie Canal's opening in 1824, Newfane had not yet gained its name or identity and its population was only two to three hundred people. During Newfane's first years of settlement beginning in 1807, westward bound pioneers had no choice but to trek from the east with their belongings on ox carts – an arduous, life-threatening journey that would take months. Through the canal's early years, Newfane's population would grow to about 1,450 by 1830 and to over 3,000 by the time of the Civil War, when railroads began supplementing travel.

Canal packet boats laden with job seekers, adventurers, families and their belongings brought thousands of people, many of them immigrants, from Albany to Buffalo over several decades. Travelers were often heading farther west, but many were destined for Niagara County where work was plentiful, or they were joining other family members that had already set roots. Many had heard that the Niagara Frontier was a place with prime farmland and rich soils where they could establish a stable life for their families.

In later years, folks from this area would use the canal to return east to visit family or attend college. Former Newfane teacher, the late Mary Miles, wrote in the *Union-Sun and Journal* about her childhood living on the canal in Lockport and travelling to Albany. "What fun it was seeing all the sights along the way, stopping at so many interesting places and greeting so many people."

In addition to people moving west, the Erie Canal quickly became a trading and market network, transporting goods and products, particularly lumber, that was shipped east to supply the burgeoning growth along the Atlantic coast. Newfane and Niagara were densely forested before settlers arrived and lumber was the area's largest trading commodity in the early 1800s. Much of the logging from Newfane occurred on the Eighteen Mile, Keg and Hopkins creeks and was shipped east on Lake Ontario, but large quantities of timber from the region were sent east on the canal.

As people settled along the canal over the decades and businesses thrived, many looked to Newfane and Olcott as both an opportunity and retreat.

Lake Ontario and its recreational resources would draw folks from across the region, peaking in the early 1900s with the historic development of the Lockport-Olcott trolley and the Olcott Beach Hotel. The trolley brought thousands of people to Olcott every summer weekend for outings, picnics and good times - and the hotel was a centerpiece that became today's Krull Park. Generations of residents and visitors to Newfane can trace their roots to family members who arrived to live and work in Western New York because of the Erie Canal. A look at the census records or a visit to local cemeteries will confirm there is more than an obvious match among the family names found in Newfane and Olcott to those in Lockport.

The watershed of the Eighteen-Mile Creek extends into Lockport where the creek was routed underneath the canal and performs a large role in the canal's drainage and water management. Downstream businesses on the Eighteen-Mile Creek, including Newfane's lumber and grist mills (pictured below), were significantly impacted by how water was used and released to the creek. Not all canal water passes through or is needed to operate the Lockport locks; excess upstream flow drops at the locks or bypasses the locks on a channel or raceway that parallels the locks. This excess water proved to be a valuable resource that could produce power and handsome profits for businesses that were positioned on the raceway. Obtaining rights to access this waterpower and its benefits created substantial commercial competition and it took intricate political wrangling to succeed. To assure reliable water flows to the creek, Newfane businesses had to form the *Lockport and Newfane Mill Owners Association* to negotiate state rights and permits to maintain strong and consistent water flow to power their mills.



The extensive business and manufacturing development that centered around Lockport and the canal became a lasting and dominating influence on Newfane's future. Industries that first started near the canal in Lockport would eventually settle in Newfane, including the Lockport Felt Company and Cocker (Oldam) Saw, and Lockport firms such as Harrison Radiator, Simonds Steel, and the Upson Company were the principal employers of Newfane residents for decades.

### VETERANS NEWS *continued...*

**Your American Flag:** If your flag is tattered, worn or faded, give the Post a call as we have American made flags made of various materials in stock for purchase. A portion of the purchase helps fund the Post's activities supporting veterans and their family members.

**Western New York VA Cemetery's Avenue of Flags:** The entrance to the cemetery in Genesee County that leads to the main flagpole is lined with interment flags (flags that draped veterans' caskets or accompanied their urns). These flags are donated by families to honor their loved ones' service and sacrifice. The Avenue of Flags is typically displayed annually from Armed Forces Day (third Saturday in May) to the Saturday after Veterans Day. Once the flag becomes unserviceable, another takes its place and it is retired in a dignified manner. If you have an interment flag that you would like to donate you can contact the cemetery or contact the Newfane Post to facilitate the donation.

**Post Meetings:** Our meetings are held in the Community Center behind the Town Hall at 7:00 pm (6 pm in December and June) on the second Monday of every month. We welcome all guests to come out, meet your Post and see what the American Legion can do for you, your Veteran and what we continue to do for Newfane!!!

## Newfane Golden Agers

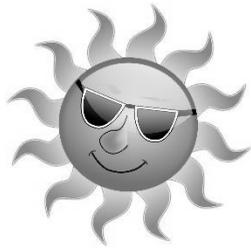
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 10 am to 2pm  
at the Town Hall Community Room

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

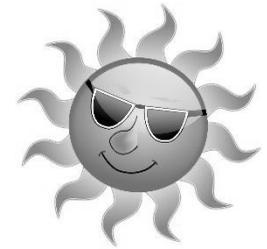
Lunch at 12:00 pm – Buffet \$3.25, or bring your own  
Buffet by Niagara Nutrition Services/Office for the Agi  
New members, please call 716-438-4031 for meal or  
Attorney services available once per month -  
Email: [OFA@niagaracounty.com](mailto:OFA@niagaracounty.com) to schedule

**For more Information, contact Judy Dold at 716-778-7489**

### 2025 Officers



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



JUNE, 2025

### NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

Hello Newfane Residents! We have had a strange Spring... Cold, Windy, Rainy, Hot and Sultry. Hopefully by the time you receive this Newsletter, the weather will have settled into a more normal pattern. Our gardens have flourished; however, the high temps and winds have played havoc with the more sensitive plants such as Poppies and Roses.

