

Town of New Lebanon

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May 2019

A Letter from the Supervisor

It seems like Spring is finally here! We had a pretty mild winter although it was terrible for our roads – throughout the Northeast, not just New Lebanon. The Town of Canaan had to close 11 roads at one time due to the conditions. It will be a relief when things finally dry out. (Continued on Page 2)

The Memorial Day Parade will kick off from Shatford Park at 9am on Monday, May 27th. It will culminate at the Cemetery of the Evergreens around 10:30am with a special presentation. If you are interested in participating in this year's Memorial Day Parade, please contact Lenny Brown at 518-788-5047 or Lennybrown518@gmail.com. Any group, organization or individual is welcome to march in the parade! We hope to see you there!

From the Tax Collector

New Lebanon property owners who have not yet paid their 2019 Town & County taxes, please note that the office of the Tax Collector here in the Town of New Lebanon continues to have open to the public office hours of Mondays from 5-7pm and Saturdays from 9-11am each week thru the end of May to enable residents to pay these locally.

Also please be sure to check your mailing address associated with your parcel, as it is important that I have your correct, current mailing address on file. I want to be sure you receive your tax bills and any communication that may be mailed out to you in a timely fashion!

Sincerely,
Tammie Darcy
Tax Collector

Town Government



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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

Letter from the Supervisor Continued

The Town Board has three public hearings scheduled for May 14th starting at 6:45 pm at the Town Hall. The Town Board is looking to put four propositions on the ballot for November 5th. There are three local laws to increase the terms of office of the Town Clerk, the Tax Collector and the Highway Superintendent from two years to four years. Additionally, the board has passed a resolution to increase the Town Supervisor's term of office from two years to four years and you will also be able to speak to this action at the public hearing. The Supervisor position must be done differently because the Town Supervisor also sits on the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. New Lebanon is one of only a few towns in the County that still have two-year terms for these positions. The three local laws call for the change to occur as of January 1, 2020; however, the Supervisor position, if approved by the voters, would change as of January 2022. This would provide "stability" for town administration; the positions of Town Clerk and Town Supervisor will not be elected in the same year. Both positions play a significant role in the day-to-day operations of the town and to have a new Town Clerk and a new Town Supervisor at the same time could be very challenging. Anyone interested in speaking about this can come to the public hearings on May 14th, however, if these actions are approved by the board after the public hearing, they are still subject to your vote on the November 5th ballot.

We adopted the first section of re-write of the Town Code on April 9th and this will become effective upon filing with the Department of State. Most of these amendments were administrative in nature, for example, all the town's policies were removed from the code and this was a fiscal decision. The policies will still be available on the website but on their own page that will be maintained by the Town Clerk. Keeping them in the Town Code meant very costly amendments every time we updated a policy. Additionally, there were some minor amendments to several chapters in the Town Code to bring them into compliance with state regulations or correct conflicts within our own code. The second packet of amendments has been sent to the attorney for compilation into a local law. There will be a public hearing on these amendments once the local law is drafted and notice of the public hearing will be published. This second packet addresses land use issues but most of these are also minor changes. The Town Board, the Zoning Re-write Committee and the Building Department are all still working on reviewing other sections of the Town Code. This will be the first comprehensive review that has ever been done on the Town Code.

We are working on creating a Comprehensive Plan Review Steering Committee. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2005 and should be reviewed every ten years. We are looking for four residents that do not currently work for the town or sit on any town boards or commissions (a couple of local business owners would be fabulous) to add to the Zoning Re-Write Committee to make up the Comprehensive Plan Review Steering Committee. Look for additional information on this steering committee in this newsletter.

We are working on installing a generator at the town hall so the facility can be used in an emergency as a shelter (heating or cooling). We received a grant for half of the cost of the purchase and installation of the generator so the cost to the town will be a little more than \$5,000.

We were very fortunate to acquire the town's history timeline from the Heritage Center when they closed. We have installed this in one of the hallways on the first floor of the Town Hall along with many of the documents from the NL 200. Stop in some time and take a look; it is very interesting. (Continued on Page 3)

Letter from the Supervisor Continued

We are still working with NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) to get Route 22 paved from Peaceful Valley Road in Canaan to the intersection of Route 20 in New Lebanon. This summer (estimated early June), DOT will be milling and repaving the three worst sections – one just North of Berkshire Farm, one just South of Berkshire Farm and one between Route 295 and Peaceful Valley Road. Each section that will be repaved is at least a mile in length according to DOT. This will at least take care of the worst spots but the Canaan Town Supervisor and I are still working with DOT to find the funding for the whole project.

