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December 2023

Winter Greetings

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Update from the Supervisor's Office



REDI Project

We are in the final phase of our Lake Ontario *Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative* (REDI) that has funded our flood prevention, harbor and lakeshore improvements. The inner harbor bank stabilization work is essentially complete and we are now working at the West Beach on the project's final phase to strengthen the protective berm and improve user facilities. Jon Miller and our highway crew are reinforcing the existing West Beach berm that runs from the federal pier west to below the bluff. The Town also secured another property easement which allows us to add approximately 80 feet to the berm adjacent to the parking lot. This work will be completed soon and the project will conclude next season when the parking lot is paved, other site features are added and a pedestrian "walk-over" deck will be erected from the parking lot to the water's edge.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Capital Project

We have begun an estimated \$9 million in improvements to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant. This facility is now forty years old and approached its most efficient operation a few years ago. Upgrades are needed to ensure reliable, cost-effective operation in the future. The Town secured a \$1 million grant to get the most critical renovations underway, and we are now working with our consultants from Wendel and Municipal Solutions to apply for several grants that will offset remaining costs. These upgrades will significantly enhance operation of the plant into the future and reduce long-term operation costs.

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Grants and Funding

The Town has again applied for \$10 million through the *Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Grant*. Our application to the Empire State Development Corporation was submitted in October and I want to personally thank Karen Young for helping Mary Zeller and I with the grant again this year. The Town is looking to make capital improvements to the harbor, Olcott Beach Commons (gazebo), the terraces above the beach, improved waterfront access below the Replica Lighthouse and structural improvements to the Shoppes at Lakeview Village Fair. Joining the Town with support for these projects are three local private investors; Hedley/Zillig, McDonough Marine and Loran Bommer of Rt 18 on 18.

The Town applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2022 asking for reimbursement of work to stabilize the shoreline below the Lakeview Village Shoppes, which extended the protection done in front of the Replica Lighthouse. FEMA approval and reimbursement of \$32,375 has been received and I extend special thanks to Jon Miller and Julie Nankey of the Highway Department for their help pursuing this endeavor.

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Review of Short Term Rental Permits is Underway

After hearing from residents, homeowners and rental property owners, the Town of Newfane adopted a new *Short-Term Housing Law* in April. The law covers all transient, tourism and temporary housing units and defines Short-Term Rental properties as those rented for periods of one to 90 days. The law applies regardless of the rental method used and includes owner direct rentals, those rented by an agent or broker, AirB&B, Vrbo or any other method or platform. Short-Term Rental property owners were required to submit their permit applications by the end of September. If your application has not been submitted, get them into the Building Inspector's office, because the law requires penalties for non-compliance. All existing and new short-term rental properties are required to apply.

Applications are currently being reviewed by the Building Department and inspections will take place soon. Owners will be notified when their application is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Board. The Planning Board is set to begin reviews in November, but it will take several months for the Board to work through all of the applications. If the application is complete and the property conforms with provisions of the law, the review process should be quick and straightforward. In cases where properties are not in compliance with requirements in the law, modification or upgrades may be necessary

Information

Questions and information can be obtained by emailing david@townofnewfane.com. You can also contact or leave a message with the Building Department by calling 716-778-5947 ext. 5.

The following documents can be viewed and downloaded at www.townofnewfane.com

- Short-Term Housing Application and Factsheet*
- The Short-Term Housing Law*
- The Town of Newfane Zoning Districts Map*

These documents are provided for reference only. Property owners should not make independent decisions about eligibility using these references and should consult with the Building Department.

Newfane Kids Receive Letters from Santa

Once again, Santa has asked us at the Town Hall to collect letters that Newfane children want delivered to Santa for Christmas – and we are more than happy to help him out. As in past years, children can place their “*Letters to Santa*” in our Santa drop box located next to the north door at the Town Hall. The drop box is clearly marked with a picture of Santa and letters can be placed in the box beginning Thursday November 30th until Friday December 15th. This allows time for Santa to respond to all the kids. Santa and his helpers are quite busy this time of year, so he asks that only children up to 4th Grade who reside in the Town of Newfane write to him at this location. Please remember, Santa can only respond to one letter per child and is not able to accept letters from groups such as scout troops, school classrooms, etc. PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE so Santa can reply in time!

Have a safe and joyous Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday!



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Town Hall

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

Elected Officials:

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor	John Syracuse	716-778-8531 #3
Councilwoman	Laura L. Rutland	
Councilwoman	Susan Neidlinger	
Councilman	Richard Coleman	
Councilman	Troy D. Barnes	

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

Town Clerk

Mildred M. Kramp
778-8822 #2
Fax 638-4183

Superintendent of Highways

Jon Miller
778-8844

Town Justice

2896 Transit Road
Newfane, NY 14108
Bruce M. Barnes
Scott R. Boudeman
778-9292
Fax 778-5793
Justice Court Office Hours
9:00 to Noon
Monday through Friday

Receiver of Taxes and Assessments

Terri L. Iannucci
778-6052

Assessor:	Mary Hastings	778-8827 #4
Building Inspector:	David Schmidt	778-5947 #5
Water Superintendent:	Mike Mills	778-8587
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<u>Nicholas Irr/ Plant Operator</u>		778-7131
Composting Plant		778-7807
Refuse		1-800-330-7107
Town Marina		778-5462
Water/Sewer Billing		778-8132 #6
Water/Sewer Maintenance		778-8587
Wastewater Treatment Plant		778-7131
<u>Wastewater Treatment Plant Fax</u>		778-6160

Dog Control Officer

Ordinance Enforcement Officer

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<u>Kenneth Nerber, Asst.</u>	940-5497

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Niagara County Legislature 14th District Legislator Shawn Foti

Happy Fall to Newfane and the entire 14th District! It seems as though this year flew by and I can't believe we are already staring at another winter. I am still wondering where summer went. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the many summer activities offered around Newfane and Niagara County. We are blessed to have countless community events hosted by our wonderful organizations and I was happy to see our residents support their efforts.

Looking back at my last newsletter, I was uncharacteristically frustrated, and not afraid to admit it. I am typically an eternal optimist who believes that hard work and determination will always result in positive outcomes. Government at times has stretched that ideology to the limits, but that is when you have to become more focused and determined. I am proud to say that many of the frustrating projects throughout 2023 are now at completion and put us in better shape for 2024. Krull Park shoreline rehabilitation has finally been completed and it truly looks amazing. There will be finishing touches in Spring and also enhancements to the new amphitheater so that we can begin to host events. I want to thank Greg Daigler for contacting me regarding improvements to the shelter located next to amphitheater which will make the venue space more ADA accessible. I appreciate those ideas, collaboration and community input. I will do my best to make it happen. Krull Park South Loop has also been fully milled and new pavement installed. I'm sure many of you are aware how bad the road became this past year so I am very thankful for this much needed improvement. We are also researching the possibility of installing a large fishing pond in the South end of the park where there is a large wet grass area. Probably the most challenging but also greatest achievement of 2023 is the creation of a County EMS ambulance service to our rural residents. The service should go live toward the end of the year and will consist of 2 ambulances staffed 12 hours per day 7 days per week with a focus on Northern Niagara County. This service is to supplement and compliment the amazing work our volunteers already perform. EMS call volume and demand are up, volunteerism is declining rapidly, but our residents still need to be secure knowing that when they dial 911, someone will be there to help. I am proud to have been a leading voice in the legislature to make this happen. We also have received an economic impact study showing that sportfishing is an almost \$59 million dollar industry in Niagara County. I am sure that is no surprise to our residents who are well aware how busy the marina has been, but now we have hard data to show it. I will be working with Destination Niagara, Economic Development, Fisheries Board, and local tourism groups to create a long-term plan on how we continue to grow this industry.

Looking ahead to 2024, I am again eternally optimistic. The hard work of so many folks in our community and across Niagara County has resulted in very positive outcomes for our residents. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, ideas, or opportunities. I will continue to work hard and look forward to more positivity in 2024.

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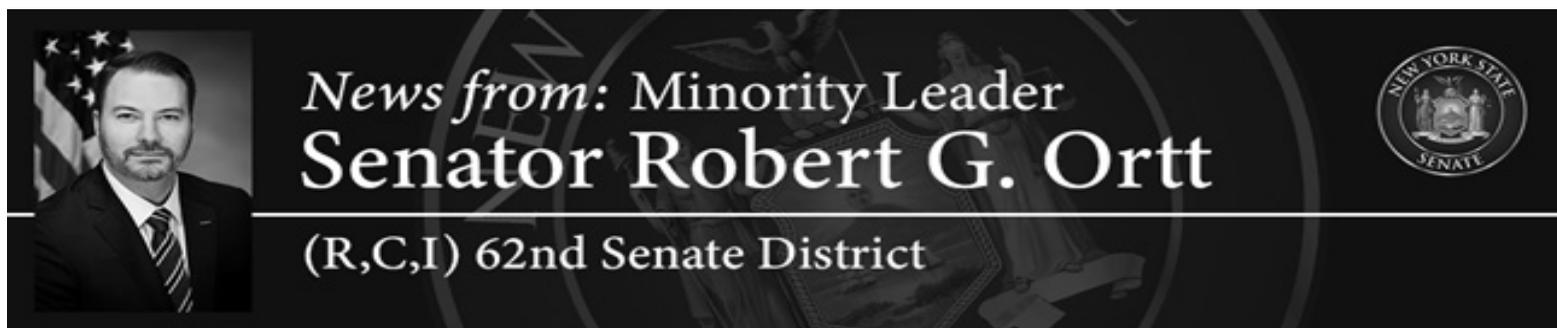
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716-280-3910

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716-961-4205

CATHOLIC HEALTH ALSO PROVIDES SURGICAL SERVICES AT THE NIAGARA SURGERY CENTER – 5875 S. TRANSIT RD.



Legislative Look Ahead

As we take some much-needed time to celebrate the holidays with our family and friends, it's also just about time for a new legislative session to begin. I head back to Albany at the beginning of January and the moment the session begins, so does the fight to Rescue New York.

As you may be aware, a super majority of Democrats and progressive socialists exists within the New York State Assembly and Senate, which makes my job as Minority Leader and your representative at times exceptionally difficult and more important than ever. I will continue to try and make the necessary changes our state, and our community desperately needs. As the New York State Senate Minority Leader, I am proud to represent you and stand up for common sense legislation – fighting for our farmers, protecting your Second Amendment rights, working to keep criminals behind bars, and illegal immigrants out of our backyard.

