

# Town of Newfane

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## Update from the Supervisor's Office

John Syracuse, Newfane Town Supervisor

As your newly elected Town Supervisor, I would like to take this time to say "Hello" to all of you, and in particular those whom I have yet to meet. Some will recognize me from my 18-year service as your County Legislator. I understand I have some big shoes to fill, but I want you to know I am more than excited to take on that challenge. One of the strengths I bring to the office is that over the years I have worked closely with all levels of Niagara County government, in addition to working with various State and Federal officials too. I have also worked in collaboration with many Niagara County towns and villages.

One glaring observation I have made over the years is that transitions from one administration to another are never easy. That is why, from day one, I purposely connected with the various Town Consultants, Electeds, Department Heads and our employees in order to secure the most efficient and successful transition into day-to-day operations and to ensure the longer-term objectives are realized. Listed below are some brief updates of the major initiatives requiring a smooth transition:

### Break Wall and Federal Piers (REDI)

Construction is almost complete. In fact, estimates put this job at 93% completion rate. We are waiting on the addition of fishing platforms and updates to Navigational lights this year.

### Inner Harbor Stabilization and Berm Construction at the West Beach (REDI)

These 2 initiatives will be starting this construction season. I would like to make note that to ensure these 2 projects, along with the other REDI Project--Break Wall and Federal Pier enhancements-- proceed accordingly, the Town Board and I unanimously approved the hiring of Tim Horanburg as a Consultant for these construction projects. Tim will be paid through an apportionment of my salary.

### Ontario Street Water Line Improvements

Reconstruction and updates to this section of water delivery was under way several weeks ago. Part of the REDI Grant included repaving Lockport St, beginning at Route 18 and continuing along the Ontario-Cooper-East Main St. loop. It was determined that these water lines be replaced prior to paving. Funding for the water line was provided through the American Rescue Plan (COVID). Discussions continue concerning improvements to the streetscape and enhancements to the restrooms in the Ontario Street Parking lot adjacent to Hedley and Zillig Marina.

### Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Updates to the WWTP will begin this year at our aged facility. In order to help mitigate the costs of these capital improvements, the Town and Village of Wilson have agreed to share services. The Village will pay the Town to treat their waste water. In addition to these revenues, the Town was awarded \$1 million from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which will further defray our costs.

### FEMA Lighthouse Shoreline Reconstruction Project

As a result of the historic flooding of Lake Ontario, we were able to secure a FEMA matching grant to rehabilitate the shoreline that sits just north of our replica lighthouse on Olcott. As of the time of this publication, the town is still working through the bid process.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the personnel changes at town hall since 1/1/22:

### Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector:

Mike Klock was hired 1/1/22 to take over duties as our Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector due to the retirement of Doug Nankey. This job was reclassified as a Part-Time, no benefit position in an effort to contain costs.

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**Account Clerk/Confidential Assistant to the Supervisor's Office:**

In February, our Senior Accounts Clerk, Kristie Jessen resigned from the position of Senior Accounts Clerk. In another bold move to contain costs, and with the support of the Town Board, what was once a full-time with benefits position is now a part-time, no benefits position that also combines administrative assistance in the form of a Confidential Assistant to the Supervisor's Office. Mary Zeller has been appointed to this position and we are all excited to have her on board in this extremely important position.

**Payroll Clerk/Assistant to the Assessor:**

In the last personnel move, Christine Nilson, who was being shared with the clerk's office, is now being shared with the assessor's office. In addition, I have implemented a cross-training program which will also allow Christine to provide back-up to Mary Zeller and other departments when needed. These personnel moves will allow us to not only provide the utmost in customer service to town residents and those visiting outside our locale but will ensure smooth and efficient delivery of the many services we offer.

**Grant Updates**

Under the leadership of Tim Horanburg, the Town was the successful recipient of 2 matching grants. One was to update our Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). The other was a cyber security grant. The LWRP update is moving along. A committee was convened in August of last year in order to get acquainted with the process. As of today, the consultant is completing GIS mapping which outlines the water front boundaries. We look to reconvene some time in April/May. The cyber security grant is being managed by the Town's IT specialist. We look to have updates fully in place before August 2022.

At the time of this writing, I have been in office for 9 weeks. I have presided over 3 major weather events. The first was the winter storm on January 17th which required the decision to close the Town Hall, the other was the flooding of February 18 caused by the melting of the snow from the winter storm, and lastly the wind storm that included power failures along with large trees damaging homes in Olcott and Newfane. In each of these instances, our professionals from Highway, Water/Sewer, Miller Hose, Olcott Fire Co and Wrights Corners FD performed at the highest level.

Lastly, I want to leave you with one more update. Some of you may have noticed I have been posting brief video updates to the community from our website townofnewfane.com. I find this to be a great way to maximize my ability to provide a quick synopsis of the business occurring from the Supervisor's Office. My goal is to arrange for these to take place in 3-4 week intervals. I hope you find them beneficial.

Until next time, I wish you all the best and God Bless, John Syracuse, your Town Supervisor.

**ELECTRONIC DROP OFF**

The Town of Newfane will be having an electronic drop-off on **Saturday, May 14th from 9am-1pm at the Town Highway Garage, located at 6176 McKee Street in Newfane.**

Please be prepared to show ID as proof of Newfane residency. Each household will only be allowed 2 CRT items: computer monitors or tvs that the back jets out. For a full list of acceptable and/or non acceptable items you can visit [www.sunnking.com](http://www.sunnking.com) and click on acceptable items.



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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 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

**Town Clerk**

Mildred M. Kramp  
778-8822 #2  
Fax 778-5917

**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: Mike Klock 778-5947 #5  
Water Superintendent: Mike Mills 778-8587  
Waste water Treatment:  
Nicholas Irr/ Plant Operator 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  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Fax 778-6160

Dog Control Officer  
Ordinance Enforcement Officer  
Jeffrey Newman 807-6270  
Chris Wilson, Asst. 807-4659

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2737 Main St., Newfane, NY 14108 or [newsletter@townofnewfane.com](mailto:newsletter@townofnewfane.com)  
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## Niagara County Legislature 14th District Legislator Shawn Foti

Happy Spring 2022! We find ourselves on the tail end of another tough and exhausting Winter. I want to thank everyone for their patience and strength during this time and we have many positive things to look forward to this year. Niagara County is financially stable, allowing increased investment in infrastructure, parks, social services, and economic development. There are many projects breaking ground this year both in Newfane and across the County which will help spark more development and private investment. Many challenges still face us, but I believe if we continue to address these issues with common sense and teamwork, there is no task too large. Skilled Labor shortages, inflation, increased costs to businesses, Covid restrictions, lack of county wide broadband, shortage of EMS workers and first responders, supply chain issues, unfunded NYS mandates, laws infringing our rights, NYS siting of industrial solar on farmland, etc.

These are just some of the issues being worked on, and we need to be expedient in our efforts. These challenges are not unique to Niagara County, but if we are able to find solutions efficiently, it will place Niagara County in a very attractive spot to attract business growth, private investment, and new residents. I am excited about the future of Niagara County, and I hope you are too.

### Covid-19:

Thankfully, we are seeing a sharp decrease in cases and hospitalizations. Our children have been able to remove their masks, and as we inch closer to Spring/Summer, our lives are beginning to feel normal again. I am proud of the County's response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. At the county level, we were able to (and still are) operate efficient and widespread vaccination/booster clinics, provide masks to businesses and first responders, hand out more than 10,000+ at-home test kits, and circulate information and resources to the public so that everyone had information they needed in order to protect themselves and stay healthy. Recently, we voted against implementing an unfunded state mask mandate, that would have saw our county health department direct personnel away from daily responsibilities to inspect and fine our local businesses if residents did not follow the state mandate. We felt that was not fair to the County, to local businesses, and to our staff who have worked so hard throughout the pandemic. "Lessons Learned" is a topic I learned through Six Sigma training, and now is the time to reflect on the past two years battling Covid and to find out what worked, what didn't, and where we can improve. Whether we see another covid variant or some other pandemic, we need to be proactive in our processes and be prepared for any other challenge that may encounter in the future.

### Krull Park:

I am happy to see continuous improvement and investment in Krull Park, and 2022 will see many exciting projects come to life. Newfane Tennis was temporarily without a home court due to the large capital improvement project at the High School. We were able to make the courts at Krull Park available to the team and even received grant money to resurface the courts for their season. Future use of these courts will have the option for Pickleball, which is growing in popularity. Attendance at the park has increased over the years so the restroom building toward the back of the park will be replaced and fully ADA compliant. A new Eagle Scout Trail system will be installed for outdoor activities and nature trail. Also, due to tree loss caused by storms and invasive bugs, a NYS Grant has provided 120 new trees for our park system which will help replace the lost trees and also provide new habitat for birds/animals. A variety of tree species will be planted in Krull Park bringing new life and colors to the park. Parks Department is looking for seasonal workers (18yo+) to work around our parks helping with upkeep and maintenance. Please visit the County website for more information on employment opportunities or to reserve pavilions inside the park.

### Infrastructure:

After another harsh winters, DPW and Highway crews will be assessing potholes and damaged roadways. Paving projects will be underway shortly. Wilson-Burt Rd between Coomer and McClew will have a new concrete culvert bridge installed to replace aging infrastructure and allow better flow through the drainage ditch. The County has created a task force to help coordinate local efforts creating bike paths and nature trails between our rural towns. Connecting our towns/villages with safe bike paths will increase tourism, promote health and exercise, and increase quality of life. I look forward to working with this group and researching new recreational opportunities throughout Newfane and the entire 14th District.

It has been a busy start to 2022 and I am working very hard to represent all the residents of Newfane. Never hesitate to contact me with any questions, or concerns, or just to talk about issues in our area.

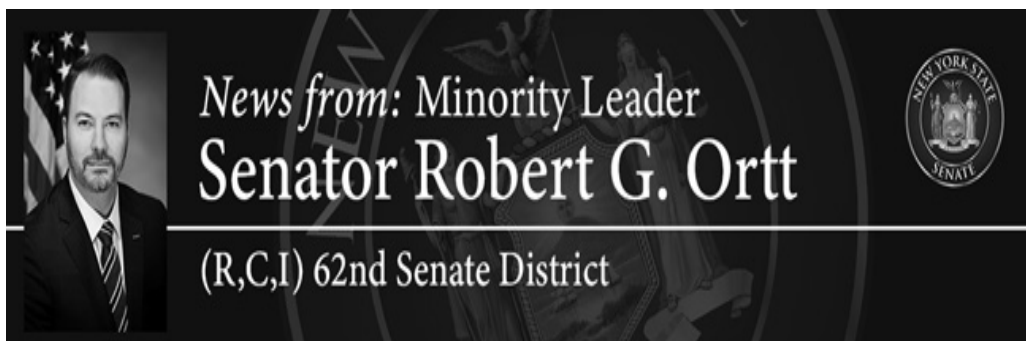
"Teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve uncommon results"

## Calling all lifeguards!



The Beach in Olcott will be open May 28th - September 5th seven days a week 11am - 7pm.

