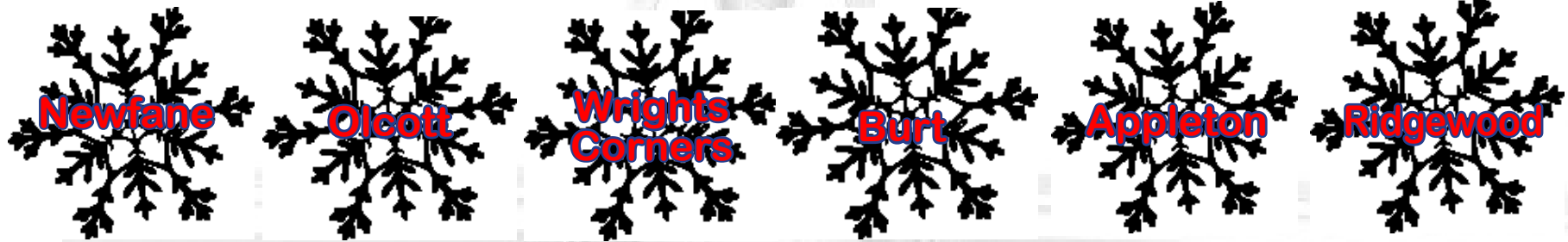


Town of Newfane

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News from our Town Supervisor, Tim Horanburg



Here we are in the holiday season already, my how fast time goes by. As most of you know, this will be my last article as your Town Supervisor. I struggle to tell you all how much I have loved serving you, meeting you, working for all of you, and hopefully I have made a difference for the best in the Town and Community that I love so much. I have been blessed to meet so many amazing people, volunteers, civic organizations, senior citizens, residents, first responders, politicians and most of all the most dedicated Town employees that I have ever known.

In my 32 years as your Town Supervisor and 5 years as the Niagara County Parks Commissioner, I have done everything in my power and ability to help make Newfane the best it can be, a Community that we can all be proud of and live and raise our families in.

And for all of this, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve you: my family, my friends, my TOWN!!

SANTA LETTERS – As in past years, Santa has asked us here at the Town Hall if we would help him to collect letters mailed to him from Newfane children. We told Santa that we would be happy to help him out. As in the past, children can put their “Letters to Santa” in our Santa drop box located next to the North entrance doors at the Town Hall. The drop box is clearly marked with a picture of Santa. Santa will start collecting letters from November 1st until Friday, December 17th at the latest. This will give Santa enough time to respond to the children. Due to the time constraints of Santa and his Elves, he asks that only individual children who reside in the Town of Newfane write to him. Santa is unable to accept letters from groups, such as boy/girl scout troops or school classrooms, etc. Please remember, only one letter per child. **BE SURE TO HAVE A RETURN ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE** so Santa can reply.

SANTA AT THE CABIN – Santa will be at the “Ye Olde Log Cabin” in Krull Park on Sunday, December 5th from 1 – 5 pm. Bring the children for treats and a visit with Santa.

HOLIDAY LIGHTUP – Will be held in the Village on December 3rd. Bring the kids to see Santa and enjoy hot chocolate & treats. The parade starts at 6pm. This event is always a fun time for the children and adults, come and enjoy the Newfane Christmas spirit!!!

Electronic Drop off day – Will be Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9am – 1pm at the Highway garage on McKee St. Must be a Newfane resident and a limit of 2 TV’s per household.

OLCOTT HARBOR BREAKWALL PROJECT - This project is approx. 95% complete. We will be installing a new waterline around the west block of Ontario St. during the winter and then, in the spring all the roads will be repaved. I would like to thank Severson Construction for the great work they did on this project and all the residents that endured the truck traffic, noise and dust throughout the project. This project will protect the harbor from the destructive wave action and will allow for much needed economic development of the Harbor area.

WEST BEACH BERM & INNER HARBOR CONTAINMENT WALL – These other two REDI projects should be ready to go in the spring of 2022. It has been a challenge to incorporate all these projects, as certain things have to be done at certain times. However, I think we have it all worked out so that when complete, they will do what they were intended to do: protect the lake shore area from flooding while allowing for economic development to occur.

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Newfane, NY 14108

Check out the information about our new Hometown Heroes Banner Initiative for Newfane Veterans on page 7

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2022 BUDGET – Residents that are NOT on sewer will see no increase in their 2022 taxes and residents that are on sewer will see a \$5 increase in their 2022 taxes. I would like to thank the Town Board for their work and devotion to the Town and their work to make our community an affordable place to live.

I will not be leaving this Town after I retire, and I will always be available to assist in any way that anyone may need. Again, thank you all for the ride of my life!! On behalf of myself, Town Clerk; Mickie, Town Board; Laura, Sue, Rick and Troy, have a great and joyous Holiday season!!



Niagara County Legislature 14th District Legislator John Syracuse

Since this will be my last time to address this great community as your 14th District Legislator, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of you for electing me to serve you as your representative in the Niagara County Legislature for the past 18 years. I hope my actions displayed the seriousness and weight of what it meant to represent this district as your elected official.

I can honestly say that it has been a pleasure serving. It was never overwhelming, nor was it a burden. I also realize I could not do this job without the support and encouragement from my wife Regina, along with my daughters Sarah, Emma and Sidney.

I have met a lot of extraordinary people along the way. They, too, have been a wonderful source of wisdom for me over the years. I praise God for planting me here in Newfane over 20 years ago. My term will end 12/31/21. Lord willing, I will still be able to serve this community to the best of my ability in whatever capacity that may be in the future.

Once again, I wish to thank all of you for the privilege of serving you.

We would like to invite everyone to a retirement celebration for our Supervisor, Tim Horanburg on Sunday, December 12th from 1-3pm at the Community Center. It will be open for the public to come and wish Tim the best, as well as share stories and memories of his time in office. Tim has given this town his very best. Come celebrate his successes before he leaves office at the end of 2021!

Enjoy some pictures throughout this newsletter as we celebrate Tim's last edition.



Tim educating Newfane Middle School students in the early 1990's about the Town of Newfane

Visit Town of Newfane on Facebook

Town Hall

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

Elected Officials:

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor	Timothy R. Horanburg	778-8531 #3
Councilwoman	Laura L. Rutland	
Councilwoman	Susan Neidlinger	
Councilman	Richard Coleman	
Councilman	Troy D. Barnes	

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

Town Clerk

Mildred M. Kramp
778-8822 #2
Fax 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: Doug Nankey 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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1/4 page B & W \$ 80.00
1/8 page B & W \$60.00
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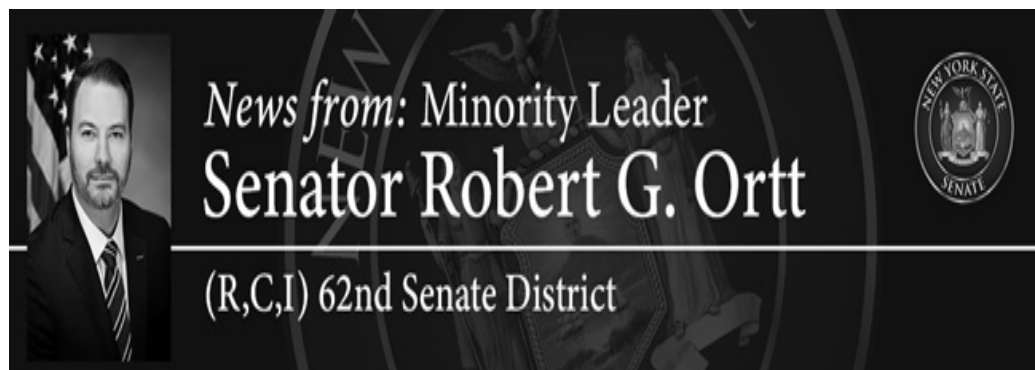
Advertise your Business in our June Newsletter.

Deadline for ads is May 27, 2022. Complete the section below and return with your ad and full payment to:

Town of Newfane, Newsletter Department
2737 Main St., Newfane, NY 14108 or newsletter@townofnewfane.com

Make checks payable to Town of Newfane

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Ad Size _____ Cost _____



As our community is aware, record high lake levels have become a reoccurring trend, and while the Federal Government is still working to reverse the impact of Plan 2014, New York State must continue to fortify our shoreline and improve our infrastructure to better protect our municipal assets, residents, and businesses from the rising levels of Lake Ontario.

Decades in the making, the Olcott Breakwall project moved forward and became reality in October 2019, and I was proud to join State Senator Rob Ortt in delivering funding for a myriad of projects that will help correct long-standing erosion and flooding problems along the entire Lake Ontario shore in Niagara County.

I am proud to have worked with Governor and the Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative Commission to deliver key critical infrastructure projects and funding that will refortify our shoreline and protect our residents, businesses, and community assets from future high-water levels.

It was an honor to join my colleagues for the ribbon cutting for the completion of the Olcott Harbor Breakwater REDI project. This Olcott Marina project will help protect and preserve the Town of Newfane Marina, Olcott Yacht Club, Hedley Boat Co., McDonough Marine, and several private homes. This is truly a transformational project, that was long overdue, and will positively impact future generations to come. I appreciate the cooperation and perseverance of the Governor, Senator Ortt, Town Supervisor Tim Horanburg and so many local and state officials who made this key economic and tourism investment a reality.