It is clear, the legislative majority conference wants the opposite – they remain obsessed with the rights of criminals instead of your rights. They refuse to amend the senseless cash bail reforms, and what's worse, they'd like to take away their criminal history with bills like the Clean Slate Act (Senate Bill S.7551), which would automatically erase the records of convicted felons after a period of time. I will continue to advocate for common sense laws that keep criminals behind bars.

At the same time that Democrats are letting more and more dangerous individuals out of prison, they are also attacking your right to protect yourself, with unconstitutional laws and regulations affecting your second amendment rights. You have likely experienced this if you've gone to purchase ammunition recently. What was once a quick stop at the gun store has turned into long delays and an infringement of your rights. It's created an unnecessary strain on our already overburdened State Police as they are now tasked with carrying out these invasive checks each time you wish to buy ammo. Albany Democrats, some of whom have likely never even seen or held a gun, are incorrectly focused on law abiding gun and ammo purchases instead of illegal guns and those who possess them. I will continue to fight and oppose this latest infringement, along with our lawsuits against the majority's attacks on lawful concealed carry.

New York State has completely failed as a sanctuary state for asylum seekers and illegal immigrants. The open-door policies set in place by the majority and leaders in New York City have completely backfired, causing chaos to shelters and budgets not only in one of the largest cities in the world, but across our great state. Since the beginning of this crisis I, along with many other representatives in the minority conference have called for the end to these sanctuary policies and a stop to bringing in more individuals and families our state does not have room or money for.

But the majority ignores our pleas and doubles down on policies that aren't good for New Yorkers. Their solution? Raise taxes and slash budgets already in place designed to offer essential services to tax paying residents. Our state cannot handle our own homeless population. There are veterans who fought for our freedoms who find themselves on the streets, ignored and forgotten – yet the majority is willing to spend billions to fund programs for illegal immigrants.

I am proud to represent a region that stood up to New York City and State leaders and said no to allowing illegal immigrants to stay in Niagara and Orleans Counties. Not too far away in Erie County, they allowed the illegal migrants to come by the busload – and quickly regretted it. The National Guard was called in following several violent crimes and now taxpayers will have to help foot the bill for those legal costs. Residents also have to pick up the tab for the children of illegals to attend our public schools, regardless of their vaccination status. The hypocrisy of Democrats has never been more apparent – It was just a couple of years ago when Albany mandated all students must be vaccinated, regardless of religious or political ideologies – yet they allow illegal migrants to enter our school systems with no medical records, no immunizations, and no concern of putting other children at risk of catching previously eradicated diseases.

We desperately need a voice for change, common sense, and to Rescue New York – and I am proud to represent that for you in Albany. If you need to reach me, have any questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out at 716-434-0680, via email at Ortt@nysenate.gov, or stop by my office located at 175 Walnut Street in Lockport.

Hometown Hero Banners a Popular Addition to Newfane's Streetscape



Thanks to all those participating in Newfane's Hometown Heroes streetside banner project and for your support in honoring Newfane's past and current military service members. The Newfane Hometown Heroes program has placed 120 banners on main roads and streets in Newfane, Olcott, Burt, Wright's Corners, Ridgewood and Appleton. The banners are displayed through November, then stored and installed again next May. Applications for new banners to be added next year should be submitted at the Town Hall by the end of February 2024.

You can access information and the application by using the link on the Town of Newfane website, or email newfanehometownheroes@gmail.com. If you have questions or need help about the banner program, please call and leave a message at Newfane Town Hall, 716-778-8531, ext #7.

An Update from Niagara County Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti



“Putting Scammers Out of Business”

There is a group of people out there that work tirelessly to make money, they are scammers. They never seem to rest, take a day off or slow down in their persistence to take your hard-earned dollars. On a regular basis they come up with new ways to trick you in an attempt to illegally defraud you. The best remedies to fight this activity are frequent education, prompt reporting and extra diligence by you.

Our office has been speaking to groups across Niagara County about current scams and how to protect yourself against these unsavory scammers. Our social media platforms have also been helpful in providing the latest information on what is trending in the world of scams. Many of our community engagements are geared towards our senior population. Scams are targeted at our older generation more than any other group. They usually make their attempts by telephone and sometimes by email. My first piece of advice is to not answer your phone if you do not recognize the number. If it is someone you know they will most likely leave a message and you can call them back. If you do answer and it's a scammer this can be a critical moment for you. These individuals can be very convincing when they are spinning their latest tale they want you to buy into. Scams range from a grandchild being in jail, the IRS or Social Security Administration needing your personal information, a bank looking to confirm your information, a lottery that you may have won, romance scams and many, many more. They are all of the same principle, if it sounds suspect it probably is.

The scammer will pressure you to make a quick decision and they pray upon you doing exactly that. The best course of action, if you do answer the phone, is to slow things down and confirm, confirm, confirm. Hang up and call who you need to verify what you just heard. This may be a family member, your local bank, other involved organization or law enforcement. Please take the time, this is an important step and may stop you from being scammed. Unfortunately, once money, gift cards or others payments are given it is very difficult to get them back.

I have to say that it breaks my heart every time I hear of another victim losing money they have saved their whole life. These are preventable with some education and a little detective work by you. If you do think you have been scammed or are about to be scammed please contact your local law enforcement agency for assistance. Any agency will be able to assist you with your situation. I often hear from residents, “I didn't want to bother you with this.” Please understand that this is not a bother and can often prevent a scam or future scams. We are here to help you. You can find additional information on scams at aarp.org, irs.gov, consumer.ftc.gov and fbi.gov. There are many other great resources available online to offer help regarding scams.

Please stay vigilant, don't offer information to strangers and always be suspicious of things that just don't sound right. Remember, we are here to help you. If you have a group that would like to request a presentation on scams please contact our Community Services Division at 716-438-3310. We will be happy to come out and speak with your organization. Working together we can put some of these scammers out of business.

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDICTION?

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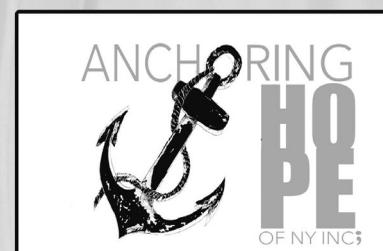
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Van Horn Mansion Revitalization Project



The Van Horn Mansion is celebrating its 200th year in 2023, and a variety of necessary enhancements are planned to refresh the property and help keep it a mainstay attraction of the Newfane community. Please take a look at the many ways you can support our campaign to fund these vital improvements.

Help us win a grant If we raise \$35k, we win \$35k!

We've raised \$14,000....please help us today to reach our goal:

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(include "Rev. Project" in subject line) Town of Newfane Historical Society, P.O. Box 115, Newfane, NY 14108

A local organization has offered this challenge grant to help upgrade the Van Horn Mansion. Earning this grant will go a long way towards refreshing the property with many improvements and upgrades. If we fundraise enough and win the grant, it means a \$70,000 investment into the estate.

How will the funds be used?

- New Wheelchair Ramp
- ADA compliant bathroom
- New & Upgraded Kitchen Appliances
- Rental Equipment Upgrades
- Various building repairs
- Refreshed Displays & much, much more!



The Van Horn Mansion completed initial construction in 1823 by James Van Horn. The home was an immense structure for the region and time, fitting for their affluent family. The Van Horns would host the first town meeting in their parlor on April 6, 1824, when Newfane was officially formed. The Mansion has gone through various rebuilds throughout its life, giving it the look it has today. The biggest changes were completed by James' grandson, Burt, c. 1901, who nearly doubled the home's size, added a Parisian skylight, and updated the design to a late Victorian style. It is now an Event Center & Living History Museum, overseen by the Town of Newfane Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit. To learn more, visit NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com.

American Red Cross Volunteer Blood Donor Ambassador

The need for blood is constant. And as the demand for blood increases, so does the need for volunteer Blood Donor Ambassadors like Julie Drake. Julie has been the friendly face welcoming and supporting those who come in to roll up a sleeve to donate blood, while encouraging others to make an appointment to give this lifesaving resource for more than 25 years! In that time, Julie has rarely missed a drive and blood donors look forward to the warmth and positivity she brings to each one.

Without selfless volunteers like Julie, the American Red Cross of Western New York would be unable to its mission-driven work, and we are thankful for her many years of dedicated service! Congratulations on this milestone anniversary, Julie, and thank you for all you do to support the American Red Cross and patients in need right here in our community!





Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

Another season is in the books and it was a great one at Ye Olde Log Cabin! We had many visitors from at least 10 different countries, 1 US territory, 21 states, and many cities and towns in New York State. We also hosted a field trip from Pratt Elementary School in Barker for 46 first graders and their chaperones. We are hoping to host more school field trips in the future, it was so much fun and they were a great group of kids!

Old Olcott Days this year started out very rainy as that was the Saturday we had torrential down pours and flooding. Sunday turned out to be a very nice day and the trolley tours returned for Old Olcott Days for the first time since Covid. Schulze Winery was at the Cabin with wine tastings, Mammy's was also there with bavarian pretzels, sno cones, ice cream, and other treats. We had our added displays under the tents outside and a special surprise on the back porch of original SeaFood Bar chairs to reminisce and take pictures with. We had a great time and look forward to next year when we will have our Bicentennial Old Olcott Days and Pioneer Picnic that will take place on Saturday July 27, 2024 with Teddy Roosevelt re-enactor Joe Wiegand, family fun games, hot dogs, band organ rally, trolley tours, and other fun interesting things. On July 28th Old Olcott Days continues with trolley tours, outside displays, and other attractions. We would like to thank John Syracuse and the Town of Newfane for all the work and new paint on the trolley. The new paint looks great and we look forward to tours in 2024 with it looking all festive and beautiful!