This spring we hope to add new bathrooms at the Pavilion. The project was put out to bid with no responses so we are advertising again. It is little tricky with the summer youth program but we are still hopeful that we can get it done this year. These new bathrooms will be handicapped accessible. We have put a lot of money and hard work into restoring and expanding our park but, sadly, we are also dealing with a lot of vandalism. We are looking at the possibility of installing security cameras at the park to help combat the vandalism.

We are still looking for people interested in serving on the Recreation Commission. This commission is responsible for establishing and coordinating recreation events and programs for the town, such as the community picnic. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Town Clerk to find out more.

The Town Board is looking at a project to convert all the streetlights to LED lighting; this will cut the cost of streetlighting in half. It generally takes about a year to work through this project with NYSEG but we have started the process.

While the changes in broadband availability have been a long time coming, it seems like it is pretty much here. If you are struggling to determine if you have access to high-speed internet, please call my office or send me an email. There is still a lot of confusion within both Consolidated Communications and Spectrum about where services are available but I have contacts that can help clear up the confusion. Many residents that DO have access were told by one or the other (or both) that they did not so do not assume you cannot get highspeed internet simply because you called the main 800 number and were told that. Consolidated Communications appears to be proactive about building out in additional areas when there are multiple homes interested in services and Spectrum just reached an agreement with the NYS Public Service Commission to continue doing business here that includes additional build-outs in upstate New York.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Town Supervisor.

Warmest regards,

Colleen

NYS DMV Real ID, Enhanced or Standard? What To Do?

Columbia County Clerk Holly C. Tanner is happy to present a Town Hall meeting on the issue of NYS licensing related to the Homeland Security Act. She will hold a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10am at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. This will be an informational session for town residents that will hopefully answer your questions about what you need. All are welcome! Please call the County Clerk's Office at 518-828-3339 for more information!

From the Assessor

2019 Reassessment news:

- The 2019 Reassessment has been completed. Informal notices were sent out in February and Informal meetings were held. Anyone who attended an Informal hearing will receive a new notice around May 1st. Notices are sent to anyone that attended, even if there was NO assessment change.
- On May 1st, the Tentative Roll will be published and made available to the public. It can be viewed in person at the Town Hall during normal business hours or online through the Town of New Lebanon Website.
- During the month of May, the Assessor will be available with the Roll on the following days:

Monday May 6 th	8-12
Saturday May 11 th	8-12
Monday May 13 th	8-12
Monday May 20 th	4-8 (evening)

GREIVANCE DAY WILL BE HELD MAY 29TH FROM 3-5pm AND 6-8pm

- For anyone wishing to file a grievance, there are forms available outside the Assessor's Office door and online on the Assessor's page of our website.
 - If you are filing a grievance, please be sure to submit documentation that supports your estimate of value along with your forms.
 - Supporting documentation is typically in the form of a listing of your property, a Realtors CMA, sales of similar properties or an appraisal. Photos are also helpful.
 - Please note other ASSESSMENTS are NOT considered supporting documentation during the year of a reassessment, per Opinion of Counsel Volume 10-104
 - To have your forms reviewed by the Assessor prior to Grievance, please submit them as early as possible.
 - Grievances and supporting documentation can be mailed, dropped off in Town Hall or emailed to the Assessor at assessor@townofnewlebanon.com prior to Grievance Day.

STAR CHANGES

- Due to all of the recent STAR changes, be advised that if you receive a letter from the Department of Taxation and Finance, you must respond to them - NOT the ASSESSOR.

Recent changes in the law beginning this year: If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill (the STAR **exemption**), you may receive a greater benefit if you switch to the STAR **credit** to receive a check instead.

- The value of the STAR **credit** may increase by as much as 2% each year, but the value of the STAR **exemption** will not increase
- The income limit for the Basic STAR exemption is now \$250,000

If your income is **more than \$250,000**, you **must** switch to the STAR **credit**. If your income is **\$250,000 or less**, you have the **option** to switch. To switch to the STAR **credit** instead of the STAR **exemption**, you must contact the ASSESSOR for instructions at assessor@townofnewlebanon.com or 518-794-8875.