We toured the Sun Orchard apple Packing Plant in April. It was amazing to see how automated the packing process is. They still employ many people to monitor the machines and move the packed boxes. At the May meeting we explored drying flowers in the microwave and decoupage them onto a candle holder.

We enjoyed fresh strawberry shortcake at the June meeting and made Lavender air freshener spray. In July we visited the Park Lane Lily gardens. Many hours of work go into keeping their gardens neat and we had the pleasure of enjoying their beauty and picking some to plant at our homes.

We have the following activities planned: August - Making a beaded garden decoration. September - We are planning a tour of a local garden or farm. October - Making fall flower arrangements for the Newfane Nursing Home. November - We have contacted Cornell Cooperative Extension for a speaker. Complete plans for these activities have not been finalized, so be sure to check with our contacts to confirm our monthly meeting plans if you would like to join us.

We do not meet in December because of the many holiday activities.

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, Barb Reabold at 716-778-7198.

**"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."**

Alfred Austin



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

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



**Buffalo & Western New York**

**WNY PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**MONTHLY**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> WED** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Niagara Falls (6:30 - 8:00pm)
- 2<sup>ND</sup> THU** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP\*  
Online (7:00 - 8:30pm)
- 3<sup>RD</sup> WED** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Amherst (7:00 - 8:30pm)
- 3<sup>RD</sup> THU** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Hamburg (7:00 - 8:30pm)
- 3<sup>RD</sup> THU** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Lockport (6:30 - 8:00pm)
- 4<sup>TH</sup> THU** FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP  
Buffalo (6:30 - 8:00pm)

**FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CLASS\***  
 CALL TODAY! Call (716) 226-6264 or email [online@namibuffalony.org](mailto:online@namibuffalony.org) for information on our next class.

\*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ONLINE GROUPS & FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CLASSES  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER email us at [online@namibuffalony.org](mailto:online@namibuffalony.org)

**About Our Programs**



Facilitated, confidential support for family members and caregivers concerned about and/or caring for a person with mental illness. Leaders are trained NAMI members who have lived family experience with a loved one’s struggles with mental illness. Groups are available both on a drop-in basis at community locations and through virtual sessions.



A 9-week class for adult family and caregivers of a loved one who has mental illness. This is the evidence-based signature program of NAMI National and provides a confidential, personal setting for family members to share their experiences and gain support, knowledge, and insight. Family-to-Family is led by two NAMI-trained volunteers who have personally experienced the challenges of caring for a loved one living with mental illness.

**Our Mission**

Families compassionately helping families of loved ones challenged by mental illness

**Our Vision**

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**For Other Meetings - <https://www.nar-anon.org/find-a-meeting>**

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## What is that bus that drives around town?



Connect Niagara is the new bus service that has replaced the former Niagara Rural Transportation service. There are new routes and better connectivity. The premise behind this bus service is to better connect more of the county, including free transfers to connecting routes and NFTA Metro buses.

Available Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. 4 buses cover 5 routes

Blue Route – Niagara Falls/Lockport

Gold Route – Lockport/Middleport/Gasport

**Green Route – Lockport/Newfane/Barker**

Purple Route – Lewiston/Porter/Wilson/Cambria

Red Route – North Tonawanda/Wheatfield/Niagara/Niagara Falls/Lewiston

The best thing – if you are within three quarters of a mile of the bus route, and you can call the day before, the bus will come to you for pick up and drop off.

Fees: \$2 on route -- \$4 for off route services (if you are within ¾ of a mile of the bus route and you call the day before)



**Need a ride?**

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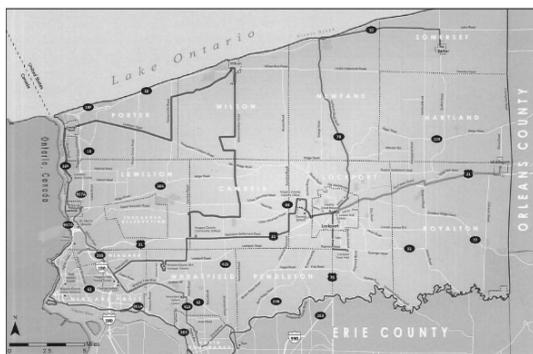
**(716) 282-8544**

**Monday - Friday**

(except for legal holidays)

**Find Brochures with Route Maps and Schedules at the Town Hall!**

Route Maps and Schedules are online – Search ‘Connect Niagara Bus Schedule’



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The Newfane Business Association uses your support to help improve the appearance of Newfane's Main Street business district with flowers, murals, banners, an information kiosk and more. NBA also sponsors the Holiday Light Up, our website, the Wednesday Concerts at the Gazebo and advertising. Your support is much appreciated.



**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brief Description of Business:

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Annual Dues: \$50. Do you need a decal? \_\_\_\_\_



Beautiful weather greeted visitors and residents enjoying Lake Ontario this Summer



Newfane residents gathered for the Annual Patriot Parade in Olcott on July 4th



Flags proudly displayed on the harbor bridge



Olcott Beach Carousel Park was ready for Pirate Fest!



The 4th of July Kids Parade was full of families and festivities



Keybank's team of volunteers repainted Olcott's Gazebo



In June, \$8,000 was raised at the Newfane Lions Race Against Hunger 5K & Fun Run to benefit the community's two Food Pantries!



Newfane Music students performed at the Gazebo on Main Street



Congratulations to the champion Newfane Girls Basketball Team!

Special thanks to photographer Rich Leader