

Town of Newfane

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SUPERVISOR JOHN SYRACUSE

AUGUST 2026

Featuring Guest View submitted by Mike Taheri of Olcott

Let's be Thankful for Newfane and its Splendor

As summer continues to move forward in Newfane, I always count my blessings for the many wonderful people, experiences and opportunities that exist in our community. With all the chaos and uncertainty that exists in the world, now is a wonderful time to look around our community and experience all that it has to offer. Let's be grateful for all our town offers its residents and visitors.

For example, summer is beautiful in Newfane given the large number of gardens that dot so many of the neighborhood homes with beautiful colors and are so well manicured. What a joy to walk down the street and see people chatting and enjoying a summer stroll.

Many of us have also shared a nice walk in our tree lined Krull park which is exquisitely maintained and has had plenty of family gatherings this summer in its shelters while also offering youngsters a series of playgrounds and a splash pad that is always clean and operating. Our parks are clean, updated and well maintained by an excellent and conscientious parks department.



No doubt a walk around Olcott Beach community on a Friday in the Summer with music playing would be difficult to beat anywhere in the county. People eating ice cream, enjoying the shops and a nice selection of music. And you can enjoy a sunset while sitting next to our lighthouse on a grassy hill overlooking Lake Ontario. The Olcott Carousel Park is a world class family destination.

Newfane has a wonderful local government that is responsive in every possible way to the needs of the citizens. All of the departments in my experience are responsive to any concern raised by a citizen. We also have a wonderful business district that has some fine shops and always has something going on in the summer at the gazebo on Main Street.

We are also blessed to have such a wonderful farming community that provides fresh produce for all of us to enjoy in the summer and cold months of winter. They certainly contribute to the physical and mental health of our community.

Our residents are always ready to help a member of this community in need of help. Our residents are always ready to support someone who has suffered a tragedy and needs some assistance. One need only look at the fundraisers and chicken dinners offered at our local churches which are frequently supporting a person or special community need. Newfane residents are here for each other.

At the end of the day, I think it would be very difficult to find a more enjoyable, pleasant and deeply caring community than Newfane. Let's continue to work together and grow as a community.

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Newfane, NY 14108



New York State Assembly Assembly District 144

Paul A. Bologna

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The result? Higher rates

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

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

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

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

The ripple effects extend beyond your monthly bill. Housing experts estimate current electrification mandates could add tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of building a single-family home.

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

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Niagara Co. Legislature
14th District Legislator
Shawn Foti

Happy Summer to Newfane and the entire 14th District. Both the temperature and excitement have been heating up the past few months. I hope everyone enjoyed their July 4th celebrations.

Niagara County has many more special events planned to commemorate our 250th anniversary as a nation but also to recognize the brave men and women who have served in our military. August 1st - 2nd at Fort Niagara will be Niagara County's official America 250 celebration featuring musical performances, reenactments, living-history programs, and a spectacular drone show on Saturday night. Olcott Beach Community Association will be hosting many great events around Olcott and Krull Park all summer, including a special visit by Theodore Roosevelt in September. Kenan Center in Lockport is hosting an interactive art exhibit honoring Vietnam War veterans called "I Was There: Unknown Stories of Vietnam". They offer special private viewing for local Vietnam Veterans and various live-programming through Sept 20th. I encourage residents to visit this incredible exhibit and all other wonderful events dedicated to celebrating America 250.

As Chairman of the counties Infrastructure Committee, I am constantly advocating for maximum investment in our parks, roads, municipal buildings, and water district. Krull Park continues to see increased visitation and Parks department has allocated more resources to respond. Oppenheim, Burmaster (Bond Lake), Royalton Ravine, and Krull, have all seen major upgrades over the past 2 years and we are not done. Roadwork is ongoing across the entire district, along with major bridge repairs on Ewings Rd. in 2026, Carmen and Wilson-Burt in 2027. Niagara County Department of Health has moved in to two new facilities in Lockport. Mental Health is at the corner of Transit and Summit St. Public Health is on Stevens St (former Cornerstone Bank Bldg). This fall, our Department of Public Works will move in to a new administration bldg. located at their facility on Oakhurt St. These new facilities help consolidate our departments, saves money, and offers more accessibility to residents for services.

Summer of 2026 offers many opportunities to enjoy our region and special events to celebrate America 250. I want to thank all of our local volunteer organizations for their extraordinary efforts. They are the backbone of our community and a huge reason why we see positive progress. Niagara County faces many challenges over the next 6 months but all departments and resources are working together in order to provide the best possible outcomes for our residents.

Bologna continued...

You cannot claim to fight inflation while driving up the cost of energy and construction at the same time.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

The state legislature wrapped up the 2026 legislative session in early June and like any other session, there are some good bills to highlight, and some not so good bills that passed. the state

legislature On a positive note, there is great news for Niagara County hunters- both the Senate and Assembly passed Senate Bill S.9302 which will allow the continuation of hunting big game by rifle. The past two years have proven that Niagara County hunters have responsibly enjoyed the additional option to hunt deer and bear with rifles, and this should continue for many years to come. The bill now awaits the governor's signature.

Thanks to pressure from Senate Republicans, we were able to delay the out-of-touch and unfunded mandates regarding electric school buses and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). To place the financial burden of these 'green scam' mandates on taxpayers is simply unacceptable, and while downstate radical environmentalists continue to push for them, my conference held firm and was able to push for delays in their implementation.

Affordability was a big buzzword for politicians this year. However, the word affordability must mean something different to my Democrat colleagues in the state legislature. This year's state budget came in at a whopping \$277 Billion. That's up \$23 Billion from last year, and does the exact opposite of making New York more affordable. Democrat state lawmakers voted to increase spending, raise taxes, and ignored the calls from the GOP to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse within our Medicaid system that is scamming ratepayers out of billions of dollars each year.

The Senate GOP agenda was focused on public safety and making our state more affordable. To let New Yorkers keep more of their hard-earned money, the GOP advanced the largest personal income tax cut in state history. Had the majority taken our lead, working families would have seen nearly \$5,000 put back into their pockets.

To deal with out-of-control utility bills, Senate Republicans advanced legislation to return \$3 billion in NYSEDA's green energy slush fund directly back to ratepayers, as well as bills to eliminate the system benefits surcharge, provide for a utility tax holiday, and suspend state sales tax on gasoline as prices at the pump continue to rise. Each of these proposals would have provided immediate relief to New Yorkers.

And when it comes to public safety, our conference continued our call to eliminate sanctuary policies that endanger New Yorkers, roll back ill-conceived criminal justice laws that have created a revolving door of criminals, and advocated for the PROTECT Act to establish a dangerousness standard to provide more judicial discretion.

With the session over, I'm glad to be back in Senate District 62 and able to focus on what matters most as your representative - attending local events and getting out into the community and meeting with folks. If there is ever any questions you have, or need help with something, do not hesitate to reach out to my district office at (716) 434-0680 or through email at ortt@nysenate.gov



The Newfane United Methodist Church Sunday School is excited to begin its new year on Sunday, September 13 during the church service (9:30-10:30am).

Our program is designed for children ages 3 and up and focuses on connecting biblical lessons and stories to the real-life experiences, hardships, and values children face today. Through engaging lessons, crafts, games, and activities, students learn important morals and values in a fun and welcoming environment.

Throughout the year, students participate in several special events, including the annual Christmas Pageant. At the conclusion of the school year, the Sunday School students also lead and direct an entire church service for the congregation.

Older students are encouraged to assist with lessons and activities, providing them with leadership opportunities, volunteer hours, and valuable teaching experience for those interested in education or working with children in the future. We are also seeking students, typically in grades 6–8, who may be interested in beginning the Confirmation process.

Bike Rodeo -- This summer, the Sunday School and Niagara County Sheriff's will co-sponsor a community Bike Rodeo on August 19 (4pm-6pm), which is open to all children in the community.



