

Town of New Lebanon

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May 2021

A Huge Thank You to All of Our Volunteers

The town would not be able to accomplish everything we do without the help of our countless volunteers! From the community food distribution every 2 weeks, to our volunteer firefighters on the LVPA, to those helping prep the site for the EV charging station, to the countless volunteers serving on town boards and committees; THANK YOU! We could not do it without you! There are many volunteer opportunities listed in this newsletter and we now have a volunteer database that different town departments utilize to obtain volunteers for various town projects. If you would like to be added to the Town's volunteer database, please email: nrasmussen@townofnewlebanon.com.

From the Assessor

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Floyd Carlton American Legion Post with the assistance of the LVPA, will be conducting our annual Memorial Day Ceremony in the Cemetery of The Evergreens on Monday, May 31st at 10:30am.

In addition to the Ceremony in the Cemetery, we are hoping to be able to have the Memorial Day Parade. If Lenny Brown gets the clearance to have the parade it will be advertised on the LVPA Firehouse sign.

You may contact Lenny Brown at 518-788-5047 or lennybrown51@gmail.com with any questions regarding the possibility of a parade.

The Tentative Roll was filed on May 1st. Assessment information can be found using the link on the Assessors page of the town website. Anyone wishing to Grieve an assessment can do so up until May 26th. Information and forms can be found on the town's website.

From the 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 7pm 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

Hoping you all are doing well and enjoying the warmer weather and longer days 😊 I have collected a majority of the 2021 New Lebanon Town/County taxes from the bills sent out and due without penalties in January 2021. If you have not yet paid your taxes, I am still actively collecting at the Town hall so you still have time to get in your payment before I turn any unpaid bills over to the Columbia County Treasurer after June 1st. Reminder that all Town & County tax information is available online at: egov.basgov.com/newlebanon. Please remember that I need your current home mailing address in order to get your bill to you so it is important that you let me know if you have an address change. These changes can be sent to me at: taxcollector@townofnewlebanon.com or by phone @ (518) 794-8882.

Sincerely,
Tammie Darcy, Tax Collector

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 7th – June 26th. Please ring the door bell and the Town Clerk's office will assist you, before putting your papers in the shred bin.

Music in the Park and Community Picnic

The Town is hoping to hold two music in the park events this year in August and September instead of the usual four events starting in June. As long as COVID numbers remain low, vaccinations continue to be available, and it is deemed safe to hold an outdoor, socially distanced event, the town will hold the community picnic along with the first music in the park on Sunday, 8/8 from 12pm-4pm (with the community picnic starting at noon and music starting at 1pm) and the second music in the park on Sunday, 9/5 from 1pm-4pm. All applicable COVID safety protocols will be followed. More details will be announced as we get closer to the date. If you are interested in setting up an informational table about your local business or organization or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact nlrecreation.long@gmail.com.

Town Clean Up Day – Save the Date

The Town will be holding our annual town clean-up day on Saturday, 9/18 from 8am-2pm. All applicable COVID safety measures will be followed. Details regarding obtaining your punch cards, what is allowed to be brought, on site logistics (it will be a bit different this year in an attempt to not have cars going behind the highway garage), etc. will be in the August 1st newsletter. For now, please save the date with more detailed information coming soon. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please email pzclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

From the Town Historian

Historian's Notes

The Town of New Lebanon is rich in history. From the famous, The Shakers, Samuel J. Tilden, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, The Tilden Company, to those who crafted new things and started a nation-wide phenomenon, The Kendall Company and Jesse Torrey, Jr. There are seven sites that are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and one site on the New York Registry of Historic Places (currently in nomination to be placed on the National Registry.)

The next time you take a drive around town, take a look at these places which have made our town a part of history.

