

Town of New Lebanon

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August 2022

Town Hall Open Hours:

Supervisor: (518-794-8889) Tues. 9:00am – 2:00pm, Thurs. 12:00pm – 5:00pm and by appointment

Town Clerk: (518-794-8888) Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri 9:00am – 5:00pm and by appointment if necessary

Tax Collector: (518-794-8882) For the remainder of 2022 by appointment only

Assessor: (518-794-8875) Mon. 8:00am – 12:00pm call ahead for an appointment

Building Dept.: (518-794-8884) Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am – 12:00pm & **CEO:** Tues. 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Court Office Hours: (518-794-9456) Tues. 9:00am – 4:00pm, Wed. 8:00am – 4:00pm, Thurs. 11:00am – 3:00pm & Fri. 9:00am – 12:00pm (Court in session: @ 4:00pm on 1st & 2nd Thurs. & @ 5:00pm on 3rd & 4th Thurs. of month)

Historian: (518-794-8880) Tues. & Wed. 9:00am – 12:00pm and by appointment

Breaking News!! New Lebanon Has A Tourism Brochure and Website

The Outreach and Marketing subcommittee's new Tourism Brochure focuses on bringing more visitors to our wonderful town and supporting our local businesses. We have hired a professional brochure distribution company to distribute these brochures in 6 different distribution areas such as Columbia County, the Berkshires, Saratoga County, etc. at all of their cultural locations. We would also love to have them at all of our local businesses so please feel free to come pick up a stack at the Town Hall and drop them off to your favorite local businesses, asking them to display them for customers to pick up.

We have also created a web page which is featured on the tourism brochure that will promote all of our local businesses and host a calendar of events happening around town. Please check it out at visitnewlebanon.com. If you have a listing for our calendar or a feature for a local business, please have the business owner email newlebevents@gmail.com.



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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. The public may view the meetings via the live stream link at:
https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Mailing Address:
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New Lebanon, NY, 12125

From the Office of the Town Clerk

At Home COVID Tests: If you are in need of an at home COVID self-test, we still have them available for pick-up at the Town Hall.

Habitat Stamps: Please consider purchasing your \$5.00 Habitat Stamp to help preserve NY State's wildlife heritage and increase public access for fish and wildlife related recreation. The town receives \$1 of every Habitat Stamp sold and my office competes with the entire state of NY's selling agents for number of stamps sold. I came in second place last year and I'm going for first place this year!

Duck Stamps: The Town Clerk's office is now offering the Federal Duck Stamp, the cost is \$26.00. Hunters age 16 and over must purchase a Federal Duck Stamp if you want to hunt Migratory Water Fowl. You must obtain a Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) to purchase a Duck Stamp for the purpose of hunting migratory birds.

Hunting Licenses

2022-23 hunting licenses go on sale on August 1st and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office. The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am – 5 pm. The office hours are extended for hunting license sales and will be open, in addition to regular hours, from 9 am – 7 pm on the following Fridays: September 23rd, September 30th, November 4th and November 18th for any last minute purchases before opening day of the regular hunting season. We accept cash, check or credit card (there is a small fee to use a credit card). You can be a habitat hero by purchasing a \$5 habitat stamp to improve outdoor recreational opportunities for all!

The Next KISS Program at the Town Hall

The Columbia County KISS Program is once again available to seniors in every town in Columbia County. The KISS Program, founded by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, stands for Keeping the Identities of Seniors Safe. It was designed to protect the identities of our seniors while assisting them in the shredding of their sensitive materials. Seniors are encouraged to contact their local Town Hall for 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 **August 29th – September 9th**. Our hours for drop off are Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri from 9-5. Please stop by the Town Clerk's office to sign your form for shredding.

An Exciting Summer Event From Our Recreation Commission

Always a town favorite, join us Sunday, August 21st at the Shatford Park Pavilion for our annual Community Picnic and Music in the Park from 12pm – 4pm. The Town of New Lebanon and local donors will provide free hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, melon and non-alcoholic beverages. **The rest of the meal is potluck, please bring your favorite side or dessert to share** and the Roaring 20's will be selling adult beverages on site. There will also be great live entertainment by The Echoes, Linda Worster and the Stinky Boots String Band. There will be a bounce house and games for the children.

Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens

The Lebanon Valley Seniors are meeting the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 1:00pm at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association.

From the Building Department – Town Clean-Up

What is Town Clean-Up Day? Town Clean-Up Day is a one-day event held by the Town for its residents to have access to trash dumpsters also known as roll-offs. The roll-offs (dumpsters) are set up on the Town Hall property grass area in the space between the Highway Garage and the Shatford Pavilion. The fee for this service is a non-perishable food donation to Charlie's Pantry which can be dropped off at the Town Hall when you pick up your punch card. Please be mindful of the expiration dates on your donated food as expired food cannot be accepted.

When is Town Clean-Up Day? September 24, 2022, from 8 am-2 pm (Rain or Shine)

Do I have to do anything before I bring trash down to the dumpsters? Yes, you must obtain a punch card from the Town Clerk's Office, The Building Dept Office or The Town Supervisor's Office on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). The Punch Cards will become available as of August 1, 2022, and will remain available up until the event day. One punch card per household allows 4 tires (up to 24 in.) and two trips in any vehicle that is a maximum of 10 ft. We will ask for proof of residency (i.e., driver's license, utility bill) as well as a non-perishable food item that will be donated to Charlie's Pantry. We will advertise the event well in advance to give you time to obtain your punch card. The announcements can be found in the Town's official newspaper, newsletters, website, posted flyers in various locations around town, etc.

How do I get to the dumpsters? On the day of the event, enter at the Shatford Park entrance off of Route 22N; there will be a sign and/or balloons as a marker. Drive past the little league field toward Old Post Rd. This year's event will be conducted in the grassy area between the town hall and the Pavilion. Please see plot plan below.

What do I do when I get to the drop-off area? As of 2021, the Climate Smart Committee (CSC) now offers an electronics drop-off area during the event. If you have electronics it would be beneficial to pack them near the top because that will be the first stop (see plot plan above). Please note that the electronics acceptable vs non-acceptable list will be printed and given to you when you pick up your punch card. Volunteers will then help you unload if you need assistance. From there when you pull up to the dumpster area, the dumpsters will be labeled for specific materials (i.e., Tires, scrap metal, and General). There is typically someone with a loader to assist at the scrap metal dumpster to assist with heavier items/loads (ie: large appliances, etc.)

Should I pack my vehicle in any particular order? If you have electronics it would be beneficial to pack them near the top because that will be the first stop (see plot plan above). Knowing the placement of the label dumpsters will assist you in planning how to pack your vehicle. The first dumpster is typically for tires, then the next dumpsters are typically for general trash, and at the very end is the dumpster labeled scrap metal only. However; please review the plot plan linked above in case there are any unforeseen changes this year. Volunteers are readily available to help assess which types of materials are in your load and will guide you to a free dumpster accordingly. Reviewing the Plot Plan linked previously for this year's dumpster placement as well as the list of acceptable items linked below is beneficial information to know in advance.

What is permissible to place in the dumpster? A list of the COLUMBIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT CLEAN UP DAY EVENT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS AS REDLINED/MODIFIED BY THE TOWN VIA RULES OF BEN WEITSMAN OF ALBANY will be provided to you when you pick up your punch card.

From the Building Department – Town Clean-Up (Continued)

***Gas and paint Cans:** The containers are allowed only if empty. It is suggested that you allow the liquid gas to evaporate in a well-ventilated area.

ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED:

- Computers (PCs, Laptops, Tablets, Towers)
- LCD, LED or Flat Monitors
- Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines
- Power Supplies
- Hard Drives & Memory Cards
- IT Equipment & Accessories (Keyboards, Mice, Cables, Web Cameras, etc.)
- Telecommunications Equipment
- VCRs, DVD Players, Projectors
- Scientific & Medical Equipment (Non-Contaminated)
- Will also take all scrap metal
- All TVs accepted

From the Building Department – Town Clean-Up – Plot Plan



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 can make appointments for emergencies or if a family occasionally runs out of food and cannot come when we are open. You can call Peter at 518-794-0544 or you can call Georgette at 518-794-0156.