Building Faith



Through Christ

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2730 Transit Road Newfane, NY 14108
(716) 778-7981

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWFANE

6047 East Avenue, Newfane, NY 14108

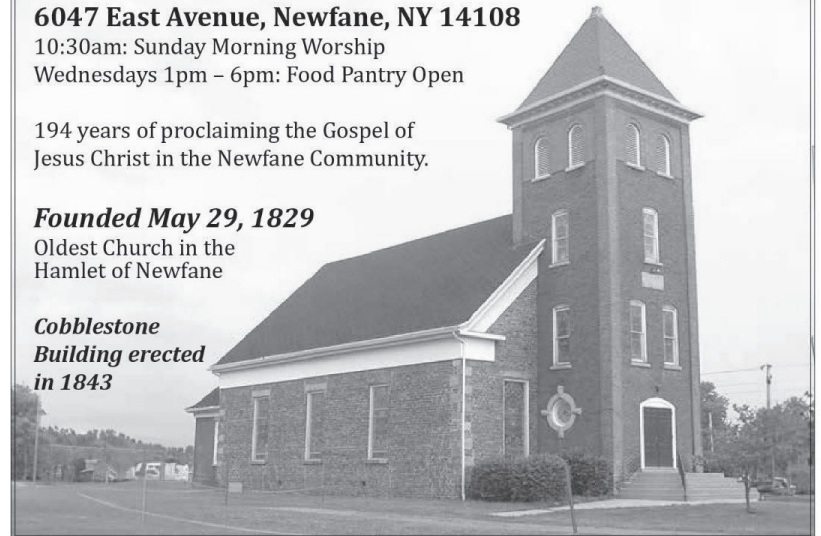
10:30am: Sunday Morning Worship
Wednesdays 1pm – 6pm: Food Pantry Open

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



GOOD NEWS!
WE GOT APPROVED TO
FEED KIDS THIS SUMMER!

OPEN TO
ALL CHILDREN

FREE SUMMER MEALS

Pre-K through 12th Grade!

Students from any school district are welcome!

HEALTHY MEALS. HAPPY KIDS. ALL SUMMER LONG!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
JUST STOP BY AND ENJOY A FREE, NUTRITIOUS MEAL!

COME EAT WITH US THIS SUMMER!

DATES:
June 29 – August 28
No meals on July 3 due to the holiday

TIME:
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Monday–Friday except July 3rd

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

IMPORTANT:
Meals must be consumed on-site.

QUESTIONS?
716-778-7011

United Methodist Church • 2699 Main Street, Newfane, NY 14108 • 716-778-7011



GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

6023 Dutton Place
Newfane, NY 14108

716-778-9081
grace@gbcnewfane.com

Newfane's Community Food Pantries



On Tuesday's at St Brenden's Church

The Newfane Community Food Pantry is located at 3455 Ewings Road at the south end of St. Brendan's Church. The pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm. All those living within the Newfane Central School District that need a helping hand may call on Tuesday for an appointment that day. Our phone number is 716-638-4245.

The NCFP has been serving the community for approximately 45 years. The passion to help others continues to this day. Many loving hands and hearts are still in action. Our volunteers are the backbone of this organization. We are always looking for new volunteers that are willing and able to spend a few hours a month in the pantry to help with stocking shelves, packing food bags and organizing. Please come in and give us a try.

In August we conduct our annual Back Pack Sharing. It is open to all students in the Newfane School District from grade K thru 12. The distribution dates are Tuesday August 18th from 10 am to 3 pm and August 25th from 10 am to 3 pm in St Brendans Church Hall. Please come to the far north end of the church building and enter thru the kitchen door. We encourage all parents to bring their children with them to pick out their own special backpack.

Anyone wishing to make a donation of a full size backpack or monetary donation is greatly appreciated. If sending a check, please specify "backpack sharing" and mail to Newfane Community Food Pantry 3455 Ewings Road PO Box 87 Newfane, NY 14108.

Due to the next Town Newsletter coming out December 1st, we wanted to give everyone a heads up on our Christmas Food Sharing in December. The annual Christmas Day of Food Sharing recertification and sign up will be held on Friday December 4th from 10 am – 3 pm and Saturday December 5th from 10 am – 4 pm. There are no appointments needed. Please come during the assigned times. You must bring proof of ID for all persons in the household and proof of residency in order to get a time and number for the Food Sharing Day on Wednesday December 16th.

Finally and most importantly, we are thankful for the Newfane Community which has been supporting the NCFP for 45 years. The pantry has a continuous turnover of food and we could not carry on this mission of helping to feed those in need without the generous help of the whole community. We are certainly blessed.

For further assistance or questions, please call Wreatha Harvey @ 716-807-7451 or Kathy Phillips @ 716-433-2499.



On Wednesday's at the First Baptist Church

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

Originally the Food Pantry was located in Olcott and had served the Migrant Ministries. It was then relocated to The First Baptist Church in Newfane, where today it not only takes care of the migrants and their families, who come to work 011 the local farms, but has expanded to assisting the families in the community that are in need of food.

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

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

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

Submitted by Edna Wolff



BLOOD DRIVES

Newfane Community Center

2737 Main St., Newfane

Monday, August 24th 11 am – 5 pm

Give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email

Terms: rcblood.org/August

Monday, October 19th 11 am – 5 pm

POWER RED DONORS NEEDED!!! One donation, twice the power. A Power Red donation lets you safely give two units of red blood in a single visit, doubling your ability to save lives when every second counts

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

Appointments Preferred

ID Required

News from the Town Clerks Office

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



FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2026

Saturday, September 12 Town of Lockport Highway Department
9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon 6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport
Saturday, December 5 North Tonawanda Public Works Dept
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

NO WALK-INS - APPOINTMENTS ARE MANDATORY!
THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 9:00 AM MONDAY (TUES-
DAY IF IT'S A HOLIDAY) PRIOR TO EACH CLINIC ONLINE AT:
WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/RABIESCLINIC

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

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!

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

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

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

THE FEES FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

Jeff Newman - 807-6270 - constable.newman@townofnewfaneny.gov
Ken Nerber - 940-5497 - constable.nerber@townofnewfaneny.gov
Joe Flagler - 998-1041 - constable.flagler@townofnewfaneny.gov

Dog License Application for Unlicensed Dogs or Overdue License
List additional dogs on a separate sheet of paper

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

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 im-
portant 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!

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

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



PRESRIPTION MEDICINE MAIL BACK

The Town Clerk's office offers pre-paid envelopes
for UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD MEDICINES. The
envelope is addressed and pre-paid. All you have to
do is fill it and pop it in the mail!!

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.

*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 IN 2026:

- * September 26th
* November 11th

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

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

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

Cooking with the Clerks

String Beans (or small haricots verts), 1 pound
Ripe Tomatoes, 6
Dijon Mustard, 1 tablespoon
Wine Vinegar (red), 2 tablespoons
Shallots (finely chopped, or green onions), 4 tablespoons
Garlic (finely chopped), 1 tablespoon
Olive Oil, 4 tablespoons
Salt And Freshly Ground Pepper, add to taste
Basil (coarsely chopped), 4 tablespoons

Step 1: Trim ends of beans and leave them whole.

Step 2 Drop beans into a saucepan with salted boiling water. Cook until crisp tender, about 3 to 5 minutes according to the size of the beans. Do not overcook. Drain and let cool.

Step 3: Cut the core of each tomato and cut it into wedges.

Step 4: In a salad bowl, add mustard, vinegar, shallots, garlic, oil, salt and pepper and blend with a wire whisk. Add beans and tomatoes, toss well. Sprinkle with basil.

Red, White, and Blue Berry Salad

1 Pound strawberries, trimmed and quartered (about 2 cups)
5 Medium bananas, sliced thin (about 1 cup)
5 – 6 Ounces blueberries (about 1 cup)
1/2 Cup chopped pecans or sliced almonds (optional)
Dressing Ingredients:
1/3 cup sour cream
1 – 2 tablespoons sugar, adjust to taste
1/2 tsp vanilla extract or vanilla bean paste

Whisk together the sour cream, sugar, and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. Taste and adjust the sugar as desired for sweetness. Add the strawberries, bananas, blueberries, and optional nuts) to the bowl. Stir well to coat. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve. Enjoy!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

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

You Can Now Properly Dispose Your American Flag at the Newfane Town Hall

The American Legion, Newfane Post 873, has graciously supplied a FLAG RETIREMENT BIN inside the Newfane Town Hall!

Any American flag, or others, that are showing wear and tear, that need proper disposal, can be placed in the new bin ... located inside the NORTH door of the Town Hall.



Olcott Swimming Beach

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

Thursday to Sunday: 12pm-7pm

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

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

Why Property Assessments Change

An assessment change in New York State occurs when a property's assessed value is updated on the tentative assessment roll due to physical improvements also known as “inventory changes”. These changes include: additions, renovations and improvements to the property. An assessment change also occurs when there is a municipal-wide reassessment or revaluation of properties to ensure equalization or uniformity among all parcels. A change can also occur when zoning is modified or there is an eligible exemption.

