

Town of New Lebanon

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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. The public may view the meetings via the live stream link at:

https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

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2022 Recycling Stickers Go On Sale

The New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office will have 2022 recycling permits for sale starting on Monday, December 6th, 2021. The fee will remain the same as 2021 (\$100 for non-residents, \$50 for Columbia County residents, and \$35 for residents over the age of 65). You will receive 2 stickers to utilize on two different vehicles. You must have a recycling sticker to drop recyclables at any Columbia County Solid Waste Department Stations, including the one in New Lebanon. You can drop recyclables at any of the stations in Columbia County with these stickers.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Immaculate Conception Church, 732 US Route 20. The polls are open from 6am – 9pm. On the ballot this election are the offices of: State Supreme Court Justice (3 positions), County Judge, County Sheriff, Town Supervisor, Town Council (2 positions) and Town Justice. There are six referendums on the back of the ballot this year, please take note. For more information on the five referendums from NYS, feel free to go to the NYS Board of Elections website at: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/2021BallotProposals.html>

Vaccine Boosters

There are booster shots available through the Columbia County Department of Health. The current parameters to qualify are that you must have received Pfizer and have gotten your 2nd dose more than 6 months ago to currently qualify. As these parameters change, the DOH website will update them. To sign up for a booster and for all current information go here:

<https://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com/news/new-covid-19-vaccine-information/>

Hunting Licenses – From the Town Clerk

The New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office would like to remind everyone that Hunting Season is upon us! You do not have to be a New Lebanon resident for this service, anyone from anywhere can purchase a NY State Hunting/Fishing License through my office with the appropriate documentation. My office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. As in years past we are offering extended hours on Fridays from 9:00am-7:00pm with the remaining Fridays left: November 5th and November 19th.

Deer Management Permits (DMP) went on sale at the start of this year's selling season, in August through close of business on October 1st, 2021. If there are any leftover DMPs, they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on or about November 1st. You can go on the DEC website or contact my office to see what units are leftover.

Whether you are an avid hunter or a beginner, here are some precautions to keep in mind!

- *Treat every firearm as if it were loaded and only point at what you plan to shoot;
- *Before Shooting, clearly identify your target and what's beyond it;
- *Plan for the weather. Dress in warm layers;
- *Alert someone of your plans and
- *Wear bright orange clothing. You'll be camouflaged from your game, but visible to other hunters!

6th Annual Holiday Gift Donation Program

The Holiday Gift Donation Program was a huge success for the last five years thanks to the kindness and generosity of our community! This wonderful program provides holiday gifts to children in our community at ZERO cost to the taxpayers. It is run 100% by volunteers and the kindness and generosity of our community members!

If you are a family in need of assistance this holiday season and you live in New Lebanon, please contact Tistrya at the Supervisor's office at 518-794-8889 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com or stop by the office Tue 9am-2pm or Thur 12pm-5pm. You can also fill out the form at the Town Clerk's office Mon, Wed, Thurs or Fri 9am-5pm. You will fill out a form for each child with their clothing size, their wish list, favorite colors, etc. so when our volunteers go shopping they can purchase items your children will love!

Your family's identity is kept 100% confidential. If you would like to volunteer (shopping, gift wrapping, etc.) or donate to the gift drive, please contact Tistrya at the contact information above. Drop off locations will be at the Town Hall, the New Lebanon Post Office and O'Maddies Cafe. Thank you all for being a community that is there for each other!

The Free Store Is Open

The Free Store is open again at the Town Hall. The Free Store is available to drop off or come and browse on Mon, Wed, Thus and Fri 9am-5pm and Tues 9am-2pm. Masks are required in the Town Hall.

The Next KISS Program at the Town Hall from 11/29 – 12/10/2021

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 November 29th – December 10th.

New Town Slogan

On June 15 the BEDC's Outreach and Marketing Committee invited residents of New Lebanon to create and submit 1 slogan, per resident, of no more than 5 words by Aug. 8. A total of 47 slogans were submitted.

The Outreach and Marketing Committee narrowed the initial field of slogans to 12 by removing inappropriate or duplicate slogans and using ranked choice voting to arrive at 12 slogans.