History Happenings From the Town Historian

The Town of New Lebanon can claim an association with two governors of New York State, Samuel Tilden and Franklin Roosevelt. Franklin Roosevelt's association with the Town of New Lebanon dates back to January 1911 when he began serving in the New York State Legislature representing Columbia, Dutchess, and Putnam Counties in Senate District 26. Senator Roosevelt was known in the legislature as a defender of farmers, opponent of Tammany Hall, and believed that government should have a role in creating and maintaining a fair and equitable society, protecting individuals from overbearing economic or political powers. He was seen as one of the leaders in the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. During his tenure Senator Roosevelt traveled to all corners of his district, including attending a meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board. He won reelection in 1912, but resigned soon after taking office to become the Assistant Secretary of the Navy under President Woodrow Wilson.

Both Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt were friends with Charles and Margaret Fayerweather of New Lebanon. Charles Fayerweather served as New York State Assemblyman in 1931 for the area and went on to serve in the presidential administration of Franklin Roosevelt. Eleanor and Margaret were friends and visited each other back and forth in Albany, Hyde Park, and Washington, DC. It was in 1930 when FDR serving as Governor of New York State that Margaret invited him to dedicate the opening of the recently built New Lebanon Junior-Senior High School. Correspondence between Roosevelt and the Fayerweather showed that the governor favored calling the school the Samuel Tilden Junior-Senior High School, but that was rejected by the school board. The dedication ceremony was well attended and a highlight of the year for the town. Eleanor Roosevelt would motor to New Lebanon to take tea or lunch with Mrs. Fayerweather. At times local friends of Mrs. Fayerweather would be invited to these events or accompany Margaret to Hyde Park. Mrs. Roosevelt would often write of her excursions to New Lebanon in her popular My Day columns. Mrs. Roosevelt's July 21, 1937 column was mainly about her trip to New Lebanon to attend a craft exhibition held at the high school. Mrs. Roosevelt did purchase a few items, one being a long-handled fork that she would use to cook hot dogs over a fire place in her home at Val-Kill. July 20, 1939 saw Mrs. Roosevelt visiting Mrs. Fayerweather with them both going to the Mount Lebanon Shaker Village. Margaret Fayerweather's name can be found on the register of guest for both Hyde Park and the White House. Often Mrs. Fayerweather would take one or all of her children with her. She was a guest at the White House in April 1945 and remarked in her diary how "terribly thin and worn and grey" President Roosevelt was as he stopped at the White House on his way from Hyde Park to Warm Springs, Georgia.

In 1948 Eleanor Roosevelt gave the commencement address to the 20 New Lebanon graduates. So many people attended that speakers were installed outside so those in cars could hear her speech. She spoke of the need for the younger generation to work with the older generation to make the world a better place. Eleanor Roosevelt would go on to be a champion of human rights and a leader of the Democratic Party. One of her greatest achievements was chairing the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The UN General Assembly adopted the document on December 10, 1948.

References:

My Day <https://erpapers.columbian.gwu.edu/my-day>

Margaret Fayerweather diary <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/resources/images/ergen/ergen109.pdf>

Universal Declaration of Human Rights <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

Jennifer Allard lesson plans *Eleanor Roosevelt and Local History*

Update From the Climate Smart Communities Task Force

The Climate Smart Communities Task Force (CSC) is pleased to announce a new member, Winfried Fuchshofen, a long time New Lebanon resident. He is already at work preparing a report on the results of the recent energy audit of Town Hall. Once this report is submitted to the DEC's satisfaction, New Lebanon garners more points toward Silver Certification and therefore, additional grant money for environmental projects.

And speaking of the Town Hall energy audit, the CSC and the Town Board approved using the NYSERDA grant money that the CSC has generated from projects, towards the costs of improved energy upgrades at Town Hall. This will involve sealing many holes in the walls and ceilings as well as adding insulation in the attics of both the old and new buildings. In addition, when all the funds come through, we should be able to add three heat pumps in the ground floor offices replacing inefficient wall air conditioners with super-efficient air coolers during the summer months and clean heat sources during the winter. Heat pumps are estimated to be between 2-4 times more efficient than traditional boilers. The savings may be as much as \$900/year.

