

Town of New Lebanon

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August 2019

A Letter from the Supervisor

As I write to you today, I have very mixed feelings. This will be my last letter to you as your Town Supervisor. As many of you know, I made the decision not to run again and to begin planning my relocation to Virginia to be closer to my daughter. I had not anticipated things to move as quickly as they did but I have accepted a job in Virginia and am relocating in August. While I am very excited about my next adventure, I am sad to be leaving New Lebanon. Serving as your Town Supervisor has been frustrating and exhausting at times but mostly it has been exciting, challenging, and an incredible experience for me. I hope that you feel that my time as your Town Supervisor has enhanced in some way our wonderful community, which has been my goal. New Lebanon and its residents will always hold a special place in my heart. For things you would have emailed or called me about, please call or email our Town Clerk, Tistrya Houghtling (518-794-8888 or townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com). I wish the best for New Lebanon and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Town Supervisor.

Warmest regards,

Colleen

There will be a FREE rabies clinic (donations are accepted) provided by the Columbia County DOH held at the New Lebanon Highway Garage at 14755 Route 22 on Tuesday, August 6th. Cats and ferrets are scheduled from 4-5pm and dogs are scheduled from 5-6pm. All dogs must be on a leash and cats and ferrets must be in carriers. Shots will be provided by Dr. Delliere of Woodhill Vet.

Town Government



Supervisor – Vacant

For all issues you would have reached out to the Supervisor for, please reach out to the Town Board or Town Clerk

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Did you know that the Town Clerk's office maintains an email database that receives all board meeting agendas, meeting minutes and other important documents and updates? If you would like to be added to this database please send request with your email address to townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com. Your email address will not be shared.

Regular Town Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125

Mailing Address:

Town of New Lebanon

PO Box 328

New Lebanon, NY, 12125

Hunting Licenses

2019-20 hunting licenses go on sale on August 1st and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office. The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am – 5 pm. The office hours are extended for hunting license sales and will be open, in addition to regular hours, from 9 am – 7 pm on Fridays from September 13th through October 11th AND on Friday, November 8th and Friday, November 15th for any last minute purchases before opening day of the regular hunting season. We accept cash, check or credit card (there is a small fee to use a credit card). You can be a habitat hero by purchasing a \$5 habitat stamp to improve outdoor recreational opportunities for all!

How to Deal with High-Speed Internet Issues

New Lebanon now has two providers of high-speed internet service: Consolidated Communications (former Fairpoint) and Charter Corporation (provider of Spectrum). If you have ordered new high-speed internet from either of these providers and are having issues with the services, the Broadband Committee is setting up some tools to help.

In August, there will be a couple of new items on the Town website:

- Instructions on how to verify the speed of your connection if you suspect you are not getting what you paid for
- A survey tool that lets you submit your issue to the Committee if you have worked with your provider and not resolved the problem to your satisfaction

If you have never visited the town website before, this is a good time to check it out at <http://townofnewlebanon.com/>. If you are not on the town's email list and would like to be, send an email request – including your preferred email address – to townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com and you will be added. When the new broadband tools are in place on the website, an email will be sent to that effect so that you may use them if needed.

Any questions about this subject may be directed to Doug Banker, chair of the Broadband Committee at charlesbanker@fairpoint.net or 518-794-9764.

The Next KISS Program at the Town Hall

The Columbia County KISS Program is once again available to seniors in every town in Columbia County. The KISS Program, founded by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, stands for Keeping the Identities of Seniors Safe. It was designed to protect the identities of our seniors while assisting them in the shredding of their sensitive materials. Seniors are encouraged to contact their local Town Hall for hours of operation and more information on the program. Justin Weaver, Columbia County Clerk's Records Services Manager, is overseeing the program and can also be contacted with any questions at 518-822-0143. The next KISS program runs at the NL Town Hall from September 9 – September 20. Please stop in the Town Clerk's office first before putting your papers in the shred bin.