A Message Regarding Your Garbage Cans On The Road

How long can I leave my garbage cans out by the road for garbage pick-up? If you are placing your garbage cans along the side of the road, please do not leave them out for more than 12 hours. If the company that picks up your garbage is telling you that you need to leave them out for several days because they do not know when they will come pick up, that is not acceptable. The roadway is for traffic and the road maintenance crews need to be able to work on the roads: plowing, sweeping, grading, etc. The allowance for trash cans to be set along the side is for public convenience but not specifically allowed by any law. Leaving something in the roadway is actually prohibited by law. Please put your garbage out no earlier than the night before a scheduled pick up and leave it out no later than the evening of that same scheduled pick up (a 12-hour window is reasonable). If you have a missed pick up, have your service provider give you a specific date for getting that pick up and take your cans off the road until that pick up.

Tree Donation Program for Shatford Park

The Town of New Lebanon is offering the opportunity for residents to donate a tree to Shatford Park in honor of a person of your choosing. You can donate a tree of any type (Fruit, Maple, Oak, etc.) and place a memorial plaque in front of the tree in honor of someone. The tree options and prices (including the tree purchase, installation and the cost of the memorial plaque) are: Apple trees (Cortland, Empire, Fireside, Freedom, Honey Gold, Frostbite, Snow Sweet, Honey Crisp and Wine Crisp) are \$200 each; Mount Royal Plum trees are \$200 each; Lapin Cherry Large Mahogany trees are \$200; Maple trees (Crimson King-Red Leafed Norway, Fall Fiesta Sugar, Green Mountain Sugar) range from \$240 - \$370 depending on the type of Maple you choose. You can view the memorial plaque at www.etsy.com/listing/277826438/memorial-plaque-memorial-tree-marker. We will order whatever wording you would like to have on the memorial plaque. If you are interested in donating a tree, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 518-794-8888 or townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

The Next KISS Program at the New Lebanon 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 June 10 – June 28. Please stop in the Town Clerk's office first, before putting your papers in the shred bin.

From the Free Store

The Free Store is in need of volunteers to organize and sort donations. In order to keep this wonderful program (that offers free clothing, footwear and children's items to anyone in our community), we need regular volunteer hours to sort and organize all the donations that come in. The free store is open Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri from 9-5. Come check out all the great items we have! If you can spare an hour or two a month (or more), please contact the Town Clerk at 518-794-8888 or townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

Town Seeking Volunteers for The Comprehensive Plan Review

Are you interested in the future of New Lebanon? Would you like to work on updating our Comprehensive Plan?

The Town Board has designated the Zoning Re-write Committee (ZRC) to coordinate the update of the New Lebanon Comprehensive Plan. That committee consists of two representatives each from the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Conservation Advisory Committee. The town wishes to add four additional members, who are not employees of the town and do not sit on any town boards or committees, to work with the ZRC on the Plan update.

First, what is the Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is a document that identifies the vision, goals, objectives, principles, and guidelines for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the municipality. It answers the questions: what does our community look like now, what should it look like in the future, how do we intend to get there, and why should it be done? It is really a blueprint for integrating many sectors of the local community – eg. transportation, human services, recreation, environment, and fiscal and economic development – into a single, cohesive document. It also serves as the foundation or basis for all our zoning regulations.

What are the benefits of a Comprehensive Plan:

- Provides a process for identifying community resources, long-range community needs, and commonly held goals;
- Provides a process for developing a community consensus;
- Provides a blueprint for future governmental actions.

The current New Lebanon Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2005. It requires constant updating.

What will be involved?

It is anticipated that the Comprehensive Plan Review Steering Committee will begin the Plan update work in mid- to late-summer. The update project is expected to last 9-12 months. During that time, the committee will meet on plan-related matters about once a month. It is anticipated that subcommittees will be formed to complete work on specific sections of the Plan and may hold additional meetings, as needed. Individual committee members will determine their own level of involvement based on their interest and time availability.

Because the current Plan is generally regarded as a solid foundation, it is expected that the overall level of effort involved in updating the Comprehensive Plan to be fairly modest. The ZRC has already received expert advice on the tasks that need to be performed to complete the update. The update committee will determine which of these tasks it will take on directly and which we may need to hire a professional for. The committee will then develop a budget that would need to be approved by the Town Board. All members will help decide what in the current plan needs updating and the best methods for getting public input.

Once a draft is developed, it will be reviewed by the New Lebanon Town Board, the Columbia County Planning Board, and public hearings will be held for input from the public. If you are interested in helping to shape the future of our wonderful town, please contact the Town Clerk at 518-794-8888 or townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

Music in the Park Starts Soon!

