

Town of New Lebanon

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May 2023

Upcoming Community Events at NL Jr/Sr HS

Memorial Day Brunch:

Our annual Memorial Day Assembly Program and Brunch will be at the Junior/Senior High School on **Friday, May 26th** beginning at **9:00am** in the **JSHS gymnasium**. All community members and local servicemen and women are cordially invited to attend this tribute to our fallen heroes.

Spring Concert and Art Show:

Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00pm in the **JSHS gymnasium**. Come hear our outstanding student musicians perform and check out our new Rock and Soul band, 2 Year Delay!

Open Office Hours:

The Town Hall is open for business:

Supervisor: Tues. 9:00am – 2:00pm, Thurs. 12:00pm – 5:00pm and by appointment

Town Clerk: Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri 9:00am – 5:00pm and by appointment if necessary

Tax Collector: Tues. 4:00pm - 6:00pm and Sat. 9:00am - 11:00am

Assessor: Mon. 8:00am – 12:00pm and by appointment

Building Dept.: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am – 12:00pm & **CEO:** Tues. 5:00pm – 7:30pm

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

Historian: By appointment



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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 6pm. The public may view the meetings via the live stream link at:
https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Mailing Address:
Town of New Lebanon
PO Box 328
New Lebanon, NY, 12125

From the Office of the Town Clerk

Rabies Clinic: Unfortunately there will not be a clinic in New Lebanon this year. There is one on June 3rd, 2023 at the Germantown Community Building, 50 Palatine Park Road.

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 **June 5th – June 23rd**. 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.

A LOT Happening at Shafford Park

The skatepark is FINALLY being installed! Thank you to everyone for your patience. Darcy Construction completed the skatepark slab at the end of March and installed a dirt road to the site and a parking area at the site. Jesse Newton and a crew of volunteers will now work to reconstruct the skatepark ramps and we should have an operational skatepark by the start of summer. A huge thank you to Jesse Newton, Darcy Construction and everyone who has worked so hard for years to bring this project to fruition!!!

We are renovating the kitchen and storage areas at the pavilion this Spring. The kitchen and bathrooms at the pavilion will be closed from 5/1 through 6/23. Pavilion rentals will not be available during construction, however we look forward to many great pavilion rentals and events after 6/23 with a brand new kitchen!

We have budgeted for a new splash pad in the park this year and will be looking to start construction after summer camp ends on 8/23. As much as we would love to have the new splash pad up and running for summer camp, the job could not be completed before the start of camp and we didn't want construction going on during camp. We look forward to having a new splash pad in place and operational for next summer!

The little league is installing a bathroom at the snack shack so they don't need to use port-a-potties anymore. We thank Andy Sandstrom, all the volunteers and the little league for investing in the snack shack and their program infrastructure to make our children's experience at little league as wonderful as possible!

News From The Assessor's Office

ASSESSMENT CHANGES-

- The Tentative Roll was filed with the Town Clerk on May 1st.
- If you have been following along, you are aware that the Full Reassessment was postponed until next, year 2024.
- For the 2023 Roll, it was decided to "UPDATE" the current assessments, to remain at our 2022 level of 90%. This resulted in "across the board" increases, based on recent market changes. Had this not been done, the assessments would have fallen to a level below 75%.
- Notices containing these increases were sent out around May 1st.
- Grievance day will be held May 24, in the Town Hall, between 4-8pm. If you are filing a grievance be sure to submit the paperwork, along with supporting documents, at least 3 business days prior to Grievance day. Walk ins are allowed but can be postponed to allow time for the Assessor to respond.
- Grievance forms can be found on the Assessors page of our website or picked up in the Town Hall.

Exemptions-

- You may have heard a lot of talk lately about changes to the Low Income Senior Exemption and the Firefighter and Ambulance worker exemption. Please know, there have not yet been any changes to the Exemptions for the County, Town or School Districts. These exemptions will be discussed in the near future.
- When any changes happen, we will ensure the word get out!