The chosen 12 slogans were then submitted to all the members of the BEDC asking them to select 5 of the slogans submissions to then send out to New Lebanon residents for a final vote.

New Lebanon town residents, from Aug. 29 to October 5, voted on their favorite slogan from the 5 selected by the BEDC and the 1 selected by the Town Board during a previous Town Board meeting.

The committee used multiple methods to reach out to residents. Among them were: Press release, Town's email addresses, Paper Ballots to Town Hall, Google Forms Survey, Grow the Valley newsletter, Presence at the Farmers Market, Music in the park, Community Tag Sale and Town cleanup day.

Out of 191 votes, the results are as follows:

Historic Past, Bright Future = 70
The Heart of Shaker Country = 47
Moving and Shaking Since 1784 = 35
Historically Natural = 18
The Place Just Right = 15
Start Your History Here = 6



Historic Past, Bright Future

At the October 12th Town Board meeting, the results of the slogans were presented to the Board Members. The Town Board officially selected HISTORIC PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE as the new Town's slogan. The person that submitted the slogan and therefore the winner is **Mr. Jeff McKinney**. He will be the recipient of a prize.

The town board adopted a new town logo earlier this year. With the new slogan, our town for the first time ever now has a logo and slogan as shown above, to be used in promoting our town.

Ice Skating Will Continue This Year

We are excited to announce that ice skating will return at the Shatford Park Pavilion! As soon as the weather is cold enough to make ice the skating will begin. Ice skating is open seven days a week from sunrise to 10:00pm. Lights will be on under the pavilion for night skating. You must abide by all posted rules which are: skate at your own risk, children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult, helmets are recommended and no ATV's or snowmobiles. There are crates available at the rink for beginner skaters. The Recreation Commission will be planning on having hot cocoa available on certain weekend days throughout the skating season. Have fun and stay safe at this community activity!

News From The Assessor's Office

Exemptions: As a reminder Enhanced STAR is handled by the Department of Taxation and Finance. There is no need to renew with the Assessor.

If you are turning 65 by the end of 2022 and ALREADY have Basic STAR, you may be eligible for Enhanced STAR if your income is below \$92,000. These applications are presented to the Assessor prior to March 1, 2022. If you fit these criteria but do NOT currently have STAR you would not apply with the Assessor. Instead, you would register with the State at www.tax.ny.gov. Please see the Assessors Page of the New Lebanon website for more information and links.

All other exemption renewals will be sent around the first week in December. This includes Low-income seniors, low income Disabled and Agricultural renewals.

The Assessor and Assessor clerk are in the field on occasion updating photos and verifying the data we have on each parcel. This is done from the public right of way but on occasion we do need to pull into the driveway for a quick photo. The assessor usually has a large white New Lebanon magnet on the side of her car. By doing this, we are keeping within the Assessment Standards which is part of the qualifications for State Aid for reassessments. This also allows us to keep the project inhouse saving tax payer dollars.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 518-794-8875. For a quicker response email the Assessor at assessor@townofnewlebanon.com.

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit program is an Federal Communications Commission program to help households struggling to pay for internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will help families with challenges such as working from home, distance learning, telehealth services, or simply connecting digitally with loved ones. To find out more and/or sign up, please go to the link below for your current provider:

Consolidated

<https://www.ctctel.com/ebb/>

or

Spectrum

<https://www.spectrum.net/support/internet/emergency-broadband-benefit/>

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Landlords with tenants who are unable to pay rent can contact St Catherine's for support: Dave Healy: (518) 852-0279 or Kylie Proper: (518) 337-7021. St. Catherine's is contracting with Columbia County and New York State to support housing in Columbia County and are helping people apply for ERAP and ESG funds.

HEAP Is Now Open for Enrollment

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for the 2021-22 season is now accepting applications. You can pick up an application at the New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office. If you received a regular benefit last year and are over 60 years old, you should have already received your application. If you are receiving food stamps, you are automatically enrolled in HEAP.