Now we are preparing for Santa's visit at the Cabin on December 3rd from 1-5pm. The big guy will be there to visit with the kids, hear their Christmas wishes, and give them a stocking filled with fun things. There will also be treats and refreshments for them as well. In the spirit of the giving season we will again be collecting for the Peanut Butter and Jelly fund drive. If you are able to donate, it would be much appreciated to give a helping hand to someone in need. We will again be having our basket full of local items to raffle off to give us a head start on fundraising for next years Santa at the Cabin. We are still accepting donations towards filling the kids stockings and items to put in the basket to be raffled off. If you are interested in donating, please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. Please dress warm as there is usually a wait outside to get into the Cabin to see Santa. We look forward to seeing all the smiles on the kids faces and hope to see you there!

As always we are still accepting items to display in the Cabin. They can be on a permanent display or on loan display basis. Also, anyone interested in volunteering next season, we would love to welcome you to our Cabin family. Contact Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887 for any of the above.

We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and the best New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2024 at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the "Pine Grove"!

NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

CAN IT BE FALL ALREADY? Where did the Summer go? We hope your July, August and September were enjoyable.

Our club meets monthly and we try to plan interesting and informative programs. This summer we visited Park Lane Lilies, Heartland Organics Mushroom Farm, made a garden decoration, decoupage a small pumpkin for Fall, took a field trip to Gleam & Glimmer to make a stained glass garden decoration and in November we made birdseed "cookies" to help the birds weather the coming winter.

We are discussing plans to help plant a butterfly garden in the Spring. We hope adding the garden to the Memorial Tree Garden in Olcott will help beautify and define the Tree Garden. Many people don't even know the Garden exists. It is across from the Log Cabin and there are many trees planted in memory of loved ones. Other topics we are considering are making seed cards, having a plant exchange and arranging a tour of the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens. One of our members invites us for an annual visit to her home for our monthly meeting and serves refreshments.

We do not meet in December due to busy schedules. However, we are working on plans for our monthly meetings in 2024. We are contacting a speaker from The Violet Society of WNY.

Niagara Shores is a garden club, but we do more than garden. Our aim is to share knowledge and ideas concerning gardening, hash over problems we may have with certain plants and bring awareness to environmental issues. We invite speakers to our meetings and enjoy making garden themed crafts.

It is our hope that you might become interested in our club and join us for a meeting. We always welcome new folks and fresh ideas. Our home base is Newfane Community Room, and we meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. 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 President, Barb Reabold at 716-778-7198 or Secretary, Nancy Beakman at 716-778-7300.

We sincerely wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Client Recertification Days for the Newfane Community Food Pantry at St. Brendan's

The Newfane Community Food Pantry wrapped up a successful fall backpack drive and is now preparing for a busy holiday season and the annual *Christmas Day of Sharing*. Before the holidays, all current clients need to be recertified during an in-person interview. This recertification will qualify clients to participate in the Christmas Day of Sharing and future visits to the Pantry.

The interviews will be held at the Pantry, which is located at St. Brendan on the Lake Church, 3455 Ewings Road, Newfane. Dates for the interviews are Thursday, Nov. 30, from 10 am to 3 pm; Friday, Dec. 1, from 10 am to 3 pm; or Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 am to 2 pm. Clients will be notified about when to come in for recertification.

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

Other information:

- The NCFP has a new, direct telephone number: 716-638-4245. Because this new phone line does not take text messages, callers should leave a voice mail if no one answers.
- The Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clients must call for an appointment at 10 am on the day they visit the Pantry.
- The Christmas Day of Sharing is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 13. Clients will be assigned a time during their recertification interview.
- Currently, the Pantry is looking for donations of staples such as meals in a can, soup, pasta and cereal. Other needs include hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bathroom tissue, paper towels, dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent. Monetary donations are always welcome.
- There are no Mobile Food Truck events during the months of November and December. The Pantry operates the Mobile Food Truck on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 am at Newfane Town Hall.
- The annual backpack and school supplies drive was very successful, thanks to the generous support of individual donors and community groups.

The NCFP wishes to thank volunteers and community members for their generous ongoing support, especially during the holidays, and also wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The NCFP is part of FeedMore WNY, formerly called the Food Bank of Western New York. Other support comes from area churches, the John R. Oishei Foundation, the Newfane and Olcott Lions Clubs, local farmers, the Newfane School District, many businesses and organizations, and individual donors.



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

by Edna Wolfe

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

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

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

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

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



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WNY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

About Our Programs

NAMI Family Support Group

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

NAMI Family-to-Family

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

MONTHLY

1 ST WED	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Niagara Falls (6:30 - 8:00pm)
2 ND THU	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP* Online (7:00 - 8:30pm)
3 RD WED	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Amherst (7:00 - 8:30pm)
3 RD THU	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Hamburg (7:00 - 8:30pm)
3 RD THU	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Lockport (7:00 - 8:30pm)
4 TH THU	FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Buffalo (6:30 - 8:00pm)
ENROLL TODAY!	FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CLASS* August Online Classes Forming Now!

*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ONLINE GROUPS & FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CLASSES
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER email us at online@namibuffalony.org

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MILLER HOSE FIRE COMPANY

Fire Chief Jason Coleman

“Old Man Winter” will soon be kicking up his heels. Predictions indicate that this winter may be warmer due to a strong El Nino, climate change and warmer ocean waters. But predictions are just that, predictions, it's best to be prepared.

Fire Chief Jason Coleman reminds those who heat with wood, propane, pellets or natural gas, to check that their chimney or exhaust duct is not blocked, damaged or has buildup of creosote. Also, be aware that buildup of drifting snow around exhaust vents can be a problem during snow storms. When using utility heaters for added warmth, ensure the area surrounding the unit is free and clear of clutter and the unit is in good working condition. Do not connect the unit to underrated extension cords that are not designed to handle the heater's voltage. If you have battery dependent fire/smoke or Co2 detectors, now is the time to change the batteries and test the system.

For winter travel, you should keep a Winter Survival Kit in your vehicle in case you become stranded. A blanket, extra hat/gloves, a small shovel (for clearing snow from around the exhaust pipe), mobile phone, charger and energy bars should be in your kit. Always be aware of your surroundings, location and visual landmarks to aid agencies in locating you in hazard situations. Maintain at least a half tank of fuel in your vehicle or a full charge if you have an EV vehicle. Above all, adjust your driving to the conditions of the road and weather.

Since the beginning of 2023, Miller Hose has responded to approximately 929 emergency calls comprised of 160 fire, accidents, mutual aid and service calls, plus 769 EMS calls requiring Basic or Advanced life support. EMS calls are averaging more than two per day. Miller Hose extends our thanks to the other Area 3 fire companies, Barker, South Wilson, Wilson, Olcott and Wrights Corners for their mutual aid support.

Miller Hose members would like to thank all of those that contributed to our Fill the Boot Drive conducted during the Newfane Historical Society's Apple Harvest Festival. Funds collected will be used to maintain or purchase PPE (protective) equipment for fire company personnel.

President James Enderton

Chairman Dave Hoffman and his committee reported on another successful Gun and Cash Raffle held in September. About thirty prizes were awarded and the committee would like to thank all those that purchased tickets to make this a very successful event. The committee is already planning for next September's 2024 event.

Under the direction of 2nd Assistant Chief Megan Synder, members of the Miller Hose, Olcott and Wrights Corners fire companies conducted their annual Fire Prevention Instructional Program to students at Newfane Elementary School, Newfane Middle School, Niagara Orleans BOCES and the Early Childhood Center. Many “Thank You” cards were received from the students and posted in the fire hall. All fire personnel involved in the program agreed that it was fun interacting with the kids

During the month of December, the fire company will be accepting nominations for officers that will lead the company in 2024 and voting will be held the 1st Sunday of January. The induction of officers will be held at the annual banquet later in January. Looking to spring, the company will hold its Cash Raffle in April - the date, details, time and ticket availability will be announced by the committee.

Application for membership in the Miller Hose Fire Company, where you can specialize in EMS, firefighting or administrative roles are available at the hall on Thursday drill nights or from any member of the company. Applications to join the Junior Firefighters and the Ladies Auxiliary are also available.

Miller Hose members wish a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe 2024 New Year to the residents of the Town of Newfane.

In the event of an emergency, CALL 911.



THE OLCOTT FIRE COMPANY

Fire Chief Michael Miller

The summer months have ended, autumn is well underway and the Olcott Fire Company has stayed busy responding to about 800 calls to date. We congratulate members Jeremy Ribbeck, Matt Schultz, and Jared Traverse on completing their NYS EMT certifications, and Cody O'Dell, Joe O'Dell, Anthony Volpe and Jon Costanzo for completing Firefighter 1 training.

When this newsletter arrives at your home, we will have already had our Community Kids Halloween Party and our annual Turkey Raffle. These events are always successful and popular with area residents and we extend our sincere thanks for the community's support and generosity.

As the holidays draw near and the weather turns colder, OFC reminds everyone about the importance of winter home safety. A house fire is absolutely devastating and simple safety measures will help avoid them. Make sure your family has a practiced exit plan, including a meeting place outside the home. If you smell or see smoke in your home evacuate immediately and call 911, and never, ever run back inside. Have your furnace and fireplace checked annually by a professional and make sure your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries. Keep in mind these appliances **will beep repeatedly** at the end of their useful life, which is typically 10 years, and need to be replaced when that time draws near. It's important to not overload your electrical outlets and to discard any frayed or worn extension cords. Space heaters should always be used with caution and kept away from furniture or curtains.

President Robert Horanburg

Never leave candles burning unattended and make sure that you keep your Christmas tree watered if using a live-cut tree. It's a great idea to keep the walkways outside your home shoveled and salted, especially porch stairs, and make sure your mail-carrier can safely get to your mailbox. Inevitably, the first snowy, slippery day will come to our roads, so remember to leave yourself extra time to get to work, increase your stopping distance and drive with caution in inclement weather. Now is a really good time to check your tires and make sure they are ready to handle the harsh western New York weather. It's also good practice to keep some granola bars, dry socks, a blanket, an extra phone charger, candle and lighter in your vehicle in the event you become stuck while traveling and have to wait for a tow truck.

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

The Olcott Fire Company wishes good health and safety to all in our community. Look for us at the Light Up Newfane Parade! And remember, we are always looking for new members, stop in and see us any Thursday evening after 6:30 pm and let us show you how you can be a part of something bigger while helping those in need!

Kenna Liddell, NYSA-EMT
OFC Secretary

News from the Town Clerk's Office

Mickie Kramp, Town Clerk/Registrar RMC/CMC

Donna Lakes, Deputy Town Clerk

Kristina Gifford, Deputy Town Clerk

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!