National Registry of Historic Places

- **Mount Lebanon Shaker Society** – registered October 15, 1966. Located on U.S. Rte. 20, New Lebanon, NY. The designation recognizes the influence of the Shaker Community in the United States. The site is the oldest surviving Shaker Colony in continuous existence in the United States.
- **Elisha Gilbert House** – registered September 7, 1984, located on U.S. Rte. 20, New Lebanon, NY. The designation recognizes the 1794 architecture of the Gilbert family house including a Masonic Lodge meeting hall on the third floor.
- **Lebanon Springs Union Free School** – registered November 21, 1991. The designation recognizes the architecture of the building and the importance of education in the town. The school was located on the grounds of the New Lebanon Junior-Senior High School, located on State Rte. 22, Lebanon Springs, NY, but razed by the New Lebanon Central School District due to hazardous conditions. The cupola can be seen in Shatford Park, located on State Rte. 22 in Lebanon Springs, NY.
- **Church of Our Saviour** (Episcopal) – registered February 14, 1997. Located on N.Y. Rte. 22, near the junction with U.S. Rte. 20, Lebanon Springs, NY. The designation recognizes the architecture of the building and the relationship the Episcopal Diocese had with the Shaker Community.
- **Donnelly House** – registered August 2, 2000. Located on County Rte. 5, New Lebanon, NY. The designation recognizes the influence of Dutch architecture in the area.
- **Governor Samuel J. Tilden Monument** – registered July 14, 2006. Located in the Cemetery of the Evergreens, Cemetery Road, New Lebanon, NY. The designation recognizes the contributions Samuel Tilden made as governor of New York State, and as the 1876 Democratic candidate for President of the United States. Tilden won the popular vote, but lost in the Electoral College.
- **Bigelow-Finch-Fowler Farm** – registered November 4, 2019. Located on U.S. Rte. 20, West Lebanon, NY. The designation recognizes the architecture of the house and the important contributions to life in New Lebanon by Warren Bigelow, who led the development of telegraph and telephone services in the town.

State Registry of Historic Places

- **New Lebanon District No. 8 School** – registered March 11, 2021. Located at 565 U.S. Route 20, New Lebanon, NY. The building was also the home of the New Lebanon Grange No. 851 and currently houses The Roaring 20's Brewery and Taphouse. The designation recognizes the building's example of nineteenth-century architecture and is an important part of the legacy of the New Lebanon Central School District.

Business & Economic Development Committee Update

The Town's Business and Economic Development Committee (BEDC) has been quite busy this year. In addition to regular e-mail blasts giving information on business assistance programs to the Town's business community, we're working on these initiatives.

- Our Community Appearance and Design Sub-Committee filed a grant proposal for professional design and planning assistance to improve the Town center
- Our Outreach and Marketing Sub-Committee has engaged a professional design of an improved Town Seal and a new Town Logo, which is now under consideration by the Town Board
- The Town Board and the relevant Town agencies are aiding a new business venture which is locating here in New Lebanon
- The BEDC is supporting the Broadband Committee and the Town Board in planning projects to take advantage of enhanced funding soon to become available under the CARES Act and increased USDA funding.

The BEDC currently has one vacancy. If you are a Town business person or a resident interested in supporting business and economic growth in New Lebanon, please send an e-mail with a brief description of your background to these addresses: Townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com and monte@fairpoint.net.

Broadband Committee Update

Based on recent interactions with Consolidated Communications, the committee believes that all areas of New Lebanon have access to the provider's high-speed internet service, with the exception of Old Gale Hill Road and a portion of Gale Hill Road. These two areas are the focus of a new initiative to expand high-speed service with some funds available from state and federal sources. We will keep readers informed of developments on this initiative as it progresses.

If any resident in areas other than Old Gale Hill and Gale Hill Roads desires high-speed internet service, but has been told in the past that it was not available, we encourage them to contact Consolidated Communications Customer Service again because their situation may have improved. If a resident takes this step and is informed that service is still not available, please fill out a broadband survey form on the Town website at <http://www.townofnewlebanon.com/broadband-committee/>. Residents may also contact Doug Banker, Chair of the Broadband Committee, directly at 518-794-9764 or charlesbanker@fairpoint.net.

Charlie's Pantry

Charlie's Pantry offers free food and household supplies to the families that live in the New Lebanon School District (during the pandemic we are also serving anyone in our nearby New York community). We are located behind the Immaculate Conception Church at 732 Route 20. Our current hours are every Saturday 10:30am-1:00pm. We can make appointments for emergencies or if a family occasionally runs out of food and cannot come when we are open. For further information please call Georgette at 518-794-0156 or Peter at 518-794-0544.

Conservation Advisory Council Update

Volunteers Needed to Plant Trees in Shatford Park

Many of you are surely focused on getting your own gardens going, but we hope you'll consider taking time to join your neighbors in a town planting project. On Friday, May 28, the Conservation Advisory Council of New Lebanon (CAC) will begin planting more than 500 native tree and shrub seedlings along the Wyomanock Creek tributary that runs parallel to Route 22 in Shatford Park as part of the "Trees for Tribs" (T4T) project of the Hudson River Estuary Program, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (more info and link below). A variety of trees will include maple, cottonwood, and river birch, along with shrubs like pussy willow and several varieties of dogwood. The planting will continue through the following week until all of the seedlings are planted. (Note: COVID protocols will be followed with masks and social distancing).