2023 Town Clean-Up Day (Dump Day)

The Town will be holding its 10th annual town clean-up day on Saturday, September 16th from 8am - 2pm. Please save the date on your calendar. Information on how to obtain a punch card, what items are acceptable to bring, and more will be in the August 1st newsletter.

Columbia NE Repair Café

Maybe you missed our April 30 event, but don't worry, the Columbia Repair Cafe committee has another one planned in Chatham on Saturday, June 24th, 10-2, at the Chatham Firehouse, 2 Hoffman St., Chatham, 12037. We'll have our usual array of fixers with skills to repair almost anything you bring in, from an antique clock to a 3D printer, and everything in between, whether knives or tools that need sharpening, an old pair of jeans that needs patching, a bike that needs tuning up, a lamp that doesn't work. Bring it on! If you'd like to get involved as a fixer or a volunteer, or if you have any questions about the event, just contact us at ColumbiaNERepaircafe@gmail.com. See you there!

News from the New Lebanon NY American Legion

All proceeds are used to support our veterans, youth and community

For the entire month of May, we will be having our American Legion Poppy fundraiser. \$1 donation proceeds are used to support our veterans wellness programs.

May 29th will be the Memorial Day parade led by the American Legion colors and immediately following that we will conduct our memorial service at The Cemetery of the Evergreens. Parade kicks off promptly @ 9a from Shatford Park.

June 11th, prior to Flag Day, we will be having a Fish & Chips dinner w/cole slaw or potato salad & soft drink Cost \$12 per meal, eat in or take out. Location LVPA main fire station. 4-7pm

June 11th 7pm approx. Immediately following our fish dinner, we will conduct the Ceremony for the destruction of unserviceable flags. Residents can bring their worn flags that evening or contact any American Legion member to turn them in. Same location LVPA.

July 8th, Saturday. Cornhole Tournament @ Shatford Park. 50/50 raffle & a raffle for prizes, food and soft drinks will be served. Cost per team entry and more details will follow.

We will also be adding more events to the calendar, look for information on our Facebook page, LVPA sign and flyers posted throughout the community.

You can follow us on Facebook, search :
Town of New Lebanon NY American Legion or
Contact us through email:
Americanlegionpost1236@gmail.com

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 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.

Found in the Archives of the LVHS

Excerpts from a Letter to the Chatham Courier APRIL 1900

"...The entire Lebanon Valley and Berkshire Hills are as beautiful as ever and the air as pure as it was one hundred years ago...Lebanon Springs is one of the oldest and best known summer resorts in the country. Why has it not kept pace with many other newer ones?...My answer is that lack of interest and indifference on the part of inhabitants has been a serious drawback... Old and unoccupied buildings have been left to decay and tumble down...Others have amused themselves by quarreling over the ownership of the spring,...The sidewalks and the highways, naturally fine, have been neglected, and even burdocks have been known to grow around the station, taller than the agent, and they were not remarkably all burdocks either...In fact, the general indifference to neatness has been very apparent for years. This applies not only to Lebanon Springs but to every portion of the really beautiful town of New Lebanon. Now suppose we turn over a new leaf, and see how attractive we can make it... We have a railroad, new engines and cars...We have a bicycle path in process of construction and the state road from Pittsfield nearly completed, which will be one of the most picturesque drives in America...

Let every path master make an extra effort to put his section of the highway in the best possible condition. Every property owner cut, rake, scrape and clean up his premises,... A little will sometimes make a great change...In short, let every man, woman and child do something towards making the whole town a pleasant and attractive resort... Everyone must realize that summer business will bring a large amount of money into the town and it is certain to increase if we do our part... There is hardly a limit to the business that might be done in this town with more capital and 'push.'"

A Resident

From Charlie's Pantry

We at Charlie's Pantry would like to thank the New Lebanon community for a wonderful holiday season. Thank you William Black and Howard Commander families for 20 Thanksgiving turkeys plus a monetary donation; Kyle & Danielle Kuffel family for 20 Holiday Hams and monetary donations; Chuck Scott Auto and Chandler Young (AMVETS) in Nassau for spectacular gifts for a mother and 4 children family; Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph church community; Joy Sherman; Walter B. Howard School children, families and staff; Wastequip employees; Lebanon Valley Woman's Club; New Lebanon Red Hats; Berkshire Grown; Ellen and Jimmy Dilis; Church of Our Savior; Canaan Congregational church; Jack & June Nevers and so many other members of our community for the outpouring of food, money and gifts for our patrons.