Three GREAT COMMUNITY EVENTS on August 18th starting at 11am – listed on the next two pages – We hope you can make all 3 events!

Tilden Monument Ceremony August 18, 2019

Samuel Jones Tilden (February 9, 1814 – August 4, 1886) was the 25th Governor of New York and the Democratic candidate for president in the disputed election of 1876. He is among those candidates who won a majority of the popular vote in a United States presidential election but lost the election itself.

Born and raised in New Lebanon, New York, Tilden came from a prosperous family known widely for patent medicines manufactured by the Tilden Pharmaceutical Company. He studied at Yale University and New York University School of Law, and became an attorney in New York City in 1841. A skilled practitioner of corporate and railroad law, he also served as New York City's corporation counsel and as a member of the New York State Assembly in the 1840s.

His honesty and principled leadership of the New York State Democratic Committee, including his opposition to the infamous Tweed Ring faction of Tammany Hall, brought him support for the office of Governor, which he won in 1874. His success as governor placed him in the running for the US Presidency in 1876. He lost the election narrowly because of partisan manipulation of the electoral vote.

Tilden died in 1886 and is interred in a Classical Revival style monument in the Cemetery of the Evergreens in New Lebanon, NY. The monument was designed by noted architect Ernest Flagg and built in 1895 – 96, and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

In 2017, the Town Board, the Lebanon Valley Historical Society and the board of the Cemetery of the Evergreens started a project to repair and restore the monument. Over 200 people donated a total of nearly \$20,000 to support this effort. The work is now done and the monument once again shines as a grand feature of the cemetery.

On August 18th, a brief ceremony will be conducted at the monument to recognize all of the people who helped this project to succeed. Mark your calendar so you won't miss this positive community celebration. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 AM at the monument and finish no later than 11:45. Afterward, you should go to Shatford Park and have some lunch at the Community Picnic, which begins at noon. The picnic will include Music in the Park with two bands playing from 1:00 to 4:30 PM (see separate article).

If you have any questions about these events, please contact Doug Banker at 518-794-9764 or charlesbanker@fairpoint.net.

Music In The Park

It is not too late to experience this wonderful community program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for two more concerts:

Sunday, August 18, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM

Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM

August 18th will be a big day, combining the Town's **Community Picnic** and Music in the Park, with two bands with Lebanon Valley roots.

Performers:

August 18	The Echoes of New Lebanon	1:00 PM
	Laurie Travis -Classic Country with a twist	3:00 PM
September 15	Banjo Blue with Paula Bradley	1:00 PM
	Bernie McMahon and Up in the Air	2:15 PM
	Apocalypstick Redd	3:30 PM

Food and Beverages:

August 18	New Lebanon Community Picnic – FREE food
September 15	Carol’s Place Catering

For additional information, including band descriptions, Facebook users should like and follow our page at <https://www.facebook.com/NewLebMusic/>.

There is still time to sign up to **sponsor** a concert or a band. For details, contact Doug Banker (see below).

Any community person or organization is welcome to set up a **table or kiosk** giving information about their enterprise or sell their wares. No politics, please and selling food or beverages is not permitted.

Contact Doug Banker to secure a spot at 518-794-9764 or charlesbanker@fairpoint.net.

New Lebanon Community Picnic!!!

Hello New Lebanon!!!!!! Summer is here in FULL force!! And you know what that means.....time for the New Lebanon Community Picnic!! This year, for your listening enjoyment, we will have The Echoes and The Laurie Travis Band! And, as always, FREE burgers, hot dogs, drinks and more!! This is also a potluck, so please bring some salads, chips, deserts, appetizers, your famous cheese cake or anything else you would like to share with the community!

There will be a bounce house and a variety of activities for our younger community members. If you are a local business or organization and would like to set up an activity for our youngest attendees, please contact Tistrya Houghtling at townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

The event is on August 18th, from 12 to 4:30 at Shatford Park. Bring your friends! Bring your family! Bring an appetite and get ready to enjoy another wonderful day of music, food and community gathering! We'll see you there!!!