The third season of "Music in the Park" in the Weisbuch pavilion will begin in June. Again this year, the program consists of free concerts on Sunday afternoons with different performers playing a variety of music genres.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS so you will not miss this great experience:

Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM

Sunday, July 21, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM

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

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

** The August date will also be the NEW LEBANON COMMUNITY PICNIC, put together by the Recreation Commission. Food and soft drinks will be free. It's a great chance to meet your neighbors and enjoy music in a family-friendly environment. The Recreation Commission is also working to line up food and beverage (including wine and beer) vendors for the other three concerts. Interested vendors should contact Tegan Cook at teganjoy2015@gmail.com or 206-349-6403.

Performers:

June 23	Linda Worster and David Grover	1:00 PM
	Mary Ann Palermo and First Take	2:15 PM
	Born IV Blues with Gina Coleman	3:30 PM
July 21	Wintergreen	1:00 PM
	Melissa Brinton & Fanny Pack	2:15 PM
	Lindsay and the Four One Trio	3:30 PM
August 18	The Echoes	1:00 PM
	Laurie Travis Band	3:00 PM
September	Banjo Blue with Paula Bradley	1:00 PM
	Up in the Air	2:15 PM
	Apocalypstik Redd	3:30 PM

Organizations and individuals are invited to set up a table to inform people about their goods and services. Please – no political booths. The person or organization is responsible for bringing a table and rain/sun protection – we only provide a patch of grass. Contact Doug banker (see below) to register.

Anyone may be a sponsor of the Music in the Park events. Donation of funds are used to help pay the performers. In-kind donations such as soft drinks, water, etc. will also be accepted. Sponsors will be noted on the Facebook page and in other publicity (unless they request to be anonymous).

Volunteers on the day of the concerts are needed to help set up the pavilion. For the September show, we need a person to manage parking. We also are looking for someone to photograph all four events. The latter two positions are paid. Contact Doug Banker at 518-794-9764 or charlesbanker@fairpoint.net for details or to sign up.

Facebook users should like and follow our page at <https://www.facebook.com/NewLebMusic/> for all of the latest information.

Town Clean Up Day

Please be advised that the 2019 Clean Up Day (AKA: Dump Day or Trash Day) will be held on May 18, 2019 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, rain or shine. Before May 18th, you must obtain a punch card from the Town Clerk's Office or the Building Department at the Town Hall. One punch card per household allows 4 tire and two trips in any vehicle that is a maximum of 10 ft. We will ask for proof of residency (ie, driver's license or utility bill) and a non-perishable food item that will be donated to Charlie's Pantry. Please be mindful of the expiration dates on your donated food as expired food cannot be accepted.

For those of you who are not familiar with Clean Up Day, this is a one day event held annually by the Town for its residents to provide access to trash dumpsters also known as roll-offs. The roll-offs (dumpsters/bins) are set up in the Town Hall parking lot in the space between the Highway Garage and the basketball courts and behind the Highway Garage. The fee for this service is a non-perishable food donation to Charlie's Pantry, which must be dropped off at the Town Hall when you pick up your punch card.

This event is a structured event, meaning that you don't just pull up and off-load into a dumpster. There are separate dumpsters/bins for different categories of items and is operated by a great group of volunteers who will be assisting you in off-loading your vehicles which helps keeps the line moving. For this reason, it is a great idea to keep tires at the top of your pile so that they can easily be off-loaded and rolled to their designated dumpster while you are waiting in line to off-load the rest. It is also a good idea to separate metal and appliances toward the back or bottom of your pile as there are designated bins for those items as well.

We are always very grateful for the generous folks who donate their time and muscle, especially on a Saturday, to be a part of the off-loading crew. They are fabulous to work with and actually make 'trash day' a fun day. If you are interested in volunteering we would be happy to add you to the crew simple call our office at (518) 794-8884 to request to be placed on our list.

For residents with physical/medical challenges who may need assistance getting their items loaded and/ or transported to town hall, please call us well in advance of the event so that we have ample time to try to find an available volunteer(s) with a large enough vehicle and who is physically able to assist you. We currently have generous Town Officials who have offered their services in the past. We hope to see you on May 18th!

Cissy Hernandez, Code Enforcement Officer
Jeff Hattat, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer

New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office Places First in Statewide Contest

The Town of New Lebanon captured the #1 spot in two categories for the DEC 2018 Habitat & Access Stamp Promotion! Our Town Clerk's Office placed first in overall Habitat Stamp Sales with 266 stamps sold and also won the title for most improved in sales. This contest was across NYS with all locations that sell hunting and fishing licenses competing. We were competing with Towns and retailers much larger than us and it was a huge accomplishment to take first place. A huge thank you to all of habitat heroes who helped us win and supported NYSDEC's efforts to improve and conserve fish and wildlife habitat by purchasing a habitat stamp with your hunting and/or fishing license!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15th

July 1st - August 23rd

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

at Shatford Park Pavilion, Old Post Road, New Lebanon, NY

Open to:

Children registered for Kindergarten through and including age 13

Registration Fees:

Fees are determined by residency and the number of children per family participating in the program. There is a 20% discount given to all families that pay IN FULL before June 15th. All payments are due IN FULL by July 1st.