And other CSC projects are proliferating. Several of the ongoing ones were featured at the recent Columbia County Climate Carnival: the Repair Café, the Free Store, Heat Pump campaign, and Bike Repair and Distribution. Some photos:



The CSC booth at Climate Carnival



Rae Gilson's painting project



Moy Wong repaired bikes



Frieda Pearce's plastics & recycling

Also appearing at the Carnival was a new project: a demonstration of composting. Community composting began in New Lebanon last year, with the collection of coffee grounds at Stewarts', Maverick's, and the Blueberry Hill Café in order to keep them out of the landfill. Now Taskforce member Cathy Wilkerson has

Update From the CSC Task Force (Continued)

extended this to include collecting vegetable scraps, at the Country Squire and both Farmers' Markets. If you do not already have a home composting system, save your scraps for a bucket at one of those locations.

Have you or your children felt the need to get out and enjoy the beautiful views on our country roads but don't have a bike? The CSC bike program probably has a bike for you! Thanks to our generous donors and the work of our amazing bike repair team, we have over 100 bikes waiting for residents. Contact Larry Bennett for more details: underwritekmuw@gmail.com



Don't forget to recycle all those dead batteries via one of our boxes at Town Hall, both Post Offices, the Library, indoor and outdoor Farmer's Markets and Country Squire. Did you know that to date we have recycled over 450 lbs of batteries that might have otherwise gone into landfills!

Look for these boxes at the locations listed above

Among other projects in the future are:

- a study of transportation, from installing more bike racks to providing transportation for those unable to drive
- outreach to high school students
- encouragement of green job development
- a green job curriculum
- another roadside cleanup day
- another electronics pick up day (Sept 24 during Town Clean Up Day)

The CSC has an opening for a motivated volunteer. If you are interested, please contact CSC Chair, Steve Powers: nlcscchair@gmail.com

From the Lebanon Valley Protective Association

The fire hall is available to rent, just call 518-794-9331 and someone will contact you.

The LVPA is always 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.

The Free Store

The FREE STORE is open again to the public. Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9-5 and Tue 9-2

Open to everyone to come browse clothing, shoes and children's items all FREE! Donations also accepted during these hours.

From the Conservation Advisory Council

We are grateful to the Town Board for approving two Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) in town, only the second and third CEAs to be identified in all of Columbia County. The Warm Spring and Cool Ravines will now join a registry maintained by NYSDEC and we will turn our attention to other potential CEAs in town, Shaker Swamp and aquifers among them.

CAC members participate in a county-wide project directed by the Hillsdale CAC that has produced a brochure to be distributed to prospective homebuilders by realtors, architects, engineers and planning boards. The brochure, *Thinking of Building a New House*, offers advice on siting residences while preserving natural resources in the surrounding landscape.

Finally, the town has been fortunate to be awarded two Trees for Tribs projects by NYSDEC's Hudson River Estuary Program. The first project, in 2020, was on a privately owned 68-acre residential property with a stream flowing through extensive wetlands along C.R. 9. More than 20 volunteers planted 200 seedlings that spring, summer and fall. From the start, working with the Trees for Tribs staff proved both educational and enjoyable. CAC members directed the planting, supervised by the landowners, and continue to provide follow-up maintenance. In the process, community members have learned much about preserving riparian corridors.

The second project, in 2021, was in Shatford Park, where a major tributary of the Wyomanock Creek flows prominently. The stream bed is notably eroded and Trees for Tribs delivered 500 potted shrub and tree seedlings to help forestall that erosion. In addition, Trees for Tribs staff operated their powered auger to dig 500 holes in a broad designated area along the stream. Directed by CAC members, more than 50 volunteers planted 375 seedlings that spring and summer during the project's initial phase. Volunteers have also been creative in meeting the challenge of maintaining so many plantings.

Planting 500 seedlings in a public park required extensive planning in advance of the well-attended kick-off event on Memorial Day Weekend. Amidst Covid, volunteers welcomed the chance to work collectively to preserve the stream and beautify the park. Due to Covid, however, the chance to host public educational forums and explain the approach to preserving the riparian corridor was limited. CAC members have had to address concerns posed by community members about the extensive plantings. A visible forest of tubes doesn't always win converts. In the end, however, several vocal skeptics became supporters and the CAC's educational outreach continues.