In addition to his tireless dedication and advocacy in completing these fortifications, I would also like to congratulate my dear friend, Supervisor, Tim Horanburg on his retirement. Tim has been a leader in Niagara County for decades and on behalf of our entire community, I want to thank him for his service and commitment to our county and town. It has been a privilege to work so closely with Tim and I wish him continued success and happiness in retirement! It is very fitting that a plaque in his honor will be placed on the Outer Breakwall Project.

As we approach Thanksgiving and the Holiday season, this time of year serves as a reminder to help those who are less fortunate during this joyous season. Especially this year, when many are struggling through these uncertain times, the spirit of giving is more important now than ever. I will once again be sponsoring my annual Winter Coat and Clothing Drive and will be accepting gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves at locations throughout the 144th Assembly District.

The drive begins on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021, and runs through Thursday, December 16th, 2021. All the clothing collected will stay in Western New York and was donated to the Salvation Army of Lockport and the Hope Project in Clarence. A list of all the donation sites can be found below:

Mike Norris' District Office
8180 Main Street, Clarence NY
14221
(716) 839-4690

Lockport Town Hall
6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport,
NY 14094
(716) 439-9524

Newfane Town Hall
2737 Main St, Newfane,
NY 14108
(716) 778-8531

Wilson Town Hall
375 Lake St, Wilson, NY
14172
(716) 751-6704

Clarence Town Hall
1 Town Pl, Clarence, NY 14031
(716) 741-8938

Lockport Municipal Building
One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New
York 14094
(716) 439-6665

Middleport Village Hall
24 Main Street, Middleport,
NY 14105
(716) 735 3303

Village of Akron Hall
21 Main Street, Akron, NY
14001
(716) 542-9636

Public safety is the one issue that should unite all elected officials regardless of political party - especially as our communities, our state, and our entire nation experience some of the worst violent crime spikes in decades.

Some logical actions we can take to combat these saddening crime trends would be to fully fund our police, get violent offenders off our streets, and protect the rights of victims.

Unfortunately, since 2019, our state has been going in the wrong direction on this life-or-death issue of public safety. Whether it's their rhetoric aimed at defunding the police, their disastrous bail reform, or their overall weakening of our criminal justice system, many of my colleagues in the Senate Majority have flunked the public safety test time and time again.

The legislative priorities of my Majority colleagues are out of touch with New Yorkers. Taking care of criminals is a priority to them. Innocent, law-abiding citizens have suffered as a result.

There are many paths we can take if we are serious about solving the violent crime crisis plaguing our communities statewide. The best path forward starts with the Senate Minority's proposals to support our law-enforcement officials, protect victims' rights and restore justice and accountability to our broken state parole system.

We also need to focus on our mental health and education systems, along with aiding disadvantaged New Yorkers who truly need help. As the former Chair of the Senate Mental Health Committee, I understand that treatment - especially with those struggling with addiction - can be just as important as enforcement in the fight against crime.

As senator for the 62nd District, and Leader of the New York State Senate Minority Conference, I will remain laser-focused on advancing efforts to restore common sense and public safety in our state.

Public safety shouldn't be a partisan issue. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I urge my Senate Majority colleagues to join us in our efforts to restore public safety in this state.



A message from our Niagara County Sheriff's Office

The Niagara County Sheriff's Office prides itself in offering a wide variety of services to the community, outside of traditional Law Enforcement practices. Our affiliation with many programs and services can be utilized by our residents in many ways.

NY-Alert is a web based portal that allows residents to sign up for emergency alert information and private notifications. Sign up for NY-Alert today to receive real-time warnings and emergency information directly via a phone call, email, text message or fax. You can sign up for NY-Alert at alert.ny.gov

With school back in session, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office reminds you of the Offender Watch Program. This free program is offered by NCSO which will give you real-time updates of sex offenders who reside in your community. Our children's safety is a priority at NCSO and we urge all parents to sign up. Sign up at https://communitynotification.com/cap_main.php?office=54113

One concern many people have is the security of their house while they are away on vacation. The Sheriff's Office regularly makes checks on houses and property all around Niagara County and we will gladly check on your house as part of our patrol in the Town of Newfane. It is reassuring to know that we have your back and will keep an eye on things when you are unable to. If you would like a check of your property while you are away, please call the main dispatch number, (716) 438-3393, to speak to a professional dispatcher and give the information for your house checks. Along the same lines is the security of our most highly valued items like our cars and recreational vehicles. I want to encourage each of you to remember to lock your car doors and remove all valuables from your vehicles when you have gone into your house for the night. If you have to leave anything of value outside while you are not there, make sure that you have secured it with a chain or some other device that will prevent it from being stolen. Our deputies are on the streets all the time but some simple steps like this may prevent you from becoming the victim of a crime.

In addition to these services, we have GPS bracelets available for vulnerable adults and children. If you are in need of this service, you can contact the NCSO Community Services Division at (716) 438-3310 to discuss your need and come up with a plan to help you through this process.

We also have a number of trained child safety seat technicians. The child safety seat technicians can inspect your child safety seat and give instruction on how to properly install this valuable safety item in your vehicle. Traffic Safety Educator Cathleen Davis can be contacted at (716) 438-3464 to arrange a car seat install or safety check.

One additional program I would like to make you aware of is the Yellow Dot Program. This program is designed to give first responders critical information about you and your family in the event of an accident or emergency in your house. When the yellow dot is located on your vehicle or house by a first responder, they know to look for important information, compiled by you, to assist in your family's medical treatment or conditions. Information regarding this program as well as packets to get you started can be obtained by contacting the NCSO Community Services Division at (716) 438-3310 or by visiting the Newfane Town Hall.

Of course these are just a few of the services that are provided by the Sheriff's Office. All of our posts and press releases can be followed on social media. Like us on Facebook at Niagara County Sheriff, follow us on Twitter @NiagaraSheriff or Instagram #NiagaraSheriff and you can see our videos on YouTube by searching Niagara Sheriff. Please check out our new website, www.niagarasheriff.com. If you have a smart phone you can download our app by searching Niagara County Sheriff NY on google or the app store on iPhone. I encourage you to browse our website and Mobile App to stay connected!

In other updates, we have hired a Special Deputy tasked to Pistol Permit Investigations. This should significantly expedite the pistol permit application process for pistol permit applicants in Niagara County.

It's important to remember that on October 24th 2021, 10-Digit Dialing went into effect for local calls.

This transition is needed due to the new designation of 9-8-8 as the Nationwide three-digit Suicide and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline which will be effective on July 16th 2022. Any area code with the 988 prefix must be transitioned to the 10-digit dialing to ensure everyone is able to reach the new crisis lifeline. Emergency services here in Niagara County and nationwide will not be disrupted. Residents will still be able to reach services using 9-1-1. Other services such as 4-1-1 will also be available as before.

As always, it is a great honor to serve you every day. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any additional questions or concerns.

Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti



*Olcott Harbor Breakwall Ribbon Cutting, October 2021, left
Olcott Harbor Breakwall Groundbreaking, above*

Thank you, Tim!
Enjoy your well deserved retirement, and thank you for all that you've done to better the Town of Newfane!



Olcott Fire Company
Written by Kenna Liddell

The warm summer months have come and gone, autumn is well upon us with winter inevitably to follow, and the Olcott Fire Company is ready! We stayed busy this summer, responding to lots of calls, with more than normal being boat calls out on Lake Ontario. You may have seen our members providing EMS coverage at the Olcott Beach Jazz Trail, the Labor Day Car Show, the Celtic Fest, and the Carousel Park "Park After Dark" event.

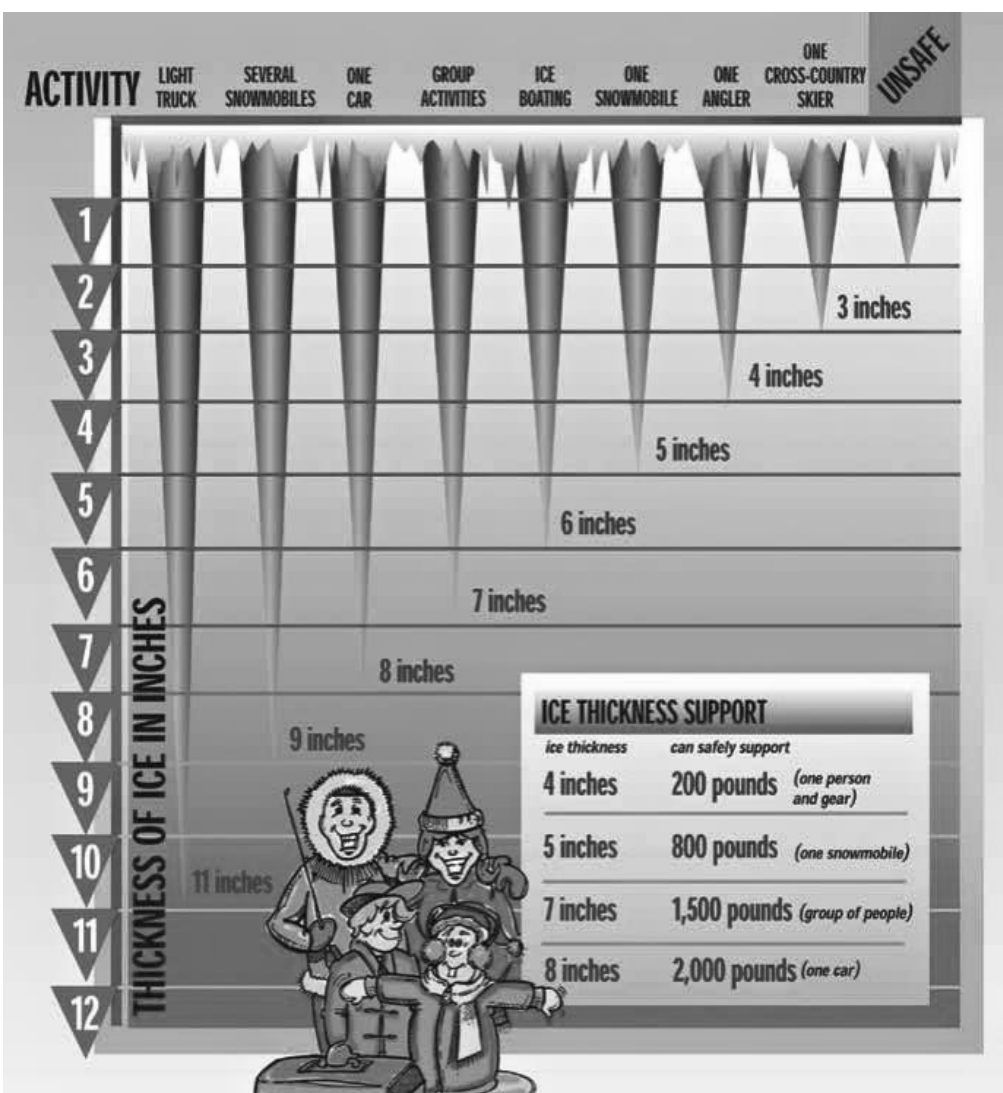
Our members have had the opportunity to hone their skills in some specialized trainings that were presented at Olcott Fire this year, including responding to propane fires, automobile fires and extrications, ice-water rescues, training together with the US Coast Guard, and a special Mercy Flight Ground School.