T4T is providing the trees and shrubs free of charge (and will dig the holes!); volunteers are needed to plant the trees. Neither brute strength nor gardening expertise is needed -- the plants are small and there is a detailed plan about where they should go. Once you volunteer, you will be sent a short training video. T4T staff will be on hand on the 28th with on-site training and CAC volunteers will be on site on other days to support community volunteers, who will work in socially distanced teams of two. Once all the plants are in the ground, we will need a couple of volunteers to water them every week with the help of Summer Recreation Program campers. The project will be launched at 9 AM on the 28th with a brief presentation by the Trees for Tribs staff; volunteers are welcome to attend even if their shift is at another time. Interested volunteers should contact Peg Munves at pegmunves@gmail.com for planting, watering or both. Send her an email with your email, phone number, and times you might be able to participate in this community effort. Reminder emails will follow later with information about what you should bring.

T4T Volunteer Schedule

Planting: Kickoff is at 9 AM on Friday, May 28 in Shatford Park. All are welcome.

Volunteer for one or more three-hour shifts: 9-12 AM; 12 PM -3 PM; or 3-6 PM.

If you are not free on the 28th, there will be other shifts on Sunday, May 30th, Monday May 31, Tuesday June 1, Wed June 2, Thursday, June 3, and Friday, June 4. There will be three shifts on each day: 9-12 AM; 12 PM -3 PM; or 3-6 PM.

Watering: Volunteer for a two-hour watering shift either monthly or weekly throughout the summer (details to be worked out later).



NYSDEC's Trees for Tribs is a statewide program that has been working to reforest New York's tributaries - small creeks and streams that flow into larger rivers and lakes. The program's goal is to plant trees and shrubs along streams to create a forested riparian (streamside) buffer that helps decrease erosion, reduce flooding damage, improve wildlife and stream habitat, and protect water quality. For more info: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html>. This is the second Trees for Tribs project of the CAC and the first on public land. In addition to environmental benefits, this ambitious planting program will also enhance the natural beauty of our park.

Though the expression should really be “cooking with solar-powered electricity,” the Climate Smart Communities Task Force has been “cooking with gas” these days to find ways to promote New Lebanon’s and the planet’s well-being. One major endeavor has been enlisting residents in Ampion Renewable Energy’s community solarization program, which, aside from cutting down on fossil fuel emissions, enables households that sign up to receive a \$100 Visa gift card and save 10% on their electricity bills without purchasing any panels. The Task Force teamed with the library to present three informational Zoom meetings about this program and with the Farmers’ Market to spread the news about the meetings. We encourage residents to sign up even though the minimum number of sign-ups has been achieved. This means the town receives \$1000 from Ampion for the purchase of solar panels on Town Hall. For more info and to sign up, log in to their website: <https://ampion.net/newlebanonny/> or email CSC Chair Steve Powers: nlcscchair@gmail.com. Speaking of money, the Task Force also applied for and was awarded a \$5000 grant for its achievement of becoming a Clean Energy Community by completing four NYSERDA-identified high-impact actions. More grants are forthcoming based on our achievements to attain the Bronze level.

Meanwhile subcommittees of the Task Force carry on their work. Some 25 bikes are ready for the Bike Giveaway program this spring. If you are in need of a bike please contact Marc Anthonisen: mja45@cornell.edu. The Free Store continues to provide clothes for people who ask at Town Hall or avail themselves of offerings on the rack outside the post office. The Education and Outreach committee designed recyclable shopping bags with the town’s and Ampion’s logos on them and provides frequent updates for the Task Force’s Facebook Page. This year, members of the Task Force will continue to preside over a table at the Farmers’ Market to inform the public about ways to increase climate resilience and energy efficiency both as individuals and as a community. Also in the offing, a Repair Café where people can bring small appliances to learn from volunteers how they might be fixed.

Members of the Task Force are assisting with a climate vulnerability study, implemented by two graduate students from Cornell Institute for Public Affairs. . Not only does this study earn points toward the town’s Silver certification (and additional grants); it will also enable the town to gauge the best ways to confront the effects of climate change on its economy and ecology. To get a good sense of the needs of the community, the students are looking for representative citizens to take part in interviews and focus groups. Please participate if you are invited.