Charlie's Pantry offers free food and household supplies to New Lebanon School District residents. We are located behind the Immaculate Conception Church at 732 Route 20. We are open every Saturday 10:30am - 1:00pm. Also, we can make an appointment for emergencies if a family runs out of food. Any questions please contact Georgette 518-794-0156 or Peter 518-794-0544.

Exciting News & Summer Events From Our Recreation Commission

Your Recreation Commission has been busy adding more activities to get our community together and we're planning more events for 2023. We're considering adding a Bocce court in Shatford Park. If you'd use it, let us know. If you have event ideas or requests, please let us know at nlrecreation03@gmail.com we'll try to make it happen.

Events we added in 2022:

The first Food Truck Music Night had a fantastic performance by our High School's band, 2 Year Delay, led by their wonderful teachers Val Synakowski and Robert FitzGerald. The first Fancy Dance in June, DJ'd by Bill Buckenroth, more of you need to come this year, it was fun! Monthly Community Walks began in July - join us to see more of our beautiful town. We held the first Newcomers Event in October, at the library. We had the first Outdoor Movie Night in October, sponsored by the library.

You asked, we made it happen:

Pickleball lines were painted on the Shatford Park tennis courts. Thanks to Nina Keller, Kathleen Millett and Joanna Ezinga! Bring your racquet and a partner, it's first come, first served.

Tuesday Open Swim Night at Shatford Pool is back. Thanks to Michelle Bienes and Britt Buckenroth for being swim supervisors!

New for 2023:

Shatford Pool Open Swim (Tuesdays 6:45-8:15) grab a friend and hop in! Joe Ogilvie is teaching Aqua Fit classes on Monday nights at 6PM for \$5 (\$3 for seniors) all profits go to the Train Depot project.

Planned 2023 events:

Monthly Walks are held from April to October. Please share your favorite walking route with us. Please RSVP to the walks at nlrecreation03@gmail.com We can also add you to the walk contact list.

Sunday, May 28th at 10:30AM: Meet at the Hand Hollow parking area - 4079 County Route 9

Sunday, June 11th at 10:30AM: Meet at Shatford Park pavilion to walk the Rail Trail

Monday July 3rd at 10:30AM: Shaker Swamp – meeting location provided after RSVP

Most walks will be led by Joanna Ezinga. On the Shaker Swamp walk, we'll be joined by a conservancy representative. Future walk dates and locations TBD.

Newcomers - Did you recently move to our wonderful town, are you looking to make new friends and finally meet some neighbors? We want to meet you too!

June 10th and September 9 from 2PM to 4PM at Roaring 20's – 565 US Route 20. Snacks will be provided. To RSVP and for details contact nlrecreation03@gmail.com

If you can't come, reach out anyway, we can add you to the notification list for the next one.

Exciting News & Summer Events From Our Recreation Commission (Continued)

Town Summer Dance - date/location TBD. Bring your family or a friend and your best dance moves! Soft drinks and snacks will be provided.

Bingo at the Park - Saturday July 22, 12-2PM at Shatford Pavilion (this date may change)
Snacks and Prizes will be provided.

Doug Banker Memorial Music in the Park - Sunday, July 16th at Shatford Pavilion, Noon to 4PM. The Tacos Diablo food truck will be serving on site. Roaring 20's will have beer and wine for sale. If you have a local band and want to be considered to play at one of the MITP events, please contact nlrecreation03@gmail.com

Town Picnic and Music in the Park - Sunday, August 20th, Noon to 4PM. The town and local businesses supply hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Roaring 20's will have beer and wine for sale. We'll have bounce houses and games!

Outdoor Movie Night at the Shatford Pavilion on Saturday, September 23rd, the movie starts at 7PM. Email your favorite movie to: nlrecreation03@gmail.com. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided.