If you would like to apply for HEAP and did not receive it last year, you must have an interview and may opt for an in person or phone interview. To qualify for HEAP you must make under \$2,729 per month gross for a household of 1, under \$3,569 per month gross for a household of 2, under \$4,409 per month gross for a household of 3, under \$5,249 per month gross for a household of 4 and under \$6,088 for a household of 5. New applicants must have proof of each household member's identity, proof of applicant's social security number and for each household member, proof of residence, proof of fuel and/or utility bill if you pay for heat or proof that you pay rent which includes heat, and proof of income for all household members. If you need assistance applying you can contact Columbia Opportunities (if under 60 years old) at 518-828-4611 or Office for the Aging (if over 60 years old) at 518-828-4258. You can also contact the Department of Social Services at 518-828-9411 with any questions. You can also apply online at www.mybenefits.ny.gov. For more information about HEAP go to <http://www.ny.gov/services/apply-heap>.

If you are eligible for HEAP, you may also be eligible for the Columbia Opportunities Inc. Weatherization Program. COI provides energy audits to eligible homeowners and renters to find the best way to make their homes more energy efficient. Weatherization measures - such as furnace repair or replacement, wall and attic insulation, air sealing, energy efficient refrigerators - are installed to make residences safe, comfortable and less expensive to heat. Most people see a 20% reduction in their home heating bills after the weatherization work is done! Please call 518-828-4611 or 518-672-7268 for more information and an application. They are also on Facebook and Instagram - @columbiaopportunities

Pre-Order Tree Donations Now 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 are: Apple trees, Mount Royal Plum trees; Lapin Cherry Large Mahogany trees and Maple trees. 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 for more information at 518-794-8888 or townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.



GREENER
PATHWAYS



IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Community Office Hours

Greener Pathways, a Mobile Outreach Program of Twin County Recovery Services, Inc. is available directly in your community.

Starting Wednesday, September 15th, a Greener Pathways Team Member will be available at the New Lebanon Town Hall every Wednesday from 12pm to 3pm.

If you or a loved one is impacted by Substance Use Disorder (also referred to as addiction), please feel free to stop by and learn more about our program and talk to a member of our team. Narcan will also be available.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 518-291-4500 or send an email to Greener Pathways Program Director Carl Quinn at CARLQ@TWINCOUNTYRECOVERYSERVICES.ORG

Help Is Available
DON'T SUFFER
ALONE

- Peer Support
- Addiction Resources
- Connections to MAT
(Medication Assisted Treatment)
- Access to Narcan

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!
Wednesdays 12pm to 3pm

New Lebanon Town Hall
14755 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

www.greenerpathways.org



Fall and Winter Safety Reminders

Cooler temperatures are a reminder of fun fall activities and family gatherings for the holidays. However, the fall and winter months also call for extra precautions. The NYS Division of Consumer Protection, in partnership with the Consumer Protection Safety Commission (CPSC), offers these tips to keep you safe.

The CPSC reports that house fires led to an average of over 2,300 deaths, over 10,000 injuries, and \$7B in property damage from 2016-2018. Home fires are common, but also preventable. Carbon monoxide associated with generators and home heating systems accounted for the largest percentage of reported fatalities; there were 808 deaths from 2004 through 2013 due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

We urge you to take preventative measures to reduce the risk and protect yourselves, your families, and your community:

Fire and Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips:

- **Make sure your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarms are functioning by testing them once per month.** Both alarms should be battery-operated or have a battery back-up, and batteries should be changed once per year. You should have a *separate* alarm for each to prevent these separate emergencies.
- **Have a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm on every floor, outside sleeping areas and inside bedrooms.** You can check for interconnecting alarms so that one sounds, they all sound.
- **Your smoke alarm doesn't just sound when there is a fire.** Learn the difference between the sounds: **three loud beeps (continuous)** means there is smoke or a fire, and **one "chirp" every 30-60 seconds** means it is time to change the battery.
- **Your smoke alarm must be changed every 10 years.** Make sure you find out how old the smoke alarm is when you move into a new residence. If your smoke alarm continues to "chirp" even after you have replaced the battery, it's time to replace your smoke alarm.
- **Most home fires start in the kitchen.** Make sure you always keep watch over your cooking and that there is a fire extinguisher nearby.
- **Have a fire escape plan and review it with your family.** Make sure plans meet the needs of those with disabilities, children, and those with mobility issues in the household.
- **Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and confusion.** If you suspect CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately, and then call 911.
- **On average, one of every 13 hotel or motel reports a structure fire each year.** Make sure you are staying at a hotel or motel equipped with smoke alarms and sprinklers, locate the fire exits when you arrive, and review the escape plan with your traveling companions.
- **Have your home heating systems (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.**
- **Never use portable generators inside homes or garages, even if doors and windows are open.** Use generators outside only, at least 20 feet away from your home.