As a result of the vocal skepticism, a portion of the potted seedlings were overwintered. Again, volunteers rose to the challenge. We anticipate completing the planting this fall in accord with the Shatford Park improvement plan and look forward to the rapid transformation of the park. Flowering shrubs and trees providing shade, sure to be widely admired, will be the bonus for all the hard work that has gone into protecting the stream. We welcome volunteers willing to join the effort. Please contact nlcac.munves@gmail.com to express interest.

Conservation Advisory Councils in the county have joined together to prepare this brochure to offer planning ideas for prospective home builders and their architects who, like us, value the natural environment. (page 1 of brochure sample below)



THINKING OF BUILDING A NEW HOUSE?

If you're looking for land in Columbia County, it's probably due in part to the beautiful unspoiled vistas that this area offers. The very features that make this area so desirable to homeowners, businesses, and visitors are the characteristics we all hope to preserve.

From the Business and Economic Development Committee

The Business and Economic Development Committee (BEDC) continues its work on a wide variety of issues as the Town and County begin to emerge from Covid-19 related restrictions.

We have received a grant of consultative assistance from the Columbia County Economic Development Corporation to prepare a strategic business marketing plan. This is a task assigned to the BEDC by the Comprehensive Plan update of 2021. With this help, we will draw up a plan to target specific business types most suitable for New Lebanon in terms of its location, and consumer needs.

BEDC continues its examination of the existing infrastructure of the Town, particularly in the Town center (routes 20-22 corridor), with emphasis on wastewater systems. In addition, the Town is working with an engineering firm on Town revitalization, in particular a possible “Main Street Technical Assistance Grant”, to prepare a plan to provide funds and other resources for businesses to spruce up structures, plantings, and other projects to make our business center more attractive. In addition, we will be revisiting a plan for a “walkable downtown” to make it easier for consumers to visit our various business establishments.

Our Outreach and Marketing sub-committee reports that the newly revised Business brochure is ready for distribution. Over 6,000 will be distributed throughout the region, and additional copies will be available. Kudos to Sharon Powers and Erminia Rasmussen for the information and design that have gone into this brochure.

Josh Young of our Food sub-committee reported on the progress of plans to provide a community refrigerator to house and keep healthy foods for free distribution to the public.

Road Repair in the Cemetery of the Evergreens

In recent years, the roads that wind through the beautiful Cemetery of the Evergreens have deteriorated to the point where the Board of Trustees was facing a major expense to repair them. However, two local companies have taken care of the problem and are donating the work to the Cemetery. Jude Clemente, President of Troy Sand and Gravel, and Joe Darcy of Darcy Construction partnered to provide all of the equipment, materials and labor to fix the roads. Long-time friend of the Cemetery Pat Slattery also donated his labor during the project. Cemetery Superintendent Ed Godfroy coordinated the effort.

The Trustees thank all of these contributors for this gift to the Cemetery. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in and see what a great job they did! Source: Board of Trustees, Cemetery of the Evergreens

EverHome Columbia Inc.

WELCOME TO THE NEW HOME HEALTH PROGRAM STARTING IN COLUMBIA COUNTY.

This innovative home health program combines the most up to date technology and home health care to provide a safe environment for Columbia and Greene County aging residents who choose to age in place. The program provides a Professional Care Manager with state-of-the-art technology to provide safe, reliable, and affordable home care and relieve the stress on families and care givers alike.

There are ways to monitor safety with home sensors, medication management, in home cameras, vital signs and contact with medical professionals within minutes from your home. The program works with the programs you may already have in place and can coordinate and help to get the programs you may need. The family can contact and see the client and talk to them from their phone on a special app and be connected to all the features in the client’s home as well as the case manager and the medical team from wherever they are.

This program provides security of personal and health information through the security programs from the internet. The technology provider VivaLynx is a leader in the field.

Are You interested: Town Clerk Robertson has a folder of information or you can call Karen Wolff at 518-407-1625 X 203 or KWolff@everhomecolumbia.org

News from New Lebanon Senior Reps

We 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 nlrepcco2@gmail.com
Sarah Conly - 518-794-0423 nlrepcco4@gmail.com
Mary Young - 518-794-7538 nlrepcco3@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. Here are some programs 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.

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.

From Columbia County Office of The Aging

Emergency HEAP Benefit: A third emergency benefit is now available through August 31, 2022.