The Town of Newfane is now hiring lifeguards for the Beach. Applicants must have lifeguarding and waterfront safety certifications. Please submit applications to Mary or Christine at the Supervisors office at Town Hall. If you have any questions, please call Laura Rutland at 807-1104.



## STATE SENATOR ROB ORTT & NEWFANE HISTORY STUDENTS HOLD “DEMOCRACY DISCUSSION”

NEWFANE, NY – This past February, I was proud to join Newfane Middle School students during their U.S. History class to discuss civics, history, and the importance of political participation. At this event, the students and I were able to have some face-to-face time together, and they had the opportunity to ask me a few important questions. During my meeting with the students, I was also able to speak with them about the ins and outs of local and State Government, which is an often overlooked yet critical component of our Democratic Republic.

It was so nice meeting with these students from Newfane Middle School. They all had an eagerness to learn about New York and American History, and our country’s political system. We were able to talk about the importance of voting in elections, using free speech, and participating in our community. Our nation’s future is bright with students like these preparing to be engaged, informed, hard-working citizens.

While speaking at this meeting, one of the topics that I wanted to cover and stress the most was the importance of voting – a sacred right of all American citizens. While most of the students knew that every four years, the citizens of our country vote for a U.S. President, I wanted to shine a light on the fact that the people vote for our state and federal legislators every two years. This includes individuals such as myself. I also discussed the importance of local elections and how these elections can be just as, if not more, significant than the larger state and nationwide ones. While the presidential election may get all of the attention, state and local election have impacts that are closer to home and require engagement from the citizenry just as much as the federal elections.

It’s our job as elected officials to represent the best interests of all New Yorkers – including our children. Over the last few years, it seems like many elected have discounted or completely forgotten about our children. Our jobs and our entire Democracy depend on our representation of all New Yorkers, not just those who vote for us.

Finally, I can’t thank Newfane Middle School and Ms. Faery’s class enough for reaching out to me and allowing me to come to their school and speak with them.

## NORRIS RENEWS PLAN TO ADDRESS STATE GASOLINE TAX

People in Western New York have no choice but to drive. Gasoline is as essential to our daily lives as the air we breathe, but with prices at over \$4.40 a gallon and quickly rising, it’s a cost that people just cannot afford. I am particularly concerned about constituents in rural areas, seniors and low-income workers, including young families, who are already scraping by. Albany needs to hear this message and take swift action.

For a long time I have been working to encourage our state leaders to address this issue. Before prices began to rise, I was a sponsor of bills that would reduce taxes collected on motor fuels. Last year, I helped introduce the Inflation Relief and Consumer Protection Plan (A.8481) to not only eliminate taxes on gasoline but other household essentials as well. Calling on leaders to enact this plan was my first order of business as the session reconvened this year.

But now that the situation has escalated it’s no longer enough. That’s why I am reaching across the aisle to co-sponsor a new bill (awaiting bill number) that would suspend the entire state’s share of taxes on motor fuels for the next year to combat the rising costs caused by inflation and the war in Ukraine. Our new bill would provide nearly \$0.50 per gallon in savings if enacted.

Not only does our state have a \$2 billion budget surplus this year, we also have federal aid coming in to offset the cost of any revenue loss to the state. This funding could counterbalance the cost of reducing or eliminating the tax all together, depending on what final agreement Gov. Hochul and legislative leaders come to on the budget. She said the most important thing is keeping people going and keeping the economy moving.

In fact, I believe if the governor and leaders use the surplus and federal aid wisely they could not only afford to eliminate the gas tax but also afford to make historic investments in up-state and Western New York infrastructure. These much-needed improvements would provide a lasting effect on motorists’ safety, quality of life, miles-per-gallon fuel efficiency and, of course, greatly improve regional economies around our state. This investment would place the governor among those who have made permanent progress for our state.

That’s why I proposed to the governor and legislative leaders that they increase investments across the board with local infrastructure programs like CHIPS (the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program), Extreme Winter Recovery, PAVE-NY and more. I also hope her \$100 million Operation Pave Our Pothole program is made permanent.

We need our infrastructure to be safe for everyday travel but we also rely on it for the transportation of consumer goods and our economy. As our reliance has shifted on a more global economy, improvements are needed and long overdue, but our local governments need the funding from Albany. This budget must take all of these factors into account and provide the money need-ed for infrastructure and to protect motorists from potholes, crumbling bridges and skyrocketing gas prices.

*Assemblyman Mike Norris (R,C-Lockport) also serves as the Chairman of the Assembly Minority Conference. He represents the 144th Assembly District which includes portions of Erie, Niagara and Orleans Counties. He is a member of the Assembly Ways and Means and Transportation committees.*

## News from our Niagara County Sheriff's



An update from Niagara County Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti:

The Welfare Fraud Unit is an integral partnership between the Department of Social Services and the Sheriff's Office. The unit is responsible for investigating and charging those who take advantage of important services designed to help those in need. In 2021, NCSO's two primary Investigators made 61 total arrests for offenses such as Welfare Fraud, Grand Larceny, Offering a False Instrument for Filing, and Misuse of Food Stamps. Their efforts saved taxpayers \$226,617 in benefit payments obtained through fraud, and over the course of five years, the Unit has saved/recovered more than \$1.6 million in funding!

I am proud to announce that the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory successfully completed a reassessment to secure a continuation of their International Standard Organization 17025 Accreditation to the ANSI National Accreditation Board. The Board is the longest established provider of accreditation based on standards set forth by the International Standard Organization of the United States. During this assessment process, each discipline must undergo protocol and case work critique by several technical assessors who evaluate the competence of the forensic service provider and conformance with accreditation requirements. I am very proud of the high quality work our team completes every day to achieve this honor.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to warn you about the latest fraud to occur in our community. NCSO has received several reports of an individual calling and identifying themselves as a representative of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office. They proceed to advise you of a warrant for your arrest for failing to appear for jury duty. For a \$500 fee, the scammer offers to take care of this warrant for you. The caller ID number may even be the same or close to the Sheriff's Office (716-438-3393) utilizing an emulator device. This is a fraud, and please do not pay any funds. Please know that Law Enforcement will not call you regarding a debt owed, fee outstanding, or call for a cash donation. Do not give out personal information like your social security number, credit/debit card numbers or anything else if someone contacts you. And, as always with scams, if you are contacted to pay a fine/fee/overpayment and the person demands that you pay the debt in gift cards, wire transfers, cash, or cryptocurrency, this is without a doubt a fraud.

Our Social Media is the quickest way to get information from the Niagara County Sheriff's Office. We are posting important notices, updates, and announcements daily on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Visit us today and 'follow' to stay updated!

Please take care, and know that we are always here for you at the Niagara County Sheriff's Office. For more information on our programs and services, please be sure to visit our website at [www.niagarasheriff.com](http://www.niagarasheriff.com).

All the best,  
Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti

### Military Luncheon at Newfane Elementary

The Newfane Elementary School Student Senate will again be sponsoring a military luncheon for all active duty military and veterans. This will be held at the Newfane Community Center on Tuesday, May 24th 2022 at 11:45 am with doors opening at 11:30 am. The cost is free and you may bring a guest. Please RSVP no later than May 3rd to [vbower@newfanecentralschools.org](mailto:vbower@newfanecentralschools.org) or 778-6376 and ask for Virginia Bower.



## 2022 Somerset Youth T-Ball, Baseball and Softball Signup Info

Somerset Town Hall 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Monday March 14th and Thursday March 17th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.  
AFS Carnival 1:00pm-3:00pm  
Sun, March 20th  
OR register online at: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/308201>

Registration sheets will be available on each date. Bringing your child is **STRONGLY** encouraged as uniforms will be available for sizing!

T-Ball \$25 ages 4-6  
Baseball \$50 ages 6-12  
Softball \$50 ages 6-14 Girls playing for a school team are eligible to participate!

Additional questions and if interested in coaching please contact:  
Email: [somersetnybaseball@gmail.com](mailto:somersetnybaseball@gmail.com)  
President: Jon Goodwin 716-425-2630  
Vice President: Phil Bradley 585-414-9627

## Spring Breaks-Out for Polar Bear Fundraisers

After a month of harsh winter, warm temperatures, costumes and smiles ruled the day as 270 swimmers and hundreds of spectators participated in the 53rd Olcott Polar Bear 'Swim for Sight'. The Buffalo Brass Band livened up the streets and not-for-profit food vendors satisfied their hunger as excited swim enthusiasts prepared for their icy plunge in the 34-degree water of Lake Ontario. The firefighter's tug-of-war, chowder and chili were a big hit with the crowd, plus the Polar Bear T-Shirts and coffee mugs are always popular, but the Swim's crowning achievement is the money swimmers raise to benefit local charities. Polar Bear Day is sponsored by the Olcott Lions Club and proceeds benefit Lion's services that aid the visually impaired. The Swim also shares funds with community activities we all count on; including Hospice, Rainbow of Help, Olcott Beach Carousel Park and local emergency responders. This coming summer, the Olcott Lions Club will be helping with the 'Olcott Beach Jazz Trail', the 'Park After Dark' fundraising party for the Carousel, the Lion's 'Kindergarten Roundup' and the 'Lions Motorcycle Dice Run' that raises funds for area food pantries. More information about these great events is online at [Olcott-Newfane.com](http://Olcott-Newfane.com)



Newfane Historical Society's  
**44<sup>th</sup> Apple Blossom Festival**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
10am-4pm**

*Celebrate spring during our Sunday gathering!  
Join us rain or shine and enjoy everything  
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Local Products | Food & Drink | Great Hands-on Fun  
Historical Demos | Tractor & Farm Equipment Show  
Crafts | Flea Market | Attractions | Live Performances

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*\*no pets please\**

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## Hello Everyone From Ye Olde Log Cabin

We hope you all survived this winter, it sure has been a cold one with snow that has kept us busy shoveling. But Spring is on its way, saw the first Red Winged Blackbird of the season!