We hope to see everyone at an event this year!

Traffic Safety

Be aware that over the summer Route 20 will be repaved from the intersection with Old Rt 20 just above the State Police barracks to the Mass line. Delays will be present and lane changes. You can use Rt 22 south to Rt 295 east to Rt 41 to avoid the process.

The Town speed sign will be moved around the Town this summer to remind drivers of speed limits and to make our roads safer.

The speed limit on Main street in Lebanon Springs has been reduced to 30 miles per hour.

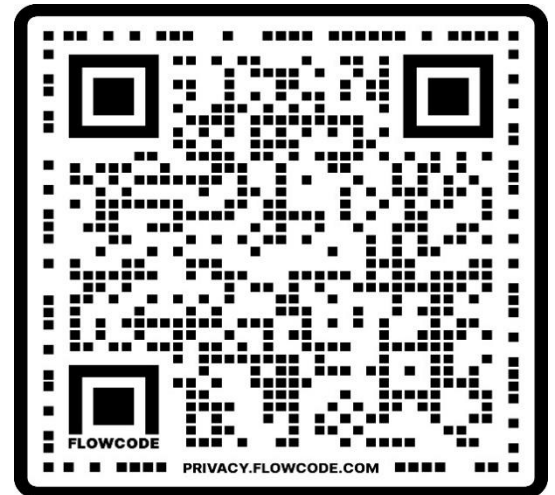
As school closes for the summer watch for the children to be using our roads more walking and biking to and from the park and other various activities as well as just for exercise. Give them plenty of room and keep them safe.

Workspaces needed in New Lebanon?

The New Lebanon Business and Economic Development Committee (BEDC) is collecting information about a need for office and studio space, shared, and otherwise. Many people currently work remotely in their homes, and this can be challenging at times. Is there an interest in shared spaces? What are the needs and desires? If this is of any concern for you, please fill out the questionnaire. The link is provided below. Posters with the same request will be posted at community boards in New Lebanon, on the Facebook page and please feel free to spread the word!

The Remote Work subcommittee has already received responses from 19 people. Several expressed an interest in a shared space for occasional use. Others look for a space to meet customers, or for staff meetings. Some would like to work from a shared space several times per week and many answers included the wish for social gatherings and a wish not only for accessible coffee, but a café-like environment altogether.

The questionnaire can be anonymous, but we invite you to provide contact information. Since our needs seem to differ quite a lot, we are planning a get-together with those interested in shared work spaces in mid-May, once the questionnaires are in.



Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day Parade will kick off from Shatford Park at 8:30am line-up, 9:00am step-off on Monday, May 29th. It will culminate at the Cemetery of the Evergreens around 10:30am with a special presentation. If you are interested in participating in this year's Memorial Day Parade, please contact Lenny Brown at 518-788-5047 or Lennybrown518@gmail.com. Any group, organization, old cars or individuals are welcome to march in the parade! We hope to see you there!

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 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. 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: 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. 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.

News from the CC Office of the Aging

The Office of the Aging magazine called the Scoop is available on-line and has also been mailed to those on the mailing list. The articles in the magazine give information about programs available in the County as well as general information about Seniors and their needs.

The County has some trips planned for residents, contact 518-828-4258 and press option #1, leave a message and they will call you back.

May

5/11 Tulip Festival Drive thru and lunch

5/12 Tulip Festival, scrubbing the streets, and lunch.

June

6/1 Shopping at the Lee Outlets and lunch

6/16 Empire State Aerosciences Museum and Lunch

News from the CC Office of the Aging (Continued)

6/28 Hudson River Cruise (Dutch Apple) with lunch. Costs are the responsibility of the participant.

Driver Safety Class: sponsor AARP on May 11 9am-4pm in Hudson. \$25 for AARP members with card, \$30 for nonmembers (cash only) lunch your own brown bag, bring a pen, license also. Call 518-828-4258 to register.