NEWFANE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

2737 MAIN STREET

NEWFANE, NEW YORK 14108



Thank you, thank you, thank you to the residents of the Town of Newfane!! Your support allowed me to hold the Office of the Newfane Town Clerk for 25 years as well as Deputy Town Clerk for 9 years. It has been my pleasure to serve this wonderful community that we live in. I have made the decision to retire at the end of this term, December 31st. I will miss seeing everyone at the Town Hall, but I look forward to seeing everyone while being out and about the Town. Stay Healthy and Safe and may God Bless.

Mickie M. Kramp, RMC/CMC

There is **ONE FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC** left in the 2023 year. FOR DIRECTIONS call the specific clinic site FOR ANY OTHER CLINIC RELATED QUESTIONS: call 439-7511

DUE TO HIGH DEMAND YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER Online registration is available at www.niagaracounty.com/health

Saturday, December 9
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon

City of No. Tonawanda Public Works Dept
758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda

APPOINTMENTS FOR RABIES CLINIC ARE NOW MANDATORY

•BRING YOUR PRIOR RABIES CERTIFICATES. Cats and Dogs receiving immunization WITHOUT PROOF of a previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate valid for one year. Dogs and Cats WITH PROOF of previous rabies will receive a certificate valid for three years.

•Ferrets receive vaccinations annually, regardless of previous immunization.

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

The Department does not offer dog or cat vaccinations other than rabies. It is very important for the health and well-being of your animal and the other animals attending our rabies clinics, that they have seen a veterinarian and are up to date on all of their immunizations, to include dog parvo virus.

Volunteers are welcomed. Please call 439-7511 if interested.

It is requested that anyone bringing more than six animals to one clinic contact the Niagara County Department of Health at 439-7511 up to one week prior to the clinic so paperwork can be processed more efficiently.

REMINDERS:

With the cold winter months upon us, your pets will need a place to keep warm. If your dog is left outside for extended periods of time during the cold weather, hypothermia can set in. Please make sure that your family pet has proper shelter and fresh water daily as water will freeze during the cold winter months.



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

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

THE FEES FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

WE DO NOT ACCEPT DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS

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

Questions? Please contact Town Clerk's Office at 778-8822 #2.

***** DOG LICENSE APPLICATION FOR UNLICENSED DOGS or OVER-DUE 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 must be licensed in the Town of Newfane which is followed by a yearly renewal. It is also important to secure the ID tag on your pet's collar. In the event that your pet should wander away, without this means of ID you may not be reunited again, simply because you were not able to be located. If you love your pets, please take this step in ensuring their safe return. Sadly, lost pets are a **very common** occurrence. Additionally, please be certain that the Town Clerk's office has your **"CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER"** allowing us to contact you. Thank you!

Should your pet get away please contact:

Dog Control Officer Jeffrey Newman at (716) 807-6270 or Assistant Dog Control Officer Ken Nerber at (716) 940-5497

WINTER PESTS

Don't make the mistake of thinking that when winter begins pest season ends. Fleas and ticks are a threat year-round. Flea pupae, the last stage of the lifecycle before becoming full grown fleas, can live through a harsh winter in the corners of your home. Ticks and heartworms can also resist the cold, so it's best to keep your pets on a year-round pest treatment program.

HOLIDAY HAZARD

The holiday season is a great time for food lovers. The delicious baked goods, chocolate delights and other rich, fatty foods, while not great for your overall health, can actually be detrimental to your pets' wellbeing. Try to keep your pets on their regular diet over the holidays and encourage your friends and family not to sneak your pets an extra treat. Here is a quick list from the American Kennel Club of some human foods your pets need to avoid. Anything containing grapes, raisins and currants (fruit cake) can potentially cause kidney failure in dogs. Many sugar-free candies and gums contain the alcohol-derived artificial sweetener xylitol. It can cause dangerous drops in blood sugar and liver failure in dogs. Chocolate and cocoa contain theobromine, a compound that gives cocoa its bitter taste, which can be highly toxic in dogs and cats. Ingesting a small amount can cause vomiting and diarrhea, and larger amounts can lead to seizures and heart arrhythmias. Fatty meat scraps have been known to cause inflammation in the pancreas, leading to abdominal pain, diarrhea, and vomiting. How about our holiday plants???? Poinsettia Plants are very popular at holiday time. Many people believe they are highly toxic to pets, however, while they may cause stomach issues there are 5 popular holiday plants that will certainly cause more discomfort and potential vet bills. The Mistletoe, Holly, Christmas Tree, Lilly and Amaryllis can be extremely hazardous if ingested so please be careful and watch your pets closely.

NOTARY SERVICES: ATTENTION

Please call ahead to make an appointment for Notary Services. This will eliminate your making a trip when no one is available to help.

HUNTING NEWS :



Shoutout to Pete Clerk who never disappoints. He was once again our first hunting customer for the season. Always good to see you!

LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS:

Your license privilege tags are sent directly to the last address known by the DEC Fulfillment Center. If you move, you must notify the DEC in order for them to correctly mail your license and tags to you. 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 will 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. receive their tags. After contacting the DEC we learned that for whatever reason the tags were returned to them and a mail stop order was placed on the account.

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR LIFETIME TAGS it means they are sitting in Albany undeliverable. We have had several hunters come in because they did not receive their tags. After contacting the DEC we learned that for whatever reason the tags were returned to them and a mail stop order was placed on the account. If you don't receive your tags a simple phone call to the DEC at (518) 402-8843 will get your account corrected and your tags sent.

ANNUAL WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE NORRIS:

Winter clothing items will be collected from November 15th until December 15th at the Newfane Town Hall. Coats, Hats, Mittens, Gloves, Scarves and boots will be graciously accepted during our normal business hours.

COOKING WITH THE CLERKS

Crispy, Creamy Chicken Cordon Bleu

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless Chicken breast – salt & pepper to taste
- 1 TBS garlic powder
- 1 TBS onion powder
- 16 slices Swiss cheese
- ½ LB ham thinly sliced
- Oil for frying

Flatten breasts to ½” thick. Top with 2 slices Swiss cheese & 2 slices ham. Roll firmly and wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes, unwrap and dip in flour, egg & bread crumbs. Fry until a nice golden brown then finish in oven at 350 degrees (temperature in the center of the chicken should be 165 degrees)

Dijon Sauce:

- 3 TBS butter
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 TBS flour
- 2 cups milk
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- Salt & pepper to taste

Melt butter in saucepan add garlic and cook until fragrant – add flour – whisk for 1 minute, add milk and mix until smooth. Continue whisking while it is simmering & thickened, add mustard, parmesan cheese, salt & pepper.

Slice chicken and serve with sauce. Delicious!!

Jello Salad (A Family Favorite)

- 2 packages of Raspberry Jello Mix
- 1 can Whole Cranberry Sauce
- 1 8oz. can Crushed Pineapple (drained)
- 2 cups boiling water
- Mix Jello in boiling water, add Cranberry Sauce and drained Crushed Pineapple.
- Remove from heat. Pour into serving bowl and place into refrigerator

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER:

The only difference between dreams and achievements is hard work.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!

Newfane Water and Sewer Department

Maintenance Department

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

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

Michael R. Mills

Water/Sewer Superintendent

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

1. CASH
2. CHECK
3. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS- ONLINE ONLY- 2.95% FEE
4. ACH PAYMENTS - NO FEE – form is available at: townofnewfane.com

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

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

A link for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is available on our website at townofnewfane.com

- Go to Town Department
- Water Department
- At the very top of the page, "click here" (will be in green)

Garbage Reminders

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

Large item pick-up is the third full week of collection each month. Please adhere to three large items on your garbage day during bulk pick-up week. Please note that a second truck comes back around for the large items, so your tote may be emptied first.

Leaf and yard waste must now be contained in your appropriate garbage tote. You can no longer put bags of leaves and yard waste to the curb. Should you require another garbage tote, please contact the Water Department at 716-778-8132 Ext. 6 to purchase and one will be delivered. We have large garbage totes available for \$80.00 and small totes available for \$50.00. Please be advised an additional annual fee of \$56 applies to any additional tote.

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

Recycling Reminders

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

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Mary Hastings

NEW HOMEOWNERS/NEW APPLICANTS ONLY!!!

****NEW STAR applicants need to register with the New York State Tax Department for STAR Credit. You will receive a check directly from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption on your school bill. Visit www.tax.ny.gov or call (518) 457-2036.**

Enhanced Star Exemption (Current Basic STAR exemption recipients ONLY)

If you are **over 65** or turning 65 years of age by **December 31, 2024**, you may qualify for the **Enhanced STAR Exemption** if your **Adjustable Gross Income** for 2022 was **\$98,700** or less. This exemption will be applied to the upcoming **2024** assessment roll. To file for this exemption, the following items are needed: (1). Proof of age, (2). A copy of your 2022 Income Tax, (**preferably NY State**), and (3). Proof of your New York State residency. If you feel you qualify, contact the office no later than **March 1, 2024** to file your paperwork. Also, an RP-425-IVP must be submitted when applying for the Enhanced STAR exemption. Failure to do so will result in denial of the Enhanced STAR exemption.

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

TAXABLE STATUS DATE/EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.

GRIEVANCE DAY IS THE 4TH TUESDAY IN MAY.

****ANY CHANGES TO PROPERTY LINES MUST BE APPROVED BY BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND ASSESSOR. SURVEYS ARE REQUIRED.**

Building Permits:

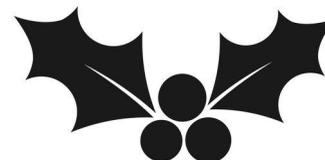
Each year we are out getting updated pictures and working on building permits for the next year roll. If you have any questions, give us a call at 778-8827 Option 4.

Note from the Building Inspector's Office

We now have a full-time Building Inspector, David Schmidt. David can be reached at (716) 954-2030 or (716) 778-5947 ext. 5. You can e-mail him at Building.Inspector@townofnewfane.com.

You can also reach Connie at 778-5946 ext. 105 or by e-mail at connie@townofnewfane.com.

Happy Holidays from the Building Inspector's Office!