Our Santa at the Cabin this past December was a great success. The Cabin was all decorated, ready with treats, and Santa arrived to spend the day visiting with the kids to hear about their Christmas wishes. We gave out over 100 stockings to a bunch of smiling excited kids. The basket filled with local goodies that we raffle off to get a start on next years fundraising was also a success. Thank you to everyone who donated towards the basket and to everyone who took a chance to win it.! We again collected for the Peanut Butter and Jelly fund drive and this year our bin was over flowing onto the floor it was so full!! Thank you to everyone who donated to help someone who needs a helping hand. Also many thanks to everyone who donated to Santa at the Cabin, without all your generous donations and support we would not be able to do what we do for the kids. It warms our hearts to see all the kids and also the families who have made Santa at the Cabin a yearly tradition. And all the generous people who help us put on this event, thank you so much!!

The Cabin will be open for the season on Friday, June 3, 2022. We will be open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12-5pm. We are looking for volunteers to join our Cabin family. If you are interested in volunteering at the Cabin, please call Stella Wilson at 716-778-9887. Also if students want to volunteer at the Cabin for their community service hours that they may need, we welcome them! We have had student volunteers for 2 seasons and they did a great job!

We are looking forward to Spring and getting the Cabin all ready for another year of visitors. Hope to see you soon at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the "Pine Grove"!

# KISS A COW DAY!®

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**Asha's Farm Sanctuary**

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**Cake Auction! Kids Stuff! Hiking Trail!**

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Asha's Farm Sanctuary rescues, rehabilitates and provides refuge to abused, neglected and starved farmed animals. We are home to Albert the Super Cow and all his barnyard friends. Please visit us on facebook, instagram and twitter. Asha's is a 501(c)3, not for profit organization. Your donations are tax-exempt to the extent the law allows.

## Updates from OBCA for 2022

We are so excited for Summer 2022! 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 rotate our meeting locations to support a local business each month. There is no fee to join and everyone is welcome at any of our meetings.

The OBCA is so excited for the summer and to continue to host all our favorite summer events:

Our Super Sunday Car Cruise is back on Sunday, May 29th from 1pm-4pm on Main Street with the first 100 cars receiving a commemorative dash plaque along with a goodie bag from our local businesses.

The weekly Saturday Night Car & Bike Nights will start on Saturday, June 4th and run all summer until Saturday, September 3rd (with the exception of July 9th because of the Pirate Car Show). Our DJ, Pete VanWagoner, will be back again playing the music every week from 5pm-8pm.

Our annual Duck Race will be taking place in the Olcott Harbor on Sunday, June 12th at 2pm. Duck Tickets will be available from local sellers and our local businesses in the weeks leading up to the race. The money raised from this event helps pay for the 3rd of July Fireworks as well as other OBCA projects.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events as well as help 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](mailto:olcottbeachcommunityassociation@yahoo.com)

## The Newfane Community Food pantry

The NCFP provides food assistance to families living in the Newfane school district and can receive food once a month. Clients must agree with the financial incomes based upon the number of family members as required by The Food Bank of WNY. Please review the chart below to see if your yearly gross income qualifies you for services based upon family size. We are also a "client choice pantry" which simply means that the client chooses what food items serve their family best from our inventory of stock. The pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm Please call 778-9822 between the hours of 10:00 am to 12 noon for an appointment that day. We are located at 3455 Ewings Road at St. Brendan's Church.

This table shows a yearly gross income for each family size. If your household is at or below the income listed for the number of people in your household or any services listed below, you are eligible to receive food.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL GROSS INCOME
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160

EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON \$9,000

Food stamps, WIC, unemployment, Disability, SSI, Free or reduced school lunches, TANF.

If you know of a neighbor, family member or senior needing a little helping hand with food assistance, please have them call our pantry, we do not place judgement, nor do we question your cause. Call 778-9822.

We are extremely grateful for the support and backing of our local community. Churches, businesses, organizations and individuals.

Without your support we would not exist. We continue to look for new pantry volunteers, so if you're interested in serving and giving back to the community, come give us a try. Any questions please call Kathy Phillips at 433-2499 or Wreatha Harvey at 807-7451.

Just a reminder, Food Express has returned to the Newfane Town Hall every fourth Saturday of each month. All residents are welcomed. Food express is sponsored by The Food Bank of WNY with both the First Baptist Food Pantry and The Newfane Community Food pantry collaborating to run it.

Be Safe and Stay healthy!

## Assessor's Office

### Mary Hastings, Town of Newfane Assessor

The office hours for the Assessor's Office are 8:30AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday. Feel free to call the office with any questions at 716 778-8827 Option 4 or email [assessor@townofnewfane.com](mailto:assessor@townofnewfane.com).

Filing of any exemptions must have been filed by March 1, 2022 (exemption filing deadline) for the 2022 Assessment Roll. Any applications for an exemption filed after March 1, 2022 will be placed on the 2023 Assessment Roll.

The Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed May 1, 2022.

Board of Assessment Review is Tuesday May 24, 2022, between the hours of 10:00am till 12:00pm and 7:00pm till 9:00pm at 2737 Main St., Newfane, NY 14108. If you are unable to attend, make sure you file your paperwork in the Assessor's office by May 24 before the close of the day. Forms for Board of Review are available in the Assessor's Office or online at [townofnewfane.com](http://townofnewfane.com) under Assessment Department.

The Final Assessment Roll will be filed July 1, 2022.

Throughout the year we are out taking updated photos for our files and working on building permits for the next year. If you have any questions, give us a call at (716) 778-8827 Option 4.



## Thank You Newfane Hometown Heroes Supporters

Thanks to all those participating in Newfane's Hometown Heroes street side banner project and for your support in honoring Newfane's past and current military service members. The Newfane Hometown Heroes committee has received almost 70 applications for banners and we are thankful for your efforts to submit an application for the veteran you sponsored. Our volunteers will be working through April to produce the banners and will begin installing them on roadside utility poles in May. We expect most will be displayed in clusters along Lockport-Olcott Road in Wright's Corners, the Newfane village, Burt and Olcott. Another application period will be announced in the fall.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist with this program, please contact us using this email or call and leave a message at Newfane Town Hall 716-778-8531, ext #7 [newfanehometownheroes@gmail.com](mailto:newfanehometownheroes@gmail.com)

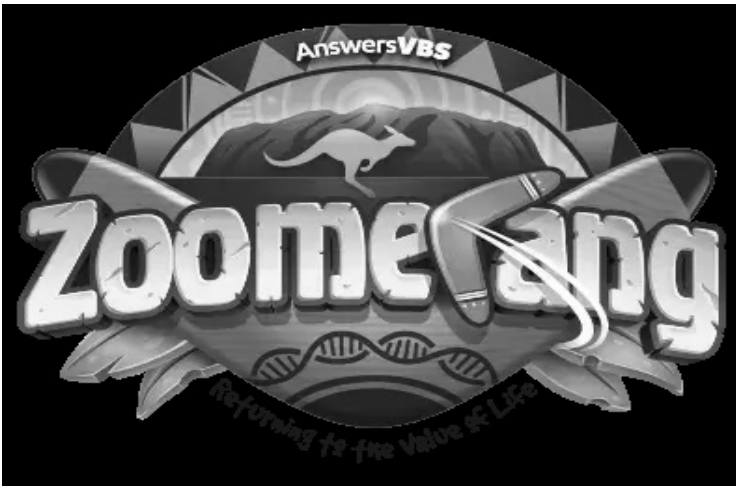
Pictured is Korean War veteran Joe Santarsiero next to our sample banner displayed at the Town Hall



## Grace Bible Church

Easter Sunday, April 17  
Join us for Good Friday Service on April 15, at 6:30 pm  
Easter Worship Service at 10:30 am  
Call (716) 778-9081 for more information.

Vacation Bible School  
July 18-22, 2022  
9:00 am-Noon - For kids ages 4 through 6th grade  
"Zoomerang - Returning to the Value of Life"  
Call (716) 778-9081 for more information.



## Olcott Beach Carousel Park is Beginning it's 20th Season!

It seems like only yesterday when Olcott Beach Carousel Park (OBCP) had its grand opening on May 17, 2003. At that time the park opened with a newly refurbished carousel roundhouse and a 1928 Herschell-Spillman carousel. The park looked nothing like it looks today. It was basically an empty lot with a "One Tired Horse" (now gone) sculpture from the Art on Wheels Project.

Twenty years later, the park is a sparkling jewel that features five vintage kiddie rides, a vintage arcade, a Pick Up a Duck Game, and seven vintage Skee-ball machines; all under cover except for the vintage kiddie Ferris Wheel. All rides are still 25¢; the same price as when we opened in 2003!



*OBCP 2003*

In addition to the rides and games, the park features two vintage Wurlitzer band organs, Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show, sponsored by the WNY Dairy Farmers at 2 pm each day it is open; family friendly stage shows; All Free!

We are able to keep this low-cost, family friendly atmosphere because the park is run by volunteers and the money raised by our one fundraiser, the Park After Dark (August 9, 2022).

This year, the park will be open the following times:

Memorial Day Weekend (Saturday, Sunday, Monday) : 12 -6 pm  
June (Saturday, Sunday): 12 -6 pm  
July 3: 12 - 8 pm  
July 4: 12 - 6 pm  
July -August (Friday, Saturday, Sunday): 12-6 pm  
September 2,3,4, & 5: 12 -6 pm



*OBCP 2021*

There is no admission charge. Leashed dogs are permitted and can take advantage of our Pet Station which offers water, special treats and poopie bags for our four-legged friends. In addition, there are handicapped restrooms equipped with baby changing stations and there is a private nursing mothers' area. No smoking of any kind or alcohol is permitted.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, can Email Rosemary at [rsansone1947@gmail.com](mailto:rsansone1947@gmail.com) or call 716-778-7066. Two three hour shifts (12 - 3 & 3 -6 pm) are available each day the park is open. Volunteers can choose which days, shifts and which areas they would like to work (ticket booth, carousel operator, Skee-ball, or Pick Up A Duck game). Training will be provided at a designated date and time.