History Happenings – From the Town Historian

A group consisting of representatives from the Cemetery of the Evergreens board, the Floyd Carlton American Legion post, the Lebanon Valley Historical Society, town government, Sharon Moon, the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the NSDAR, and I met at the Cypress Hill Cemetery. In a collaborative effort, we will be working on identifying, cataloguing, and honoring those who served in the American Revolution. Highlights of this project include restoration of the stones, research into the lives and military service of the Patriots buried there, and a booklet on the Patriots. The culmination of the project will be a ceremony honoring the Patriots by placing markers near their graves. The program will be conducted by the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the NSDAR. The placement of markers is a tangible way for the DAR chapter and the Town of New Lebanon to honor and connect with Revolutionary War veterans. The markers will help to educate our community by highlighting and publicizing the life and service of these Patriots. These Patriots, some of which are listed in the NSDAR genealogy, will become part of the legacy of the Revolutionary War and their information archived in the Hendrick Hudson Chapter's library. It is my honor as town historian and a member of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter to be a part of this venture. I will keep you updated on the progress.

From The Business & Economic Development Committee

At the Committee meeting on October 4th, we received reports from sub-committees, and formed a new sub-committee on Health and Wellness Issues. The Committee voted to authorize the Infrastructure sub-committee to initiate conversations with business and property owners in the Town center to determine interest in exploring the possibility of sewer and water projects to improve business development and accelerate economic growth.

The BEDC continues to invite interested residents to join our work. If you wish to apply for BEDC membership, please send an email to townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com

CAC Update On Critical Environmental Areas

The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) has made progress with the ongoing Critical Environmental Areas (CEA) project. We are being assisted by Hudsonia and the Hudson River Estuary Program and have identified the Warm Spring and cool ravines throughout town as our first prospective CEAs. CAC members and Bruce Shenker are contacting landowners within potential buffer zones to explain the concept of a CEA, which would raise awareness of that special habitat in town and offer additional protection. Several cool ravines have been confirmed, off Cemetery Road and in the Springs, and as many as four others remain to be verified. Once they are, the CAC with assistance from Gretchen Stevens of Hudsonia would present justifications to the Town Board in the expectation that the Town Board would schedule a Public Hearing and take public input into account before approving a CEA by resolution. Once approved, the CEAs in New Lebanon would be listed in a registry maintained by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Well Water Testing Information For New Lebanon Residents

Many folks have been reaching out to the New Lebanon CAC and CSC to ask about how to get wells tested, and specifically what to test for. Here are our current recommendations:

-E. coli and coliform are two key bacteria to test for and are fairly simple to deal with most of the time. Here is a link for INFORMATION ON WELLS with lots of good information that everyone should know: https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/private_wells.htm

TESTING - It is recommended that we test our wells annually for E.coli and coliform. Sometimes wells fail in very strange ways, and the only way to recognize this is through testing, unless of course it's VERY obvious when a change in odor or color occurs. Here are a couple of places to start with - we suggest giving them a call and asking them for what you want, i.e. bacteria testing or complete water panel or specific particulate concerns. Many companies are happy to offer you customized testing, so this keeps your costs down.

Labs That Perform Microbiological, Organic and Inorganic Analyses:

-Capital Region Environmental Lab <https://www.crenvlab.com/>

-Adirondack labs: [Adirondack Environmental Services, Inc.](#)

- Microbac New York. P.O. Box 5150. 3821 Buck Drive. Cortland, NY 13045. OR one in
LEE <https://www.microbac.com/locations/massachusetts-lee>

Please let us know if I can be of further help. It's especially helpful to US if you have any feedback on any of these places. IF your well does test positive for anything that is out of range, your well tester will have advice about how to remediate and WE CAN ALSO HELP! SO let us know. Through the CAC and CSC, our expert contacts at the NYS Department of Health are happy to help.