All assessment changes must be applied uniformly. A property assessment change cannot be based solely on its recent sale price. What you pay for a property can be used in a comparable sales analysis, but the sales price does not always change a property assessment.

The normal duty of the assessor is to update the assessment roll in ways that reflect changes to inventory. This ensures uniformity of equal and fair assessments for all. Inventory changes and assessment changes are initiated by building permits and/or the discovery of an improvement that occurred without a building permit.

General maintenance of your property will typically not change your assessment, but you need to apply for a building permit, or talk with the Building Inspector, when you make improvements – it ensures the work is undertaken safely and complies with building codes.

Common Reasons for Assessment Changes

- **Physical Changes:** Additions, new construction, renovations, or demolition of buildings. These changes affect the fair market value of your property.
- **Revaluation/Update:** Municipal-wide or class-wide reassessments to align with market values, often resulting in updated "uniform percentage" assessments.



- **Change in Use or Zoning:** Alterations in property classification or usage.
- **Disaster/Destruction:** Significant damage that reduce the property's fair market value; an example of this is a fire. If you experience a fire, please notify the Assessor's office as soon as possible

March 1st is Taxable Status Date

The property tax bill you pay in January is based on the inventory status of your property as of March 1st of the preceding year. We pay taxes in arrears.

Let's say your house burns down in November of 2026. That darn tax bill show's up in January. That bill is based on the value of your home on March 1st 2026.

Now let's say you added a 20-foot by 10-foot addition and the work was completed on March 3rd 2025. The increase of your assessment will not be reflected in your taxes until the September 2026 school tax and January 2027 property tax bills.

Selective Assessing vs Fair Assessing

The Real Property Tax Law (see Sections 301 and 305) requires assessors to assess all real property at a uniform percentage of market value each year.

Not surprisingly, some taxpayers may believe they have been selectively reassessed. Selective reassessment is characterized by a municipality that is not performing a municipal-wide reassessment, yet specific parcels, various portions of an assessing unit, or certain types of property are reassessed without

From the Building Inspector's Office

The following information is provided by Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer **David Schmidt**:

Effective **January 1, 2026**, the Town of Newfane Building Department is enforcing the **2025 New York State Building Code**. We appreciate your patience as we continue to implement the new state regulations, along with applicable Town and Niagara County requirements.

A **building permit is required** before any person may erect, construct, alter, move, demolish, or begin work on any building or structure within the Town of Newfane. Please obtain your building permit from the Building Inspector before starting any project.

Before submitting a building permit application, contact the Building Department for information regarding required setbacks, permitted structure size, height restrictions, and other applicable regulations.

If you are planning to open a new business, please contact the Building Inspector before opening. An inspection of the premises is required to verify compliance with all applicable building and town codes. Once all requirements have been met and a **Certificate of Occupancy** has been issued, your business may open.

If you have an outstanding building permit, remember to schedule all required inspections with the Building Inspector. Final inspections are necessary to close your permit and obtain a **Certificate of Occupancy** or **Certificate of Compliance**, as applicable.

David Schmidt

Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer

Office: (716) 778-5947, ext. 106

Cell: (716) 954-2030

Fax: (716) 638-4261

Email: building.inspector@townofnewfaneny.gov

Assessor's continued...

regard to the relative uniformity of assessments within the municipality. Re-assessment based on a sale price falls into this category. In New York State, this practice is called “Welcome Stranger”.

The equalization rate in the Town of Newfane is currently 43%. This rate is determined by recent valid, arm's length sales within the Newfane taxing jurisdiction. What does this rate mean to you? It means that your assessment should be at 43% of what the fair market value is. It also means that New York State and Niagara County are only giving you 43% of the total exemption value that you qualify for. For example, a property expected to sell for \$100,000 on an open market should be assessed around \$43,000.

When updating assessments, an assessor looks at every parcel within the municipality and maintains all assessments at the market value (or a uniform percentage - currently 43%) each year. In such a case, assessments may ...

- remain the same
- be adjusted based on market trends
- or be adjusted based on a physical reappraisal of inventory or improvements.

Some taxpayers may question why they have been included in either of the two latter categories. Again, the assessor makes this determination based upon a systematic analysis of **the entire municipality**. In either case, the assessor should be able to provide evidence of the systematic analysis that has been undertaken with a rationale for the decision to trend or reappraise. Examples of such evidence might be: sales-ratio studies, real estate market analyses, computer-assisted mass appraisal results, analyses regarding coefficients of dispersion (CODs), price related differentials (PRDs) and/or multiple regression.

The key aspect of the systematic analysis is that it includes all parcels in the municipality.

Newfane Water & Sewer Department

A few words from the Water Superintendent:
Jon Miller

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 + SERVICE FEE
- 4. ACH PAYMENT- NO FEE- Form is available in the office or at townofnewfaneny.gov.

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

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

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

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

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



Highway Department

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

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



NEWFANE CONSTABLE DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Jeff Newman Constable.Newman@townofnewfaneny.gov

Kenneth Nerber Constable.Nerber@Townofnewfaneny.gov

Joseph W Flagler Constable.Flagler@Townofnewfaneny.gov





Town of Newfane Community Day

Saturday August 22nd



**FREE Family
Fun Zone**

**Vendors and Food
Trucks 12:00–8:00pm**

Live Music 2:00–8:00pm



**Dunk Tank
with notable
community
members**





Newfane Alumni Association

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

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

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

Alumni Scholarship! The Alumni Association works with several scholarships and has created a common application for 5 unique scholarships. The recipients for each are listed below:

Newfane Alumni Association

Julia Noonan
Colin Mahar
Kimberly Schmitt
Colin Doxey

John & Elsbeth Hamluk Memorial Scholarship

Ava Brown

The Kevin Hamluk Memorial Scholarship

Colin Mahar

Newfane Class of 1975 Scholarship

Eliana Reis

Be A Victor (sponsored by Alumnus Lincoln Stahl)

Hayden Kopp
Jayde Jerge

Newfane Lions Club Scholarships (see Newfane Lions article)

Along with these scholarships, the Alumni Association is sending 4 elementary students to Camp Kenan this summer through their Harrison Hazlett Camp Kenan Scholarship.

As well as sponsoring 7 Mini Grants totaling \$4200 to help support the teachers within the Newfane Central School District.

The Giving Tree

Wow, it is hard to believe that discussions have started already! The Alumni Association will once again be sponsoring the town wide Giving Tree. Applications will open to families late October-early November, please be on the lookout for more information online, in Parent Square and emails.

Alumni brick Walk at Panther Stadium

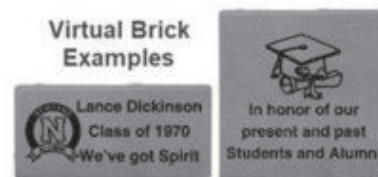
Purchase your brick before July 1, 2026, to ensure it is placed before the new school year begins! Brick spots are limited as the walk is filling fast. What better way to create a long-lasting memory than to honor a friend, family, or faculty member. All proceeds from the brick sales go back to the Association to fund scholarships, grants, and our flagship events like homecoming and Panther Pretty. Bricks can be purchased at <https://polarengraving.com/newfanealumni>

Clip Art Section:

To view our full clip art library, please visit:

<https://polarengraving.com/newfanealumni>

OR Scan the QR Code at the front!



5th Annual Community Day at the Newfane Town Hall

August 22, 2026

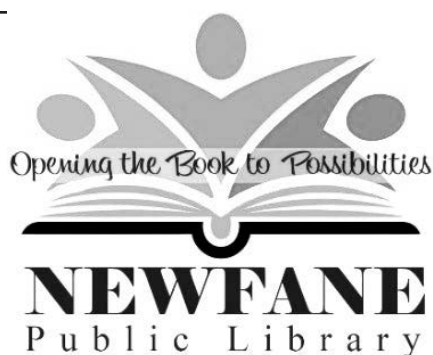
12pm – 8pm

The Alumni Association along with Howell Motors will sponsor a Classic Car and Motorcycle parade at 1pm with vehicles ending in the Town Hall parking lot for a car show. We will have the famous dunk tank full of your favorite people once again. There will also be food trucks, music, vendors along Maple Road and kids' activities with bounce houses at the library.

Become a Member!

Annual Membership Meeting will be held **August 17, 2026**.