We would like to thank everyone who donated to our 2021 Fund Drive. Being almost two years into the Covid Pandemic, we have certainly had to adapt and overcome challenges never before encountered, but with a "new normal" established we are once again able to welcome our wonderful Community into our Fire Hall.

We held our Annual Pirate's Fest in July, and between that and the 3rd of July Fireworks, Olcott saw a record number of people in town enjoying the festivities. On Halloween we welcomed lots of little ghosts and goblins (and moms and dads) into our Hall for our Annual Kids Halloween Party, with some exciting new changes this year which included a Room of Horrors, a Carmel Apple Bar, and pumpkin decorating. We will also be holding our much anticipated Annual Turkey Party on November 20th! As always, admission is free, as are refreshments. Doors open at 7pm, with the first draws starting at 7:30pm. See any Olcott Firefighter for tickets, or get them at the door the night of the Party. Be sure to watch our Facebook page for more upcoming Community events as we move closer to the Holiday season. You can bet that Santa will be visiting the Fire Hall for a pasta lunch with the kiddos and a bag of goodies! After the New Year passes, we will start planning for our Winter Events, which include the Polar Bear 5k Run and incredible All-You-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast, open to the public to enjoy! And don't forget the Olcott Lions Polar Bear 'Swim for Sight' on Sunday, March 6, 2022, where Niagara County Firefighters will once again compete in the Annual Firefighter's Tug-Of-War in Krull Park, and make their (almost) world-famous Chili and Firemen's Chowder, both of which will be available on Main Street to help keep everyone warm!!

A reminder to all, with the colder weather upon us, its a good idea to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly, and change the batteries at the Daylight Savings time change. These devices have an operating life of 10 years and will start beeping at the end of it. Please also remember to practice good ice safety if you venture out on the ice to fish!

The Olcott Fire Company looks forward to once again seeing our friends and neighbors at our events. Also, on any Thursday evening, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm, feel free to drop by the Hall if you are interested in joining us in serving the Community. Or simply call the Hall at (716) 778-9252 and leave a voicemail, and someone will reach out to you. We're more than happy to show you around and talk with you about membership and joining the Brother/Sisterhood of the Fire Service!



Polar Bear Swim for Sight

The Olcott Lions Club Polar Bear 'Swim for Sight' is set for Sunday, March 6 ... this will be its 53rd year. Participants are encouraged to register in advance online. Information, Swim Q&As and photos are available at www.swimforsight.com. Also check out the Olcott Polar Bear Swim Facebook page



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Mary Hastings

****STAR CHANGES** NEW HOMEOWNERS/NEW APPLICANTS ONLY!!!**

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

Enhanced Star Exemption (Current Basic STAR exemption recipients ONLY)

If you are over 65 or turning 65 years of age by December 31, 2022, you may qualify for the Enhanced STAR Exemption if your Adjustable Gross Income for 2020 was \$92,000 or less. This exemption will be applied to the upcoming 2022 assessment roll. To file for this exemption, the following items are needed: (1). Proof of age, (2). A copy of your 2020 Income Tax, (preferably NY State), and (3). Proof of your New York State residency. If you feel you qualify, contact the office no later than March 1, 2022 to file your paperwork.

*****NEW MANDATORY for all ENHANCED STAR applicants. An RP-425-IVP must be submitted when applying for the Enhanced STAR exemption. Failure to do so will result in denial of the Enhanced STAR exemption.**

****NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF TAXATION AND FINANCE WILL MAIL INCOME WORKSHEETS AND COVER LETTERS TO HOMEOWNERS ONLY WHEN THEY NEED MORE INFORMATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR STAR. IF YOU RECEIVE INFORMATION PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AND RETURN TO NEW YORK STATE. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE FROM NEW YORK STATE YOU WILL CONTINUE WITH THE STAR EXEMPTION.**

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

TAXABLE STATUS DATE/EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.

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

Building Permits:

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



Order Hometown Hero Banners for Newfane Veterans

Newfane has joined communities throughout the nation in honoring our military service members by displaying patriotic street side banners with their photos. The Town of Newfane is pleased to announce that families and supporters of Veterans can order Hometown Hero Banners as a way to recognize the sacrifice and service of those from our community who served or presently serve in the U.S. military. The banners can be purchased by friends, families, community organizations or businesses. The banners will be prominently displayed from Memorial Day through the fall along main streets in the town. This first round of applications is now being accepted until the end of January. The program also partners with the American Legion to provide the opportunity to purchase both a street banner and memorial brick to be placed in Veteran's Park.

More information is available and you can easily apply online using the Hometown Heroes link on the Town website www.townofnewfane.com Information and applications can also be obtained at the Newfane Town Hall and you can email newfanehometownheroes@gmail.com with questions.

Christmastime at the Van Horn Mansion



The Van Horn Mansion in Newfane, NY, features a growing collection of antique decorations and old-style displays. Join us on select Sundays in November & December to tour the mansion, learn about Christmases of the past, and enjoy celebrating the holiday season! View our website to learn more and plan your visit today.

Learn more at NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com

Host your holiday party at the Van Horn!

We offer affordable rentals for every occasion. We're currently booking reservations for our holiday season, Nov. 10 - Jan. 10. Speak to our event coordinator today: Vicki, 716-417-6791 or vicki@newfanehistoricalsociety.com.



Visit the Van Horn Mansion this Christmas Season

The Newfane Historical Society has re-opened the Van Horn Mansion to the public just in time for Christmas! Come and see the living museum lovingly decorated to honor Christmas, using Victorian and Vintage styles. You can support this vital, local non-profit in a few ways this year:

Private Event Rentals

Decorated for the Christmas Season: Nov. 10 - Jan. 10. The Van Horn Mansion is a beautiful and unique backdrop for your private event or party, and it's very affordable! Visit NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com to learn more.

Christmas Tours

Sundays, 1-4pm | Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 12, 19

Open to the public, 60-90-minute tours. Cost: \$5 per person

Enjoy perusing the Van Horn Mansion and learning about the history of the home.

These tours will also feature a look back at Christmases of yesteryears.

Annual Carol Sing Open House

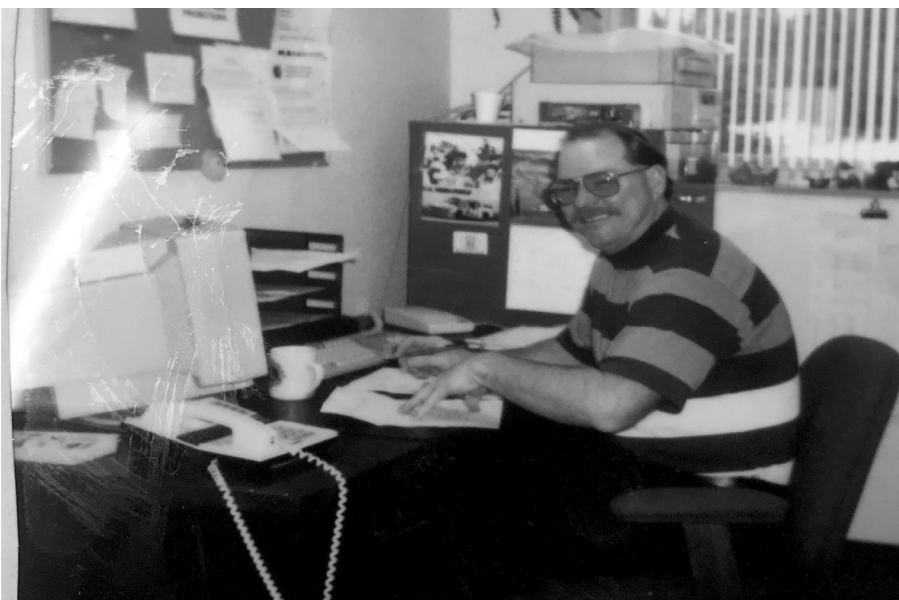
Sunday Dec. 5 | 1-4pm

Join us for our annual Christmas tradition, featuring all-new activities! Enjoy Christmas carols while perusing rooms hosting various hands-on activities, light shopping and refreshments. Special performances by the McClure Handbell Choir of the Newfane United Methodist Church. Free admission & parking. Please bring donations for the local food pantry.