From the Building Department

DID YOU KNOW?

Dear Home Owners, Land Lords, Renters (and business owners for CO detection):

A common question from our residents, whether they own or rent, is where smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detection Systems are required to be placed within a dwelling. Business owner's frequently ask about the placement of Carbon Monoxide Detection in Commercial Operations.

You can now obtain this information directly from the Building Department link found on the Town of New Lebanon's website. The links are as follows:

Fire and Smoke alarms:

<http://townofnewlebanon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Smoke-Alarms-IPMC-Chapter-7-as-modified-by-the-2017-NYS-Supplement.pdf>

Carbon Monoxide Detectors (Residential)

<http://townofnewlebanon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Section-915-of-the-2015-International-Fire-Code-as-amended-by-the-2017-NYS-Uniform-Code-Supplement-residential.pdf>

Carbon Monoxide Detectors (Commercial)

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While you are at our page, please feel free to browse other topics that are frequently asked questions such as:

Pool Requirements (including the blow up kind purchased at big box stores):

<http://townofnewlebanon.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2017-supplement-Pool-Regulations.pdf>

FIRE SAFETY AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

Did you know that New York State Law mandates that all Non-Residential and Multiple Dwellings be inspected for Fire Safety and Property Maintenance?

Please be advised that due to the volume of properties that are required to be inspected under this law, the Town has contracted with Mr. Pete Lattanzio to assist in performing these inspections as a third party contractor. Mr. Lattanzio is a Certified Code Enforcement Officer with over 30 years of experience in the field. He currently owns and operates his own business primarily performing Fire Safety and Property Maintenance for Towns and Cities that simply do not have the staffing or means to get them completed.

Even with contracting with Mr. Lattanzio, the Building Department's operating budget remains less than it was prior years (prior to 2017) yet will significantly enhance the effectiveness of the department.

From the LVPA

The Lebanon Valley Protective Association is looking for firefighter, both exterior and interior. Both of these firefighters will need training to qualify as a firefighter. If you are interested in becoming a member of the LVPA, you can contact any current member or call 518-794-9331 and leave a message with your name and phone number and someone will contact you. Both males and females are welcome to become a member of our team.

Agriculture in the Lebanon Valley Pamphlet Project Underway

A project that grew out of the Town of New Lebanon's NL200 celebration (of the 200th anniversary of its chartering) is the development and publication of a pamphlet about the history of and present day agriculture in the Lebanon Valley. The project has been made possible by a grant of state funds by former state Senator Kathleen Marchione to the New Lebanon Library. The Library entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of New Lebanon to use these funds to support NL200 activities that met the educational purposes of the grant. The NL200 steering committee, coordinated by Grow the Valley, Inc., determined that a farm-oriented pamphlet would provide a lasting legacy of the bicentennial celebration.

Volunteers are busy at work compiling information for the pamphlet. They are seeking input from town residents who have stories to tell about farming and agriculture in the valley, based on their own experience or accounts passed down to them. And pictures would be great!! If you have a story or picture to share, please let Ted and Shelley Salem know at mnd923@taconic.net.

From the Historical Society

The Lebanon Valley Historical Society was established in 1971 with the mission to discover, collect, restore, preserve and disseminate material and information about the history of New Lebanon. The LVHS has an extensive collection of documents and artifacts which have been donated to the Society. When a person or an entity gives items to the LVHS, the items are inventoried and accessioned (accepted) into our collection. Then the item is given a number, described, scanned and catalogued into our computer. This software catalogue facilitates easy access to the records. The donated items are preserved and stored using recommended collection management practices. Our collections are open to the public by appointment.