HIRING OLCOTT BEACH LIFEGUARDS

It's not too early to think about summer jobs!
The Town of Newfane is looking for lifeguards at Olcott Beach for the Summer of 2024. Applicants must have lifeguard and waterfront safety certifications.

Applications are available at the Supervisors Office at the Town Hall.
Any questions please call the Newfane Town Hall: (716) 778-8531, ext.104

MARINA & FISHING

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a happy new year! We were busy at Fisherman's Park this fall and are looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring. The Marina will be opening April 6, 2024, and will start making reservations then.



Niagara is a Top Fishing and Tourism Destination

A study by Destination Niagara USA finds that fishing generated an estimated \$58.55 million in visitor spending in Niagara County in 2022. The study highlights the significant year-round effect fishing and tourism have in our community. Bassmaster Magazine has ranked Niagara in the top 10 places for bass fishing two years in a row.

To read the entire study, go to www.niagarafallsusa.com/ -- select Menu, then About Us/Reports



Rapid Building Access in an Emergency Lock Box Program Coming



Newfane's fire departments and the Town Board will soon roll-out a community lock box program to give firefighters and emergency personnel rapid access to buildings in an emergency. The program allows emergency responders immediate access to a locked building in an emergency using a master key and/or codes. The system gives emergency personnel access to a locked and securely mounted key box so they can gain fast entry into a home, business or structure -- without using forcible measures that would damage your building or delay the response to protect your property and safety. The needed equipment is being ordered and local officials are discussing how the program can best be implemented. Look for more details in the months ahead about this safety program, or contact a fire official or the Building Department at Newfane Town Hall.

TAX OFFICE UPDATE

The Niagara County/Town of Newfane tax bills will be mailed at the end of 2023 and are due and payable upon receipt. Please review your bill and if there seems to be a great difference from prior years, compare the items listed to determine where the changes have occurred. Feel free to call our office if more information is necessary.

Are You a NEW PROPERTY OWNER? Some information you may not be aware of:

- When purchasing a new home the buyer is responsible for property taxes from the time of signing.
- Property and school taxes are forward taxes and are usually prorated by the attorney for the buyer at the time of purchase.
- Whether or not a tax bill is provided to the homeowner, it is still the responsibility of the new homeowner to become informed as to what taxes are due, the time frame that they are due in and the payment thereof.
- If a mortgage company holds money in escrow for taxes, it is best to make sure that the mortgage holder is paying the taxes in a timely fashion. If a receipt is not received from my office shortly after the penalty free period is over, the property owner should contact their mortgage company.
- For the PROPERTY OWNER who no longer has a mortgage:
 - The property owner is now responsible to pay the school and property taxes on their own and by planning ahead for this expense penalties can be avoided.
 - School taxes are due in September without penalty and Town and County taxes are due by January 31st without penalty. School taxes unpaid by October 31st will appear on the Town and County bill for the following year and a penalty is included.
 - Information is available at the Assessor's office for the Enhanced Star program.

This reduction is based on income and must be applied for yearly.

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

Terri L. Iannucci

Town of Newfane

Receiver of Taxes

Polish the Diamond Campaign off to a Good Start

If you have been by Olcott's Methodist Church recently, you have likely noticed work being done to bring a shine back to the building's stained glass windows. The old and faded plexiglass coverings on these windows are being replaced using the community supported *Polished the Diamond Campaign*. These beautifully crafted windows have graced Olcott's main intersection since 1909 and the campaign is well underway to give the windows new life. So far, generous donations from the community have allowed us to install modern, clear plexiglass on four small windows and the large window on the west side of the church. We are off to an exciting start but still have a long way to go.

From its beginning, the *Polished the Diamond Campaign* has been a grassroots neighborhood and community effort. Several residents have donated their time, energy and money to help raise the funds needed to polish these Olcott jewels. Folks have been selling raffle tickets, chili and hot dogs to help, while one very senior gentleman climbed the ladder and painted the first two windows, and another provided a free scaffold. Residents have been very complimentary and take a lot of pride in how the community is coming together to improve this Olcott centerpiece.

We have set a lofty goal to raise \$150,000 to replace old plexiglass, power wash the brick, paint the trim and replace the doors at this landmark Olcott corner. When completed, it will be a beautifully polished architectural diamond for residents and tourists to appreciate for generations. We are on our way to achieving our fundraising goal and 100% of all donations go directly to improvement work. Please keep watch, more work was just completed and we hope to continue through the winter as weather permits.

Donations

Volunteers will be knocking on doors, sending mailings and emailing flyers over the next few months as the campaign continues. We hope you will help as we look to meet our goal and wrap up the campaign early next year. With everyone's support, we'll be able to get to the finishing touches next spring and the entire corner will have an impressive, 'polished' and proud new look for the future.

Mail checks to: Polish the Diamond
United Methodist Church
PO Box 24 Olcott, NY 14126

or Venmo: @olcottUMC



NEWFANE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SNOW REMOVAL AND WINTER PARKING

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

The Superintendent of Highways, Jon Miller, shall have the power to cause such removal of all vehicles in violation of this ordinance.

The Superintendent of Highways also requests that homeowners remove any portable basketball hoop or any other item that may cause a hazard that is in the right-of-way during the above Winter Parking Ordinance period. The Town will not be responsible for any damages that may occur to these items if they remain out. The homeowner also will be responsible for any fees incurred if the Town has to remove the item.

Plowing snow onto public roadways is against the law. Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, and section 214 of the Highway Law of New York State specifically prohibits the placing or leaving of snow, ice or other substance upon any highway (this includes pavement, shoulders, and ditches).

Over the past few years, the practice of plowing or depositing snow from private driveways or private property upon the highway has increased significantly. This practice is taking place even after roadways have been cleared and snow pushed back behind the shoulders by Highway Agencies.

This practice is against the law and serious accidents could result from snow being plowed onto the highway.

All those responsible for plowing or depositing snow upon the highway may be liable for a fine up to \$1,000 per day, per occurrence for each day the situation remains uncorrected.

Police Agencies will be notified of all occurrences with the intent that summonses be issued to all those responsible.

During and after significant snowstorms, Highway Agencies receive phone calls regarding damage to mailboxes caused by snowplows or from the force of snow being thrown by the plows. If such damage is caused during snow removal, it is not done intentionally.

There is no statutory or legal authority which grants a property owner along a public highway the right to place a mailbox in a highway right-of-way. The owner must have a mailbox in the right-of-way by law for mail delivery, which may give the owner an informal license. However, this does not give the owner any legal rights in the highway when needed for highway purposes.

When the necessity of keeping the highway open conflicts with the individual's reception of mail, the latter must stand aside. In certain instances, the owner may even be compelled to remove the box under Highway Law #319.



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



RECOVERY CENTER
OF NIAGARA

CONTACT US

2600 William St I Newfane NY 14108

716-265-3700

admissions@niagararecovery.com

www.niagararecovery.com

“Bringing hope one day at a time.”

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

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

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



NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT OFFICE

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www.newfane.wnyric.org

Lisa M. Krueger, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Fall 2023

The 2023-24 school year has been filled with positivity and many points of pride that make us all incredibly proud of our students, faculty and staff and of our beautiful facilities. Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, the leadership shown by our Board of Education, the hard work of our faculty and staff and the enthusiasm of our students, your Newfane Schools are fulfilling our mission to provide the absolute education possible for our students.

This fall brought about one of the best Homecomings we have had in a very long time. Our first annual Family Fun Tailgate was a huge success and our sports programs were celebrated during our Homecoming week - especially our Girls Cross Country team, which reached an incredible milestone of 100 consecutive league wins! The Newfane Alumni Association honored its 2023 Distinguished Alumni in an assembly during Homecoming Week for our high school students, who learned of the great accomplishments of our Newfane graduates in their profession, volunteer work and community service.

- Ronald Altbach, Class of 1964, Musician/Capital Markets Executive
- Erik Harrington, Class of 1987, Coach/Community Service
- David Nasca, Class of 2008, Artist/Educator
- Jaak Rakfeldt, Class of 1964, Professor/Researcher/Clinician
- Lisa Rudgers, Class of 1981, Strategic Planning/Leadership Development Consultant
- Ronald Winkley, Class of 1976, Law Enforcement/Community Service

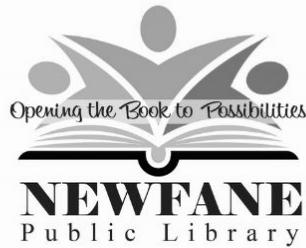


After two years of construction, this fall we wrapped up some major renovations at Newfane Middle School and our Early Childhood Center. Both schools now have secure vestibules and re-designed main offices, which provide increased safety and security. Additionally, parking lots were resurfaced and roof maintenance was completed at both schools.

What we are most excited to share with our community is our beautifully renovated auditorium. Our renovated auditorium now has air conditioning, new carpeting and new seating. Additionally, acoustic panels on the walls, new sound system and new lighting will enhance our performances. Thoughtful care was given to maintain the rich history and architecture of our middle school while bringing modern technology to update our systems. We can't wait to welcome our community in to experience a band or chorus concert or our school musical. The community is welcome to attend our winter concerts. All concerts are at 7 PM in our newly renovated Newfane Middle School Auditorium:

- Wednesday, December 6 - Middle School Band & Choral Concert (grades 7 & 8);
- Wednesday, December 13 - Middle School Band & Choral Concert (grades 5 & 6);
- Wednesday, December 20 - High School Winter Concert;
- Newfane High School Musical - March 8-10, 2024.

As I returned to my alma mater this fall as your Superintendent of Schools, I have been continually reminded of what makes Newfane such a unique and special place.....it's the people. Thank you for warmly welcoming me back and for all that you do to support our students and our school system. Our investment in our school facilities is reflective of the commitment our community has to providing our students with an exceptional education. We are fortunate that our schools are the hub of our community where people gather to celebrate our students and their accomplishments on the field, in the gymnasium, in classrooms and on the stage!



Newfane Public Library
2761 Maple Avenue, Newfane, NY 14108
www.newfanepubliclibrary.org
Phone & Fax (716) 778-9344
Email: Newfanelibrary@Nioga.org

Library Hours
Mon, Wed, Fri: 10:00 am- 6:00 pm
Tues, Thurs- 10:00 am- 8:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am- 2:00 pm
(Closed Saturdays in July & August)



Check out what's new at your Newfane Public Library! The little library with BIG ideas! From books to programs, the Newfane Public Library always has something new in store for all ages! Follow us on Facebook or visit us at our website for the most up to date information on upcoming programs and reading incentives.