Households who have exhausted the regular, first emergency and second emergency HEAP benefits and who are in a heat or heat-related energy emergency, as defined by HEAP, and who meet the eligibility guidelines for emergency benefit assistance are eligible.

Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement: If you are a homeowner and eligible, the Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement benefit can help you repair or replace your furnace, boiler and other direct heating equipment necessary to keep your home's primary heating source working.

Benefit amounts are based on the actual cost incurred to repair or replace your furnace, boiler, and/or other essential heating equipment, \$3,000 for a repair and \$6,500 for a replacement.

You may **call the Columbia County Department of Social Services at 518-828-9411 to apply**. Social Services will decide if you meet all the eligibility conditions, including the income and provide more information on how to submit the application and required documentation.

From Columbia County Office of The Aging (Continued)

Before work is started it MUST be approved and authorized by Columbia County Social Services. Social Services has a list of participating heating equipment repair vendors. Payment is made directly to the vendor after all the work is completed.

Clean and Tune Benefit: The 2021-2022 HEAP Clean and Tune benefit opened October 1, 2021. Eligible households can receive energy efficiency services, which includes the cleaning of primary heating equipment, but may also include chimney cleaning, minor repairs, installation of carbon monoxide detectors or programmable thermostats, if needed, to allow for the safe, proper and efficient operation of the heating equipment. Benefit amounts are based on the actual cost incurred to provide clean and tune services, up to a maximum of \$400. No additional HEAP cash benefits are available. **Please call the Columbia County Department of Social Services at 518-828-9411 for more information or to apply.**

Cooling Assistance Benefit: The 21-2022 Cooling Assistance benefit opened May 2, 2022.

If you are eligible, you may receive one Cooling Assistance benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help your home stay cool. In circumstances where an air conditioner cannot be safely installed, a fan will be provided.

Only one air conditioner or fan, not to exceed \$800 with installation, will be provided per applicant household. No additional HEAP cash benefits are available.

You may be eligible for a Cooling Assistance HEAP benefit if:

- ◆ Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guidelines for your household size or
- ◆ You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or
- ◆ You receive Temporary Assistance (TA), or
- ◆ You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI Living Alone), or
- ◆ You received a regular benefit greater than \$21 in the current program year or received a regular benefit equal to \$21 during the current program year and reside in government subsidized housing with heat included in your rent, and
- ◆ A member of your household is a United States Citizen or qualified alien, and
- ◆ You currently do not have a working air conditioner or the air conditioner you have is five years old or older, and
- ◆ You did not receive a HEAP funded air conditioner within the past five years.

Please call the Columbia County Department of Social Services at 518-828-9411 to apply.

Farmer Market Coupons:

The Columbia County Office for the Aging expects to receive Farmers' Market coupons by the end of the first week of July. New this year, each booklet is worth \$25.00 and contains five (5) \$5.00 coupons which can be used to purchase produce at approved local Farmers' Markets in Columbia County, Greene County, and the Capital District.



Eligible individuals must be 60 years of age or older; have a household income of \$2,096/month or less for a single-person household, \$2,823/month or less for a two-person household, or \$3,551/month for a three-person household.

Issued on a first come, first served basis, coupon booklets and a list of participating Farmers' Markets will be available at the Columbia County Office for the Aging, 325 Columbia Street in Hudson, Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Please contact

From Columbia County Office of The Aging (Continued)

the Office for the Aging at (518) 828-4258 for the distribution schedule of other locations, including all Senior Community Centers and senior housing. The dates and locations of distribution will also be listed on the Columbia County website, www.columbiacountyny.com. Seniors who are physically unable to get to one of the distribution sites should contact the Columbia County Office for the Aging to arrange for home delivery. Seniors must be present and sign for the checks.

As in the past, lost booklets cannot be replaced. Each older adult in a household is eligible to receive a booklet if they meet the age and income requirements.

Meals on Wheels Program

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

Meeting Dates

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the meeting dates, times and locations for the Town Board Meetings, Other Board Meetings and Committee Meetings.

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 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 7:00pm - (this is a change from a 7:30pm time in 2021)

Quality of Life Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm

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

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

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

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

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

Zoning Re-write Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month, *as necessary*, at 7:00pm

The Board of Ethics meets the first Thursday of each month, *as necessary*, at 6:00pm

The Following will be meeting at the Lebanon Valley Fire Department(LVPA), 523 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125:

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

Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc.