If you contact us with comments, feedback, or questions about remediation, all of our communication will be *****confidential**** and not shared with anyone unless you want it to be. This is part of our ongoing efforts to make sure your water is safe and is for homeowners and renters alike.

Peg Munves for the New Lebanon CAC and CSC: nlcac.munves@gmail.com

News From The New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council

A huge thank you to all the folks who walk, ride and run in Shatford Park. Many have stopped by to talk about the Trees for Tribs plantings and the project and have been very supportive. The feedback for the project has been very positive and appreciated. We are so grateful to the many hard working volunteers who have been helping and who have put in *over 100 hours* since the May major planting week. Wow! All tolled it's been well over 380 hours of work from the inception to today. We know it will look beautiful and that many park goers will enjoy the plants for generations. Thanks to the Town Board and especially to Park Supervisor, Donnie Sears who has been working side by side with us throughout. The shrubs and trees are doing very well (in large part due to all the rain we have had this summer!). This fall we are putting everything to bed for the winter. In the spring we will present a redesign of some of the areas where plants will be consolidated and or moved to new locations. We welcome any and all input and constructive ideas! Please send an email to nlcac.munves@gmail.com so we can hear what you have to say.

Update From The New Lebanon Library

As we approach the end of 2021, the New Lebanon Library is here to serve our community, and no appointment is needed to stop in! We are open for you to borrow items, read local papers, use the computers, print and copy documents, and use our fax service. In order to help us maintain a safe library for everyone, we do ask that visitors aged 3 years and older please wear a mask in the building. Curbside service is also available by calling us at 518-794-8844.

The library continues to strengthen its offerings. Thanks to the Columbia Land Conservancy, we now offer two Nature Explorer Backpacks for patrons to borrow: "Take a Hike" and "Stream and Pond". Each contains tools and books to help you explore, including a journal to share your experience with future users. Stop in to borrow one for your next adventure! Ongoing programs also include "take and make" craft kits for children and teens, our in-person craft meetup for adults, Storytime on the patio for our youngest patrons, and Tech Talks computer help, just to name a few. Please watch our calendar online at www.newlebanonlibrary.org as we continue adding programs, including a virtual lecture series from the NY Historical Society, to keep you engaged through the winter months!

From Charlie's Pantry

Charlie's Pantry offers free food and household supplies to New Lebanon residents. We are located at the Immaculate Conception Church at 732 Route 20. Our current hours are every Saturday 10:30am - 1:00pm. We also have our sign-up sheet out for Thanksgiving Dinner basket. We can make appointments for emergencies or if a family occasionally runs out of food and cannot come when we are open. Our phone number is 518-794-0544 or you can call Georgette at 518-794-0156.

Preparing for Winter

It is important to prepare for the impending cold and snow. Listed below are some ideas to help you deal with the demands of winter weather:

- *Maintain a supply of non-perishable food & bottled water to last several days in case you lose power or can't get to a store
- *Keep a non-slip mat inside the entrance door to your home to prevent slipping on snow/water that may drip from your boots upon entering
- *Keep rain gutters clear of leaves to prevent overflowing of water which can cause damage to your home & ice build-up on walk ways
- *Keep sidewalks clear of snow and spread salt to prevent ice build-up
- *Wear layered, loose fitting clothing to stay warm, indoors and out
- *Pack a flashlight, back-up batteries, radio and warm blanket in your car in case you get stuck
- *Install snow tires and top off winter windshield solution to melt ice
- *Keep your cell phone charged
- *Remember to drink water as it is just as important to stay hydrated during the cold winter

Climate Smart Communities Task Force

When the Climate Smart Communities Task Force arranged for electronics to be included in New Lebanon's Town Clean Up Day, we figured that 10 pallets would be more than enough to hold residents' discarded printers, TV's, phones, photocopy machines and so on. We underestimated: Marc Anthonisen, Kris Cottom, Steve Powers and Bruce Shenker ended up hauling in 24 pallets full of electronic waste. EWASTE+, an electronics recycling service, arranged with the town to recycle the waste for free, except for a charge of 35 cents a pound for screens.