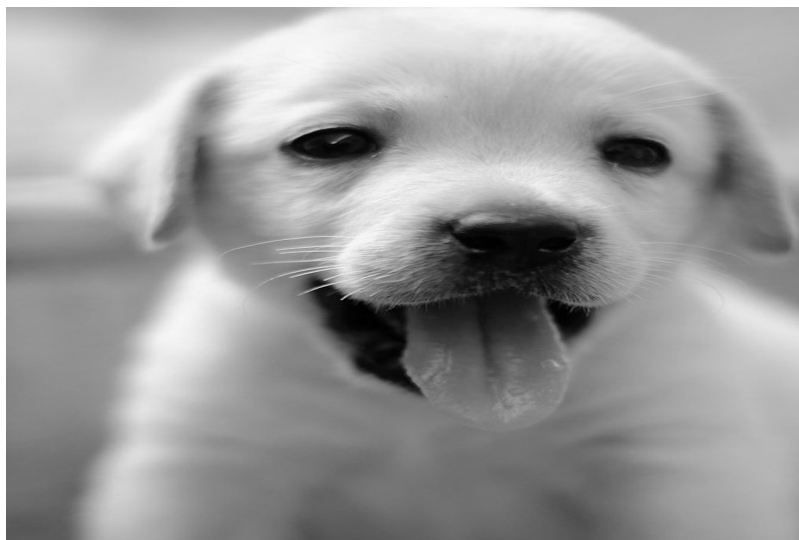
In addition to our volunteers the park also employs high school and college students 16 + to run the kiddie rides (Ferris wheel, rocket swings, boats, cars, and sky fighter). Training is also provided. High school students may get an application form from their guidance department or by Emailing or phoning Dr. Rosemary Sansone at [rsansone1947@gmail.com](mailto:rsansone1947@gmail.com) or 716-778-7066.

See you Memorial Day Weekend!

# News from the Town Clerks' Office

Mickie Kramp, Town Clerk/Registrar RMC/CMC  
 Donna Lakes, Deputy Town Clerk  
 Kristina Gifford, Deputy Town Clerk

*We are pleased to welcome Kristina Gifford as our new part time Deputy Clerk. She's not here every day but I am hoping that at some point you will all be able to see her warm friendly smile when you come in to conduct business at the Town Hall.*



## FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2022

The Niagara County Department of Health in cooperation with the Niagara County Veterinary Society will hold the following Free Rabies Immunization Clinics in 2022.

FOR DIRECTIONS call the specific clinic site

FOR ANY OTHER CLINIC RELATED QUESTIONS call 439-7511

Saturday, April 9 9:00 a.m.– noon	Town of Porter Highway Garage 1800 Braley Road, Town of Porter 745-3730
Saturday, June 4 9:00 a.m.– noon	Amtrak Train Depot 825 Depot Avenue, City of Niagara Falls
Saturday, July 9 9:00 a.m.– noon	Town of Royalton Highway Garage 5317 Royalton Center Road, Town of Royalton 772-2431
Saturday, September 17 9:00 a.m.– noon	Town of Lockport Highway Department 6560 Dysinger Road, Town of Lockport 439-9524
Saturday, December 10 9:00 a.m.– noon	City of N. Tonawanda – Public Works Department 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda 695-8585

APPOINTMENTS FOR RABIES CLINIC ARE NOW MANDATORY AND THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE @ [WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/HEALTH](http://WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/HEALTH) THE MONDAY PRECEDING EACH CLINIC (JUNE & JULY CLINICS WILL BE THE PRECEDING TUESDAY DUE TO HOLIDAYS).

BRING YOUR PRIOR RABIES CERTIFICATES. Dogs and Cats 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. All Animals must be properly restrained. Cats & Ferrets must be in a box or carrier. Dogs must be leashed.

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

## ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!

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NEWFANE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
 2737 MAIN STREET  
 NEWFANE, NEW YORK 14108

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

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

### THE FEES FOR LICENSING YOUR DOG ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

JEFFREY NEWMAN  
 807-6270

CHRISTOPHER WILSON  
 807-4659

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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

"FREE FISHING DAYS" New York's Free Fishing Days in 2022 are as follows: June 25-26, 2022, September 24, 2022 (National Hunting and Fishing Day), and November 11, 2022 (Veterans Day). No Fishing License needed! It's the perfect time to enjoy fishing with family or friends.

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“Opening Day of Regular Shotgun Season” in the Southern Zone will be Saturday, November 19, 2022.

SPORTSMAN EDUCATION CLASSES: Beginning in 2016: All Sportsman Education courses will require students to review course materials and complete a homework sheet prior to attending the classroom and field sessions. You must take completed paperwork to your Hunter Education Classes. To Access Sportsman Education and to get details on the procedure to obtain your certification log in to [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov). From the home page you can either click on News & Learning or in the Quick Links box you can click on Hunter Safety Courses. From either of those options it will take you to the page where you can choose Hunter Education, Bowhunter Education, Trapper Education, etc. By following these instructions this is the page you should wind up at.

LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS Your license privilege tags are sent directly to the last address you provided to the DEC Fulfillment Center. If you have moved it is imperative that you inform the DEC of your new address. If you have Hunter Education or Bowhunting Education that needs to be added to your account you may edit your profile on-line, bring your original to a DEC License Sales Agent or fax it to (518) 402-9025. Once the information is in your file the appropriate license or tags can be sent to you from the Fulfillment Center. Do not wait until the beginning of the season to take care of this as it will take approximately ten to fourteen days to receive your tags. There is no other way to obtain the license and tags.



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

The Newfane Elementary School Student Senate will again be sponsoring a military luncheon for all active duty military and veterans. This will be held at the Newfane Community Center on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 at 11:45 a.m. with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. The cost is free and you may bring a guest. Please RSVP no later than May 3rd to Virginia Bower at 778-6376 or via email [vbower@newfane-centralschools.org](mailto:vbower@newfane-centralschools.org) Please enter through the glass double doors in the back of the Newfane Town Hall, 2737 Main Street.

WINDSONG RADIOLOGY MOBILE COACH: The Mobile Coach is scheduled to be at the Town Hall on the following dates: Friday, July 15, 2022 and Monday, October 3, 2022. Newfane Ladies in need of a mammogram? It doesn't get any more convenient for you than this. You will need to schedule an appointment and can obtain all the necessary information by visiting their website [www.windsongradiology.com/mobile](http://www.windsongradiology.com/mobile) or by calling (716) 929-9494

**MANAGING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES: NEVER FLUSH MEDICATIONS!**

Our prescription drop-box is located inside the Town Hall at the Water Office. Niagara County Residents may drop off prescriptions and over the counter medications, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and/or pet medications. This service is “FREE OF CHARGE AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED”. Please do not bring household hazardous wastes, needles or mercury containing devices. To see the complete guide you may go to [www.rethinkyourwaste.com](http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com). You may dispose of needles at the Newfane Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Needles must be in rigid plastic or glass containers. Two other convenient locations are City of Lockport Police/Locks Plaza and Niagara County Sheriff's Office, 5526 Niagara Street Extension (Jail entrance). For more information about disposing of hazardous waste please visit Niagara County Division of Environmental/Solid Waste at [www.rethinkyourwaste.com](http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com).

**COOKING WITH THE CLERK'S**

**Bruschetta**

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Dressing               |                     |
| 2 tbs. Thyme           | 1 cup Olive Oil     |
| 2 tbs. Rosemary        | 1 cup Vegetable Oil |
| ¼ cup Dijon            | 1 tbs. pepper       |
| 1 cup Balsamic Vinegar | 1 tbs. salt         |

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**Ingredients**

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|----------------|--------|
| Diced Tomatoes | Garlic |
| Basil          | Salt   |
| Onion          | Pepper |

Preheat oven to 375 ° cut baguette into ½ inch slices. Place on baking sheet and toast for 3-5 minutes. Turn over and do the same on the other side just so they don't get soggy. Mix Dressing with Ingredients and spread on baguette. Top with your preference of cheese and bake until melted.)

**Cucumber Sandwiches**

**Ingredients:**

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 12 slices white bread           | 1 English cucumber               |
| 8 ounces cream cheese, softened | ¼ cup mayo                       |
| 1 tablespoon lemon juice        | 2 tablespoons fresh dill, minced |
| ¼ teaspoon garlic powder        | ¼ teaspoon salt                  |

In small mixing bowl, combine softened cream cheese, mayo, dill, lemon juice, garlic powder and salt. Use a hand mixer or spoon to mix well. Peel the cucumber in stripes and cut into 1/8 inch slices using a mandolin or sharp knife. Cut the crust off of the bread to make squares. For each sandwich, spread about 1 tablespoon of cream cheese filling onto each piece of bread. Add thinly sliced cucumbers, fresh cracked pepper and additional fresh dill. Place the second piece of bread on top, then carefully cut into 4 triangles or squares.

Notes: How to keep a cucumber sandwich from getting soggy

Use English cucumbers, which have less water content than regular cucumbers due to their smaller seeds.

Sprinkle the sliced cucumbers with salt and place them on paper towels to allow any additional moisture to drain before adding them to the sandwiches. (\*You may want to omit the salt from the cream cheese filling if you go this route.) Spread cream cheese on both pieces of bread to create a barrier between the cucumbers and the bread.

# Summer Events . . .

## April 3- Sunday

**Chicken & Biscuit Dinner and Basket Raffle**  
11am until sold out \$10

Olcott Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary at 1691 Lockport Olcott Road. Call 716-778-9252 for more info.

## April 7 - Thursday

**Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ**  
4pm until sold out. Newfane Methodist Church  
2699 Main Street, Newfane  
[www.newfanemethodist.org](http://www.newfanemethodist.org)

## April 30- May 1- Sat & Sun

**Opening Weekend at Lakeview Village Shoppes**  
5955 Ontario Street, Olcott

This quaint gathering of food & specialty shoppes on the boardwalk opens for the new season! Come see what's new this year. Shoppes are open weekends in May, September and October, and daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

## May 15- Sunday

**44th Apple Blossom Festival, 10am-4pm**  
2685 West Creek Road, Newfane

Enjoy the arrival of spring with old-fashioned attractions and activities, alone with food, entertainment, vendors and hands-on fun. Family Friendly, free admission and free parking (no pets). Benefits the Newfane Historical Society.  
[www.newfanehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.newfanehistoricalsociety.com)

## May 28- 30- Saturday- Monday

**Carousel Park Opens!**

Celebrate our 20th season featuring Rob and Carol Allen's Magic Show on stage at 2pm daily. Days of Operation are Sat., Sun., & Mon., from 12-6pm of Memorial Day Weekend; Open Saturdays and Sundays, 12-6pm through June; open Friday through Sunday 12-6pm, July through Labor Day. Park rides are 25 cents. Call 716-778-7066 for more info.