Task Force members and local volunteers joined to clean up the site of New Lebanon’s first electric vehicle charging station which was paid for by a grant from NYSERDA. Located behind the library and K Shack, the site will be able to accommodate two cars when completed, hopefully in a few months. Thanks to all who volunteered!

The Task Force meetings, which take place at 7PM the first Wednesday of every month, are open to the public. The next one will be May 5 at the Pavilion in Shatford Park.

A Message from New Lebanon Central School District



Dear New Lebanon Community,

I first want to thank you for your support of the New Lebanon Central School District. We take great pride in being the center of this community and educating your children. As past principal of our elementary school for seven years, and since October as superintendent, I have seen firsthand how it takes a whole community to educate a child.

As we prepare to finalize our school district's budget for the 2021-2022 school year, I write this letter to discuss some significant challenges facing our district:

- The clerical error that led to 4.5% less taxes collected last September than what was levied (collected) at the June 2020 budget vote
- A current budget gap of \$830,817

These issues have placed the New Lebanon CSD in a precarious situation in which our Board of Education is facing difficult decisions. This includes reviewing cuts to next year's budget and planning going above the state's tax cap for the first time in our district's history. I am sure that those are difficult words to read, they are certainly difficult words to write.

The clerical error I detailed in our newsletter two months ago resulted in residents being under billed in their taxes by 4.5% – a gap of \$382,254 which we filled by using funds from our unassigned fund balance, or district's savings. This was done to avoid cutting student opportunities and supports, especially during the pandemic.

However, due to this error, the district has now depleted its remaining reserves and has little fund balance left to address our financial challenges. Moreover, due to the state rules on tax caps, we must base next year's tax cap calculation on the amount of taxes actually levied, instead of the amount approved by voters. Instead of starting our tax cap calculations with the correct amount, our starting point is once again reduced by \$382,254.

Based on this shortfall and the cost of current programs, the district has a deficit of \$830,817. The district is planning to make around a \$360,000 reduction in expenditures to next year's budget. Making additional reductions to our budget would result in significant impacts to our students' educational experience and programs.

To balance our budget and to continue our educational programs, the Board of Education is looking to increase the tax levy above the cap, to possibly 6%. Approximately 4.5% of this will bring us back to the original tax level approved by voters last year. The remaining 1.5 % addresses cost increases to operations and programs.

A Message from New Lebanon Central School District (continued)

		TAX IMPACT	
2020/2021 Amount Approved by Taxpayers (June 2020)	\$8,492,589		
2020/2021 Amount District Collected:	\$8,110,335	Approx. 4.5% decrease per household	
Proposed 2021/ 2022		4.5% to correct error <u>+ 1.5% cost increases</u> Total Increase 6%	

At this time, no final decisions have been made. As I write this letter, we have not received specifics on financial support coming from the Federal American Rescue Act. We are optimistic that these funds and possible additional state aid will alleviate some of this year’s deficit. These funds will not be enough to cover the entire shortfall however, and it is crucial that we plan for the future of our district. Relying solely on onetime federal money to address this error will only delay the problem until next year, when the federal funds will not be available.

The district has demonstrated a strong commitment to being fiscally responsible by not increasing taxes since 2010. This letter is designed to help you understand the unique circumstances we face this year and why the district is considering going above the tax cap to support our students and mitigate the impact of the pandemic and the tax error.

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Tax Increase:	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1.18% (Tax Reduction)	0%	0%	-4.5% (tax error)	6% (Projected)

This is an unprecedented and unfortunate situation that we take very seriously. Looking ahead, I am committed to ensuring mistakes – like the tax collection error – do not happen again. In response to this issue, we have restructured the district offices and hired new personnel, segmented duties, implemented additional safeguards and measures, and communicated the situation to our Board and to you, our community. I am also committed to working with our Board and business official on a multi-year financial strategy that looks beyond the pandemic and these issues.

Just as we came together to respond to the pandemic, these financial challenges will require us to work together. I invite you to follow our budget development process by attending upcoming Board meetings,

A Message from New Lebanon Central School District (continued)

reviewing our budget information online at www.newlebanoncsd.org/district/budget/ and reading our detailed budget newsletter that we will mail to you in May. Please reach out to me with any questions and concerns as the Board works to adopt a budget for residents for the district-wide budget vote on May 18 at the New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School. Thank you.