Here are a few of our upcoming events (please call to register for each event):

Wednesdays: Health Insurance Enrollment, Every Week 1 pm- 3 pm

November

- 11/1 Lego Club 6 PM
- 11/7 Free Snap Nutrition Class 3:30 PM
- 11/7 Thankful Sign Craft
- 11/14 Book Club 6 PM
- 11/15 Senior Game Night 6 PM
- 11/21 Gadgets and Gear 2-4 PM
- 11/23-11/25 Library Closed
- 11/28 Adult Holiday Craft Night
- 11/30 Sweet Holiday Treats: Kids Holiday Craft Fair 6-8 PM

December

- 12/1 Light Up Newfane Parade 6 PM
- 12/4 Board Meeting
- 12/5 Free Snap Nutrition Class 3:30 PM
- 12/6 Lego Club 6 PM
- 12/12 Book Club 6 PM
- 12/13 Kids Holiday Cookie Decorating 6 PM
- 12/18 Gadgets and Gear 2-4 PM
- 12/23-12/25 Library Closed
- 12/27 Stuffed Animal Sleep Over

January

- 1/1 Library Closed
- 1/2 Free Snap Nutrition Class 3:30 PM
- 1/3 Lego Club 6 PM
- 1/8 Build your Own Pizza Night 6 PM
- 1/9 Book Club 6 PM
- 1/15 Library Booksale Starts (at Marjim Manor)
- 1/23 Adult Gnome Craft 6 PM
- 1/24 Winter Reading Program Starts
- 1/25 Winter Family Story Hour Series Starts
- 1/29 Valentines for Veterans Drive Starts

February

- 2/2 Valentines for Veterans Drive Ends
- 2/6 Free Snap Nutrition Class 3:30 PM
- 2/7 Valentines Story Time
- 2/7 Lego Club 6 PM
- 2/8 Adult Valentines Cookie Decorating 6:30 PM
- 2/13 Book Club 6 PM
- 2/19 Library Booksale Ends (at Marjim Manor)
- 2/28 Winter Reading Program Ends
- 2/29 Last Winter Family Story Hour

**NEWFANE HIGH SCHOOL
FITNESS CENTER**

**REMINDER that the Fitness Center
is open to Town residents:**

Monday – Thursday evenings

5 PM - 8 PM



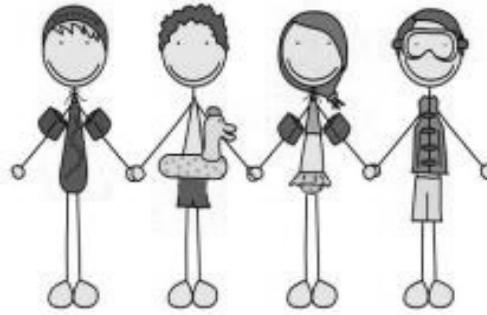


Newfane Central School District Aquatic Center

Located at:
2909 Transit Road
Newfane, New York 14108
716-778-6853

Lisa Krueger, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

Bernadette Seymour
Aquatic Center Director



COMMUNITY AQUATIC PROGRAMS Winter/Spring 2023-2024

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

PARENT & CHILD AQUATIC PROGRAM

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

Age: 6 months – 3 years

Cost: \$2.00 with adult

Session: Monday's March 11, 2024 through May 20, 2024

Time: 6:30 – 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY and SENIOR CITIZEN SWIM

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

Cost: \$2.00

Session: September 6, 2023 through June 21, 2024

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

LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM

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

Age: 4+

Cost: \$58.00

Session: Wednesdays 9-weeks

January 3,10,17, 24 & 31; February 7,14, 21 & 28

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Level I & II

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



EVENING WATER AEROBICS

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

Spring Session: Mondays & Wednesdays March 11, 2024 through May 22, 2024

Cost: \$2.00 per class

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

DAYTIME WATER ARTHRITIS PROGRAM

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

Winter Session: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays January 3, 2024 through March 22, 2024

Cost: \$2.00 per class

Spring Session: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays April 8, 2024 through June 21, 2024

Cost: \$2.00 per class

Time: Change from prior years, please see below:

*Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM



POOL PARTIES

Celebrate at the Newfane Aquatic Center!

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

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

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

PRIVATE PARTIES FOR ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

Questions or Suggestion?

Contact Mrs. Seymour, Aquatics Center Director at 778-6853 or Bseymour@newfanecentralschools.org

NEWFANE AQUATIC PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION _____

COURSE(S) NAME _____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: **Newfane Central School District**



17th Annual

**“CANDY CANE LANE”
CRAFT SHOW & SALE**

Newfane United Methodist Church
2699 Main St., Newfane, NY

Friday, December 1st
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Last-minute gift shopping
Relax & eat in the cafe
Take home fresh baked goods**

Many crafters with unique items

**Christmas Magic
Craft Show and More**

First Baptist Church of Newfane
6047 East Avenue

Friday, December 1st
4:00 – 8:00pm

Shop for gifts from
a local vendor

Make an ornament

Basket Raffle

Take Holiday pictures
by our beautiful tree
and fireplace

Story time with
one of Santa’s helpers

Grab something to eat:

Walk-A-Bout Chicken & Biscuit Bowl

“Chili”

“Soup”

Enjoy a cup of “Hot Chocolate”

Stop in, Relax and Enjoy the start of the holiday season with some
good fellowship

For questions or Vendors – contact Darlene Carey (716) 238-2602
or Nancy Beakman (716) 778-7300



The Olcott Lions Club sponsored the Kindergarten
Roundup in August -- an exciting, fun time that
helps kids get ready for the new school year



The Olcott Lions Club Polar Bear ‘Swim for Sight’
is March 3 ... Check it out, start your fundraising at:

www.thepolarbearswim.org

2023 Was a Year at Olcott Beach Carousel Park

by Rosemary Sansone

Thank you for a great season at Olcott Beach Carousel Park (OBCP). According to our visitor guest book, the park had guests from 10 countries; 29 states; and 77 cities, towns and villages in NYS. We also sold well over 125,000 ride tickets; averaging a sale of 2,562 per day!

OBCP was fortunate to have a great staff, consisting of students and volunteers. Our top volunteers were **Kris Gerstung, Gail Kilner, Christine Kennedy, Ellen Sheffield, Chuck Burrough, and Kevin Laforest**, donating a total of more than 400 hours of service at the park.

Each year, besides yearly maintenance of the rides, games and buildings, we try to undertake projects to improve the park for

the safety and comfort of the staff and public. One of those improvements was replacing our old ticket booths with a new one. This was achieved by a grant through volunteer Kris Gerstung with the inside completed by volunteers Roy and Deanna Knapp. The front of the original ticket booth, that was used at the Olcott Amusement Park (the site upon which OBCP was built) has been preserved and on display in the carousel roundhouse.



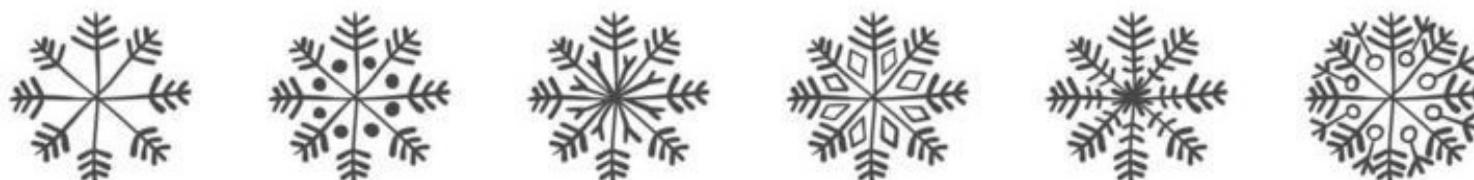
In addition to the new ticket booth, the park has ten new benches to accommodate audiences watching our stage shows, and for visitors to rest in the park. A garden was installed at the entrance to the Main St. entrance of the park in memory of our late town supervisor, Tim Horanburg. The security system in the park was also updated.

Although the park is now closed there is still work to be done for our May 25, 2024 reopening.



The stage deck will be power washed and stained, ready to welcome back our park magicians Rob and Carol Allen who entertain park visitors with a 2 pm magic show each day the park is open. The show is free and is sponsored by the Western New York Dairy Farmers. The outside band organ will get a permanent building near the carousel. It's new home, will be in the shape of a trolley. Visitors will also be treated to a display about the old Seafood Bar inside the carousel roundhouse and repairs will be made to the blacktop surface.

Thank you to all who visit the park, talk about it, and help to run it. We look forward to our 2024 season so that we again can "Build Memories for a New Generation"!



The Living Nativity

Grace Bible Church
December 1, 2 & 3
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Go to www.gbcnewfane.com to make a reservation. Guests will experience a 30-minute tour portraying the events of the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ. All scenes are outdoors, so please dress appropriately. Hot cocoa and cookies while you wait. Everything is outside and all waiting will be inside heated tents. please plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to your reservation time. Park at Newfane Town Hall and walk to the church.

The Interesting Ways Newfane Communities Got Their Names

Bill Clark, Town of Newfane Historian

historian@townofnewfane.com

The story of how Newfane ... and Olcott, Burt, Appleton, Ridgewood and Wright's Corners got their names is a weave of the family, cultural and economic history of our town, and in many situations the names reflect growth and changes that took place in transportation and postal delivery over the decades.

It is well documented that Newfane was selected as the town's name when our town was created by the NYS Legislature in 1824. James Van Horn was among this town's most prominent and influential leaders of the day and his wife, Abigail, suggested the town be named after Newfane, Vermont where she and her family had roots. But with that, the question then becomes 'what is the origin of the Newfane name?' So, we look at how Newfane, Vermont came by its name and find that its namesake was Englishman John Fane, the 7th Earl of Westmoreland. John Fane (1685-1762) was an English nobleman who served in the British army, was a member of Parliament and was influential among early English settlers and political leaders that came to New England. Other accounts have linked the name to the dictionary definition of 'Fane' (New Fane); a word of English origin meaning church or temple, but local records clearly trace our Newfane to Abigail Van Horn's bond with her Vermont home.