The Van Horn Mansion is located at 2165 Lockport-Olcott Rd. Burt, NY 14028. You can learn more about the Mansion, and the Town of Newfane Historical Society at NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com.

Congratulations on your Retirement, Doug!

We wish our Town Building Inspector, Doug Nankey the best as he retires at the end of the year. Doug has been the Building Inspector for the last 25 years. We thank him for all that he has done for the Town of Newfane!! Enjoy your retirement, Doug! You have earned it.



The Olcott Beach Hotel Story and the Origin of Krull Park

Bill Clark, Town of Newfane Historian

historian@townofnewfane.com

The hotel and trolley years in Olcott of the early 1900s are by far the best known and most photographed time in Newfane's history. Tens of thousands of visitors came to Olcott each summer and the period was particularly well documented because it coincided with the popular picture post-card era. Photos and stories abound about the Olcott Beach Hotel and it's often mistakenly said the hotel's end came when it burned down - but the story is far different, it was demolished in 1937 due to changing economic conditions and underlying structural deterioration. There were three fires in the hotel's 37-year history, but they were minor and quickly extinguished and the hotel continued operations until it was no longer profitable.

What we know today as the lakeside portion of Krull Park was private property through the 1800s and commonly referred to as the Pine Grove. As early as 1871, newspapers reported that Olcott was becoming a popular summer leisure and recreation destination and one of the three homes on the pine grove site, the Tenbrook cottage that was located along Franklin Street across from today's Mariner's Landing, was converted to a hotel called the Grove House and Lakeshore House. Tenbrook allowed his property to be used for picnics and outings and the Niagara County Pioneer's Association held their annual summer gatherings in the Pine Grove beginning in 1878. Travel was principally by rail in this pre-automobile age and railway executives of the day recognized the opportunities associated with building destination resorts that were served by rail lines and hotels they operated. Prominent Newfane resident, Burt Van Horn, Jr., was a leader in regional electric railway development and with other investors he formed the Lockport and Olcott Railway Co. that purchased the Pine Grove and surrounding property in 1899. The company started construction of the Lockport-Olcott trolley that year and the next year they merged with the International Railroad Co. (IRC) where Van Horn was General Manager and began construction of the Olcott Beach Hotel in 1900. The trolley connected Olcott with a network of rail lines already in place across the region that brought a steady stream of leisure travelers to the hotel from Lockport, Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

In the first two decades of the 1900s Olcott was heralded as one of the region's premier places for vacations, summer outings and cottage activity. There were numerous other hotels, restaurants and amusements in the village and steamships would bring passengers to the harbor from Canada, Rochester and Oswego. The IRC also built The Rialto amusement park in 1912 where today's park crossroad from Main Street to Route 18 and the Memorial Tree Garden are located. By the mid-1920s, however, the growth and popularity of the automobile began to influence leisure travel preferences and reliance on the railways and destinations like Olcott they served were changing. As hotel business dwindled and there were fewer trolley passengers, the IRC closed and demolished The Rialto amusement park in 1925.

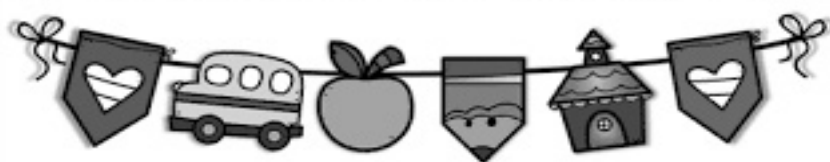
The grand five-story Olcott Beach Hotel with more than 100 rooms remained in business for several more years, but as it entered its fourth decade the great depression further impacted leisure travel and the wood frame hotel erected on the water's edge had rotting structural deterioration. In its final years, most of the lodging rooms had been closed and only the bar and dance hall remained in operation. There was a small kitchen fire in 1923 that was quickly extinguished and in 1933 there was an explosion, but no fire, and in 1936 a minor fire caused by careless smoking was put-out by employees. The IRC demolished the hotel in 1937 because of declining business, its deteriorating condition, high fire insurance rates and to avoid paying further taxes. The Lockport-Olcott trolley had a slightly longer lifespan because it transported agricultural and commercial products, but the IRC ended passenger service in 1937 and removed the trolley in 1939.

The IRC offered to sell the property to Niagara County which was considering sites to develop a county park, but county leaders from Niagara Falls and the western towns favored the Bond Lake area near Sanborn. This prompted Frederick Krull, a Niagara Falls banker and Niagara County civic and political leader to step forward and purchase the IRC property, which he then donated to the county two-days later. Krull was a generational member of the Niagara County Pioneer's Association that his father helped organize and he wanted to preserve Olcott's pine grove and its beauty for Pioneer Association events and public use. The county accepted the offer and Olcott resident, Richard L. Rutland (1907-1967), was named the County's first Park's Commissioner and led the development of Krull Park beginning in 1938. The walls that define the terraced area of today's Krull park are stone brought from quarries in Lockport during park construction, but these walls are placed on the original footprint of the Olcott Beach Hotel foundation. Stone that was part of the Hotel's actual foundation can still be seen on the southeast wall of the terraces below the park. Today's Krull Park includes the terrace and beach area which are now owned and maintained by the Town of Newfane and the park areas above the lake on both sides of Route 18 are owned and preserved by Niagara County.



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WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!



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.



The American Legion's October Peanut butter and Jelly drive was a great success thanks to Top's and you, our community of Newfane. 153 jars of peanut butter, 267 jars of jelly and 12 containers of fluff for a total of 432. This will be going into the county food bank and distributed to food pantries throughout the county.

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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.



Wondering what to get for that hard to get person is a new flag purchased from your local American Legion. Or for that veteran in the family a brick for the Newfane's Veteran's Memorial Park. Order early as there is a waiting list. Order forms are at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall or call the American Legion at (716) 408-3311.

Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Newfane American Legion purchase books describing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. As the school curriculum gets filled up, our history and monuments do not get explained to our kids. Here is a book aimed at elementary school children telling them exactly how the unnamed men came to be entombed at Arlington, and how their fellow soldiers have come to keep vigil over them, in a sobering and powerful tale. A tale that honors the soldiers who honor the fallen.

With every step, the Tomb Guards pay homage to America's fallen. Discover their story, and that of the unknown soldiers they honor, through resonant words and illustrations.

Keeping vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Arlington National Cemetery, are the sentinel guards, whose every step, every turn, honors and remembers America's fallen. They protect fellow soldiers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, making sure they are never alone. To stand there—with absolute precision, in every type of weather, at every moment of the day, one in a line uninterrupted since midnight July 2, 1937—is the ultimate privilege and the most difficult post to earn in the army. Everything these men and women do is in service to the Unknowns. Their standard is perfection.

There is now a book in the Newfane Public Library and in the Newfane Elementary School library.

Tax Office Update:

The Niagara County/Town of Newfane tax bills will be mailed at the end of 2021 and are due and payable upon receipt. Please review your bill and if there seems to be a great difference from prior years, compare the items listed to determine where the changes have occurred. Feel free to call our office if more information is necessary.

Are You a NEW PROPERTY OWNER?

Some information you may not be aware of:

- When purchasing a new home the buyer is responsible for property taxes from the time of signing.
- Property and school taxes are forward taxes and are usually prorated by the attorney for the buyer at the time of purchase.
- Whether or not a tax bill is provided to the homeowner, it is still the responsibility of the new homeowner to become informed as to what taxes are due, the time frame that they are due in and the payment thereof.
- If a mortgage company holds money in escrow for taxes, it is best to make sure that the mortgage holder is paying the taxes in a timely fashion. If a receipt is not received from my office shortly after the penalty free period is over, the property owner should contact their mortgage company.

For the PROPERTY OWNER who no longer has a mortgage:

- The property owner is now responsible to pay the school and property taxes on their own and by planning ahead for this expense penalties can be avoided.
- School taxes are due in September without penalty and Town and County taxes are due by January 31st without penalty. School taxes unpaid by October 31st will appear on the Town and County bill for the following year and a penalty is included.
- Information is available at the Assessor's office for the Enhanced Star program. This reduction is based on income and must be applied for yearly.

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

Terri L. Iannucci
Town of Newfane
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2021 Holiday Light Up Parade is Back!

Friday, December 3, 2021 at 6pm. Over 20 participants, including floats, fire trucks, bands, and more all lit up for the holidays. Santa will be the last in line, and will stop by the Gazebo to hear all the wishes from each and every child.

Hot chocolate, cider and cookies are available for all.

Snowflake Village will be held at the Community Center from 4:30-8pm

The Newfane United Methodist Church will hold its Candy Cane Lane craft and bazaar the same night from 4-8pm. Grace Bible Church will have its Living Nativity following the parade.

The Newfane Business Association wishes you and yours a Happy, healthy, safe Holiday! We ask you to keep our businesses in business, shop local and support the businesses who support you!