## May 29- Sunday

**Super Sunday**

**Car & Bike Cruise, 1-4pm Main St. Olcott**

Your favorite classic cars and motorcycles fill Main Street. Hoods are raised, the chrome is polished & a DJ plays tunes. Family fun for all ages. Free dash plaques to the first 100 cars and bikes. Free admission and parking. Sponsored by OBICA and area businesses. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

## May 30- Monday

**Memorial Day Observance, 11am Corwin Cemetery**

Come join us as we honor those who have served our country in war and peace. Sponsored by the Town of Newfane and by the Newfane American Legion. Call 716-408-3311 for more info.

## June 3- September 2- Fridays

**Friday Nights on the Boardwalk, 5-8pm**  
5955 Ontario Street, Olcott

Join the Lakeview Village Shoppes every Friday Night on the Boardwalk for live music, free wine tastings featuring local wineries, and a farmers market.

## June 3- 5- Friday - Sunday

**Ye Olde Log Cabin, Opening Weekend**  
Noon -5pm every Fri-Sun through September 11th.

## June 4- Saturday

**Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott**  
Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

## June 11- Saturday

**Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott**  
Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

## June 11- 12 - Sat- Sun

**Newfane Chalk Fest, 9am-5pm, Newfane Town Hall, 2737 Main St. Newfane**

Features Chalk Art in the parking lot behind the Newfane Town Hall. Visit [www.wahistudio.org](http://www.wahistudio.org) for more info.

## June 12- Sunday

**Chicken BBQ, Noon- 2:30pm**  
Olcott United Methodist Church, 5956 Main St. Olcott

## June 12th - Sunday

**25th Annual Duck Race, 2pm Olcott Harbor**

1000 brightly colored ducks race to the finish line in 18 Mile Creek. Free Admission. \$5 fee to rent a duck. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

## June 18th- Saturday

**7th Annual Mermaid Festival, Lakeview Village Shoppes, Noon-4pm**  
Email [thebohosiren@gmail.com](mailto:thebohosiren@gmail.com) for more info.

## June 18- Saturday

**Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott**  
Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

## June 25- Saturday

**Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott**  
Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

## June 25- Saturday

**Newfane Kids Fishing Derby, 8am- 12pm, Olcott Harbor, 18 Mile Creek, Fisherman's Park, and Burt Dam**

Held on the Saturday of New York's Free Fishing weekend. No licenses required. Register at the Olcott Marina pavilion. Must be ages 4-15 to participate and accompanied by an adult. Call 716-778-8531 & 716-778-5462 for more info.

## June 25- 26- Sunday

**NYS Free Fishing Day.**

No fishing license required anywhere in the State.

## June 26- Sunday

**Annual Kiss a Cow Day, 11am-3pm. Asha's Farm Sanctuary, 2969 Coomer Road, Newfane**

Visit [www.ashasanctuary.com](http://www.ashasanctuary.com) or call 716-249-2555 for more info.

### July - September - Wednesday's

Weekly Farmer's Market, 4:30-7pm, Newfane United Methodist Church, 2699 Main St., Newfane

Local Farmers sell their produce in the center of town. Visit with the community, shop locally and grab a bite to eat.

### July 2- Saturday

Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott

Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

### July 3- Sunday

Fireworks over Lake Ontario, 10pm Olcott

### July 4- Monday

Patriots Day Parade, 12:30pm, Olcott

This parade is nostalgic, patriotic, and fun! Dress up in red, white and blue and decorate your bikes & wagons. Free ice cream and ride tickets for participants. Meet at Krull Park Main St. by noon and march to Olcott Beach Carousel Park. Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

### July 8- 10- Friday- Sunday

Pirates Festival, Krull Park

Friday 6pm- 12am, Saturday Noon- 6pm.

Parade Saturday at noon. Rides, food, music, car show and live entertainment. Catch beads at the parade and wear your pirate costume!

### July 9- Saturday

Pirate Festival Car Show, 9am- 4pm, Krull Park

Registration 9am-noon. Free event for spectators. Portion of proceeds benefit the Olcott Fire Dept. Register your car early at

[www.wnycruiser.com](http://www.wnycruiser.com)

### July 9- Saturday

Pirate Festival Car Show, 9am- 4pm, Krull Park

Registration 9am-noon. Free event for spectators. Portion of proceeds benefit the Olcott Fire Dept. Register your car early at

[www.wnycruiser.com](http://www.wnycruiser.com)

### July 16- Saturday

Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott

Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

### July 17- Sunday

Chicken BBQ, noon-2:30pm

Olcott United Methodist Church, 5956 Main St. Olcott

### July 21- Thursday

**\*NEW\*** Free Outdoor Movie, Carousel Park

Begins at sundown. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy a first run movie outdoors in the Olcott Beach Carousel Park. Concessions available. Check [www.facebook.com/NewfaneOlcottNY](http://www.facebook.com/NewfaneOlcottNY) for movie titles.

### July 23- Saturday

Saturday Night Car & Bike Cruises, 5-8pm, Main St. Olcott

Call 716-628-4007 for more info.

### July 28- Thursday

**\*NEW\*** Free Outdoor Movie, Carousel Park

### July 30- 31- Saturday & Sunday

Old Olcott Days, Noon-5pm, Ye Olde Log Cabin

Call 716-778-8284 for more info.

## OLCOTT BEACH GAZEBO CONCERT SERIES 2022

Olcott Beach Gazebo

(Next to Carousel Park) Main Street, Olcott

**ALL CONCERTS 2-4 PM (unless otherwise noted)**

Concert Series sponsored by Olcott-Newfane Tourism, Olcott Beach Community Association, and the Olcott Lions Club. Free event and free parking. Handicap Accessible.

Mon. May 30 Mark Mazur and his Little Big Band

Sun. June 5 Nite Cruise

Sun. June 12 Joe Baudo Quintet

Sun. June 19 Dave Stoll Band

Sun. June 26 Buffalo Brass Machine

Sun. July 3 Easy Street Big Band (7-9pm)

Mon. July 4 Mark Mazur and his Little Big Band

Sun. July 10 Lancaster Steel Drum Band

Sun. July 17 Pocket Change

Sun. July 24 Emerald Isle Band

Sun. July 31 Riverdogs

Sun. Aug. 7 Buffalo Banjo Band

Sun. Aug. 14 Penny Whiskey

Sun. Aug. 21 My Cousin Tone

Sun. Aug. 28 Easy Street Big Band

Sun. Sept. 4 Olcott Beach Jazz Trail (All day, 12:00-8:30pm)

Mon. Sept. 5 The Riverdogs

## 2022 Wednesday Night At The Gazebo- Newfane

**Main Street- Newfane**

Bring a chair, picnic and enjoy an evening with friends and great music. Free, handicapped accessible.

**June 22: Red House Recital (6-8pm)**

**July 6: Nickel City Blues Band (7-9pm)**

**July 13: Double Barrell (7-9pm)**

**July 20: Red House Band: Good old rock & roll (7-9pm)**

**July 27: The Heenan Brothers (7-9pm)**

**Aug. 3: Tom Keefer and Celtic Cross (7-9pm)**

**Aug. 10: Creekside Classic: Bluegrass Country (7-9pm)**

**Aug. 17: Tom and Sarah Wright (7-9pm)**

Note: Concerts may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Please refer to our facebook page for last minute cancellations.

[Facebook.com/NewfaneOlcottNY](http://Facebook.com/NewfaneOlcottNY)

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



## Update from Your Newfane Schools

THANK YOU, NEWFANE! As we slowly inch our way closer and closer to a return to pre-pandemic school operations, the Board of Education and I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone in the Newfane community for your support and encouragement throughout these very challenging two years. Since we first sent the kids home on March 16, 2020 as the COVID pandemic surged across our nation, we have consistently tried to provide the best possible experience for our students in spite of the difficult circumstances. As you know, the past two years have been a tremendous challenge for all of us, both here in the District and in the entire Newfane Community. As a district, we've had to make some difficult and costly decisions in order to be able to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students. Our teachers, administrators and support staff have never worked harder to help ensure that every child, whether coming to school or learning at home, has had the support they need to be successful. Having the support of our community has never been more important for our students, and as usual, the Newfane community has been there throughout these challenges, working with the District and supporting our students and their families. It is when the going gets hardest that the true character of a community shines; and Newfane shines brighter than the sun!

You may remember that in the middle of the pandemic, the Newfane community overwhelmingly approved the \$30.5 million capital improvement project for the district. With Spring right around the corner, we are excited to see the first phase of the project- construction of a multi-sport athletic facility on the high school campus- ready to begin. On March 15, 2022 the school board and other district officials formally kicked off the capital project with a groundbreaking ceremony at Newfane High School. Town of Newfane supervisor John Syracuse joined Superintendent Mike Baumann and Board of Education President Margaux Lingle as they ceremoniously put the first “shovels in the ground”. The capital project will be completed over two years; work in the first year will focus on the athletic facility, the high school and the elementary school. Year 2 of the project will see significant work at the middle school, including a refurbishing of the main office and the auditorium, as well as replacement of the roof and significant upgrades to the track and field facility. There is no doubt that the project will cause a pretty significant disruption, especially in our summer programming; but it will be well worth it in the end.

Speaking of summer programming, the District has already begun planning for the expansion of the summer academic programming we offered last year. Although construction at the high school and elementary will force all the summer programs to be housed at the middle school, we are using some of the federal stimulus monies to expand our offerings to meet the needs of all our students. Middle school Dean of Students Mrs. Aimee Chaffee has already begun working with teams of teachers to begin planning for summer academic activities that will allow our student to strengthen and enhance their academic skills this summer. Like last year, breakfast and lunch service will be provided for all our K-8 students who are involved in the summer program. In addition, the Newfane School District, in conjunction with the Town of Newfane, will be offering an afternoon summer recreation program. This program, which will run from noon until 3:00PM, will be available for our K-6 students. More information on our summer programs will be coming out soon.

As it is every year, the Spring is also the time when we come to the public and ask for support for our school district budget.