The Newfane village was originally named Charlotteville, a name that remained in common use well into the 1900s and is confirmed by many letters, maps and references. Charlotteville was the choice of George Davis, one of the village's early settlers and landowners, who named the village after his daughter. Interestingly though, the U.S. Post Office and National Archive have no record of the community ever being named Charlotteville. The first post office established in 1834 was called Newfane Center and in 1839 it was changed to Newfane. It is thought that because there were several communities across the state using versions of the name Charlotte that it may have caused confusion in postal distribution and was never officially sanctioned.

Olcott was first known as Kempville, after Revolutionary War veteran Burgoyne Kemp, who was one of the area's first settlers in 1807 when he purchased land from the Holland Land Co. and established a farm and opened shops near the mouth of Eighteen-Mile Creek. The name was changed to Olcott in 1837 when the postal service expanded rural delivery. The name change recognized Thomas W. Olcott, an Albany area investor and land speculator who purchased 2500 acres of land around Kempville. There is no record that Thomas Olcott lived here or even visited, although he was in Lockport, and many Olcott property owners will find Thomas Olcott listed as a previous owner in their deeds and title searches. Some claim the Olcott name is linked to Theodore Olcott, another land speculator who was said to have obtained funding to build the federal piers, but Theodore Olcott would have been a child when the post office changed the name in 1837. Pier funding and construction was in 1871, more than thirty years after the name change and reports about Congressional funding for the piers do not mention Theodore Olcott.

A post office was established in the area we call Appleton in 1847, but addresses would only include the family name and Hess Road. It would be 1876 before a community took shape when the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad was built through Newfane from Rochester to Lewiston. Also known as the Hojack and later the NY Central, the railroad provided an opportunity for farmers to ship produce and goods, which prompted the growth of shops, cold storage, village services and homes. The site became known as Hess Road Station because of its connection with the railroad and was changed to Appleton in 1895 to reflect the area's best-known product.

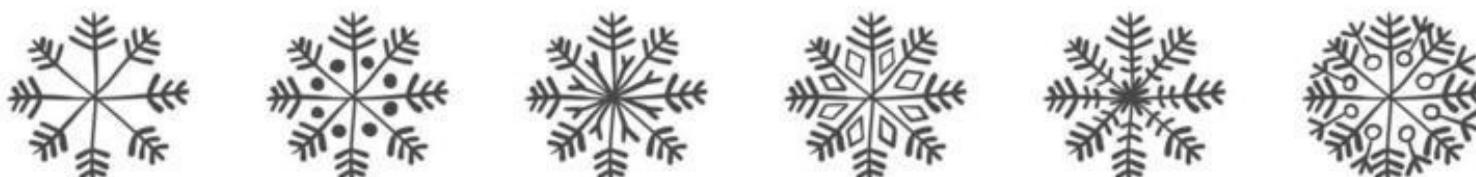
What we know as Burt went by the names Millville and Van Horn Mills in earlier times, and then after the Hojack/NY Central Railroad came through in 1876 it would be called Newfane Station. The James Van Horn family settled the area where they built and operated mills, farms and shops for three generations. His son, Burt Van Horn, became a prominent business and political leader who served as State Assemblyman and was the area's representative to Congress during the Civil War. After Burt's death, the postal service designation was changed to Burt in 1899.

Ridgewood widely describes the rural surroundings of southeast Newfane and is more narrowly defined as the business and residential setting near the intersection of Hess and Ridge Roads. Ridge Road was first known as the Ontario Trail when it was a Native American path traveled by pioneers to Lewiston and Fort Niagara in pre-settlement times. For many decades the route along Ridge Road from Hartland Corners to Warren's Corners was known as the Eleven Mile Woods because it was so densely forested and remote -- Ridgewood was a stagecoach stop and mail drop. Through the 1800s and early 1900s, the area was simply called Ridge Road, reflected by names such as Ridge Road Union Church and Ridge Road Post Office, and mail for the Newfane portion of the Ridge was delivered using only the family names and Ridge Road. A contest was held in 1925 to select a name that would give the community a better, more recognizable identity and Ridgewood was chosen over Taylorville.

War of 1812 veteran Solomon Wright was not the first pioneer to settle in Wright's Corners; arriving in 1822, he followed hotel operator Thomas Barber and purchased the hotel of Alva Buck. The intersection was a popular stop along the Ridge Trail and through the Eleven Mile Woods that would host up to 12 stagecoach stops a day. The area grew rapidly when Wright emerged as a prominent businessman, landowner and community leader who was among those at the Van Horn meetings of 1824 when the Newfane township was created. The area became known as Wright's, Wrightsville or 'the Corners' in those early days and in 1826 the first post office was opened in Wright's store and called Newfane #1. In 1839, the postal service officially renamed the area Wright's Corners and Salomon Wright would serve as Postmaster for forty-five years.

Another settlement of note was Corwin Station, as the area around Hatter Road was known when the Lockport-Olcott Trolley operated from 1900 to 1938. There was a trolley station on Lockport-Olcott Road just south of Hatter in the vicinity of the railroad overpass. Phineas Corwin and his sons owned much of the property in this area and donated land for the Corwin Cemetery, but the Corwin identity as a community was used less after the trolley was removed. Similarly, some maps and documents refer to Coomer Road Station where the NY Central/Hojack railroad crossed Coomer, but as development took hold in Burt, Coomer Station was not widely used.

For a complete and updated look at Newfane's 200-year history go to Town History at www.newfanehistoricalsociety.com; where you can also choose from options to donate to the Van Horn Mansion Revitalization Project





We had another great season in 2023

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

Some of the boardwalk shoppes will be **open Sunday, December 3rd for the Holiday Shopping Pop-Up**, done in conjunction with Santa at Ye Olde Log Cabin! Our shoppes will be open 12pm-4pm; Santa will be at the Cabin from 1pm-5pm. This is a great time to get some Christmas shopping done while SHOPPING LOCAL!

The shoppes will be open for the 2024 Solar Eclipse, April 6th, 7th, & 8th! Since WNY is right in the path of the Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8th, our shoppes will be open that weekend for all the visitors we anticipate will be here!

Here is a current list of the individually-owned businesses that will make up the boardwalk in 2024: 3 Sisters Garlic, Chenez's Popcorn, Dragonfly Espresso, Gift Box at the Beach, Just Looking on the Lake, KM Treats/Kaveman Treasures, New Life Reclaimed, The Boho Siren, Walden Willow Boutique

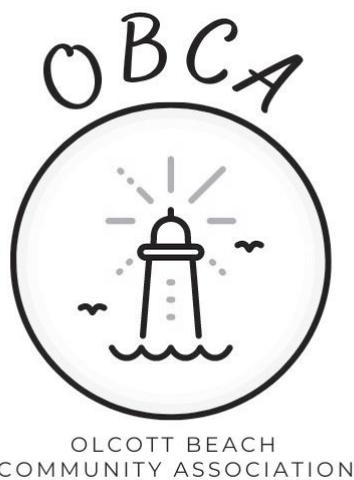
Make sure you follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with all the boardwalk fun! www.facebook.com/lakeviewvillageshoppes

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

May: weekends only, 12pm to 6pm

Memorial Day to Labor Day: Sunday to Thursday, 12pm to 6pm; Friday & Saturday, 12pm to 8pm

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



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 Methodist 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.

This past year we completed many projects (including updating past projects): we updated the clock on the corner of Main St & Route 78, refinished the benches on Main Street in front of the Methodist & Catholic Churches, we got new sails for the cement sailboats around town (and repainted them), we helped raise money for the Olcott Methodist Church window project, hosted the Saturday Night Car Cruises on Main St, and volunteered at the Tourism outdoor movie nights at the Carousel Park. We will be decorating the Gazebo area for the holidays again this year! We hope everyone enjoys the extra cheer this brings to the area! .

We are already preparing for next year's Bicentennial! We purchased banners and yard signs to promote the Bicentennial around town. We are hoping to add Bicentennial themes to our annual events like the Super Sunday Car Cruise and Annual Duck Race, and also help Ye Olde Log Cabin plan a Pioneer's Picnic in the Krull Park for Old Olcott Days on Saturday & Sunday, July 27 & 28, 2024! Stay tuned for details about all the Bicentennial fun!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events as well as help with maintaining the flowers along Main Street and at the Olcott Gazebo. We invite anyone interested in volunteering or just interested in receiving the meeting minutes to email us at olcottbeachcommunityassociation@yahoo.com

<p>Building Faith</p>  <p>Through Christ</p>	<p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <p>2730 Transit Road Newfane, NY 14108</p> <p>(716) 778-7981</p> <p>Join us for Worship every Sunday morning as we celebrate life and give glory to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.</p>
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The Town of Newfane BICENTENNIAL

1824 – 2024



Celebrating 200 Years! 2024 Bicentennial Events

MARCH 23

Bicentennial Year Kickoff Dinner

MAY 2024

Apple Blossom Festival

JULY 3

Fireworks Spectacular

JULY 26 -28, 2024

Old Olcott Pioneer Days
Picnic • Exhibitions • Reenactments

AUGUST 24, 2024

Newfane Harvest Days Celebration
Parade • Vendors • Fun Events

and much more!



www.newfane200.org
(for event updates & information)

Order Vintage Outfits for Bicentennial Events

Many residents are planning to dress in vintage clothing for Bicentennial year events in Newfane. A group of local sewing volunteers, *Operation Sewing Squad*, is offering to make period costumes for local folks who want to proudly celebrate Newfane's 200-year anniversary.

Cost is minimal, maybe even free – the team is ready to sew and materials are being donated. You only need to contact Gina using the email below and talk with her about styles, sizes and fitting and the Squad will go to work.

Costumes are available for individuals, families and they can make outfits for your group or organization.

Get started with planning your Bicentennial wear!
Email Operation Sewing squad ...

gguidoredden@codacorpUSA.com



Do you have fabric you can donate ... new or used, in good condition - email Gina



Bicentennial Kickoff Dinner



Saturday, March 23

Olcott Fire Hall



Presentations

Local History

Music



Local Caterer

Beverage Bar

Look for Ticket Information Soon

Reserve a Table for Your Family, Business or Group
newfane2024@gmail.com



Display Your Newfane Bicentennial Pride ... showcase your home or business with Red, White and Blue

We'd like to see homes and business along Main Street, Lockport-Olcott Road and around town display bunting, flags and flowers in patriotic colors for the Bicentennial season

To learn more, email newfane2024@gmail.com, ask at the Supervisor's office in Town Hall or attend a Town Hall Bicentennial meeting on the third Thursday at 6:00 pm

Tourism Matters!