The LVHS also presents public events such as talks, history days, displays of historical documents and photos, and supports historical and preservation activities in our town. The LVHS is a volunteer non-profit organization. The Town of New Lebanon allows the LVHS to use 2 rooms upstairs in the town hall for an office and archives. The Society is funded almost entirely by donations from members, and occasional grants from institutions, and does not receive funding from the Town. Anyone who wishes to donate items of New Lebanon historical interest may get in touch by phoning Jeannine at 518-794-9177, by mail to LVHS, PO Box 363, New Lebanon, NY 12125, or through our Facebook page.

Benefit Show for the Cemetery of the Evergreens

For the eighth year in a row, the Theater Barn will host a benefit performance with all proceeds going to the Cemetery of the Evergreens. The show will be held at 8:00 PM on August 7 at the Theater Barn. Anyone desiring to purchase tickets may contact Larry Benson, cemetery board president, at 518-794-9794. Tickets are \$25 each.

HEAP Applications

HEAP applications usually begin to be accepted in late October or early November. Please keep an eye out for an announcement of the 2019-20 season deadline.

Early Head Start in Nassau

There is a federally funded, early head start program in Nassau that is free to income eligible families. CEO's Early Head Start program offers safe and educational child care that serves children from 6 weeks to 3 years old. It provides one-on-one support for families through a helpful Family Advocate and teaches important skills children will use in Head Start, Kindergarten, and beyond. It provides nutritionist-approved meals, encourages family participation through activities, and much more! Learn more by contacting Rachel Lassiter at 518-272-6012 ext. 206 or rlassiter@ceoempowers.org.

SNAP, WIC & Senior FMNP Coupons Doubled at the NL Farmer's Market

If you have SNAP, WIC or Senior FMNP Coupons, you can get fresh, locally grown foods at the New Lebanon Farmer's Market every Sunday from 10am – 2pm from June through October on the main corridor of Route 20/22 in downtown New Lebanon across from Blueberry Hill and next to the Gallup Inn. When you arrive, visit the information booth to double your money! If you are over 60 and income eligible and would like Senior FMNP Coupons, please visit the Office for the Aging, 325 Columbia St, Hudson, NY between 8 am and 4 pm Monday – Friday or call 518-828-4258.

Meals on Wheels Program

The Columbia County Office for the Aging wants to get the word out about our home delivered meals. Home delivered meals are for those who are 60 years of age, or older, who are essentially homebound and unable to prepare their own main meal of the day. It has nothing to do with income. Hot meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 11 am and 12:30 pm. The meal generally consists of a hot entrée, vegetable, fresh bread, fruit and milk. Persons receiving a hot meal may also receive frozen weekend meals if needed. For information on the Meals-on-Wheels Program please call 518-828-4258.

Sign up for County and State services at the NL Town Hall

On the third Friday of each month from 12 pm – 3 pm there is a representative from NY Connects at the New Lebanon Town Hall to help people sign up for and/or receive information on services such as HEAP, SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, prescription help and many others. For more information or with any questions please contact the Healthcare Consortium at 518-828-2273.

FREE Radon Test Kits & Free Health and Safety Program

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. It is responsible for 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year. Radon is an invisible gas released from soil, rock and water and when trapped in the home becomes harmful. Columbia County has the highest potential for high radon levels in the home. The only way to know if radon exists in your home is to test for it. To get your FREE radon test kit (limited supply) please call the number below today!

The healthy neighborhoods program is also offering a free health and safety program for anyone who lives in Columbia County. They will provide education materials related to fire safety, tobacco control, asthma, mold & mildew, lead, non-toxic cleaning, indoor air quality, and fall & injury prevention. They will also provide free products such as smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, mouse traps, baby-proofing products, and much more!

There are no requirements or income eligibility for either of these programs. As long as you are a resident of Columbia County, you qualify for both the free radon test kits and the free health and safety program. To find out more on how to make your house healthy and safe, please call 518-828-3358.

From the New Lebanon Library

Calendar of Events: We hope you can join us for these activities!

Sunday

8/4/19--New Lebanon Book Group @11AM:

"Washington Black" by Esu Edugyan--New members, visitors, and all book-loving folk are always invited.