Please see page 11 of the newsletter for all registration fees!

The swim program will run for four weeks (2 – two week sessions). The cost, registration forms and calendar for swim lessons will be available on the first day of the program.

There are additional fees for field trips and swim lessons. Both are optional.

Activities

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| Crafts | Board games | Cards | Puzzles | |
| Legos | | | | |
| Tennis | Basketball | Soccer | Playground | Bike |
| Day | | | | |
| Softball | Volleyball | Ping Pong | Kickball | Art |
| Football | Golf | | | |
| Capture the Flag | On-Site Presentations | Team Building Activities | | |
| | Field Trips: | | | |
| | Great Escape | * Zoom Flume | | |

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15th

HOW TO REGISTER: (REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL)

1. Complete one registration form for each child;
2. Obtain a copy of your child/children's immunization records;
3. Review *Program Policies & Procedures* and sign acknowledgement on page 3 (one per family);
4. Make registration fee payable to *Town of New Lebanon*; and
5. Submit all 4 items (registration form, registration fee, immunization record, and signed *Program Policies & Procedures* acknowledgement) **on or before June 15th** to:

New Lebanon Summer Youth Program
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, N.Y. 12125

If you would like to make payment arrangements and pay monthly or weekly in advance of the program, please contact Michelle @ 788-1150. You may pay the registration fee as late as July 1st but will not get the discounted rate – you still MUST have other 3 items in by June 15th.

What to bring:

- **Bag Lunch**
- **Hat with a brim**
- **Sunscreen/Sun block**
- **Sneakers & Socks** (children wearing inappropriate footwear will not be allowed to participate in daily sports activities/games)
- **Water bottle**

Please leave all electronic devices and cell phones home

If you have questions, please call Michelle Bienes, Camp Director
@ 518-788-1150.

Have you completed all necessary forms?
Have you submitted immunizations records?
Have you submitted the appropriate fees?

Incomplete applications will not be accepted!!!!!!

2019 Summer Youth Program Rates

Early Registration Fees (*discounted 20% if final payment is received by June 15th*):

Resident (Town taxes paid to New Lebanon):

1 child	\$480/season
2 children	\$720/season
3 children	\$882/season
4+ children	\$1002/season

Local Non-resident (Town taxes not paid to New Lebanon, School taxes paid to NLCSD):

1 child	\$810/season
2 children	\$1,200/season
3 children	\$1,620/season
4+ children	\$1,920/season

Non-resident (Town taxes not paid to New Lebanon; School taxes not paid to NLCSD):

Per child	\$1,620/season
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Registration Fees (due in full by July 1st):

Resident (Town taxes paid to New Lebanon):

1 child	\$600/season
2 children	\$900/season
3 children	\$1,102/season
4+ children	\$1,252/season

Local Non-resident (Town taxes not paid to New Lebanon, School taxes paid to NLCSD):

1 child	\$1,013/season
2 children	\$1,500/season
3 children	\$2,025/season
4+ children	\$2,400/season

Non-resident (Town taxes not paid to New Lebanon; School taxes not paid to NLCSD):

Per child	\$2,025; and
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*******In order to receive the early registration fees, you must pay in full by 6/15/2019.**

All payments are due in full no later than 7/1/2019*****

*******All registrants are expected to pay full tuition regardless of the amount of time or days that they attend. No discounted rates are available*******

*******Payment arrangements can be made and are encouraged, but all payments are due in full before the start of the program*******

Cooling Assistance

The Cooling Assistance program provides assistance for free air conditioners to eligible older adults and people with certain medical conditions who are at a higher risk of heat-related illness. Households that include an individual with a documented medical condition that is exacerbated by extreme heat are eligible. To qualify, you must have either no working air conditioners, your air conditioner must be at least five years old or you must not have received a HEAP-funded air conditioner in ten years. The program will open May 1st and usually closes around the end of August, or when funds are exhausted. For more information please call the Columbia County Department of Social Services at 518-828-9411, and speak to someone in the HEAP Department.