The budget for the 2022-2023 school year carries only a nominal budget to budget increase of 1.9%. This year's budget will be about \$700,000 higher than the current year budget and the increase is largely due to the uncontrollable cost increases (health care costs, contractual salary increases, TRS/ERS and FICA increases) we deal with every year, which have been exacerbated by the recent growth in the inflation rate. However, by taking advantage of years of conservative spending, which has allowed us to accrue healthy reserves, the District has been able to construct a budget that allows us to maintain all of our current curricular and extra-curricular programs without significantly increasing the burden on our tax payers. In addition, the Board of Education is continuing the “No Supply List” initiative started in the 2021-2022 school year. No classroom supply lists will be sent home by our teachers for the 2022-2023 year- we will ensure that all the necessary student supplies are ordered by the District and provided to our students at no additional charge to the parents. We are also starting “Technological Literacy” program at the Elementary school next year to help our youngest students learn to take advantage of the technology we have available in our buildings in a safe, responsible and productive way.

In addition to our general operating budget, there will also be additional propositions recommending the establishment of two (2) “capital reserve” funds: one for technology and one for equipment. The reserve funds will allow the district to set aside monies incrementally to provide funding in future years for technology purchases and large equipment purchases (large mowers, snow plow trucks, etc.). Once these reserves are in place and monies placed in them, those large purchases will not have to be funded totally through the annual operating budget- which provides some protection against excessive annual tax increases.

On May 3, 2022 we will hold the required public Budget Hearing to explain our budget proposal and the reserve fund propositions in greater detail. That presentation will also be recorded, and will be available on our website after the budget hearing. However, if anyone has any questions about the budget, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 716-778-6850. Budget presentation materials are also posted on the District website home page (under “Panther News”).

The finalized budget for the 2022-2023 school year will be adopted by the Board of Education at its April meeting, and then presented to the public for approval on May 17, 2022. The budget vote and Board of Education election will be held in its traditional format- that is, in-person voting will be available at Newfane Elementary School (Aquatics Center entrance) from 12:00 noon until 8:00PM, and absentee ballots will be available upon request. Anyone interested in running for one of the three Board of Education seats that are up this year is encouraged to contact Board Clerk, Bernadette Seymour, at 778-6853 for more information.

**“Together We Can”.**

Michael J. Baumann  
Superintendent of Schools



## Newfane Alumni Association

### **Panther Pretty:**

Another successful Panther Pretty event is in the books. The event hosted by the Newfane Alumni Association took place at Newfane United Methodist Church on Apr 2, 2022. A big thank you to Pastor Marilyn and parishioners for donating their space and time, making students and families feel welcome. Students chose styles from a vast collection of dresses, many generously donated with tags from local boutiques such as Blissetts in Medina, and Bridal Chateau of Williamsville.

Local salons and vendors took part in helping students look and feel their best by donating services, time, and products. We thank them for their munificent donations and praise them for helping us make this event a success. Donors include; Root 78 Hair Salon, Sunflower Salon, Y'Vonne's Hair salon, Ready Set Glow by Megan, Oxygen, Color Street Nails by Emily Morrisey, All That Chocolate, and Tops in Wrights Corners.

The Newfane Business Association joined in our fun by donating supplies to the High School's Life Skills Class, taught by Justin Balcolm, who graciously made cookies for our attendees.

Shana Feeley Photography was on site for our dress preview photos, and a lucky winner walked away with a pre-prom photo shoot. This year we welcomed students from neighboring districts of Wilson, Barker, Roy-hart, and Lew-Port. Our wonderful community generosity was on full display, helping to make prom night a dream come true for our local students.

### **The Newfane Alumni Association "Buy a Brick" Campaign:**

The Newfane Alumni Association presents to you a unique opportunity to be a forever part of Panther culture and history by purchasing an engraved brick to be placed outside of the brand new stadium being constructed this summer. In celebration of the long awaited capital project, pathways to the future will be constructed outside the stadium, creating a walkway that will be traveled by all visitors upon entering what will become the new "panther den".

Our bricks will be laser engraved, which means they will last as a lifetime reminder of your personal achievement, dedication, or chosen message. They serve as a wonderful opportunity for any occasion to honor a special person, group, and are a great option to commemorate a loved one or give as a gift. Engrave a brick with your name, a sport or club activity, class, honor a local soldier or veteran; in memory of a special person, teacher, or student, or mark a special date. The possibilities are endless. Don't miss out on your chance to be a part of Panther history. Proceeds benefit Newfane Alumni Association scholarships and programs. Please visit [www.newfanealumni.org](http://www.newfanealumni.org) for purchase information! Don't miss out on this opportunity!

### **Distinguished Alumni Award**

We are still accepting applications for the Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will honor Newfane alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen career, through community service, or who have otherwise significantly impacted the lives of others. Alumni must have graduated from Newfane at least five years prior to nomination to be eligible. Posthumous recognition is also granted. Nominations for the inaugural class will be accepted until August 1, 2022 and the initial inductees will be honored at a ceremony in October during homecoming week.

### **Alumni Giving Back**

The High School has welcomed Alumni Speakers into classrooms to talk to our future generations about their career pathways. This past quarter we featured Anthony Coulson, a graduate of 1977 graduate, who highlighted his career in law enforcement including service in the Drug Enforcement Administration, Addy Burns, a 2017 graduate, who has been navigating law school during the pandemic, and Brett Haylet of RGM Comfort Systems, a 2007 graduate and HVAC specialist to speak about trades and business ownership. The students have been extremely receptive and shown great interest in our speakers sharing their pathways. We are also planning an alumni career share during homecoming week in October, where alumni can talk to current students about their chosen career path. If you are interested in speaking with students or becoming a source of information in your field for local students, please contact us at [alumni.newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org](mailto:alumni.newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org).

### **Alumni Spotlight**

Lisa (Flagler) Fletcher, class of 1987, will be looking for past graduates to highlight in our upcoming Alumni publications. She lives in town and is currently an Instructional Literacy Coach for our Newfane School District's teachers. Her experience as a LCTV host, Newfane Teachers Association newsletter editor, and years teaching Broadcast Journalism to 12th graders, make her the ideal person to spotlight our members! If you would like to be interviewed or would like to recommend someone (questioned either through email, phone, or in person), please contact Lisa at [lisafletcher3232@gmail.com](mailto:lisafletcher3232@gmail.com). We all look forward to learning more about our Newfane Alumni!

### **Merchandise Available Online**

In order to make our scholarships, mini-grants, and funding for our many community events and programs possible, we rely on donations, membership, and proceeds from merchandise purchases. To make donation and participation as convenient as possible, we have launched online stores and payment options. Please visit our website at [www.newfanealumni.org](http://www.newfanealumni.org) for more information on how to become a paid member. To purchase alumni merchandise, please visit our website at: [www.newfanealumniassociation.itemorder.com](http://www.newfanealumniassociation.itemorder.com)

### **Class Reunions**

Classes of '62, '72, '82, '92, and '02, are you planning your reunions? Would you like our help? Please contact us at [newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org](mailto:newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org) to find out more about how we can help you advertise, plan, and make your reunion a success!

### **Scholarships**

The Newfane Alumni Association is proud to announce the release of two scholarships, The Newfane Class of 1970 Memorial Scholarship and The Kevin Newton Memorial Baseball Scholarship. Both scholarships boast a reward of \$500 to a college bound senior. Please visit our website for more information, including criteria and applications.



## The Park After Dark

### An After Hours Party With Purpose

By Gina Guido-Redden, OBCP Fundraising Chair

Mark your calendars! The Olcott Beach Carousel Park's annual fundraiser - **The Park After Dark will be August 9, 2022!** The fundraiser contributes substantially to the economic viability of the park's mission - providing a high quality attraction at the lowest possible cost to the WNY community. Each and every year, the revenue raised by this event keeps the park on stable economic footing for the following season – funding restoration and improvement projects and offsetting operating costs.

The Park After Dark is **the one and only event held in the park at night – transforming the kiddie park into a grown up vintage carnival!**

<p>Affordable family attractions are bordering on extinction, but The Olcott Beach Carousel Park offers families an affordable day of family fun! Eat, drink and play under the stars while you support our fundraising efforts! Each donation helps us ensure the park remains low cost and high quality, giving every family the chance to make memories that will last a lifetime!</p>	<p><b>An Evening of Fun &amp; Festivities!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Fresh Popcorn and Nacho Stations</li> <li>o Cider and Beer on tap at the Rialto Beer Garden</li> <li>o Wine by the glass or bottle at Luna Park Landing</li> <li>o Food by Simply Tasteful   Served at 7:00</li> <li>o Carnival Gaming Midway</li> <li>o Skee-Ball Tournament</li> <li>o Carousel Derby Races</li> <li>o Fortune Teller</li> <li>o Strolling Magician</li> <li>o Raffles and 50/50s</li> <li>o Vintage Vocals by Back in the Day   6:00-9:00</li> <li>o The Sophisticats   7:00-10:00</li> </ul>	<p><b>Schedule of Events!</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Beer Garden, Wine Bar, Popcorn Stand, Nacho Station, Basket Bonanza Raffle Tent, Skee-ball Tournament and Gaming Midway open to all comers.</li> <li>o Vintage Vocals by Back in the Day <i>Under the circus tent</i></li> </ul> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Food service by Simply Tasteful</li> <li>o The Sophisticats   <i>On the mainstage</i></li> </ul> <p><b>7:00 - 10:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Carousel Derby Races   <i>Every 30 minutes</i></li> </ul> <p><b>9:45 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 50/50 Winner Drawn</li> <li>o Raffle Winners Drawn</li> </ul>
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- Vintage carnival game midway & prizes
- Grandma's Prophecy fortune telling tent
- Midway Madness raffle tent
- Rialto Beer Garden
- Luna Landing Wine Bar
- Carousel Derby Races
- annual skee-ball tournament
- 50/50 split
- live music on 2 stages
- lawn games
- dancing
- popcorn, nachos, appetizers, dinner and dessert!

**Tickets are \$35 pre-sale and \$40 at the door** – and can be purchased on line, or from local ticket sellers. **For ticket information and event sponsorship opportunities** (including naming rights to the main stage, the midway games, derby horses, the beer garden and the wine bar) contact the park:

[olcottbeachcarouselpark@gmail.com](mailto:olcottbeachcarouselpark@gmail.com) or call us at (716) 713-6434 or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OBCarousel>





## NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES:

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Registration for September 2022  
The Newfane Central School District will hold registration for students who will be entering pre-kindergarten (UPK) in September 2022. According to UPK regulations, children who will be 4 years old on or before December 1st, 2022 are eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten. Students and their parent or legal guardian must live within the Newfane Central School District boundaries. Pre-Kindergarten classes are half day with either a morning or afternoon session running five days a week. The classes are held at the Newfane Early Childhood Center and busing is provided. UPK is an outstanding program designed to prepare all children to learn and grow through play and age-appropriate activities under the guidance of experienced and caring certified teachers.