Monday

8/12--Space Time-4: Lunar Lullaby@1:30PM

This summer as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, join us for all the fun and challenges of living in space from the earth! There will be something different every time.

For our final Space time, we will be bringing you lunar lullabies, poetry, and oreos to wrap up our celebration of space! Join us for a storytime for all ages!

8/5--Story Zine Project @1:30PM:

Ignite your creative spark by helping put together a zine this summer! What is a zine? A zine (pronounced zeen) is an independently or self-published booklet. This will be a 5-week, drop-in session where you can bounce ideas off of other creative people and help create the New Lebanon Library Summer Zine! Every session will have a different theme/challenge for the week with group activities and story-based games to help you get the creative juices rolling. (If you can't make it or miss a session, you can still submit materials at nlzineproject@gmail.com for the editors to add to the summer zine!)

By August 15th, you will be holding a copy of a zine created by you—the creative people of New Lebanon! All ages are welcome to attend! Materials will be provided!

8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26--Kripalu Yoga @5:45PM:

Finish up your Manic Monday with some gentle yoga! (Suggested donation: \$5-10 per person)

From the New Lebanon Library (continued)

Tuesday

8/6--Space Time 3-- Planetarium Fun@1:30PM:

This summer as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, join us for all the fun and challenges of living in space from the earth! There will be something different every time.

Behold the heavens! Join us for some planetarium fun as we look at the many constellations of the night sky. Bring your sense of wonder!

8/13--Mount Lebanon Art Day @1:30PM:

This summer, there will be a variety of artists in residences at the Shaker Museum. Some of them will be coming out to share with our young artists. Come join us for some creative fun! All ages are invited. Materials will be provided.

8/6, 8/20--"Showbiz" with the Theater Barn@6PM:

Get a taste of the upcoming musical shows for this season with the talented actors and actresses from the Theater Barn! Enjoy song selections from the upcoming shows, talk to the actors, get tips on acting and learn about life behind the stage! Coffee and refreshments will be included.

8/6

This week, we will be previewing selections from the "Great American Trailer Park Musical." A dancer on the run comes between the Dr. Phil-loving, agoraphobic Jeannie and her tollbooth collector husband and wild times ensue. The show opens on August 8th at the Theater Barn!

8/20

To finish up the musical season, we will have selections from the hilarious, murder mystery farce: "Lucky Stiff." Complete with mistaken identities, six million bucks and a corpse in a wheelchair, Harry stands to inherit the fortune before the money goes to either a dog home in Brooklyn or to his uncle's gun-toting ex-mistress. Come and join the fun before the show opens on August 22nd at the Theater Barn

Wednesday

8/7, 8/21, 8/28-- *Small Wonders @10AM:

Join Miss Ann's story hour and learn songs, movement activities and age-appropriate stories for our younger patrons and their caregivers. For toddlers up to 35 months.

8/7, 8/21, 8/28--*Preschool Story Hour @10:45PM:

Join Miss Ann's story hour for children aged 3 to 6. Story times include stories, crafts, movement activities, and songs.

*There is a fun craft for children and their families at 10:30 in between Small Wonders and Preschool Story hour.

Thursday

8/1--Humorous Heritage w/ Lydia Davis @1:30PM:

Bring your families and a little of your history to this special event! Performer Lydia Davis will use these to make a fun, musical event using history from the audience. Join us and see!

8/8--Mad Hatter Tea Party@2PM:

Come join us for a spot of afternoon tea! Wear your best "Alice in Wonderland" apparel and join in the fun with games, snacks and crafts! **(Registration is required for this event.)**

From the New Lebanon Library (continued)

8/15--Summer Reading Program Wrap-UP/Story-Con @1:30PM

Another summer reading program has come and gone. To celebrate the Universe of Stories theme, we are having a mini con--complete with costume contest, a magician, free comics and more! Come dressed to impress as your favorite characters (There will be prizes!) and let's have some fun!