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



2761 Maple Ave. | Newfane, NY 14108
 Phone & Fax: (716) 778-9344
www.newfanepubliclibrary.org
newfanelibrary@nioga.org

Why visit the library?	What you can check out with your library card • Books & audiobooks • DVDs & music CDs • Video Games • Magazines • Activity & Hobby Kits • Local Attraction passes (Aquarium of Niagara, Old Fort Niagara, NYS Empire Pass, and more!) Services provided by the library • Free Wi-Fi • Computer & internet access • Faxing & printing • Tech Help • Healthcare Navigation help is available weekly each Wednesday from 1-3pm year-round • Newspapers can be read in-house • Ongoing book sale & free puzzles • Ancestry Library Edition • Free events for all ages! <i>Use your library card to use these apps for FREE!</i>  For ebooks, audiobooks, emagazines, TV shows, movies, music, and graphic novels!  For ebooks, audiobooks, emagazines, & graphic novels!
Board Meeting Schedule	<i>The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the library. Meetings take place at the library and are open to the public.</i> • September 8 at 6pm • November 10 at 6pm
Closed Dates	• September 5 & 7: Closed for Labor Day Weekend • November 26 through 28: Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend
Save the date!	• <i>Our Annual Children's Holiday Craft Fair will be Saturday, December 5!</i>

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



Please note the library only accepts cash or check payments

OPEN HOURS

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

Interested in being a volunteer?

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



NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

Although we had a chilly, wet Spring, summer is finally here. The rain blessed us with a bumper crop of weeds, but thanks to Mother Nature, the perennial plants thrive and bloom. Red Hot Pokers, Daisies, Oriental Lilies, Columbine, Roses and others are now adding their color to the gardens. I once read a suggestion to not worry about weeds in your garden ... they are green and look like a thriving garden!! However, some of my weeds are giant and almost scary.

Our first meeting this year was in March and a member gave a talk on growing and cooking with herbs. In April we stenciled on cloth tote bags using nature themed stamps, and in May we hosted a speaker from the Western New York Rose Society. We visited the Kenan Center Herb Club gardens for our June meeting, and in July a member helped us make a beaded garden stake.

We have plans for a picnic at a member's home in August and will host Hahn's Bees in September. Hahn's will talk about caring for honey bees and the effects of pollution and chemical sprays on their population. Our October meeting is still being planned, then in November we visit Hartland Organics for a tour. We'll look at their mushroom growing

rooms, hear about their growing methods and the mushroom products they offer.

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

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

"The flower that follows the sun does so even on cloudy days." Robert Leighton



Newfane Retirees Restore and Donate Bicycles

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

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

Judy's Art Friends

Are you bored and looking for something new?

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

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

**For more information, contact
Meg Weiler 716-930-8363**



Newfane Golden Agers

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

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation at 10:00 am

Entertainment from 10:30 am

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

50/50 Raffles / Speakers / Travel

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

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

For more Information, contact Shirley Linnenbank at 778-5314



Summer & Fall Events...

August 1 - September 26 - Saturdays

Saturday Night Car Cruise

5pm-8pm Sponsored by OBCA & area businesses. Call 716-628-4007 for more information. Main St, Olcott

August 2 - September 27 - Sundays

Olcott Gazebo Concerts

2-4pm. Main St, Olcott Gazebo

August 19 - Wednesday

Toy Story Movie Night at Olcott Beach Carousel Park

Gates open 7pm Movie starts at dusk (around 8PM)

5979 main St, Olcott

August 22- Saturday

5th Annual Community Day

12 - 7pm Classic car and motorcycle Parade & show sponsored by Newfane Alumni Association and Howell Motors. Live music, food trucks, vendors and games.

Newfane Community Center parking lot, 2743 Main St.

August 25 - Sunday

Newfane 5K & Fun Run to benefit the Miller Hose Fire Company

9AM (Kids Fun Run starts at 8:30) 6161 McKee St

September 5 - Saturday

36th Annual Olcott Beach Car Show

8AM -4:30PM The largest one day car show in Western New York \$20 per vehicle to register at the show, no charge for spectators more info at: www.OlcottBeachCarShow.com

September 6- Sunday

Olcott Beach Jazz Trail, 12 - 7pm, Olcott

This parade is nostalgic, patriotic, and fun! Krull Park Main St.

September 7 - Monday

Labor Day at the Olcott Beach Carousel Park

12pm-6pm, Come join us and celebrate the last day of the season. 5979 Main St

September 26 - Saturday

3rd Annual Scarecrow Village Contest

12pm-6pm, Come to the Lakeview Village Shoppes boardwalk to vote on your favorite scarecrow. For more information email dragonfliespresso4579@yahoo.com

September 27 - Sunday

47th Annual Apple Harvest Festival

11am-4pm. Country Village on 2685 West Creek Rd

October 5 - Saturday

Autumn Boo-nanza on the Boardwalk

12pm-3pm, Lakeview Village Shoppes will have trick-or-treating, free pumpkin decorating, live music and a Trick or Treat Trolley at Ye Olde Log Cabin

October 10 - Saturday

5th Annual Olcott Fall Spiritual & Metaphysical Faire

11am-5pm. Walden Willow presents private psychic readings, metaphysical vendors & more. Lakeview Village Shoppes.

October 31 - Saturday

Halloween Party with the Newfane Lions Club

4-8pm. First Baptist Church, 6047 East Ave, Newfane

November 15, 22, 29 & December 6 - Sundays

Holiday Tours of the Van Horn Mansion

1-4pm Open to the public. \$5 per person; View exact schedule at VanHornMansion.com



FARMERS MARKET

Newfane United Methodist Church
2699 Main Street
Newfane, NY 14108

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

We offer a variety of vendors each week at our market
The church will have a food booth each week
Service organizations welcome

For a space, please contact the church at 778-7011
Follow us on Facebook: Newfane Methodist Farmer's Market



LADIES AUXILIARY

4043 Lake Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094

12th Annual Vendor & Crafter Fair

**BASKET
RAFFLE**



Saturday, November 14, 2026

10am-2pm

Baskets to be pulled at 1pm

More Information:

WCFCLadiesAux@gmail.com

Auxiliary FB Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/WCLadiesAux/>

Event FB Name:

**WCFCLA Vendor/Crafter Fair &
Basket Raffle**



Food
Available
for
Purchase

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



Town of Newfane Community Day
Saturday August 22nd

TOWN OF NEWFANE
OFFICIAL 1824 SEAL
NEW YORK

NEWFANE ALUMNI

FREE Family Fun Zone

Vendors and Food Trucks 12:00-8:00pm

Live Music 2:00-8:00pm

Open Air Bar
Newfane, New York

Dunk Tank with notable community members




25TH Niagara Celtic
Heritage Festival & Highland Games
held at The Niagara Co. Fairgrounds
Saturday 10-10; Sunday 10-5

NY's Largest Irish, Scottish & Welsh Gathering!

Enjoy a full weekend celebrating Celtic culture through food, drink, live music, pipe bands, dancing, clans & living history, athletics, pageantry, animals, parades, storytellers, and family-friendly fun!

Sept. 19 & 20 2026

**5 Regions to Explore
5 Stages
20+ Attractions
30+ Food & Drink Vendors
35+ Artisans
40+ Performers**

NiagaraCeltic.com



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

Olcott Beach JAZZ TRAIL
JAZZ AT THE BEACH

12PM TO 7PM

**12PM - LAKEVIEW VILLAGE SHOPPES
WENDELL RIVERA'S LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

**1:45PM - OLCOTT GAZEBO
BUFFALO JAZZ COLLECTIVE**

**3:30PM - OLCOTT GAZEBO
JOEY STEMPIEN BIG BAND**

**5:15PM - OLCOTT GAZEBO
JOE GRANSDEN & FRIENDS**



The Newfane Historical Society invites you to our 2026 Autumn gathering celebrating the local harvest!

47TH APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Fun for the Entire Family!

Sun. September 27, 10am - 4pm
NEWFANE'S COUNTRY VILLAGE
2685 WEST CREEK RD.

**FOOD & DRINK | HISTORICAL DISPLAYS
FLEA MARKET W/ LOCAL PRODUCTS
LIVE PERFORMANCES | HANDS-ON DEMOS
TRACTOR & FARM EQUIPMENT SHOW**

Free Admission
Join us rain or shine
no pets please

NEWFANEHISTORICALSOCIETY.COM

TOWN OF NEWFANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.



Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

We hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather and getting out and enjoying all the fun things to do in Olcott Beach. It's been a year of Anniversaries for us at the Cabin, 250 years for America, 30 years for Old Olcott Days, and 10 years for Ye Old Log Cabin.

We at Ye Olde Log Cabin have been having a great season with some very cool things added to our displays. There is a corner in the Cabin with new items that will bring back memories to kids that grew up in Olcott during the amusement park days. If you haven't stopped in recently, please make sure you do and relive the old days with us and share your stories and memories. Also outside is our new sign for Broad Axe Jim Winchell. Thank you to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for the Legends and Lore marker for Jim. Inside the Cabin we have his picture and 3 of his carved broad axes.

The Cabin will be open on Monday September 7th for Labor Day 12-5 pm. Governor/President Teddy Roosevelt, reenactor Joe Weigand, will be visiting Olcott Beach and stopping in to visit again at Ye Olde Log Cabin. On Saturday October 3rd 12-3 pm is Trick or Treat Boonanza at the Cabin. We will be all decorated with lots of outdoor displays and will have treats for the kids. The Trick or Treat Trolley will be taking the kids for a ride from the Cabin through town with stops for trick or treating and fun. We look forward to seeing the kids all dressed in their costumes! And our last event of the year will be Santa at the Cabin on December 6th 12-5 pm. We will have more information in the December edition of the Town Newsletter.

Ye Olde Log Cabin is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 12-5 pm through Labor Day. Then our fall hours are starting September 12th 12-5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays through October 3rd.

As always if anyone has anything they would like to display at the Cabin on a permanent or on loan basis, please contact Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. Also if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. Any amount of days is a big help to us.

We look forward to seeing you stop into Ye Olde Log Cabin in The Pine Grove to see all the history and hear your stories and memories!

The 25th Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival arrives on Sept. 19 & 20

Don't miss the anniversary celebration of NY's largest Celtic gathering, held in Niagara County!

Next month the Niagara County Fairgrounds will once again be filled with the sounds of bag pipes, step dancers, cheers for strongman athletes, and the all-around mirth and merriment of a festival honoring Irish, Scottish and Welsh history...and a little fantasy to boot.

So put on your best kilt, Irish shirt, or Renaissance garb and join us on September 19 & 20 for a full weekend celebrating all things Celtic, as well as the festival's 25th anniversary. Returning this year are 2 full days full Highland Games (among the largest in the world), 5 stages of music, over 25+ food and drink vendors, plus clans, artisans, lectures, attractions, special events, and the popular Wee Folk Shire, designed just for kids.

The Niagara Celtic staff have decided the best way to honor reaching 25 years is to 'Give Thanks' to all the participants and guests who've helped us come this far. Plans include highlighting the remarkable array of Celtic bands from the WNY region, as well as introducing fun new contests, attractions and one-time-only birthday events.

"Reaching our 25th festival is something we could hardly have imagined when we began as a tiny event attended by a few hundred people in 2001," explains Niagara Celtic festival director, Beth Banks. "To now be New York's largest is such an honor, but really, it's a testament to our incredible volunteers who've worked tirelessly to craft a quality event that our WNY community can be proud of, and one that brings thousands from all over the U.S., Canada and even Europe."

The festival is open to new volunteers, ready to join a volunteer family that boasts over 400 annual members! Volunteers receive free entrance and food tickets to use at the event; you can learn more or sign-up at the festival website. Local non-profits are also invited to work for the festival or host a booth at the festival to show off their organization. If you're part of a not-for-profit or school club and interested in learning more, please email Liz ASAP at artisans@niagaraceltic.com. As a non-profit, members of Niagara Celtic are thankful to the community for their annual support, and always strive to give-back by helping other non-profits achieve their own goals.

This year's Niagara Celtic is being held Saturday, September 19 & Sunday, September 20 at the Niagara County Fairgrounds in Lockport, NY. Daily & Weekend tickets range from \$14-37, kids 12 & under are free, and on-site parking is free. *Please Note: buying online is way cheaper than at the gate, so take advantage of the discounts!* For all festival info. including tickets, volunteering, and the daily schedules, please visit www.NiagaraCeltic.com.



Discover Olcott Beach Carousel Park Celebrating 24 Years!

by Rosemary Sansone, Ph.D.

Olcott Beach Carousel Park's 24th season has been remarkable so far. If you haven't had a chance to visit, we are open Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 12 - 6 pm. Our last day is Labor Day Monday, also open 12 - 6 pm. Experience a ride on the carousel; play a game of Skee-ball 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 price is only 25¢ for the rides and 25¢ - 50¢ for games! There are also free games for young and old such as Hopscotch and Checkers.

We have been welcoming guests to the park for 24 seasons and now we are seeing the children who rode those rides when we first opened, 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 we are paid in the smiles we see on the faces of the children enjoying the park. How do we pay utilities, keep up on maintenance, and operating costs you might wonder? 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.



The Park After Dark features free fortunes!

This year, The Park After Dark will be held on August 11th, 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, 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 OBCP's ticket booth.



Thunderstruck Magic Show

Although it is August, we still have some exciting events in store for you at the park. Mark your calendars for **Law Enforcement Day**, on Sunday, August 2nd from 12 - 2pm. 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 the **Thunderstruck Magic Show** at 2 pm.

On Wednesday, August 19th, be a part of OBCP's 24th Anniversary and experience OBCP under the stars! Kiddie rides (children up to 52"), Carousel, Skee-ball and refreshments are available for a nominal price. At dusk the movie **Toy Story** will be shown. There may even be a surprise visit from **Woody**! Bring your blankets or chairs. Sponsored by the Olcott Beach Community Association and OBCP. Gates open at 7pm!

On Sunday, August 23rd, Olcott Beach Carousel Park Presents its 24th Anniversary & Community Appreciation Day from 12 - 6 pm. We will celebrate our carousel's 97th birthday. Catch Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show at 2pm, presented by the WNY Dairy Farmers. Free washable tattoos for the kids, Skee Ball Challenge (3 divisions, winners of each division receive a Local Gift card), cookies, free rides on the Olcott Fire Truck from 1 - 3 pm, 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¢.**



Woody might stop by to see **Toy Story**

Join us on Wednesday, August 26th for Jeff Gerstung's historic slide show under the stars on Olcott Beach Carousel Park's outdoor stage. The presentation documents the IRC's trolley ride from Buffalo to Olcott that made Olcott a mecca for amusement and recreation! Gates open at 7 pm

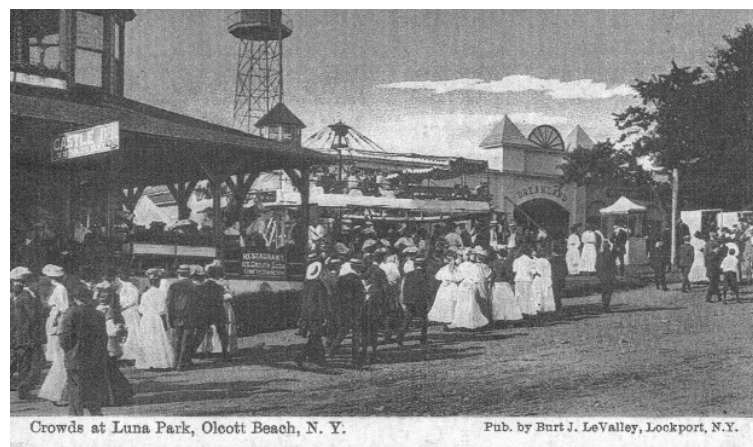
The last day of the season will be on Labor Day Monday, on September 7th. You can enjoy our fabulous Magic Show with Rob and Carol Allen at 2pm. The show is free, fun for the whole family, and is sponsored by the WNY Dairy Farmers. Sometimes a special guest pops in to say hello and pose for pictures and you might want to bring your water bottle so you can enjoy free filtered cold water at our bottle filling station (excellent for the environment). There is also a separate, comfortable nursing mother's station. We hope to see you soon!

Olcott's Amusement Park Tradition

historian@townofnewfaneny.gov

Amusement parks have been part of Olcott's grand and storied history for 130 years. There have been penny arcades, roller rinks, dancehalls, and still today we have 'Hartz's Folley Ferris Wheel' and the Carousel Park. There have been five principal parks with multiple amusements over the decades.

The first was **Luna Park**, on the north side of Main Street, between Cooper and Lockport Streets, where the roller rink and former Erma's bowling alleys are today. It included the Dreamland dance hall. It began operation about 1898, just before the Olcott Beach Hotel was built. It was destroyed by the 1927 block fire.