Please call Mrs. Colleen Schultz at 716-778-6351 between 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. to receive the necessary paperwork to register your child and reserve a spot for the fall.



## NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES:

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022  
If you or anybody you know has a child at home who will be turning 5 years old on or before December 1, 2022 who is not already enrolled in Newfane UPK, registration has begun for Kindergarten 2022-2023. Our Kindergarten classes are full day, with busing provided and are housed at the Newfane Elementary.

Please call Mrs. Colleen Schultz at 716-778-6351 between 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. by Friday, April 22, 2022 to receive the necessary paperwork to register your child.



Newfane Central School District  
Aquatic Center  
Located at:  
2909 Transit Road  
Newfane, New York 14108

### AQUATIC PROGRAMS Spring/Summer 2022

\*\*Due to construction at the Elementary School this summer, we will not be able to offer summer aquatics programming after June 24, 2022. We look forward to the improvements included the Capital Project and will see everyone back in the pool again - Fall 2022!

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



### \*\* MAY/JUNE LEARN –TO-SWIM PROGRAM

If you have a son or daughter that would like to sign up for after school 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. This program will fill up quickly so sign up today to ensure a spot. We are not offering competition swim/lap swim in this session.

Age: 3+

Cost: \$58.00

Session: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (3 days a week/3 weeks)  
May 31 through June 17, 2022

Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Level I, II, III, IV, V, VI

Minimum class size: 12 students

### 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 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 parents, children, and instructor. The relationship serves as the basis for learning.

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Age: 6 months – 3 years

Cost: \$2.00 with adult

Session: Monday's March 14, 2022 through May 23, 2022 (preregistration not required)

Time: 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Newfane Central School District

Aquatic Center

2909 Transit Road

Newfane New York 14108

778-6853

AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Spring/Summer 2022

### COMMUNITY and SENIOR CITIZEN SWIM

For our Community members as well as our Senior Citizens:

The pool is open mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 am – 8:45 am and

Wednesday 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm for your enjoyment.

Cost: \$2.00

Session: through June 17, 2022

### 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 through May 25, 2022 (pre-registration not required)

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.

Spring Session: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays April 4, 2022 through June 22, 2022

Cost: \$2.00 per class

Time: 2:00 – 2:45 pm

[Dates Subject to change due to swim classes]

Questions?

Contact Mrs. Seymour, Coordinator of Community Programs, at 778-6853 or [Bseymour@newfanecentralschools.org](mailto:Bseymour@newfanecentralschools.org)

### NEWFANE AQUATIC PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE(S) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSED TO COVER COURSE FEES.

(NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED IN MAIL)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: **NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL**

DROP OFF or MAIL TO:

BERNADETTE SEYMOUR

NEWFANE DISTRICT OFFICE/AQUATICS

6048 GODFREY ROAD

BURT, NEW YORK 14028

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO PREVENT CLASSES FROM BEING CANCELED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT ENROLLMENT. QUESTIONS? 778-6853 or [Bseymour@newfanecentralschools.org](mailto:Bseymour@newfanecentralschools.org)

### Niagara Wine Trail Names New Executive Director, New Officers for 2022

**Feb. 15, 2022 (Lockport, NY)** – The Niagara Wine Trail has named Susan Swiatkowski as its new executive director. In addition, new officers have been chosen to lead the organization for 2022.

A Niagara Falls, NY, native, Swiatkowski comes to this position after various management roles with Destination Niagara USA, Old Falls Street USA, the Hard Rock Cafe and the Downtown Niagara Falls Business Association. As executive director, she provides leadership and support in planning and administration of the 14-member Niagara Wine Trail. She also helps organize wine trail experiences, fundraising and events, public relations and marketing efforts, and manages relationships with partner businesses.

Swiatkowski works closely with the newly re-elected Niagara Wine Trail officers, Shane Gustafson, chairperson and owner of A Gust of Sun Winery & Vineyard, in Ransomville; Bryan DeGraw, vice chair and owner of 810 Meadworks, in Medina; and Danielle Neglia, secretary and owner of Long Cliff Vineyard & Winery, in Sanborn.

The Niagara Wine Trail will celebrate its 20th Anniversary this May. The organization comprises 14 member wineries, situated between the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario, stretching through Niagara, Orleans and Monroe Counties. Each winery on the trail offers a diverse selection of traditional vinifera style, native, late harvest and ice wines, as well as unique styles such as award-winning fruit wines, meads and ciders. Its mission is to “work cooperatively to enhance the wine industry in the region” through an array of intimately authentic and charming guest experiences.

For more information on the Niagara Wine Trail or its upcoming events, visit [www.NiagaraWineTrail.org](http://www.NiagaraWineTrail.org) or follow the Niagara Wine Trail on Facebook and Instagram.

## Planning for Newfane's 2024 Bicentennial Celebration

Talk around town these days is more often turning to Newfane's 200-year anniversary approaching in 2024 and how we should celebrate this momentous bicentennial milestone. No decisions have been made about the type of events and scope of activities that might occur, but all agree that a successful commemoration of Newfane's rich cultural and historic heritage will take a couple of years of planning and community-wide involvement.

Before settlers came to this area in the early 1800s, what is now Newfane was a wilderness of dense trees and wetlands defined only by the Eighteen-Mile Creek, Lake Ontario and native trails. The Holland Land Company was granted rights to sell land across the region to speculators and pioneers who sought opportunities in the westward expansion of our young nation. Land in this area was first sold to pioneers in 1804 and settlement would increase significantly after the War of 1812 when Newfane was known as Charlotteville and Olcott was named Kempville. Niagara County was established by the State Legislature in 1808 and the entire county was known only as the Town of Cambria. It was quickly recognized that government administration needed to be organized closer to developing communities and from 1812 to 1836 Cambria would be subdivided into the twelve Niagara County towns we have today. Cambria was split and became Hartland east of the Eighteen-Mile Creek and Wilson was formed west of the creek in 1818, then the Town of Somerset was formed from Hartland and in 1824 Newfane was created from portions of Somerset, Hartland and Wilson.

Newfane marked its first 150 years in July of 1974 with a week-long sesquicentennial gala that included a pageant, theatrical performance, parades, games, concerts, shows and exhibits. Organizers established a corporation, sold shares and recruited patrons to help fund the celebration ... they had an executive committee, formed six management divisions and used more than twenty committees to keep it on track. The town also held a 175th anniversary in 1999 where a reenactment of the first town meeting, a pioneer picnic and other programs were scheduled throughout the year in conjunction with the apple festivals and other town functions. There were numerous local events during the 1976 U.S. bicentennial and the Niagara County bicentennial was held in 2008. The towns of Cambria, Hartland and Royalton have had recent bicentennial celebrations and other towns have anniversary dates coming up. Each community plans their activities and schedule a little different, some over a few weekends or a series of special days.

Preliminary talks have focused on how we will organize Newfane's bicentennial planning, which itself has generated many interesting ideas and suggestions about the type of activities that could take place. It looks like 2022 will be a time to ask all organizations and groups in the town to consider how they can support the effort; by identifying committees, teams and leaders, or in forming partnerships to boost participation. With a strong organization and committed leadership in place, 2023 can then be a period where resources, preparations and personnel come together to deliver a proud series of events honoring our community heritage in 2024.

A Facebook page 'Newfane 2024 Bicentennial Planning' has been created where those participating in bicentennial preparations can monitor and share information. Those interested in helping with bicentennial activities, and organizations that would like a representative to attend their meeting to provide information or assist with bicentennial planning, can leave a message at 716-778-8531 ext. #7.



The Town of Newfane Historical Society, local business and community associations, Newfane schools, the town tourism committee and groups such as the Lions clubs are already exploring bicentennial ideas. Planners envision that virtually every group and organization in the community can participate in some way; including churches and fire companies, businesses and civic groups, youth and veteran groups, families, alumni, seniors, sports teams, auxiliaries and neighborhoods. Newfane Supervisor John Syracuse has said he would like to see the town come together in a robust way to support an extraordinary bicentennial program. A commemorative booklet of Newfane history is in the works and 'Operation Sewing Squad', a local group formed two years ago to make Covid masks has already announced their members will begin making period costumes for the bicentennial. Look for news in the weeks ahead from a Steering Committee that is forming to guide bicentennial preparations, and just as important, consider initiating bicentennial discussions and ideas in the groups and places you frequent.

Contact: Bill Clark, Town of Newfane Historian

### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY OF NEWFANE 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.

**Free Outdoor Movie Nights in Olcott!**  
**Sponsored by the Town Of Newfane Tourism Committee**

Bring your lawn chairs and join us under the stars for outdoor showings of family friendly movies! We'll bring the big screen and movie, you bring the blankets, chairs, pillows and snacks! Better yet, visit our concession booth for popcorn, candy and water because 100% of the profits are donated to a different local charitable organization each week!

Why not make a day of it?? Spend the day, visiting the shops, the beach, the Carousel Park, Krull park's playgrounds and splash pad – then have dinner at one of Olcott's restaurants and wait for the sun to go down and enjoy the featured film.



For movie listings, find us on line @NewfaneOlcottNY or check out our web page [http://www.Olcott-Newfane.com!](http://www.Olcott-Newfane.com)

New Release Family Movies **at Sundown**

At **The Olcott Beach Carousel Park**

Bring **Blankets & Lawn Chairs**

Presented by The Town of Newfane Tourism Board

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!**

• July 21 • July 28 • August 18 • August 25

**FREE!** Concessions Available

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 Newfane, NY 14108      Every Saturday

Bar Food & Daily Specials



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Friday July 15th      5pm-11pm

Live Music & Vendors



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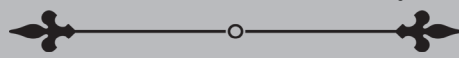
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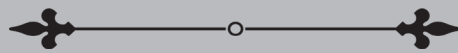
The Van Horn Mansion is a living history museum and event center, first built as a home by the Van Horn Family in 1823. It's listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a cultural and historical centerpiece for the Town of Newfane, NY.