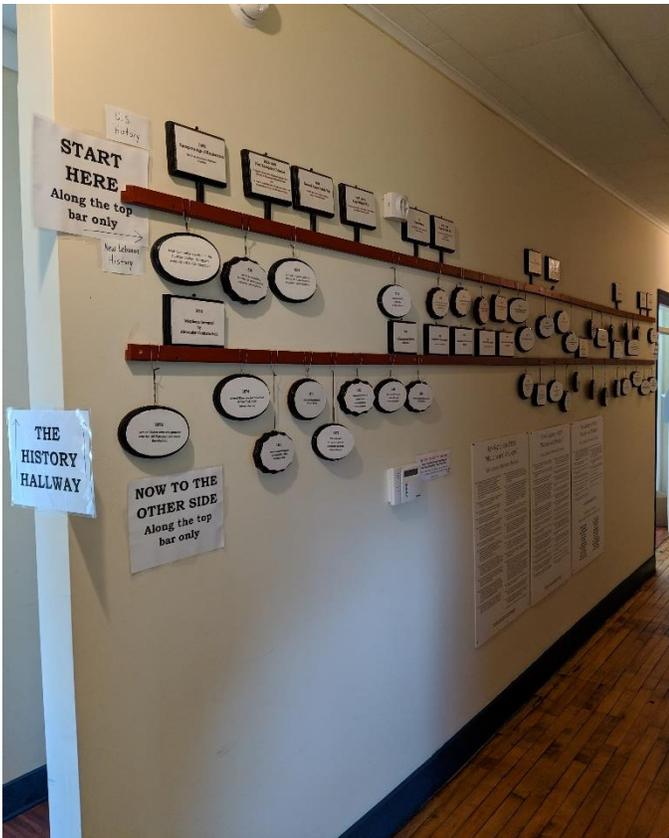
Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 8am – noon at the County Highway Garage on Route 23B in Greenport. There is no charge for County residents. Proof of residency is required. Please contact the DPW administrative office with any questions at 518-828-2737.

Rabies Clinic in New Lebanon

The Columbia County Department of Health will be holding a rabies clinic at the New Lebanon Highway Garage, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 on Tuesday, August 6th. Cats and Ferrets will be from 4pm – 5pm and must be in carriers. Dogs will be from 5pm – 6pm and must be on leashes. The rabies clinic is FREE, however donations are gladly accepted.

History Hallway



Announcing the history hallway at the Town Hall! A huge thank you to the Heritage Center for donating the hanging timeline of New Lebanon's history and to Gregg Carroll for hand painting all of the historical markers! We also incorporated photos and documents created and displayed during our NL 200 celebration such as the historical timeline created by former Historian Kevin Fuerst for the NL 200. We hope you can come and check it out!



Recreation Commission Members Needed

The Town of New Lebanon is looking for 2 members to serve on the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission meets once a month, as needed, to help organize and coordinate community events such as Music in the Park and the Community Picnic. Recreation Commission members must be residents of the Town of New Lebanon. Letters of interest are due to the Town Clerk's office by 4pm on Friday, May 10, 2019 and can be emailed to townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com, mailed to PO Box 328, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 or dropped off to the Town Clerk's Office during open hours.

Medication Take-Back

Safely dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription and non-prescription medication. Prescription and non-prescription medications, vitamins, pet medications, medicated ointments and liquid medication (in leak-proof containers) may be dropped off at the following locations:

Columbia County Sheriff's Office: 85 Industrial Tract, Greenport

Columbia County Sheriff's Substation: Crossroad at Route 22 and Route 23, Hillsdale

Chatham Police Department: 77 Main Street, Chatham

Hudson Police Department: 701 Union Street, Hudson

Hannaford Valatie: 2697 Route 9, Valatie

Healthy Neighborhoods Program

The New York State Healthy Neighborhoods Program (HNP) seeks to reduce housing related illness and injury through prevention and education. They provide FREE in-home health and safety assessments for individuals and families living in Columbia County. There are no age or income requirements to sign up. All are strongly encouraged to participate! Participants will receive free information packets and select safety and health products to help minimize health risks in your home related to: fire safety, asthma, tobacco, lead, pest control, mold, air quality, child safety, carbon monoxide, toxic cleaning supplies and injury prevention. To set up your visit with the Healthy Neighborhoods Educators and learn more about their free health and safety items call 518-828-3358 ext. 1255 or 1250 or email healthyneighborhoods@columbiacountyny.com.