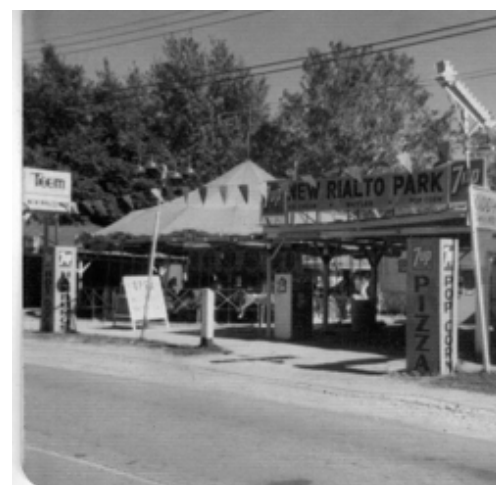


The Olcott Beach Hotel and

Lockport-Olcott Trolley were built by the International Railway Corporation (IRC) between 1900 and 1902. Several years later they decided more amusements were needed to entertain their guests and they erected **The Rialto** amusement park in 1912, which included a roller coaster, carousel, roller rink and baseball field. It was located on the south side of East Main Street, where the Memorial

Tree Garden and the crossroad from East Main to Route 18 are now. Through the 1920s, hotel occupancy and trolley ridership dwindled due to the emerging popularity of the automobile that allowed leisure travelers to go elsewhere. The Rialto became unprofitable and was dismantled in 1925.

The New Rialto - the park those of us today remember - was established in the 1940s. It also had a carousel, the Tilt-A-Whirl and a Funhouse. It was located on the south side of East Main Street, where today there is a vacant lot across from the Lions Pavilion. It was started by Robert Murray, then operated by Conelius Tothill and later the Mylar's. Portions remained in business until the early 1990s when it closed.



The Olcott Amusement Park was also established in the 1940s and was located where the Olcott Beach Carousel Park is today. It was noted for its carousel, ferris-wheel and bumper cars. By the 1980s it fell on hard times and sat decaying until it was cleared to make way for today's Carousel Park.



The **Olcott Beach Carousel Park** is today's community jewel that attracts hundreds of visitors each summer weekend. The effort to establish the Carousel Park was organized by dedicated community leaders and volunteers. The park opened in 2003 and is operated by volunteers and sustained through community fundraising.

The Van Horn Mansion Invites You

The volunteer staff of *The Van Horn Mansion* in Newfane is offering new “Parlor Presentations,” held on select Tuesdays, which are free lectures and classes designed to connect visitors to our shared history. This year’s presentations honor the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and focus on various aspects of American pioneer life.

They also include colonial-era refreshments that have been carefully crafted and selected by the presentation’s organizer, Kris DeGlopper-Banks. Successful presentations held this year included the histories of The DAR and Freemasons, as well as lessons in English Country Dancing.



Coming this month is a lively look at “Liberty Teas,” to be held on August 25 at 7:00PM. Local herbalist and ethnobotanist Kristin Grohman will impart her wisdom on local plant life and their connections to pioneer survival, including the best ones to use for tea during a war boycott!

In October, we’ll be welcoming staff from The Forsyth-Warren Tavern who will share a deep look at surviving colonial-era Life on the Niagara Frontier during the early formation of what is now Western New York. This will be held on October 13 at 7:00PM.

Then on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00PM, learn about the Six Nations Indian Department and their impact on Fort Niagara during the Revolutionary War. Artist Geoffrey Harding will be discussing this impressive confederacy whose democratic government (comprised of six Native American nations) pre-dates the United States Constitution.

The Van Horn Mansion is currently open for Public Tours on Sundays from 1-4 pm, through August 30. These historical tours are approx. 90 minutes and are \$5 pp. *October Candlelight Tours* return on Friday & Saturday evenings in October; please visit our website for details and to purchase tickets this Fall. Save the dates for Christmastime as well: Holiday Tours will be held on Sundays, Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6 from 1-4 pm, and our popular *Vintage Christmas!* fundraiser will return on Saturday, December 12.

One last note: we hope you’ll think of The Van Horn Mansion when planning your next private party, event, fundraiser or wedding! We offer great amenities and beautiful backdrops, all at an affordable price. Plus, you’re supporting our non-profit and helping efforts to keep the mansion thriving. Visit VanHornMansion.com for details regarding our presentations, events, or to volunteer, donate or book an event.

Newfane Olcott Tourism is Strong as Summer Events Draw Visitors

NEWFANE OLCOTT — Summer tourism is off to a strong start in Olcott, with popular events, busy local businesses, and increasing visitor engagement highlighting another successful season.

The July 4th holiday weekend once again drew large crowds with fireworks, the Patriots' Parade, live music, family activities, and extended hours at the beach and many local businesses. Other well-attended events have included Pirates Festival, Christmas in July, Old Olcott Days, outdoor movie nights, the National Band Organ Rally, and a variety of family programs at the Carousel Park.

Visitors also enjoyed several new attractions and improvements this year, including expanded beach access, new sandboxes, a cooling misting tent, children's entertainment during the Mermaid Festival, and the opening of The Olcott Tavern & Steak House.

Local businesses report another successful season, welcoming visitors from across Western New York, neighboring states, Canada, and overseas. Many guests praised Olcott's clean waterfront, friendly atmosphere, and welcoming small-town charm.

Tourism metrics also point to continued growth. Distribution of visitor guides is up approximately 20 percent compared to last year, the online event calendar has surpassed 21,000 views, and Newfane Olcott Tourism's social media reach has increased by 62 percent over 2025.

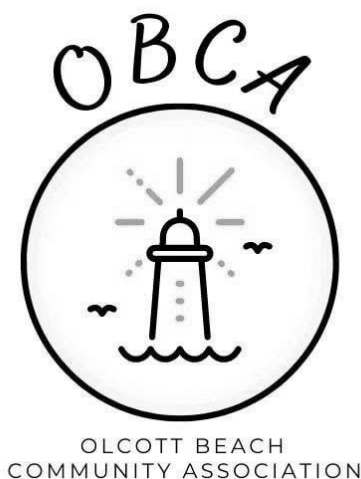
The Newfane Olcott Tourism Board credits the season's success to the combined efforts of volunteers, local businesses, community organizations, and Town departments that continue to make Olcott a premier waterfront destination.

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!

- **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. 3
- **August 11, 6–10 PM** – *Park After Dark Fundraiser* for Olcott Beach Carousel Park





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

We have been having so much fun this summer and will continue to host some of our favorite summer and fall events.

The weekly **Saturday Night Car Cruises** will continue until Saturday, August 29th, every week from 5pm-8pm ... and in September (12th to 26th), we will be having Saturday Afternoon Car Cruises from 3pm-6pm!

We will again be hosting a **FREE Outdoor Movie Night** at the Olcott Beach Carousel Park on August 19th featuring Toy Story! The movie will start at dusk (around 8:30pm) and before the movie you can ride the Carousel rides for 25 cents a ride or play Skee Ball for only 25 cents per game!

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



Olcott Lions Club

This summer, Olcott Lion Dr. Duane Snyder, assisted with the area's free '**Pop-Up Eye Clinic**'. The Lions also helped the Olcott Lobster Company with their community **Slow Spokes Bike Rides**, and on **August 22** from 11:30AM – 2PM it's the **Lions Kindergarten Roundup Bus Safety** program in Krull Park. To RSVP, text (716) 588-0411 with the number of children and family members attending, or email olcottlions@gmail.com.



The 58th Olcott Polar Bear Swim will be Sunday, March 7. You can register now and begin fundraising for this classic event ... go to olcottlions.org



Newfane Lions Club

Serving the Community of
Newfane since 1941

Join the Lions

For more information about membership
please reach out to any Lion Member or email
us at newfanelionsclub@gmail.com

The Newfane Lions Club ended the Lion year with a bang! We cannot thank our community members and businesses enough for your help with our many successful events. A big thanks to everyone.

We started our new Lions year July 1, 2026, and we installed the following new officers and directors.