BOX 162, NEW LEBANON, NEW YORK 12125

To the Taxpayers and Residents of the Town of New Lebanon

The Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc. (LVPA) founded in 1920 by concerned citizens and incorporated in 1922, is a 100% volunteer fire company. We have been serving the Town of New Lebanon now for over 100 years.

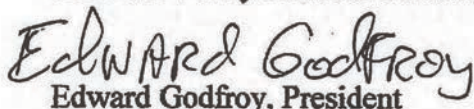
The LVPA owns three properties in town: the two fire stations and the Legion Hall. The Legion property, located between the two stations and geographically centered in town, was acquired a number of years ago, with the aim of consolidating into one fire station when the time came. We have been researching building a new firehouse and now have a building plan and estimated cost to build a fire station on the Legion property at 7 Mill Road. In keeping with our promise to the Legion, we intend on refurbishing the building to keep our cost minimal. Our plan calls for selling the West Lebanon Station and turning the New Lebanon Station, in a partnership with the Town, into a community center. In addition to consolidating into one centrally located station this plan will also return a piece property to the tax rolls. A double benefit.

We are asking the community for donations to help us build a sorely needed new fire station. To get our fund raising started a local family has generously offered to match, dollar for dollar up to \$250,000, anything received from now until the end of 2022. This means we could potentially raise \$500,000 by years end with your tax deductible contribution.

Over 100 years ago citizens of New Lebanon banded together to start a fire department and the LVPA was created. Today, the LVPA is asking the citizens of New Lebanon to band together and help us build a new fire station.

Please make checks payable to LVPA and mail to: Attention Building Fund, P.O. Box 162, New Lebanon, NY 12125. All donations are tax deductible.

Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc.


Edward Godfrey, President

WE'RE HIRING!

The New Lebanon Central School District is hiring

Contact Josh Noble
jnoble@newlebanoncsd.org for
the following positions:

- Teacher Assistant
- Teacher Aides
- Long-term Elementary Teacher

Contact Chris Howe
chowe@newlebanoncsd.org for
the following positions:

- Bus Drive- 4 hr. Daily
- Substitute Bus
Driver

Contact Pat Metzler
pmetzler@newlebanoncsd.org for
the following positions:

- Food Service
Worker-Part Time



Other open positions and more information can be found at
<https://www.newlebanoncsd.org/district/employment/>

Don't know where to Turn?

For Addiction Support



Alleviate the devastating effects of opioid, heroin and/or substance use on your life or the life of your loved one. Help is available.

All calls are confidential

518-291-4500

Weekdays 8:00am - 4:30pm

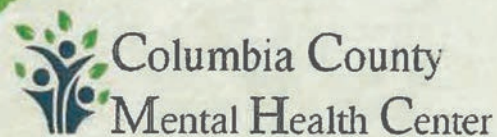
518-822-0090

Weekends / Evenings
Non-Crisis Support

<https://greenerpathways.org>

**We can
connect
you!**

For Mental Health



Multiple locations with flexible hours. Healing Starts Here.

Crisis services and information about community resources offered.

518-828-9446

(24 hours a day / 7 days a week)

<https://columbiacountymhc.com> or Facebook

Helping Columbia County Residents Find Hope & Healing For Over 50 Years

Calendar Of Events

Hunting Licenses & DMP's go on sale – Monday, August 1, 2022

Public Hearing on Introductory LL#4 of 2022– August 9, 2022 @ 6:55pm

August Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 @ 7pm

Last Day of New Lebanon SYP – Friday, August 19, 2022

Annual Community Picnic – Shatford Pavilion – Sunday, August 21, 2022 from 12pm-4pm

Kiss Program Dates: August 29 – September 9, 2022

Holiday – Labor Day – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, September 5, 2022

Town Clean-Up Day – Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 8am-2pm

Opening Day of Bow Hunting Season – Saturday, October 1, 2022

Opening Day of Crossbow Hunting Season – Saturday, November 5, 2022

Opening Day of Regular Rifle Hunting Season – Saturday, November 19, 2022

Community Food Giveaway Date: Next date is TBD will be at 9am at Town Hall Parking Lot

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON TOWN CLERK

P.O. Box328

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