In honor of the mansion's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, the estate will undergo a variety of necessary enhancements in order to refresh the property and help keep it a mainstay attraction of the Newfane community.



## *We need you!*

The non-profit Newfane Historical Society is seeking donations towards our financial goals. Please support our efforts through monetary donations, given online or at our events. Better yet, visit the Van Horn Mansion during open hours for a tour and to view our current progress! Thanks to all for your amazing support.



### Revitalization Efforts Include:

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- Landscaping developments
- Upgrades for private rentals
- Expanded exhibits
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- Modernizing to create more meaningful visitor experiences

*Learn more & Donate at*  
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## NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!! We are looking forward to the snow melting and the leaves and buds of Spring flowers popping through the soil.

AND the Garden Club is back to holding indoor meetings! The pandemic shut us down, but we have made slow, steady progress back to a meeting schedule. Our aim is to share knowledge and ideas concerning gardening and the environment.

We are a garden club, but we do more than garden. We usually meet at our Home Base (Newfane Community Room), but we also take field trips or meet at member's homes when invited.

We started our year with a member demonstrating how to make teacup cactus gardens. That was a nice project for a cold, snowy February meeting.

We hosted speakers from Hahn's Honeybee Haven in March. Their interesting program gave us ideas for pollinator friendly plants for our gardens and told us about the effect of pesticides on pollinators.

In April a member will demonstrate making jewelry using "paint skins". The popular craft of paint pouring results in paint run off. When it is dried, it forms "paint skins" that can be used in other crafts.

There are several outings planned, in May we will visit Heimiller's Greenhouse. The owner is always glad to answer our gardening questions and then we shop for spring/summer garden plants. There is always a wonderful variety of healthy plants available.

The August gathering will be at Ancestral Acres, Ridge Road, Hartland. The owner of this farm grows and dries beautiful flowers. We will tour her extensive gardens with her.

June and July we will meet at member's homes for garden tours and refreshments.

In October we will again host the Hahn's Honeybee Haven speakers. They will demonstrate making beeswax luminaries and assist our members in making them to take home.

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

**PLEASE NOTE: This is information and a request for volunteers not connected to the Niagara Shores Garden Club business.**

Every Spring a dedicated group of volunteers have planted flowers around the trees on Main Street. There is always a need for volunteers to plant and weed these plots. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to continue as a volunteer, please email Nancy Beakman at nancy-beakman@yahoo.com. We are attempting to put together a list of volunteers to continue this important work of beautifying the Town. We are also looking for volunteers to water the plants daily. It is a 3 hour daily commitment during the hot, dry summer. However, if enough volunteers are found, the duty could be shared. Our many thanks to the volunteers who have planted and maintained the plots in past years.

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# **Strobel Farms LLC**

## Natural Local Angus Beef & Natural Pork

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### **Who Are We, You Ask?**

We are a family run business for more than 40 years. We raise All Natural Black Angus Beef. Natural Pork. Farm Fresh Vegetables and much more. Our goal is to connect the modern family of today with fresh food.



### **Where Are We Located?**

We are located at:

3690 Coomer Road, Newfane

### **What Are Our Hours?**

Monday - Thursday 4pm to 6pm

Friday 12pm - 6pm

Saturday/ Sunday 9am-6pm

#### **Contact:**

Katie @ (716)948-0102

Paul @ (716)946-8647

With any questions

#### **What We Offer...**

**Individual Cuts & Packages**

**¼, ½, and Whole For The Freezer**

**Taking Orders For Roaster Pigs**

**Natural Angus Beef - Steaks, Ground Beef, Roasts,**

**Soup Bones, Dog Bones, Hamburger Patties**

**Natural Pork - Chops, Roasts, Sausage, Ribs**

**In Season Fruit & Vegetables**

#### **We take the Following Payments:**

**Cash / Check/ Charge/ Cash App**

**EBT Food & Cash**



**What is the NAMI Family Support Group Program?**

NAMI Family Support Groups, offered by NAMI Affiliates in communities across the country, are free, confidential and safe groups of trained families helping other WNY families who live with mental health challenges. In NAMI Family Support Groups, family members and caregivers join a caring group of individuals to help one another by using their collective lived experiences and learned wisdom. Family members can achieve a renewed sense of hope for their loved one living with mental health challenges.

For in-person groups, just go to the meeting on the date scheduled at the location. Pre-registration required *only for online groups*. Send request to [online@namibuffalony.org](mailto:online@namibuffalony.org)



**Participant Perspectives**

*"Before coming to the support group, we had never spoken about mental illness to neighbors, friends and often not even to our relatives."*

*"NAMI Family Support Group really works and it makes the group experience even better."*

*"I just attended my first NAMI Family Support Group and the facilitators and the group experience was just the kind of support I was seeking at this time."*

**Monthly Dates/Locations – no pre-registration needed in person**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday ♦ NIAGARA FALLS Earl W. Brydges Library, 1425 Main St, 6:30-8 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday ONLINE ♦ (open to family members from anywhere in WNY), 7-8:30 pm

Pre-registration required for online groups. E-mail request, with "Family Support Group" and date, to [online@namibuffalony.org](mailto:online@namibuffalony.org). You will be called to register and caller ID will read "Boston, NY"

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday ♦ LOCKPORT Save the Michaels of the World, 81 Walnut St, 7-8:30 pm

Visit our website calendar at [www.namibuffalony.org](http://www.namibuffalony.org) to be sure there are no changes. COVID mask requirement, social distancing and sanitizer protocols in use. Depending on location, temperature check and sign-in may be required for Contact follow-up. Snow closings listed on WGRZ Channel 2.



PO Box 146, Buffalo, NY 14223  
716-226-6264 (NAMI)  
[info@namibuffalony.org](mailto:info@namibuffalony.org)

**About NAMI**

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Buffalo & Erie County is an affiliate of NAMI NYS. NAMI Buffalo & Erie County's dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our WNY community living with mental illness and their loved ones.

NAMI Family Support Groups also take place in Erie County.

For more information, see [www.namibuffalony.org](http://www.namibuffalony.org) calendar for complete listing of locations and times.

**ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDICTION?**

**NAR-ANON OFFERS HOPE**

**Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, we offer help by sharing our experience, strength and hope.**

**'HEARTSEASE' NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP**

**JOIN US FOR SUPPORT AND RECOVERY**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month 7pm  
at Save the Michaels House of Hope  
81 Walnut Street  
Lockport, NY 14094



For more information - email [anchoringhope@outlook.com](mailto:anchoringhope@outlook.com)



PO BOX 177 Newfane, NY 14108  
(716) 778-0389  
<https://anchoringhope.org>

**STRUGGLING TO MANAGE YOUR MEDICATIONS?**

Anchoring Hope of NY offers support to those affected by Mental Illness and/or addiction through Quality of Life Scholarships.

**DISPENSING MEDICATION BOXES (INCLUDING TAMPER-PROOF)**

**SUCCESS**

Less missed medications resulting in more stability

Reduced opportunities to self medicate

Reduction in overdoses

Decrease in hospitalizations

Peace of mind to providers prescribing controlled medications



**TESTIMONIALS**

*"He went from 19 hospitalizations in less than a year to 3 the following year."*

*"Everyone like me should have a box like this."*

*"I want to take more meds but can't. I guess the box is doing it's job"*

*"She's no longer sleeping 18 hours a day and beginning to enjoy life".*

**CONTACT US FOR AN APPLICATION**

[anchoringhope@outlook.com](mailto:anchoringhope@outlook.com) or (716) 778-0389

All is CONFIDENTIAL



**Anchoring Hope of NY is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing success and hope for those affected by mental illness and/or addiction and their loved ones through the use of unique and unconventional equipment and services**

**QUALITY OF LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS**

*(including but not limited to)*

*Tamper-proof medication boxes  
Emotional Support/Service Animals  
Tablet based monitoring programs  
Recreational and educational cost's*

**ADVOCACY**

*Continued focus on ensuring the right supports/services are available*

*Ensuring CHOICE / CHANGE*

**'THINKING DIFFERENT'**

**NARCAN**

*Training and Narcan Kits*

**NO QUESTIONS ASKED**

@AnchoringHopeof NY

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Phone: (716) 778-0389 Address: PO BOX 177 Newfane, NY 14108

*"Whether it be finding the right support to overcome for yourself or a loved one, Anchoring Hope serves as a means to heal."*

## NEWFANE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

### Maintenance Department

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

Ontario street water project is progressing at a reasonable pace, despite the weather and should be completed by the end of April 2022. Any questions or concerns, please call the water maintenance office at 778-8587. Thank you for your patience.

Michael R. Mills

Water/Sewer Superintendent

### Billing Department

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE WATER OFFICE

1. CASH

2. CHECK

3. CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS – ONLINE ONLY - 2.95% fee

An account must be created online

You must have an active email account

4. ACH PAYMENTS - NO FEE

Fill out a form in the Water Office along with a voided check

Credit and debit cards will no longer be accepted when paying in person or by mail. However, you can now make your water/sewer payment on-line, using your credit card or debit card. To create an account online:

Go to [townofnewfane.com](http://townofnewfane.com)

On the homepage, in the top right corner, click 'Pay Town Bills' then 'Pay Water'

A screen will pop up asking for username and password. If you are a first time user, click on "register here"

Enter your information and click "register" you will receive a message that says "registration was successful". A temporary password will be sent to your email, which will allow you in to make your payment and change your password.

Be sure to record your username and password for future use.

There is a night drop box located on the north side of Town Hall, to the right of the door. Payments when dropped go into a secure locked box. Any payments left the evening of 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 years County tax bill. A tax removal fee of 10% is added to your bill.

### 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 correctly.

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 extension 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.

## NOTICE

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

All branches **MUST** be piled as neatly as possible with **ALL CUT ENDS FACING** the road and **NO LONGER** than 10 ft long.

**Tree removal companies are responsible to remove ALL of their own debris.**

We will **NOT** pick up large stumps, leaves, rubbish, etc.

A maximum amount of 2 tandem truck loads will be picked up at a time at any one residence.

We will **NOT** pick up branches in front of wooded lots that are being cleared.

We will **NOT** be responsible for any damages to anything that is under the pile of brush that we cannot see. Large piles are picked up with large machinery.

If you have any questions, please contact the Highway Department at 778-8844 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday- Thursday.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jon Miller

Highway Superintendent