Fondly,
Andrew Kourt, New Lebanon CSD Superintendent

From The New Lebanon Library

The New Lebanon Library is open by appointment for borrowing materials, using the public computers & printing and faxing services. Curbside service is also available. We have digital collections available for you to use from home, including eBooks, eMagazines, streaming movies and music, and much more. You can even sign up for a library card online! Visit newlebanonlibrary.org and click "Register Online" to get started. For now, we continue to offer programs virtually, through take and make kits and Zoom performances. Watch our calendar for the upcoming Summer Reading Program starting at the end of June. This year's theme is "Tails & Tales" and we have lots of fun animal-themed stories & activities planned for all ages!

Upcoming Programs:

Sunday

New Lebanon Book Group May 2nd at 11AM

The New Lebanon Book Group will be holding their next meeting via Zoom. The book is: "Perestroika in Paris" by Jane Smiley. Every 1st Sunday, this group gathers to discuss their latest read. Newcomers are always welcome. Check the library website for more information.

Wednesday

Storytime Snippets - May 12th and 26th (on the blog at newlebanonlibrary.com)

A virtual storytime that you can visit whenever you like. There'll be video content from Miss Ann with songs, stories and maybe even a craft.

Thursday

Crafternoon Kids – May 6th at 3:00 PM

Our virtual craft series for kids continues with a faux succulent jar project. Kits will be available for curbside pickup, and a tutorial posted on the blog.

Grab & Go Science – May 20th at 4:00 PM

Have STEM fun on the go with this kit, designed for elementary school aged kids. Kits will be available for curbside pickup, and a tutorial posted on the blog.

Take It & Make It Crafts for Grown-ups – May 20th at 6:30 PM

Our adult crafting group continues online. Pick up a kit and join us for a live crafting session on Zoom.

Friday

Online Concert: Linda Worster - May 7th at 6:30 PM

You can stay socially distant and still have fun connecting through great music every First Friday. Join local singer/songwriter Linda as she brings us music online. Visit the library website the day of the event for login details.

Community Food Giveaway

Sponsored by New Lebanon CSD & The Town of New Lebanon

This food giveaway is completely free and open to any and all families in our community and other surrounding communities who can use the food. Food items will include produce, dairy products, frozen meats (chicken, ham, pork, lunch meats, frozen fruit, etc) and non-perishable products.

Free masks and hand sanitizer are also available.

This food was donated and the event is made possible through a partnership with the...



**Regional
Food Bank**
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

When: Monday, May 3rd and Monday, May 17th at 9am

Where: NL Town Hall (entering through Shatford Park by baseball fields) 14755
State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Please pull in at Shatford Park entering by the baseball fields (follow signs) and continue to the town hall (do not pull directly in). We ask that you wear a mask at all times, stay 6 feet apart from others, and bring bags or boxes for the food. If you have any questions please reach out to Tistrya Houghtling at supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.



Giveaways will continue with dates TBD - even in rain and/or snow the truck will come deliver food and we will hand out

2021 Summer Youth Program

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15th

June 28th - August 20th

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 below for all registration fees!

Activities

Crafts	Board games	Cards	Puzzles	Legos
Tennis	Basketball	Soccer	Playground	
Softball	Volleyball	Ping Pong	Kickball	Art
Football	Golf			
Capture the Flag	On-Site Presentations	Team Building Activities		

Due to COVID restrictions there will not be any field trips or swim lessons this summer.

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!!!!!!

2021 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 NLCS D):

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 NLCS D):

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 NLCS D):

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 NLCS D):

Per child	\$2,025/season
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*******In order to receive the early registration fees, you must pay in full by 6/15/2021.**

All payments are due in full no later than 7/1/2021*****

*******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 five years. The program will open May 3rd 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.

HEAP Benefit Extended

The Columbia County Department of Social Services has extended the HEAP benefit through August 31st. For more information please call the Columbia County Department of Social Services at 518-828-9411, and speak to someone in the HEAP Department.

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 3rd. 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.

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:

Hudson Police Department
85 Industrial Tract
Hudson, NY 12534

Columbia County Sheriff's Office
85 Industrial Tract
Hudson, NY 12534

NY Connects Staff

NY Connects staff 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. If you are in need or would like more information please call 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.