Gina Guido-Redden, Chairperson, Town of Newfane Tourism Board

A healthy tourism industry can create jobs, strengthen the local economy and contribute to local development. It can also inspire and incentivize rebuilding and restoration of historic sites and the preservation of local traditions and cultures. We are fortunate to be situated on a Great Lake and the Seaway Trail, near an international border and The Niagara Falls National Heritage Area – a perfect location for tourists - easily accessible, surrounded by heritage and the scenic beauty of the Niagara!

The Tourism Board focuses on establishing and executing a policy of sustainable development of year round tourism while respecting and preserving the rural, waterfront heritage of the community, in order to raise the profile of our agrocentric area within tourism related circles. Our efforts hope to inspire and encourage travel to the town, such that all of the benefits of a healthy tourism sector can be realized.

Tourism Highlights for Niagara County

- Tourists spent \$969 million in Niagara County in 2022 – and is expected to be higher for 2023
- Were it not for tourism-generated state and local taxes, Niagara County residents would pay an additional \$1,100 each to maintain the same level of government revenue
- Fishing tourists visiting Niagara County for the 1st time were up 52%

42% of sales tax generated in Niagara County is generated between Memorial Day and Labor Day – which means maximizing the good weather is critical to creating a vital tourism sector of the economy.

Tourism Highlights for the Town of Newfane

- The Tourism Board’s social media accounts are followed by almost 10,000 people, including town and/or tourism accounts for Barker, Wilson, Youngstown, Lewiston and Niagara Falls, and several tour guide companies!
- The Tourism Board printed and distributed 30,000 copies of our 2023 Visitors’ Guide
- The Tourism Board created a QR survey for tourists, and distributed those to all of the tourist facing businesses and attractions in town
- First time visitor’s to our town increased by 9% in 2023
- The Tourism Board and our Marina Director presented a table for the area at the 2023 Greater Niagara Fishing Expo and will be attending again in 2024
- Marina sales were up 20%, handling over 6150 boats from 13 states and Canada
- Local spending by Fishing parties (3 people) averages \$2,187 per trip, individuals spent \$1,897
- 20.4% of fishers visiting Niagara County, but not fishing in or staying in Olcott, report they visited Olcott while they were in the county
- The Olcott Beach Carousel Park sold an average of 2562 tickets per day and had guests from at least 29 states and 10 countries (USA, Poland, Colombia, Hungary, Australia, Canada, Italy, France, Germany and the Ukraine) and 77 unique towns and cities within NYS
- The Lakeview Village Shoppes had customers from at least 42 states and 13 countries
- Our summer occupancy rates for vacation rentals were almost twice the national average
- 2500 people attended our free Jazz Trail
- 2500 people visited Ye Old Log Cabin from 10 different countries, and 21 States
- Over 800 cars were displayed at The Olcott Beach Car show which drew thousands of visitors
- Across town, there is free outdoor music 3 times a week all summer, Friday nights on the Boardwalk at the LKV, Wednesday evenings at the gazebo on Main St. Newfane and Sunday afternoons at the gazebo on Main St., Olcott
- Winery sales were up an average of 14%

Niagara County sales tax is increasing at a faster pace than any other county in western or central NY!

Fishing generated \$58.55 million in revenue in Niagara County in 2022, and 2023 revenue is expected to be higher!

The Tourism Board maintains subscriptions to organizations that trend this data and we integrate with partner groups such as Destination Niagara USA, I Love NY, The Niagara Wine Trail, local business owners, event organizers and attraction managers. Monitoring this data allows us to be ready to take advantage of every opportunity the Tourism Economy presents!

For more information or to participate in tourism our efforts, contact the Tourism Board by visiting www.olcott-newfane.com, sending email to newfaneolcott@gmail.com or following us online at [NewfaneOlcottNY](https://www.facebook.com/NewfaneOlcottNY).



Newfane and Olcott Beach
Tourism Board

Light Up Newfane
MAIN STREET
FRIDAY, DEC 1ST
Schedule Of Events

Meet Santa
 After the Parade in Newfane Dentist near the Gazebo

- 4-8 Candy Cane Lane Methodist church
- 4-8 Mistletoe Market Community center
- 4-8 Christmas Magic First Baptist church
- 5-6 /7-8 Carriage rides Gazebo
- 6pm Parade Main St
- 7 lighting of tree Gazebo
- 6-8 Hot chocolate & cookies Gazebo
- 530-830 Living Nativity Grace Bible Church



Newfane Business Association

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| Black Willow Winery | Newfane Public Library |
| Buzyniski Electric | Newfane United Methodist Church |
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| Calhoun's Pub | Cold Storage, Inc. |
| Challenge Island | Niagara Implement, Inc. |
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| Miller Hose Fire Co Inc. | Voelpel Farms Inc. |
| Mom and Pop Web Stuff, Inc | Web Essentials |
| NCCC Small Business Development Center | Wilson's Pizza |
| Newfane Alumni Association | Wright's Corners Wine & Spirit |
| Newfane Auto Repair LLC | WNY Auto Supply NAPA |

VETERANS NEWS...

From the Newfane American Legion, Post 873

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

LEGION Act: Are you a veteran who was told that you could not join the American Legion because you didn't serve during a period of war (this requirement was mandated by Congress)? The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act), which was signed into law in 2019 was sought as a way to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. servicemembers who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war. It also opened the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible. The American Legion membership window is now Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government.

Buddy Checks: Volunteers from Newfane American Legion Post 873 joined in to support the Veterans Administration's Buddy Check week effort from October 16th to the 20th. The VA challenged veterans to call ten other veteran friends to check in on them to see how they are doing. The volunteer called and emailed current Post members and past members for Buddy Checks and to help support the American Legion's Be The One program by helping to spread the word on how to prevent Veteran suicides and the new Veterans crisis line (press 1 on the new 988 Nationwide Mental Health Crisis And Suicide Prevention Number).

American Legion Boys State and Empire Girls State: Newfane School Guidance Counselors and Post 873 and Auxiliary members will be looking for Newfane Juniors who are interested in government and meet the selection criteria to attend the courses. Home schooled individuals from the Newfane school district are also eligible to attend. The Boys State will take place June 30th - July 3rd 2024 at SUNY Morrisville. Empire Girls State will take place June 30th - July 6th 2024 at SUNY Brockport. Contact your guidance counselor or the Post at (716) 408-3311 ext 0 or email us at newfanelegion@yahoo.com for further information.

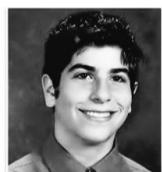
Newfane's American Legion's Lester Oakes Memorial Scholarship: The Post awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior (or homeschooled equivalent) of a current or former service member (National Guard and Reserve members included) from the Newfane School District who is accepted to attend college or trade school. The deadline for applications is May 1st 2024. Contact your guidance counselor or the Post at (716) 408-3311 ext 0 or email us at newfanelegion@yahoo.com for further information.

New Veteran themed TV show: LCTV Channel 1301 has a new veteran themed program called WNY Veterans-Live. It is hosted by Nancy Babis and will cover veteran related news and issues with local interviews. New programming is scheduled to air the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. It will be played throughout the month. If you do not have Spectrum Cable Television it is also available for streaming download from the LCTV site.

Flags: As the bitter winter winds blow and the spring storms come, keep the Post in mind when your flag becomes tattered and needs replacing. We stock various sizes and materials. Funds raised from the sale of our American made flags help us fund our scholarships, Boy's state tuition and the other programs the Post does in the community. Call the Post at (716) 408-3311 ext 0 or email us at newfanelegion@yahoo.com for pricing and to order.

Memorial Day 2024: The Post has begun the planning for the program for 2024. If you have a talent for singing or playing an instrument feel free to let us know if you would like to participate. This year's program theme will be D-Day. June 6, 2024 will mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings along the Normandy coast during World War II, which ultimately led to the liberation of Europe.

Dispelling Rumors: The members of the Post do not get paid in any way for their efforts in supporting the community. They do not get paid to march as color guards in the parades. They don't get paid to place the flags on the graves of veterans in our local cemeteries. They do not get paid to augment Department of Defense Military Honors teams at funerals and at times perform all honors for a departed veteran. They don't get paid mileage traveling around Niagara County and beyond driving to those missions. They volunteer their time and perform these duties to continue their service they started when they raised their right hands and signed up for their military service. They continue to serve veterans and their community.



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NEWFANE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Brick Application and Information

Newfane is proud to announce that the construction of our new park—directly south of Town Hall on Main Street—is completed. The park will honor all five branches of the US military (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard) and our local residents who have served our great nation. We invite you to stop by your park and visit.

Memorial parks are here for three purposes. To **Honor** those who are in the Armed Forces protecting our country. To **Remember** those who served and gave their all for their country. And to **Teach** the next generations that our freedoms have never been free or cheap but purchased by the blood of patriots from the Revolutionary War and into the future.

Purchaser Information

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State: _____ Zip code: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone Number: (____) _____
 Clip Art # T _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Brick Information

4" x 8" engraved brick \$25.00; with Clip Art or Logo \$32.00
 Replica Tile \$10 (Yes/ No)

Three (3) lines, 20 spaces per line - No Military emblem \$25
 OR

Three (3) lines, 15 spaces per line, \$32 when adding Military emblem. Emblems can be viewed at polarengraving.com/NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark or by picking up a copy at Town Hall.

Replica Tiles are 4 x 4 x 1/2 Granite tiles engraved to match your brick. Cost per tile is \$10

Note: Spaces between words, and periods count as spaces.

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Line 2 _____

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Mail or drop off completed form with proof of military service and check (on memo line write "Memorial Brick") to *Town of Newfane, 2737 Main Street, Newfane, NY 14108*
Veterans being honored must have lived in Newfane sometime in their life time, and have a good conduct discharge. DD214, discharge papers, or photo of VA grave.

Questions? Call Paul Leader at 471-0382

To view clip art choices and/or order online please visit:
polarengraving.com/NewfaneVeteransMemorialPark



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