Here is a listing of our membership:

Asha's Farm Sanctuary
Artisan Alley
Avant Realty
Bittner Singer Orchards
Black Willow Winery
Buzyniski Electric
Cafora's Pizzeria
Calhoon's Pub
Challenge Island
Chateau Niagara Winery
Clydes Feed & Animal Center
Creative Customwear
Creekside Income Tax
DJ Shade
E & L Repair
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
First Baptist Church
Flint Brothers Hardware Inc.
Grace Bible Church
Hollys Dollys Daycare
Howell Motors Ford
Lake Ontario Motel & Inn
Little Lamb Crochet
Live Edge Brewing Company
Mark's Pizzeria
Mariner's Landing
Miller Hose Fire Co Inc.
Mommy Strong
NCCC Small Business Development Center
Newfane Alumni Association
Newfane Auto Repair LLC
Newfane Central School District
Newfane Dental PC
Newfane Family Chiropractic
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Newfane Rehab Center
Newfane United Methodist Church
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Rainbow of Help, Inc.

Red Leaf Milling Company, LLC
Root 78 Hair Studio and Spa
Russell Farms, Inc.
Rutland Corwin Funeral Home, Inc
Schulze Vineyards & Winery
Shear Perfection
St Andrew's Community Store
St. Andrews Episcopel Church
Town of Newfane Historical Society
Voelpel Farms Inc.
WAHI Studios Inc
Web Essentials
Wilson's Pizza
Wright's Corners Wine & Spirit
WNY Auto Supply NAPA

This event is sponsored by the Newfane Business Association, Lions Club, Ontario Shores Federal Credit Union, Coda Corporation, Newfane Music, Russell Farms, and the Miller Hose Fire Department.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER
11

HESS ROAD WESLEYAN
CHURCH PRESENTS A

**Christmas
CONCERT**

FEATURING
LOCK CITY SOUND

7 PM

2514 HESS ROAD APPLETON, NY 14008

You are invited to a free Christmas concert on Saturday, December 11 at Hess Road Wesleyan Church. This year will feature the acapella group 'Lock City Sound', as well as members of the Hess Road Congregation. There is even talk of a certain green friend making an appearance, and snacks and sweets to follow. We hope you can join us at 7PM on Saturday, December 11.

NEWFANE'S HOLIDAY LIGHT UP PARADE.

We all love parades and especially 'Newfane's Holiday Parade on December 3, 2021. We missed it last year so the Newfane Business Association is inviting everyone out to have fun and open the season. The parade starts at 6:00 pm and we are hoping that the groups that missed last year will come out but also stay Covid19 safe.

Applications are in Town Hall and you need to be registered to win one of the cash prizes. Did I say CASH? That's right. The more floats the better. All lit up for the season, and did I say Santa Claus? Direct from the North Pole and keeping warm in the vestibule of the Newfane Dental Office, Santa's waiting to hear your child's want list for Christmas. So dress-up warm and come out and either be part of the parade or a parade spectator.



The Town of Newfane is hiring lifeguards for Olcott Beach for the 2022 season. Must have waterfront and life guarding certifications. We would like to be open seven days a week next summer, so we would need at least 12 lifeguards. Plan now for next summer employment. Apply at the Town Hall Supervisors Office, or call Laura at 716-807-1104.

Proud Olcott Fireman, 1990's



Hello everyone from Ye Olde Log Cabin!!

We were so happy to be able to open the door again and welcome visitors back into the Cabin! We had a very busy year with lots of people coming to visit and seeing all the new items we had to display.

Old Olcott Days was very busy with a lot of people stopping into the Cabin and also stopping to see all the added displays under the tents outside of the Cabin. The video "I Remember Olcott" was running on the front porch for people to sit a spell and watch, and of course all the wonderful Band Organs that were displayed throughout Krull Park and Olcott. It was a great weekend! We added a new picture board outside the Cabin and it sure has gotten alot of use. The painting was done by Danielle Wilson Baes, granddaughter of Norm Tothill. It is nice to have something painted back into Krull Park by a family member of the man who used to do all the sign and playground painting in Krull Park as well as the other County Parks. The picture board will be taken down for the winter but will be back up in the Spring so stop in and take your picture with our board.



We are happy to announce Santa will be back to visit the Cabin on Sunday, December 5th from 1-5pm. Bring the kids to see Santa and let them tell him about their Christmas wishes and get a treat. We will be limiting the number of people into the Cabin at one time so please make sure you dress warm, there could be a wait to get in. Again this year we will have a basket full of gift certificates and items to raffle off to give a a start on our fundraising for next years Santa at the Cabin. If anyone would like to donate something to add to the basket, please contact Stella Wilson at 778-9887. Without the generous donations we get, we would not be able to do what we do for the kids. Thank you so much for all your support. Also again this year we will have a bin at the Cabin for the PB&J drive. If you are able to bring a donation of peanut butter, jelly, or fluff to help out someone in need we would appreciate it very much.



We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, the merriest Christmas, happiest New Year and all the best. Take care and stay safe.... Hope to see you soon at Ye Olde Log Cabin in the "Pine Grove"!!

Ground breaking at Ye Olde Log Cabin



Newfane Public Library

2761 Maple Avenue, Newfane, NY 14108

www.NewfaneLibrary.org

Phone & Fax: (716) 778-9344

NewfaneLibrary@Nioga.org

Library Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Or visit us any time at newfanelibrary@nioga.org.

Check out what's new at your Newfane Library!
The little library with big ideas!

From books to programs, the Newfane Library always has something new in store for all ages! Look for such programs as Babysitting Training Workshops, Health Insurance enrollment, adult and teen reading incentive programs, and more!

Here's a few upcoming events:

Thursday, December 2, 2021

The 17th Annual Holiday Children's Craft Fair:

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

Where children make crafts to give to their family for the holidays!

This year, the event will be held virtually on Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 6:00 - 8:00.

Videos on how to make each craft will go live at 6:00 on that date. Then, join us on Facebook for live events, including a book reading of Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, family games, a holiday sing along event with guest musician Tom Tolnay Entertainment, and more!

Sign up and bag pick up for this Newfane family tradition starts on Monday, November 22 during library hours. Bags include kits for 5 different crafts, materials to decorate the bag, and items to play games during the Facebook Live events!

*Please Note! Due to demand, we've increased the number of bags available! However, supplies are still limited, so sign up early!

Friday, December 3, 2021

Light up Newfane Parade

Keep a look out for the Newfane Library float in this year's parade!

In January . . .

Family Story Time with Cassy Clarcq - Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Family Story Time will continue virtually for the winter months. The winter session begins January 27, 2022. Stop by the library to sign up! Story time kits will be available for pick up starting Monday, January 17. Visit the library website for a complete schedule!

Newfane Library Winter Reading Program

Get cozy with a good book and enter to win prizes! The Winter Reading Program offers a chance to win prizes for adults, teens, and young readers. Just read a book and enter a slip into one of the many gifts available! The more you read, the more chances you have to win! Sign up for the Winter Reading Program begins January 24, 2022.

Photocopies and Faxes

Don't forget! We offer fax and photocopy services, too!



Tim at his new office at the new Town Hall on Main Street, 2010

Ribbon cutting of the new Town Hall, 2010



Newfane Community Food Pantry

It's hard to believe we are entering our second year of the covid pandemic and the changes it has continued to affect our daily lives. The Newfane Community Food Pantry has carried on and meet the challenges to this difficult time. Our plan has continued to keep both our clients and pantry workers safe. One change within the past few months, we are able to go back to client choice in a safe way, so no one is in close contact with another. Our clients are happy to once again be able to choose from our listings of available foods and toiletries.

The Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30am to 4:00pm. It is located at 3455 Ewings Road at St. Brendan's Church. Anyone needing assistance should call the pantry/office at 716-778-9822 from 10am until noon for an appointment that day.

In December we plan something very special for Christmas. All families will receive food on one day. Regular clients will be called by us to recertify. Any new clients should call us on any Tuesday at the number listed above. The last date to register for a December Food Sharing Package is Tuesday December 7th.

Food Sharing Deadline for all food donations is Sunday December 12th. Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items may bring them on any Tuesday. If you are donating on other week days, please call the office first. Think of items you would use in your own home as staples and special items for the holidays. Any monetary donations can be mailed to The Newfane Community Food Pantry, 3455 Ewings Road PO box 87, Newfane NY 14108. Please do not put money in with food. Food is always a priority, however paper products and toiletry items are greatly appreciated. The Pantry is staffed solely by volunteers. We especially thank our dedicated volunteers for working weekly at the Pantry. For our Christmas Sharing, volunteer helping hands will be needed, but is limited due to covid. Spacing and safety precautions will be in place.