Officers

President - Lion Jacob Lundy
Vice President - Lion Matthew Tomaino
Immediate Past President - Lion Wreatha Harvey
Treasurer - Lion Scott Killion
Secretary - Lion Michele Phillips
Membership Chair - Lion Vic Thibault
Marketing Chair - Lion Ella Thibault
Service Chair - Lion Rachel Maziarz

Board of Directors

Lion Jim Bewley
Lion Jean Pouthier
Lion Becky Thompson
Lion Denise Chadwick
Lion Paul Czelusta
Lion Lynn Schauer-Bewley
Lion Tyler Haley
Lion Kevin Ketch

Leo Club Advisors

Lion Kevin Ketch
Lion Vic Thibault
Lion Ella Thibault
Lion Matthew Maziarz

2026 Scholarship Recipients

Newfane Senior High School

Nattalie Johnson	Kimberly Schmitt	Colin Mahar
Jayde Jerge	Julia Noonan	Katrina Arnold
Eliana Reis	Samantha Tate	Hayden Kopp

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute

Caiden Martin

Senior Spring Fling - We hosted our Senior Spring Fling May 16, with about 100 people attending. It was a wonderful evening with music, dancing and so much fun. Thank you for everyone's help.

5K Race Against Hunger - We hosted our second annual 5K Race Against Hunger on June 13 at the town hall. Thank you to all of our sponsors and racers for another successful event to raise money for our food pantries. We were able to donate \$2,000 to each pantry. Thank you to Race Management Solutions for timing the race and all the assistance leading up to it. For all of our runners, you can see your results at: <https://raceagainsthunger.itsyourrace.com> Our overall male winner was Peyton Wagner and overall female winner was Colleen Carroll.

Thank you to all of our sponsors:

State Farm Insurance - Becky and Doug Thompson	Russell Farms	WNY Riding Lions
Hillers Sweet Corn & Farm Market	Wilson's Pizza Shop	Barker Lions Club
Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union	Niagara Recovery Center	Lions Club of Lockport
Niagara Fresh Fruit Co. (Bucolo Cold Storage, Inc.)	TIOGA/Redman Club	Wilson Lions Club
Marcus the Barber & Associates	Stanton Mobile RV	Grand New Flag
Tonawanda Erie Canal Gateway Lions	Buzyniski Electric, Inc.	Hy-Tech Concrete
Lockport Elks Lodge #41	CARSTAR POW Collision	716 AutoGlass

Motorcycle Raffle - Winners were drawn July 10 during Open Air Bar's Bike Night for our Motorcycle Raffle. Thank you to Open Air Bar and A Plus Performance Cycle.

Medical Loan Closet - For medical equipment - call these Lions or email newfanelionsclub@gmail.com

Lion Clark Dunkelberger, Chairman 716-870-5166
Lion Wreatha Harvey 716-807-7451

Lion Michele Phillips 716-912-6951
Lion Matthew Tomaino 716-727-1566

An update from the Miller Hose Fire Company

Chief – Gary Snyder

President – Tammy Gunby

EMS Captain – Shannon Coleman

As we reach the halfway mark of 2026, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible community. We are truly thankful for the generosity, kindness, and support you continue to show.

Exciting Apparatus Update: Welcome Home, E1

We're thrilled to share this long-awaited news. Miller Hose recently took delivery of a **new 2026 Pierce Rescue Pumper truck**, marking a major milestone for our department. Our members have been working diligently to prepare this new apparatus so it can begin serving our community with enhanced capability and reliability.

This new rescue pumper truck replaces our 2001 American LaFrance Freightliner Rescue Pumper, which faithfully served the Town of Newfane for 25 years. The truck will now begin a new chapter with the Atlanta Fire Department in Atlanta, Missouri, where it will continue supporting emergency response. Funds from its sale will help support the purchase of our new rescue pumper truck. Welcome home, E1 — we're proud to have you in service.



Junior Fire Fighter Program Spotlight

Our department is proud to highlight the ongoing success of our **Junior Fire Fighter Program**, guided by dedicated advisors Jen Killion, Jeanne Dunkelberger, Tim Ryan, and Patrick Carpenter. Their leadership ensures that young community members can safely explore the world of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

Meet Our Junior Members --This year, the program includes six enthusiastic and committed participants:



- **Justin Dunkelberger**
- **Joey Gunby**
- **Evan Hornaburg**
- **Paisley Hunter**
- **Riley McKnight**
- **Courtenay Taylor**



The Junior Fire Fighter Program offers hands-on learning in a **safe, controlled, and educational** environment. Participants gain exposure to essential emergency response practices while developing lifelong skills such as **teamwork, leadership, responsibility, and commitment**. These young members represent the future of community service, and we are proud of the dedication they bring to the program.

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Call Volume Report: January – June 2026

Our fire department responded to a total of **399 calls** in the first half of the year, reflecting the continued dedication of our team to keeping the community safe. There were 64 **Fire-Related Incidents** that include motor vehicle accidents, fire alarms, carbon monoxide alerts, flooded basements, downed wires or trees, and mutual aid to neighboring departments. There were 335 **EMS Responses** for lift assists, cardiac arrests, strokes, respiratory distress, allergic reactions and accidents.

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 with a lineup of exciting events that brings us together in fun, celebration, and support for a few great causes. Together, we make a difference—we can't wait to see you at our upcoming events listed below.

- The **Miller Hose Annual Fund Drive** is officially underway, with letters mailed out in early July. Every contribution—large or small—directly supports the purchase of essential equipment that our firefighters depend on during emergencies. Some tools cost only a few hundred dollars, while others require several thousand, making community support vital to maintaining safe and effective operations.
- Our focus this year is to replace our current air packs, a critical piece of life-saving equipment used on fire scenes. It costs **\$10,000** to replace just one air pack and **29 air packs** are needed. Your generosity plays a crucial role in helping us reach this important goal. The continued support of our residents helps us to remain committed to serving the **Town of Newfane** for many years to come.
- Newfane Bike Night - **Friday, August 14th** is hosted by Scruple's Bar from 5 pm to 10 pm. A night of food, drinks, & bikes! Bike parking is located in the fire company parking lot. Included are a 50/50 raffle with proceeds to Miller Hose Fire Company and music by the Artificial Hip.
- Newfane 5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Run – **Sunday, August 23rd** – The race will start and finish at Miller Hose Fire Hall. There is a 1 Mile (non-timed) Family Fun Run that will start at 8:30 and a 5K run starts at 9 am. Registration will be at the pavilion behind the fire hall beginning at 7:30 am. Funds raised will be donated to Miller Hose Fire Company. Contact Luke Adinolfi at 716-946-3233/Lnraclamp@yahoo.com.
- Miller Hose “2nd Amendment & Cash Raffle” – **Saturday, September 19th** – Raffle starts at 2 pm and the Doors will open at 1pm. Early bird drawing – September 3rd with a cash prize of \$500. Donation: \$25.00 - see any member for tickets or call 716-628-0170
- Miller Hose Boot Drive – **Sunday, September 27th** – Donations will be put towards the 29 air packs needing replacement.

Thank you for your continued support of **Miller Hose Fire Company**. Your generosity and encouragement make a real difference in our ability to serve the community. We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable summer spent with family, friends, and all the moments that make this season special.

Submitted by: Nicole Snyder



The Olcott Fire Company

The Olcott Fire Company has been busy responding to calls of all kinds, including EMS , fires, motor vehicle accidents, boat calls, and providing mutual aid for our neighboring Fire Companies. We have also had crews standing by and available for the July 3rd Fireworks and the Mermaid Parade. We hosted the **Pirates Festival** in Krull Park, July 10th-12th, where attendees enjoyed a variety of different food and vendor booths, a midway with games and rides, pirate demonstrations, beer tent and a great line-up of live music.

Please watch your mailbox, our **Annual Fund Drive** starts soon, and your support is greatly appreciated.

The Olcott Fire Company Facebook page always lists information for more upcoming events. Look for us on August 23rd in front of the Carousel Park, giving fire truck rides. We anticipate doing our ever-popular Kids Halloween Party, and our Meat Raffle in November. Also, come see us Sunday, September 6th at the **Jazz Trail Fest**, where you can find local craft beers and ciders, 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 rest of the 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 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 an application. There is a place for everyone in the Fire Service, including our Junior Firefighter Program, our Pilot Program (just participating as a driver, helper or EMT) and our Ladies Auxiliary.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Kenna Liddell, MBA,NYS-AEMT

New Note Regarding New Veterans Exemption For 100% Service-Connected Disability

Many Veterans have inquired about the New York State bill that was passed regarding tax exemptions for those Veterans who are 100% disabled. This bill is optional for the towns and counties to adopt, if adopted would go into effect on the 2027 tax year roll and would be seen on the January, 2028 tax bill.