NY Connects Staff in New Lebanon the Third Friday of Each Month

NY Connects staff is at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 on the third Friday of every month from noon – 3pm. They are able to assist residents with questions they may have regarding the Medicare Buy-In Program, SNAP (Food Stamps), Farmers' Market Coupons, Medicaid, Medicare insurance options, prescriptions coverage, HEAP and cooling assistance, etc. They will see people via appointments (call 518-828-2273 to make an appointment) as well as WALK-INS between noon and 3pm. If you have any questions please contact them at 518-828-2273. NY Connect also has a program that assists with helping the elderly stay in their homes longer with support services. Please call 518-828 CARE or 1-877-260-9244 for more information. Or visit NY CONNECTS website at www.columbiahealthnet.org.

For Our Seniors – the next 3 pages feature important services, events and support for the seniors in our community – please help spread the word about these services to all our seniors

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Farmers' Market Coupons

The Columbia County Office for the Aging expects that annual Farmer Market Coupons will be available this year. Although no information has been provided, they are estimating that these will be on hand sometime in May and June and eligibility will be based on income levels. Please contact their office after June 1st for further details on the availability of Farmers' Market Coupons at 518-828-4258.

Medicare Buy-In Program

There is a program available to assist you with your Medicare Part B premium called the Medicare Savings Program, also known as the Medicare Buy-In Program. Based on your current income, the Medicare Buy-In Program could help pay your Medicare premiums as well as your deductibles. An individual cannot make more than \$1,386.00 a month and a couple cannot make more than \$1,872.00 a month. It does not look at assets in New York State. If you enroll in the Medicare Savings Program, you will automatically get Extra Help, the federal program that helps pay most of your Medicare Part D drug costs.

Extra Help is a program to help you with your prescription drug costs and sometimes the premium, depending on your income. Your income must be below \$1,425.00 a month for an individual or \$1,922.00 a month for couples. Assets cannot be more than \$9,230.00 for an individual or \$14,600.00 for couples. If your income is a bit higher, you may be eligible for Partial Extra Help. You can apply for Extra Help at: www.SocialSecurity.gov/extrahelp or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to apply over the phone.

Columbia County Senior Resources (60+)

The CC Office for the Aging programs for Seniors - (518) 828-4258:

Home- delivered meals via meals on wheels

Senior Community centers in 7 towns

Nutrition education and counseling

Food shopping for those who need assistance

Respite services – help for care givers

HIICAP (health insurance information, counseling and assistance program) for help choosing an insurance carrier

Legal help and transportation for seniors

New Lebanon Representatives to the CC Office for the Aging (contact for any assistance needed):

Judy Zimmer (518) 794-9849 or judy_zimmer@yahoo.com

David Russel (518) 794-0273 or david.jrussell@yahoo.com

Sheriff's Department programs for Seniors – (518) 828-0601:

Senior safety net: Daily well-being check-in phone call

Elderly call-in program: Seniors call in to confirm well-being

Project lifesaver: Assistance for families with family members who wander as a result of a medical problem

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FREE SERVICES OFFERED TO SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

1. Catholic Charities is at the New Lebanon Library located at 550 US-20, New Lebanon, NY 12125 every fourth Thursday from 10:30am – 1:30pm. They can help you prepare and submit your paperwork to apply for programs that are available to senior citizens in our community.

2. Transportation is available to help senior citizens in our community get to and from doctor's appointments

-Contact the Healthcare Consortium Hudson at 518-822-8820 and speak to Jim Funk. They are very busy, so please call as far in advance as possible as soon as your appointments are booked.

3. Transportation is available to help senior citizens in our community get to and from grocery shopping, social opportunities, etc. They have a 12 passenger van and operate daily from around 9 – 3:30.

-Contact the CC Office for the Aging at 518-828-4258.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR SENIORS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY:

Mental Health Care – John Lyons – 518-828-9446 ext. 1290 – medical behavioral, health treatment, psychiatric evaluations, medication management

Department of Social Services – 518-828-9411

Office of the Aging – 518-828-4258

Veterans Service – Gary Flaherty – 518-610-0941 – available 24 hours a day

Social Security – 518-828-1691

Hospices – 518-943-5402

Cancer Services – Andrea Bruce – 518-822-8741 ext. 318 – targeting uninsured women 40 and over and uninsured men 50 and over – offering free mammograms, papsmears, pelvic exams, clinical breast exams and colorectal exams

Please Complete the Senior Survey

The Columbia County Office for the Aging is conducting a Needs Assessment of the senior population that live in Columbia County. A survey has been prepared to assess these needs. The results of this survey will help them determine how to best focus their efforts and resources to serve the seniors in our community better. To have a copy of the survey mailed to you, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 518-794-8888 or stop in and pick one up during open hours (Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri from 9 – 5). The more responses we can get to the survey from seniors in our community, the better our access to vital services will become. This is our opportunity to communicate with Columbia County as to the services that we need here in New Lebanon to serve our senior population as well as possible. Surveys are due to the Office for the Aging by Sunday, June 30th.