Help is needed on the following days:

Sunday December 12th. 6-9pm

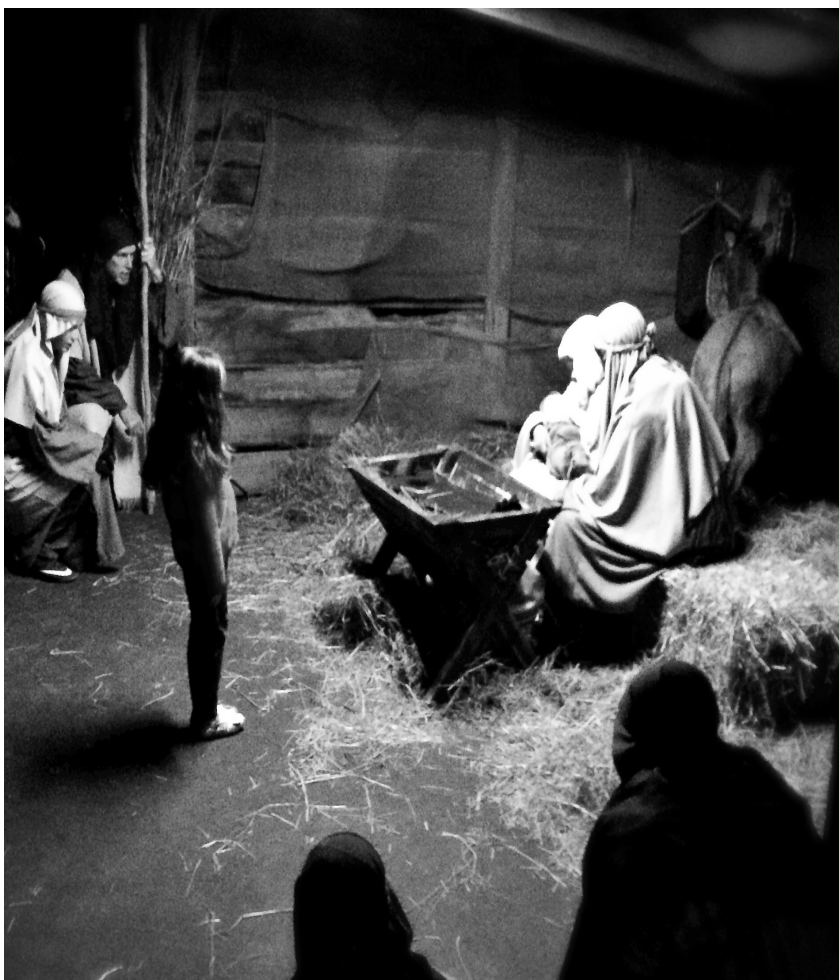
Monday December 13th 10-12 noon, 1-3pm

Tuesday December 14th 10-1pm

You must call Wreatha Harvey at 807-7451 or Kathy Phillips at 433-2499 to sign up to work.

We thank all businesses, 11 supporting churches, the Newfane Lions, Social groups, organizations, and the many Individuals who loyally support the pantry now and throughout the year.

We know we can meet this ongoing challenge together and provide a bountiful loving package for our neighbors in need. STAY SAFE— STAY WELL IN GODS HANDS



The Living Nativity

**December 3, 4 & 5, 2021, 5:30-8:30 pm
Held at Grace Bible Church, Newfane**

Go to: www.gbcnewfane.com to make a reservation. Guests will experience a 30-minute tour portraying the events of the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ. All scenes are outdoors, so please dress appropriately. Hot cocoa and cookies while you wait (packaged to go). Please note: In an effort to keep everyone safe, everything is outside this year and there will be no shuttle service. There will be no waiting inside the church gym. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to your reservation time. Parking at Newfane Town Hall.

Community Programs for Winter and Spring 2021-2022



Newfane Central School District
6273 Charlotteville Road
Newfane, New York 14108

Michael Baumann
Superintendent

Bernadette Seymour
Coordinator of Community Programs



**The Fitness room is open for community use
Mondays-Fridays from 5pm-8pm.
Stop in and see what we have to offer.**

(Please check the website for any changes or closures when school is not in session)

LEARN –TO-SWIM PROGRAM

If you have a son or daughter in the Newfane Central School System and would like to sign up for evening 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. 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.

Age: students in the Newfane School District (students from other districts please contact Mrs. Seymour)

Cost: \$58.00 **Session:** Wednesdays 9-weeks January 5,12,19 & 26; February 2,9,16 & 23; March 2, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Level I & II 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Levels III, IV, V, VI

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.

Age: 6 months – 3 years **Cost:** \$2.00 with adult **Session:** Monday’s March 14, 2022 through May 23, 2022

Time: 6:30 – 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY and SENIOR CITIZEN SWIM

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

Cost: \$2.00 **Session:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through June 17, 2022

Time: 6:30 am – 8:45 am

??Questions?? Contact Bernadette Seymour at 716-778-6853 or bseymour@newfanecentralschools.org

EVENING WATER AEROBICS

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

Spring Session: Mondays & Wednesdays March 14, 2022 through May 25, 2022 **Cost:** \$2.00 per class

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

DAYTIME WATER ARTHRITIS PROGRAM

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

Winter Session: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays January 3, 2022 through March 25, 2022 **Cost:** \$2.00 per class

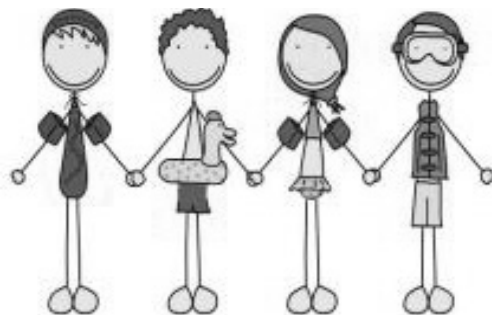
Spring Session: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays April 4, 2022 through June 22, 2022 **Cost:** \$2.00 per class

Time: 2:00 – 2:45 pm (time is subject to change)

Community programs continued on page 17...

Family Swim Saturdays

December 18
January 15
February 19
March 19
May 21



Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Cost: \$2.00/

swimmer or \$5/Family

Please check the website for any date changes

Children under 18 yrs. of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 yrs. of age or older. Parent or guardian must stay in the swim area with children.

2021-2022 NEWFANE AQUATIC PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
TELEPHONE (home) _____ (work) _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION _____
COURSE(S) NAME _____

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NEWFANE DISTRICT OFFICE/AQUATICS
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Newfane Alumni Association Update

The recently formed Newfane Alumni Association (NAA) held its first annual meeting in August electing its first set of officers and Board members. The officers include President, Jill Neidlinger Keys (Class of 2004); First Vice President, Lansing Dickinson (1970); Second Vice President, Lara Leavesley MacFarlane (2006), Secretary, Tom Hicks, Jr. (1997); and Treasurer, Hannah Platt Borden (2006). Minutes from the meeting are posted on the Alumni Association website.

The Association is a non-profit organization created to promote and foster connections and relationships between alumni, students, and district and community members. The NAA aims to create scholarships, mini-grants, mentoring opportunities, networking platforms, and various other programs to benefit teachers and students. The Association will also create a catalogue of Newfane history and memorabilia, a full-service information store for past classes to facilitate reunions, and networking events for alumni.

If you are interested in being more involved in the Association, we are always looking for members to serve on our Board of Directors and committees.

The Association is excited to announce the creation of the Distinguished Alumni Award. We are looking for 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 announced in October 2022.

We are also proud to announce the Class of 1970 has created an annual \$500 scholarship to be presented to a graduating senior in memory of their classmates no longer with us. Scholarship applications are available on the alumni website and in the guidance office. The Class of 1970 would like to challenge other classes to set up scholarships to support our future graduates.

The NAA will hold different fundraising events throughout the year to establish funds for scholarships, mini-grants, under or unfunded programs benefiting our community youth.

Please consider supporting us by participating or volunteering at an event. Our Alumni merchandise online store is currently being developed and is coming soon. Please be on the lookout for our swag. If you have an immediate need, we do have limited stock available. Please contact us directly.

The Board is currently meeting monthly on the third Monday (fourth Monday on holiday weekends) at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library and virtually. You are more than welcome to attend a Board meeting to learn more about the Association, meet our officers, and discuss ways for you to participate in our activities. Additional information on the Association, Distinguished Alumni Award, and Alumni merchandise can be obtained on the Alumni website at www.newfanealumni.org or follow us on Facebook at Newfane Alumni Association. If you have any questions, please contact the Newfane Alumni Association by email at newfanealumni@newfanecentralschools.org or by phone at 716-778-6888.

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDICTION?

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

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Less missed medications resulting in more stability

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Reduction in overdoses

Decrease in hospitalizations

Peace of mind to providers prescribing controlled medications



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"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".

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MILLER HOSE FIRE COMPANY
Fire Chief Jason Coleman
President James Enderton

All the members of the Miller Hose Fire Company wish to offer a sincere Thank You to retiring Newfane Town Supervisor Tim Horanburg. Tim has been a strong supporter of the Town's volunteer fire service for many years while in office. He, along with the other members of the Town Board have always provided sound insight and guidance in the establishment of fire contracts and other matters involving the fire company. As Supervisor, Tim was very instrumental in converting what was our old firehall into what is now our Town Hall and Community Center located on Main Street. We wish Tim well in retirement and good fortune in any endeavor he may undertake.

Once again, winter weather months are upon us. Chief Coleman would like to remind everyone that may be heating their residence by burning wood, pellets, propane or natural gas, to check that their chimneys or exhaust ducts are not blocked and are clear of creosote buildup. For vented furnaces make sure vents are clear of any obstructions. This may include checking the outside buildup of drifting snow during storms. When using utility heaters for added warmth, ensure that the surrounding area around the unit is free from clutter and unit is in good working condition. Do not connect heaters to underrated household extension cords as they are not designed to handle the voltage required for the efficient use of the heater. With the winter months and what comes with them while traveling, it is recommended that you maintain a winter survival kit in your car or truck in case you become stranded. Blankets, a small shovel (for cleaning around the car's exhaust pipe), mobile cell phone/charger along with energy bars are items to be considered in the kit. Above all, always be aware of your surroundings, location, and visible landmarks to aid agencies to locate you if needed. Also, always try to maintain at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle, or now with EV vehicles becoming more in use, a full charge. Above all, drive to the condition of the road and weather.