Catholic Charities – Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities Senior & Caregiver Support Services Aging Life Services Program is recruiting volunteers in Columbia County for transportation assistance to non-medical appointments and assistance with grocery shopping, hair salons, and other community-oriented activities. Through the Aging Life Services Program, older adults receive the support they need to remain connected and active in their communities. For more information, call 518-860-5806 or visit our website at ccseniorservices.org.

From The Lebanon Valley Protective Association

The LVPA is still in search of new members. If you want to get involved in our community, what a great way to do so! If you are interested in joining the LVPA, please call 518-794-9331 and leave a message with your name and number and someone from the LVPA will get in touch with you. If you are in need of a FREE smoke detector, CO2 detector or fire extinguisher, please contact the LVPA. Reminder that the burn ban is in place through May 14th. Please wait to burn until after the burn ban is lifted!

For Our Seniors

The Office of the Aging has a new Facebook page which has information that people may be interested in and hopefully young people will see this site and assist their family members who may not have access to this information. To access the page, look at Columbia County Office for the Aging.

Meals on Wheels have increased the number of meals delivered to County residents both hot and frozen meals are available, to start call the Office. Drivers are also needed to assist in the delivery. 518-828-4258 The State has started a new program to assist people who have family who died from COVID with funeral costs. Families should contact their funeral director for the forms.

New York Connects has a variety of funding programs to assist people that have had hardships due to COVID, contact their office at 518-828-2273.

More scams are being reported about people asking for money, gift cards and information including Medicare numbers and Social Security numbers. Residents are reminded to not give out information to people who they do not know or calls not made to the company by you.

There is a **public transportation** survey online to assist to develop more transportation within the County. The Office will contact the group doing the survey and try to have it sent to County residents in another way since most people who would benefit from additional services may not have computer access. To take advantage of County transportation services now available for residents 60 and over call 518-567-3677 to make an appointment.

The **OFA Newsletter** has been mailed and has many articles of interest to County residents, including how to file a grievance regarding your property. If you did not receive the newsletter and would like to: contact the Office of the Aging at 518-828-4258 or email at: OFA@columbiacountyny.com.

Submitted by Mary Young, New Lebanon representative for CC Office for the Aging

Veteran Banners

Military tribute banners are coming to New Lebanon this Spring and there is still time to get your order in! You have seen them in many towns and villages around the Northeast, banners with the name and picture of a past or present member of our country's Armed Forces attached to the side of a pole along the main streets of a town or city. What a fitting way to honor our hometown veterans; those men and women who have or are currently serving our country. The American Legion Taconic Valley Post 937, based in Berlin, has agreed to help New Lebanon make this project into a reality. The only qualifications for a banner are that the veteran must have served honorably, and be or have a family member from this area.

The banners are 18" X 36", double-sided in full color, and will be hung every year between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. The purchase of a banner kit includes the above town banner, a 12" X 24" yard banner, and all necessary mounting hardware. More information is available by emailing nypost937@gmail.com or by going to www.troopbanners.com/newlebanon.

Vaccine Appointment Assistance



COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENTS

If you are a resident of Columbia County, NY and are home-bound or have no access to the internet and need assistanceor just have questions about making an appointment to get your COVID-19 Vaccine,

CALL the Columbia County COVID-19 Information Line!

You will **talk to a real person** who will help you.

518-697-5560 Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Other phone numbers and links that may help:

Local Vaccine Info ON-LINE - Columbia Co Dept of Health Website:

<https://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com/>

Veterans COVID-19 Vaccine Hudson Valley Hotline:

1-845-838-7668 or <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>

Columbia County Board of Supervisor's Home Page: <https://www.columbiacountyny.com/>

Local Pharmacy Vaccine Appointments: <https://capitalregionlrx.com/covid-vaccine-appointment/>

NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline: 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

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 (not meeting currently due to COVID)

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 31st – 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 (ceremony in the cemetery is definitely happening and the parade is pending approval – watch the LVPA sign board for updates)

June 7th – 26th – 2nd Quarter KISS program at Town Hall (free shredding of confidential documents)

June 28th – August 20th – Summer Youth Program (registration deadline June 15th)

Tuesday, August 3rd – 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 8th – Music in the Park & Community Picnic at Shatford Park from 12 – 4:00pm

Sunday, September 5th – Music in the Park at Shatford Park from 1 – 4:00pm

Saturday, September 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)