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Aging in Place

Neighbors of Northern Columbia County (NNCC) will be holding a meeting at the New Lebanon Library on Monday, May 6th from 1 – 3pm. This group is a grassroots, self-help membership organization for older adults, with the goal of providing support by identifying gaps in available community and government services that could enable seniors to stay in their homes. The meeting will include a introductory presentation, lots of time for questions and answers and an opportunity for people to sign up as members and/or volunteers. For more information email nncc1info@gmail.com or call (518) 392-0191.

Lebanon Valley Seniors

Our Lebanon Valley Seniors are a very active group, meeting regularly at the Town Hall and taking trips throughout the year. See below for their meeting schedule (all meetings at Town Hall unless otherwise specified) and their trip schedule. The Lebanon Valley Seniors will have a bake sale in front of Bucky's Bagels in the Valley Plaza on Saturday, May 18th from 10am – 2pm. They will also have a yard sale at the Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, June 15th from 9am – 2pm.

Lebanon Valley Seniors Calendar

May 3	Business Meeting
May 17	Spring Luncheon at Lake View; \$8 for members
June 7	Business Meeting
June 15	Annual Fund Raiser at Immaculate Conception Church
June 21	Social Gathering- Hot Dogs and Hamburgers + Covered dish
July 19	Business Meeting
Aug 2	Business Meeting + Annual Birthday Celebrations

Lebanon Valley Seniors Trips

Thursday May 23: Connecticut River Cruise

Luncheon at boathouse Restaurant overlooking river - \$66. Menu – lobster, clam chowder or prime rib, baked potato, corn on the cob, rolls, desert – strawberry sundae – coffee, tea. Can only take 48 people – sign up Now Payment due by May 9th. Bus leaves Stephentown at 8am; New Lebanon at 8:15am

Tuesday July 16: Log Cabin Lobster Feast – \$56.

Entertainment by Riverside Ramblers; Menu – Lobster, Chicken, Ribs, Baked Potato, Veg., Salad, Coffee, Tea. Leaves Stephentown 9am; New Lebanon 9:15 am, Payment by July 5

Monday August 5 -7: Amish Country. 3 days, 2 Nights.

Kettle Kitchen; sight & sound showing “Jesus”; lunch in Amish farmhouse; farmers market; Bird-in-hand. Payment by July 19. Bus leaves Stephentown at 7am; New Lebanon at 7:15am on Aug 5. Price is \$369 for doubles.

Payments for all trips should be sent/given to Mary Defreest, 334 West Rd, Stephentown, NY 12168 by the dates specified. Contact Mary at 518-733-0009 for information

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

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

Monday, May 6th – NNCC meeting about Aging in Place at the New Lebanon Library from 1-3pm

Saturday, May 11th – Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at County Highway Garage in Greenport from 8am - noon

Saturday, May 18th – Town Clean Up Day at Town Hall Parking Area from 8am – 2pm (be sure to obtain your punch card in advance at the Town Hall)

Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day Parade starting at Shatford Park, running down Route 22 and ending at the Cemetery of the Evergreens – kicks off at 9am with ceremony at the cemetery around 10:30 am

Wednesday, May 29th – Grievance Day at the Town Hall from 3-5pm and 6-8pm

June 10th – 28th – 2nd Quarter KISS program at Town Hall (free shredding of confidential documents)

Saturday, June 15th – NYS DMV Real ID – Informational Session with County Clerk Holly Tanner at the Town Hall at 10am

Sunday, June 23rd – Music in the Park at Shatford Park from 1 – 4:30pm

Sunday, June 30th – Senior Survey due to the CC Office for the Aging (see Town Clerk for details)

July 1st – August 23rd – Summer Youth Program (registration deadline June 15th)

Sunday, July 21st – Music in the Park at Shatford Park from 1 – 4:30pm

Tuesday, August 6th – FREE Rabies Clinic at the Town Highway Garage from 4-5pm for cats and ferrets and from 5-6pm for dogs (donations gladly accepted)

Sunday, August 18th – Music in the Park & Community Picnic at Shatford Park from 1 – 4:30pm

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

Third Friday of every month – NY Connects at the Town Hall from noon – 3pm

First and third Friday of every month – Lebanon Valley Seniors meeting at 1pm at Town Hall (unless otherwise specified on their meeting schedule)