Year to date, Miller Hose has responded to approximately 650 EMS medical emergency calls in conjunction with 117 fire, accidents, mutual aid and related service calls.

The Company would like to thank all those that donated to our Boot Drive that was conducted this fall during the Newfane Historical Society Harvest Day Festival. Monies collected will go to maintain or purchase new equipment for fire company personnel.

Chairman Dave Hoffman and his committee reported on another very successful Gun and 4-Wheeler raffle held this past September at finally a long awaited actual open gathering at the fire hall. A total of 30 prizes which included the top prize of a Polaris 4-wheeler were awarded to happy winners. Many side raffles were also held during the day. Food was also provided to those in attendance. The committee would like to thank all those that purchased tickets to make this a very successful event.

During the first week of October's Fire Prevention month Miller Hose, Olcott and Wrights Corners Fire Companies were able to conduct the annual Fire Prevention Program in person for the students of Newfane's Elementary School grades K-3. The Town's Fire Prevention demonstration trailer was put to good use in showing and teaching the students in the different aspects of fire safety. Talks and demonstrations were done at the school and at the fire hall. A new twist to the teaching was the use of cell phones for calling 911. As the presence of telephone land lines in homes has decreased, the use and availability of cell phones has increased to make a call during an emergency more critical. The fire personnel from the 3 companies all agreed that it was fun getting back to a face to face and hands on interaction with the kids.

During the month of December, the fire company will be accepting nominations for officers of Miller Hose that will lead the company in 2022. Voting for those nominated will be held on the first Sunday of January 2022 at the Company's fire meeting. The formal installation of officers elected will be at the annual Installation Banquet on January 22nd.

To counteract the winter blahs, set aside the date of February 12th, 2022. The Company will be hosting its Annual Meat Raffle. Doors will open at 6pm at the firehall and the raffle will start at 7pm. Snacks and drink will be available. Presale tickets for meat prizes will also become available from any member of the Company.

On April 23rd, 2022 the company is planning on conducting its \$10,000 Cash Raffle. Many cash prizes will be awarded that includes the \$10,000, \$3000, \$2000, \$1000 and \$500 top prizes. Only 360 tickets will be available for a donation of \$100. Planning is also underway for the serving of food and drink for ticket holders. A basket raffle is also being considered. If anyone would like to donate a basket for the raffle, please call 716-778-7544 and leave a message or contact a member of the company. Tickets for the raffle can also be obtained from any member.

Applications for membership for EMS, Fire or Administration positions are available at the hall on Thursday drill nights or from any member of the company. Applications to join the Junior Firefighters Organization are also available.

All the members of Miller Hose Fire Company want to wish all a very safe Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year in 2022.

Newfane Town Clerk's Office

Mickie Kramp, Town Clerk
 Donna Lakes, Deputy Town Clerk



There is ONE FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC left in the 2021 year. FOR DIRECTIONS call the specific clinic site FOR ANY OTHER CLINIC RELATED QUESTIONS: call 439-7511
APPOINTMENTS FOR RABIES CLINIC ARE NOW MANDATORY AND THE REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.NIAGARACOUNTY.COM/HEALTH THE MONDAY PRECEDING THE CLINIC DATE.

Saturday, December 11, 2021
 9:00 a.m- noon

City of North Tonawanda
 Public Works Department
 758 Erie Ave., City of
 North Tonawanda
 Phone: 695-8585

By law, all cats, dogs and domesticated ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination from four (4) months of age and on.

Cats and dogs receiving immunization WITHOUT PROOF of a previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate valid for only one year. Cats and dogs WITH PROOF of a previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate valid for three years.

Ferrets must receive vaccinations annually, regardless of previous immunizations.

Clinics are FREE OF CHARGE to animals owned by Niagara County residents.

ALL ANIMALS must be properly restrained.

Cats and Ferrets must be in a box or carrier. Dogs must be leashed.

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

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

Veterinary Services provided by the Niagara County Veterinary Society.

REMINDERS:

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

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!

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 they are sheltered in. Please fill out form below and return it with the appropriate information:

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

THE FEES FOR LICENSING PER 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.

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office 716-778-8822 #2
 By order of Dog Enforcement and Mickie M. Kramp, Town Clerk RM-C,CMC

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION ONLY UNLICENSED DOGS or OVERDUE LICENSE

List additional dogs on a separate sheet of paper

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

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

MY PET IS LOST

It is not uncommon for pets to wander off. Please rest assured we make every effort to reunite families with their pets. We encourage you to call Jeff Newman (716) 807-6270 or Christopher Wilson (716) 807-4659 and let them know your pet is missing. ALSO PLEASE call the Town Clerk's Office (716) 778-8822 #2 and report your missing pet. Placing a post of your lost pet on Facebook does not guarantee that it will be seen by us or Dog Control. Please take the next step and let everyone know.

HOLIDAY HAZARD

The holiday season is a great time for food lovers. The delicious baked goods, chocolate delights and other rich, fatty foods, while not great for your overall health, can actually be detrimental to your pets' wellbeing. Try to keep your pets on their regular diet over the holidays, and encourage your friends and family not to sneak your pets an extra treat.

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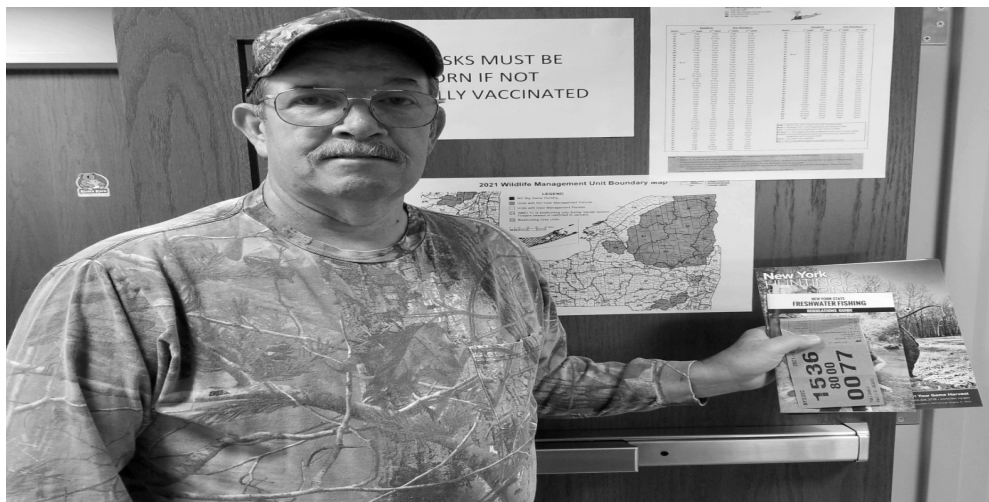
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Here is a quick list from the American Kennel Club of some human foods your pets need to avoid. Anything containing grapes, raisins and currants (fruit cake) can potentially cause kidney failure in dogs. Many sugar-free candies and gums contain the alcohol-derived artificial sweetener xylitol. It can cause dangerous drops in blood sugar and liver failure in dogs. Chocolate and cocoa contain theobromine, a compound that gives cocoa its bitter taste, which can be highly toxic in dogs and cats. Ingesting a small amount can cause vomiting and diarrhea, and larger amounts can lead to seizures and heart arrhythmias. Fatty meat scraps have been known to cause inflammation in the pancreas, leading to abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting. How about our holiday plants???? Poinsettia Plants are very popular at holiday time. Many people believe they are highly toxic to pets, however, while they may cause stomach issues there are 5 popular holiday plants that will certainly cause more discomfort and potential vet bills. The Mistletoe, Holly, Christmas Tree, Lilly and Amaryllis can be extremely hazardous if ingested so please be careful and watch your pets carefully.

WINTER PESTS

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

HUNTING NEWS:



Shoutout to Fred Srock who was our first hunting customer for the season.

LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS: Your license privilege tags are sent directly to the last address known by the DEC Fulfillment Center. If you move you must notify the DEC in order for them to correctly mail your license and tags to you. If you have Hunter Education or Bowhunting Education that needs to be added to your account you may edit your profile on-line, bring your original to a DEC License Sales Agent or fax it to (518) 402-9025. Once the information is in your file the appropriate license or tags will be sent to you from the Fulfillment Center. Do not wait until the beginning of the season to take care of this as it will take approximately ten to fourteen days to receive your tags. **IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR LIFETIME TAGS** it means they are sitting in Albany undeliverable. We have had several hunters come in because they did not receive their tags. After contacting the DEC we learned that for whatever reason the tags were returned to them and a mail stop order was placed on the account. If you don't receive your tags a simple phone call to the DEC at (518) 402-8843 will get your account corrected and your tags sent.

NIAGARA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

Veterans are both welcomed and encouraged to call and make an appointment to sit down with a Service Officer to review your benefit entitlements. Things are constantly changing and they are happy to help insure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to. You can contact them at (716) 438-4090

MANAGING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES: NEVER FLUSH MEDICATIONS!

Our prescription drop-box is located inside the Town Hall outside the Water Office. Niagara County Residents may drop off prescription 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. You may dispose of needles at the Newfane Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center on Monday and Wednesday 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.