Not only are residents now spared the clutter of their unwanted equipment, landfills have been spared doses of the lead, mercury, cadmium, arsenic and polyvinyl chloride that the equipment contained.

On the plus side, the discarded equipment also contains valuable resources — such as copper, gold, and silver — that required energy to mine and manufacture, and that can now be reused.

Congratulations to the New Lebanon Library for becoming the latest to sign up for New Lebanon's Community Solar program! (Did you know that the Library has had geothermal energy for many years?) By signing up they will be seeing up to 10% savings on their NYSEG bill from the power generated by a solar farm in New York State. You can also experience those savings by signing up with our partner Ampion Renewable Energy at this link: <https://ampion.net/newlebanonny>

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Comprehensive Plan committee has been working hard over the past two years on drafting a comprehensive plan rewrite for the town of New Lebanon. A huge thank you to all of the hard work and effort of our committee members, and especially to our fearless leader, Ted Salem who has served as the chair of this committee throughout. We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of committee member Sharon Powers who put in a huge amount of extra work to create the entire format and lay out of the document. The committee has passed the draft proposal on to the Town Board and the Town Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall to hear any input from members of the public before adoption of the plan. Copies of the draft plan are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website.

News from New Lebanon Senior Reps

We now have three Office of the Aging Representatives for New Lebanon and we are working together to assist the eligible population of New Lebanon to know about the benefits available to them through the State, County, Town and their neighbors. Please see our contact information below.

Contacts: David Russell: Chair 518-794-0273 nlrepccofoa2@gmail.com

Sarah Conly 518-794-0423 nlrepccofoa4@gmail.com

Mary Young 518-794-7538 nlrepccofoa3@gmail.com

We are updating our list of residents over the age of 55 with name, address, phone number and email address in order to notify you of programs available to you and to be able to check on you in an emergency. Please email Sarah or call at the above number if you would like your name added to our list.

The State, County and Town offer programs to us to assist in maintaining our health, independence and home. Columbia County has the third oldest population in the State of New York with the numbers rising every year. We are a rural community with limited public transportation and many of our residents do not drive. We have programs to assist you to get services, groceries and to appointments as well as services which come to you. This section of the newsletter will provide you information about those programs and how to participate.

This time I will highlight some programs whose enrollment is coming up and you may be interested in.

HEAP, STAR and FOOD DISTRIBUTION: These are programs available to our seniors. See sections of this newsletter for more information. Contact any of your reps above for assistance applying.

VOTING: If you need a ride to vote call one of your reps above and we will arrange for you to get to the Church of Immaculate Conception to vote. This is the only polling place in New Lebanon.

MEALS ON WHEELS: With winter weather coming and your garden asleep do you need a way to get a nutritious meal once a day and would you like it to be delivered? Are you over the age of 60 and homebound and find it hard to prepare a meal? If you are please contact 518-828-4258 and ask to be set up for meal delivery. Meals are provided Monday through Friday and a meal to set up for yourself on Sat and Sun. The meals are delivered to you by neighbors who have signed up to deliver. They usually come between 11 and 12:30 pm the driver will tell you about snow days and what to do. This program is available year-round.

All of the representatives for the Office for the Aging, the town board of New Lebanon and its residents are here to provide support for any of our seniors who need it. We offer many services that are tailored to the needs of our seniors which are meant to help keep you safe, healthy, and happy. We provide you with peace of mind by offering daily in-home security calls from the Columbia County Sheriff Department and meals on wheels. Seasonally, we offer double the amount of farmers' market coupons for fresh, local fruits and vegetables. On the other hand, we offer home weatherization and support through the Home Energy Assistance Program to keep you warm during our Northeast winters. These are just a few key services that we at the Office for the Aging provide for our beloved seniors.

The Cemetery Of The Evergreens Seeks Donations

Once again in 2021, the Cemetery of the Evergreens has been unable to conduct its major fundraiser, the benefit performance at the Theater Barn. The cemetery board hopes that our generous community will donate to help operate our beautiful cemetery. Any amount will be helpful.