If you already receive a Veterans Exemption with 100% service disability, your documents on file will be reviewed before this takes effect. If there are any questions or any other forms needed, the Assessor's office will reach out to you with further instructions. If you do not hear from the Assessor by December 31, 2026, please call the Town of Newfane Assessor's office at 716.778 8827 ext. 103

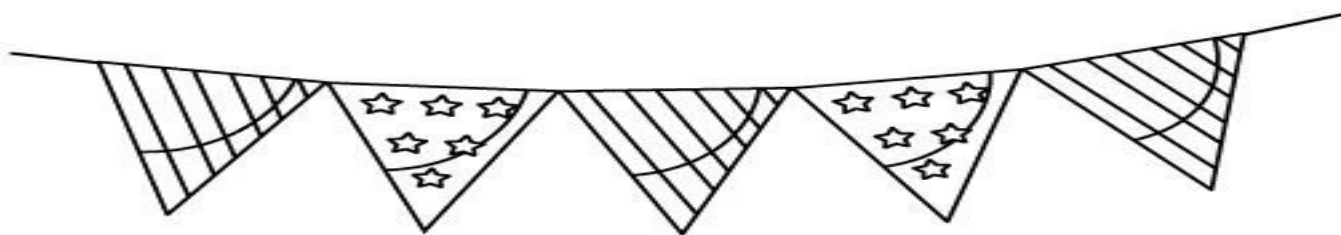
There was an Amendment passed in the 2026-2027 NYS Budget, which changed with qualifications for this Exemption. Rest assured, if you do not qualify, this will not have any impact on your existing Veteran Exemption.

This is not a blanket exemption for all veterans with a 100% disability rating

To Qualify, a veteran must have an award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs that specifically states they are considered "totally and permanently disabled".

Must have an honorable discharge under title 10 of the U.S Code or Have an "other than-dishonorable or bad conduct" or discharge **WITH** a qualifying condition under the NYS Veterans' Service Law defined as PTSD, TBI, MST or LGBT

This exemption had been changed back to a local option. It would be a **FULL property ad-valorem tax exemption** should Niagara County choose to adopt the Exemption, which disperses the tax burden of those who qualify onto the rest of the residents in that municipality/district. Reminder, the Town of Newfane does not have a town property tax.



VETERANS NEWS...

From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

New Post Officers Sworn In For 2026-2027: The following Legionaries were elected and installed as officers of the Post for the coming year. Congratulations to the incoming elected officers....

Post Commander – Christopher Kankiewicz

1st Vice Commander – Ricci Hoffer

2nd Vice Commander – Stanley Johnson

Adjutant – Pamela Rider

Sergeant At Arms – Brian Schultz

Chaplain – Ricky Ostrom

Post Historian – Don Coates

Treasurer – Ricci Hoffer

Fundraising Booths: Post members will be out at various community events selling our annual raffle tickets, American flags and answering veteran related questions. This year's raffles include a Wagon Load of Cheer (Liquor and Wine), Lottery Board (Scratch-offs and \$50 bill), and a handmade flag case for a burial flag. Tickets are \$2 for the separate raffles and all funds raised support programs like our annual scholarship to a graduating senior of a veteran, attendance of a junior classman to New York American Legion's Boys State and various other Post programs in the community. See us at our booth or give us a call to purchase tickets. The winners of the raffles will be drawn on September 20th at the end of the Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival.

Lester Oakes Memorial American History

Scholarship: The Post did not have any applicants for the 2026 scholarship of \$500. The scholarship is available to Newfane High School seniors or home schooled equivalent from the Newfane community with a veteran (including National Guard and Reserve) parent or legal guardian and meeting certain scholastic and community requirements headed to college or trade school. If you served and your son or daughter is going into their senior year, tell them to see their guidance counselor.

Newfane American Legion Post 873 Auxiliary

Scholarships: The Auxiliary Unit awarded three scholarships during the Newfane High School's Academic Awards Night ceremony. This year's awardees are Kimberly Schmitt, Eliana Reis and Kalynn Stern. Congratulations Ladies! The Newfane American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship is available to Newfane High School seniors who are a son/daughter/grandchild of a veteran and meet certain scholastic and community requirements.

Blue Star Banners and Certificates of Commendation: The Post presented banners and certificates to three Newfane Seniors entering military service. Blue Star banners started during the Great War (WW1) and signify a home has a member out serving in the U.S Armed Forces. We wish these young men, Braeden Harty, Giovanni Wright, and Brendon Hodkin, well in their service to this great nation.

American Flags: Is your flag tattered or worn from wind and storms, or is it faded due to the sun and age? The Post carries American made flags in various sizes and materials in stock for purchase. Our prices usually beat store prices and a portion of the purchase helps fund the Post's activities supporting veterans and their family members to include our scholarship. Call us at (716) 408-3311 ext 0 to purchase one or see a Post 873 Legionnaire near you. Did you know the Post respectfully retires flags that were collected twice every year. If you have a worn and tattered flag that you are looking to get rid of, there is a collection bin inside the north entry of the Newfane Town Hall.

Post Meetings: Our meetings are held in the Community Center behind the Town Hall at 7:00 pm (6 pm in December and June) on the second Monday of every month. If you are a veteran who served honorably anytime after December 7, 1941 you are eligible to join the American Legion. Stop by a meeting to check us out or give us a call at (716) 408-3311.

The **Lakeview Village Shoppes** are enjoying an amazing season in Olcott Beach welcoming visitors from all over the world! The boardwalk is made up of 10 individually owned small businesses.

The Boho Siren

Chenez's Popcorn

Gift Box at the Beach

Walden Willow Boutique

Brownie's Custard & Food Stand

Christmas Gift Box

Just Looking on the Lake

Candy Gift Box

Dragonfly Espresso_O

Mama's Mission

The Shoppes will continue to be open 7 days a week

Until Labor Day

Sunday to Thursday - 12pm to 6pm

Friday & Saturday - 12pm to 8pm

After Labor Day

Open weekends only

Saturdays & Sundays, 12pm to 6pm

The final day of the season this year is Sunday, October 25th!

Our **Friday Night Music & Wine** nights continue until Friday, September 4th ... and in September, we will again host **Saturday Afternoon Music & Wine** from 1pm-4pm until September 26th. Another fun happening in September is, of course, the **Olcott Beach Jazz Trail** on Sunday, September 6th when we host the first concert of the day on our boardwalk. Our annual **Scarecrow Contest** is also in September and is open to all businesses, organizations, and individuals interested in participating!

The boardwalk will once again host the **Autumn Boo-nanza** on Saturday, October 3rd. The Boo-nanza event is from 12pm-3pm, with trick or treating & pumpkin decorating, plus wine tasting and music! The Trick or Treat Trolley will be running during the event to deliver trick or treaters to other spots around town participating in the fun!

More fall fun happens on Saturday, October 10th, when Walden Willow Boutique will be hosting their **5th Olcott Fall Spiritual & Metaphysical Faire** from 11am to 5pm!



And SAVE THE DATE: some of the shoppes will also be open for **Holiday Pop-up Shopping** on Sunday, December 6th from 12pm-4pm (the same day that Santa visits Ye Olde Log Cabin!).

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



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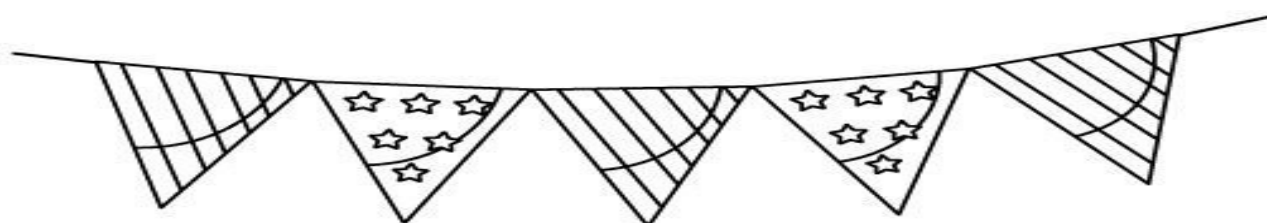
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Thanks to our Key Bank partners came out this summer to help beautify the Van Horn Mansion and West Creek Rd Barn



The Hooks for Harry Fishing Derby was a fantastic day and full of smiles



The Olcott Fire Company's Pirate Festival was well attended and fun for all ages.



The Olcott sunsets have been beautiful this summer- photos by R.Leader