Cooking with the Clerks

Kolacky-Polish Christmas Cookies. Yield: about 2-1/2 dozen cookies

Ingredients: 1/2 cup (1 stick = 4 ounces) butter, softened
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 cup all-purpose flour
fruit preserves (raspberry, pineapple cherry)

Directions: Beat butter and cream cheese in large bowl with electric mixer at medium speed until smooth and fluffy. Gradually add flour; beat at low speed until mixture forms soft dough. Divide dough ball in half; wrap each half in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. Preheat oven to 375°F. Roll out dough, half at a time, on floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into 2-1/2 inch squares. Spoon 1 tsp. preserves into center of each square. Bring up two opposite corners to center; pinch together tightly to seal. Fold sealed tip to one side; pinch to seal. Place 1-inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 13 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Sprinkle with Confectionary Sugar if desired.

Apple Crisp Muffins

Crisp Topping

- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/4 tsp apple pie spice muffin Mix
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 1/2 tsp apple pie spice
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 medium apples, peeled and cut in small dice (about 2 cups)

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1. Preheat oven to 350F. Butter a 12-cup muffin tin, or line with muffin liners.
2. Mix up the crisp topping using your fingers. Rub the butter into the dry ingredients until there is no dry flour left and the mixture has a fine crumbly texture.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, brown sugar, apple pie spice, baking powder, baking soda and salt until everything is fully incorporated. Make sure to blend in any lumps of brown sugar.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs, vegetable oil, buttermilk, and vanilla extract until smooth.
5. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, along with the chopped apples, and fold together gently until there are no dry bits of flour left. Do not over mix at this point.
6. Fill your muffin cups quite full, and then sprinkle generously with crisp topping. Note: At this point you can bake right away or let the muffins sit on the counter for an hour. I find this results in a higher rise, but it's optional. If you choose to let the muffins rest for an hour, wait to add the crisp topping until just before baking.
7. Bake for about 25 minutes until risen and golden. You can check with a toothpick to see if the center is done if you're unsure.
8. Let cool 10 minutes, then remove the muffins to a cooling rack. Enjoy while still warm with a little butter, or rewarm in the microwave for 30 seconds.

**Thought for the day:
Thought for the day:**

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

**Merry Christmas to all!
Merry Christmas to all!!**

Shouts from the Supervisor's Office

The Town Hall will be closed in observance of:

- Thanksgiving, Thursday November 25th and Friday November 26th
- Christmas, Thursday December 23rd and Friday December 24th
- New Year's Day, Friday December 31st
- Presidents Day, Monday February 21st

NIAGARA SHORES GARDEN CLUB OF NEWFANE

In 2012 several folks came together to form a garden club. Our aim was to share tips and ideas about gardening. We also hoped that we could grow our membership, invite speakers to talk on specific topics to increase our knowledge and in some way contribute to our community. After establishing a name and a membership, we began having speakers at our home base of the Newfane Community Room. We also meet at various locations, such as nurseries, or made garden themed craft projects. We are a garden club, but we do more than garden.

We got off to a slow start after the pandemic shutdown. Even so, we have an impressive list of meeting topics and field trips for 2021. Our field trips include Heimiller Greenhouses, Park Lane Lilies, Gleam & Glimmer Stained Glass Studio and Ancestral Acres Dried Flower Farm. We have met at member's homes, and our home base. A member demonstrated how to plan, shop for, and make beautiful wreaths. Another member led the group in making a decopage project. We also made teacup cactus gardens.

Several of our members took on the monumental task of watering the flowers around the trees on Main Street all summer. That is a 3 hour daily commitment during the hot, dry summer. Our thanks to the volunteers who planted the flowers and endeavor to keep the plots weed free.

Plans are being made for speakers from the Cooperative Extension and several spring field trips to area nurseries in 2022. We do not meet in December because of everyone's hectic holiday calendars.

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. As mentioned above, our home base is Newfane Community Room, the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Because we do take field trips, it would be best to call 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.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and well.



Tim and his daughter, Shannon



Tim's beloved dog, Sammy. He went everywhere Tim did, and came to work everyday!

SNOW REMOVAL AND WINTER PARKING

The Town of Newfane Winter Parking Ordinance states that no vehicle shall be allowed to park on any Town Highway right-of-way between the hours of 2:00AM to 6:00AM from November 15th to April 1st. The Superintendent of Highways, Jon Miller, shall have the power to cause such removal of all vehicles in violation of this ordinance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



NOTICE

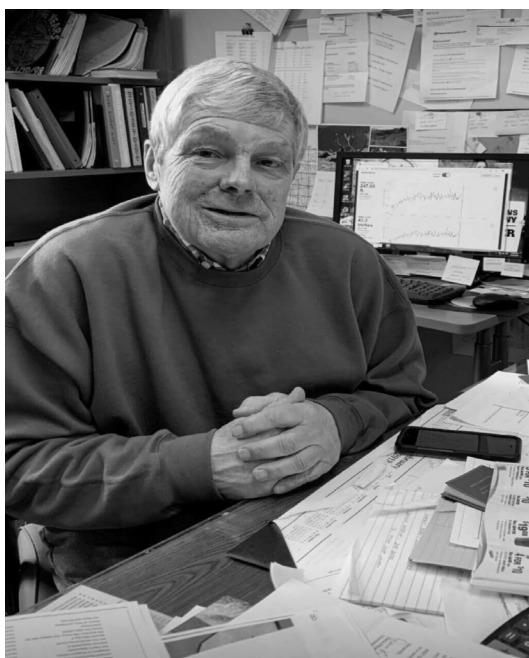
Effective May 1, 2021 the following rules will be enforced for the town wide brush

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



Common to see a messy desk, but ALWAYS had time for people to drop in his office... even when he had so much work to do!

Tim trying to talk his granddaughter, Julia into playing soccer at the Jim Ward soccer fields in Olcott



Niagara County Buck is One for the Record Books
By Bill Hilts Jr.

It was a dream come true for Philip Pless of Newfane. On Nov. 8, 2020, the disabled veteran arrowed a huge Niagara County buck that has become the new state record non-typical archery buck. The 210-pound beast, shot in the Town of Newfane, had a green score of 222-6/8 (gross) with a net of 213-7/8 inches. There were 18 scorable points.

The previous non-typical archery record was a 23-point buck taken by Mike Giarraputo of Suffolk County while hunting Nov. 3, 2011. The gross score was 218-4/8 inches, and the net was 210-4/8 after drying out.

What is most impressive about Pless's drop-tine buck is the mass that the rack represents. Don Haseley of Sanborn, the official scorer who measured up the antlers for the official score 60 days later, was impressed by the big deer as he viewed it again at Tim Young's Trophy Room Taxidermy in the Town of Niagara who performed the mount. When it was all said and done, the official measurement was a gross measurement of 221-3/8 and a net score of 214-2/8 inches.

"I always had a dream of shooting a big non-typical drop-tine buck, bow or gun," said Pless. "I'm still on Cloud 9 and can't believe my dream has become a reality."

He was home watching the Buffalo Bills beat up on the Seattle Seahawks with his kids when his wife Elizabeth came home a bit early around half-time of the game. As he sat there contemplating what he should do, he had a feeling in his stomach that he needed to be up in his tree stand. He grabbed his Hoyt Maxxis 31 bow set for a 65-pound draw weight and off he went. He was in his tree stand by 3:15 p.m.

After he was situated in his stand, his wife texted him to see if it was okay to bring the kids over to the farm he was hunting. He said it was fine. However, after he put his phone down, he looked to his left and he saw the big drop tine buck step into the field across from his stand with a doe. He grabbed his phone, took a photo, and texted it to his wife. The text read: "Don't come back. Drop tine is out." With a photo of the buck, no less. It was not the first time that Pless has seen this buck. In fact, he had been following this deer's growth history the last 4 years through trail cam photos. He knew that this buck was special. Some more deer came out, 3 more does.

The original doe came closer to Pless and it appeared that the buck preferred that original female he came out with. As the buck moved closer, he was hoping that the deer would move into range before legal shooting time would end. It was about 4:45 p.m. when he let the arrow fly at 50 yards, hitting it solidly in the shoulder.

"I normally wouldn't shoot anything past 40 yards," said Pless, "but I had purchased a new Trophy Ridge bow sight and I have been practicing with it all summer long out to 70 yards. I was pretty confident that I could get the job done."

Immediately after connecting with the trophy buck, the four does ran up to him and surrounded him. They moved away to a certain point, but he watched the big buck drop about 80 yards away. Pless hesitated climbing out of the stand. He was shaking too much. And he realized he forgot his flashlight.

After calming down, he slowly walked over to where he saw the deer drop. He was gone! He contacted some friends and family who came out to help – Kevin Austin, Scott Pipiles, his brother Jason, and his nephew Connor. It did not take them long to help Pless find his dynamic whitetail. The 210-pound buck was pegged at 5-1/2 years old by Young, with a 33-inch neck.

There was more to the story as far as the family history of taking big bucks. Phillip's grandfather, Clarence Pless of Ransomville (who Phillip never met due to his early passing) shot a big buck in Greenwood, Steuben County back in 1942. It was certified by the New York State Big Buck Club, an 11-point rack that scored 154-7/8. Phillip now has the mount and the certificate thanks to his uncle Glenn Pless of Ransomville. Phillip also has the Ithaca Model 37 12 gauge that he harvested the animal with, documenting a family history for big deer. "I think my grandfather was watching over me when I shot this trophy buck," said Pless.

With the official record designation, Pless has been honored nationally by numerous deer organizations and record-keeping groups. His dream continues....