Please send your donation check to Treasurer Mark Baumli. The check should be made out to "Cemetery of the Evergreens" and mailed to Cemetery of the Evergreens, PO Box 773, New Lebanon, NY 12125. The cemetery is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donation qualifies as a deduction on your income taxes. Donors will receive an acknowledgement letter for their records.

If you would like additional information, you may contact Larry Benson at 518-794-9794 or email shakerview@aol.com.



J. Lawrence Benson, President
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Joann Amlaw, Trustee
Doug Banker, Trustee
Abe Phelps, Trustee
Joy Sherman, Trustee
John Koepp, Trustee *Emeritus*

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, someone from the LVPA will get in touch with you.

If you are in need of a FREE smoke detector, CO2 detector or a fire extinguisher, please contact the LVPA.

FREE Food Giveaway Once A Month

Sponsored by New Lebanon CSD & The Town of New Lebanon through a partnership with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York the Town will continue with the food giveaway once a month at the New Lebanon Town Hall. The Town Clerk will advertise this monthly event with an email blast and on the Town website home page.

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 now perishable products.

Fighting The Flu

Flu season is around the corner! Here are a few ways you can protect yourself and loved ones:

*Get your flu vaccine *Stay home if you experience any flu-like symptoms *Wash your hands *Avoid touching your face *Social distancing *Cover up your coughs & sneezes

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, these are good tips on staying healthy!

Meeting Dates

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the meeting dates, times and locations for the Town Board Meetings, Other Board Meetings and Committees. Only the Town Board and the Planning Board will be both in person and live streamed on Town Hall Streams. All of the other Boards and Committees will be in person or online meetings.

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY and live streamed: To watch the meeting live streamed go to:

https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

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

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY:

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

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee meets the third and fourth Tuesday, at 6:30pm

Business & Economic Development Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm

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

****The Board of Ethics does not have a standing meeting date and time, only when needed.****

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY OR online via Zoom or Google Meets:

****Please note that these committees may meet online. The meeting notices will be sent out via the Town Clerk's email blast and on the home page of the Town website****

Conservation Advisory Council meets the second Monday of each month, as necessary, at 6:30pm

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Committee meets the first Wednesday at 6:30pm

The Following will be meeting at the Lebanon Valley Fire Department(LVPA), 523 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY:

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

Calendar of Events

NOW – Hunting Licenses on sale at the Town Clerk’s Office – M, W, Th & Fri 9am-5pm plus Friday hours until 7pm on Friday 11/12 & 11/19

Wednesdays – 12:00pm to 3:00pm Greener Pathways at the New Lebanon Town Hall

Tuesday, November 2nd – General Election from 6am-9pm at the Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, November 4th – 7:00pm – Public Hearing for LVPA 2022 Budget

Thursday, November 4th – 7:15pm – Public Hearing for Town 2022 Budget

Sunday, November 7th – Daylight Savings occurs – set your clocks back one hour

Tuesday, November 9th – 6:30pm - Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Update

Tuesday, November 9th – 7:00pm – Regular Town Board Meeting

Thursday, November 11th – Veteran’s Day – Holiday – All Town Hall offices are closed

November 20th thru December 12th – Regular season deer hunting (southern zone)

Thursday and Friday, November 25th & 26th – Holiday – Thanksgiving & the day after – All Town Hall offices are closed

November 29th thru December 10th – KISS Program at Town Hall – free shredding program

Monday, December 6th – 2022 Recycling Stickers go on sale through the Town Clerk’s Office

Friday, December 10th – 7:00pm - New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School Choir– An evening of Carols @ St. James, 129 Hudson Ave., Chatham, NY (snow date: Friday, 12/17/21) - ** Outside performance, bring your own chair & dress accordingly **

Tuesday, December 14th – 6:30pm – New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School Winter Concert – An evening of Carols @ Shatford Park Pavilion, 170 Old Post Rd., New Lebanon, NY (snow date: 12/15/21) - ** Outside performance, bring your own chair and dress accordingly **

Tuesday, December 14th – 7:00pm – Regular Town Board Meeting

Friday, December 24th – Christmas – Holiday – All Town Hall offices are closed

Friday, December 31st – New Year’s Eve – Holiday – All Town Hall office are closed