Friday

8/2--First Fridays w/ Linda Worster @6:30PM:

Join us for an evening of wonderful music with Berkshire singer/songwriter Linda Worster. Light refreshments are offered.

8/9--Adults Take Over the Library @6:30PM:

Come on out for an evening without the kids and let's have some fun! There'll be trivia, mini golf, crafts and maybe even an intro to some virtual reality! Light refreshments will be included and fun is guaranteed!

8/23--In Concert w/ The Ladies Auxiliary Ukulele Orchestra:

The Ladies are back with some great songs! Join us for an evening of fun, original songs and a healthy mix of covers from the Ladies Auxiliary Ukulele Orchestra!

Saturday

8/3 & 8/17--Ukulele Jam Session @11AM:

Grab a uke and get ready to jam! Local musician Doug Banker is heading up ukulele jam sessions-- all learner levels are welcome and there are new songs every session. (The Library has several ukuleles you can check out for personal practice or using during the jam sessions. If you have one though, please bring it!)

8/10--Tie-Dye

It's never summer without an official tie-dyeing event. Call the library to reserve your space/shirt and let's make some unforgettable wear together! (The event is free. We just need registration to prepare!)

Special Events

Thursday, August 1st--Senior Virtual Reality Sessions @10:30AM:

Please contact the library to sign up for an intro to Virtual Reality! Thanks to a generous grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation, the library was able to purchase some new virtual reality equipment with the goals of engaging our senior community with fun, accessible technology. There will be several general, introduction sessions in August--along with an Apollo 11 adventure to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing--followed by distinct app or gaming experiences on a rotating basis. We are also looking to further the program by adding intergenerational elements. Keep your eye on the calendar for future events! They will be infiltrating the calendar.

Saturday, August 24--Kids Paint & Sip Fundraiser@2PM:

We're having another paint and sip--this time for the family! (All sipping will be non-alcoholic, but we'll still have fun!) All supplies will be provided, but registration is required! Tickets are \$35 each and you can either sign-up at the library or via the Berkshire Paint & Sip website!

Meeting Dates

Town Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm

Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month, as necessary at 7:30pm

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Tuesday of each month, as necessary at 7:00pm

Zoning Re-write Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, as necessary at 6:30pm

Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month, as necessary at 6:30pm

Conservation Advisory Council meets the second Monday of each month, as necessary at 6:30pm –
CAC meetings are held at Darrow School at the Samson Environmental Center

Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens meet the first and third Fridays each month at 1:00pm

All of the above meetings, unless otherwise specified, are held at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22,
New Lebanon, NY, 12125.

Calendar of Events

Every Sunday through October – Double your money with SNAP, WIC and Senior FMNP Coupons at the
NL Farmer’s Market in the Gallup Inn parking lot (across from Blueberry Hill) from 10am – 2pm

Third Friday of every month – Sign up and/or get questions answered for County and State services such
as HEAP, SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, and much more at the NL Town Hall from 12-3pm

Thursday, August 1st – Hunting licenses go on sale at Town Clerk’s Office – M, W, Th & Fri 9am – 5pm
plus Friday hours until 7pm every Friday between 9/13 & 10/11 and on Friday 11/8 & Friday 11/15

Tuesday, August 6th – FREE Rabies Clinic at Town Highway Garage – Cats & Ferrets 4-5pm – Dogs 5-6pm

Wednesday, August 7th – Benefit show for the Cemetery of the Evergreens at the Theater Barn at 8pm

Sunday, August 18th – Tilden Monument Ceremony from 11–11:45am at the Cemetery of the Evergreens,
then the Community Picnic at Shatford park from 12-4:30pm with Music in the Park at Shatford Park from
1-4:30pm

September 9th thru September 20th – KISS Program at Town Hall – free shredding program

Sunday, September 15th – Music in the Park at Shatford Park from 1-4:30pm