Join the New Lebanon Seniors for fun and fellowship the first and third Friday of the month at the New Lebanon Fire station at 1pm. Trips are being planned the first is an overnight to Niagara Falls 6/19-6/20. \$160 is the cost for a double occupancy room at Seneca Casino, \$35 for free slot play, \$15 food credit and a Maid of the Mist boat ride. Contact Mary De Freest at 518-733-0009 for reservations.

They are planning a Bake sale and Tag sale for June watch for flyers for the date.

News From The New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

With the recent approval of our new Drinking Water Source Protection Plan which can be located on the Town of New Lebanon website, The New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council is continuing to explore water quality to protect our source water in town! We will look forward to talking to lots of residents about free testing that the Town is offering as well as any concerns or questions you may have. Thanks to folks who reached out and shared results from their own recent testing after reading the last newsletter. Water testing ongoing is the best way we have to protect our water sources. Since we are a town of all wells it is very helpful to us if you would like more information or if you would like to be tested. We are also part of the Wastewater Exploration committee, with the BEDC, and will be providing testing on the Rte 20/22 business corridor and surrounding streets. Those businesses and residents along the Rte 20/22 corridor will be hearing from Josh Young and others soon about getting tested. Please contact Peg Munves if you want testing or with questions or concerns at nlcac.munves@gmail.com. The Trees for Tribes program in Shatford Park is going strong - almost all trees and shrubs have survived two winters now and are growing big and strong! This summer look for some fun and educational information on the plants, and stemming erosion, and why planting things is good for everyone in the park. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

**What do you need to help you or a loved one
to keep living safely and independently at home?**

The Healthcare Consortium's

NY Connects Program of Columbia County

can provide information about and help connect you to
services and supports in the community, such as...

- Home Care • Respite Care
- Care Coordination • Caregiver Supports
- Transportation • Home-Delivered Meals

Come See Us!

Every 3rd Thursday of the Month from 1 - 4 pm
at the New Lebanon Library, 550 Route 20, Columbia Pike
Or **call us anytime** at (518) 828-2273 or (800) 342-9871



New Lebanon Library News

Things are hopping at the New Lebanon Library this spring! We continue to increase the number of programs offered on site, including the Oscar Film Series, Open Mic Poetry, and our popular Summer Reading Program which launches at the end of June. We are looking forward to some outdoor concerts and seeing you at events in the community over the summer! You will also see some necessary repairs to several older sections of siding on the building beginning shortly, along with the installation of more energy efficient lighting throughout the space.

While books are still the most borrowed items at the library, demand for eBooks and eAudiobooks continues to increase. To help meet that need, we are happy to announce partnerships with two more library systems to share items in Libby. In addition to the Upper Hudson Library System, you will now have access to borrow available titles in the Mohawk Valley Library System and the Southern Adirondack Library System. This will add many unique titles for you to choose from! We're grateful to the staff at the Mid-Hudson Library System for negotiating these agreements, which help us increase service to our community. Additional details and instructions on how to add this to your Libby account are available on our website (newlebanonlibrary.org). If you have questions, please stop in to the Library or call us at 518-794-8844.

The Friends of the New Lebanon Library will host its annual Book Sale June 10th-11th. The sale is being held at a new location this year: the Church of Our Savior at 14660 NY-22 in New Lebanon. Gently used hard and soft cover books (fiction, non-fiction, and children's) as well as DVDs will be for sale. They will be sorted for easy browsing. Prices range from 50 cents for a children's book to \$2 for a hardcover. Specialty books will be individually priced. One hour preview sale begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, with an entry fee of \$5. Free admission will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and again on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The popular \$2 a bag clearance sale begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Donations of items for the sale may be dropped off at Church of Our Savior during the following times:

- Saturdays from 8 AM – Noon: April 15, 22, & 29 | May 6, 13, & 20 | June 3
- Wednesdays from Noon – 4 PM: May 3, 10, 17, 21, & 31
- June 7, 8 & 9 from 10AM – 4PM

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Update

The Climate Smart Communities Taskforce's newest campaign — plastic bag collection — promises to make a big impact.

Grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal bags, bread bags, ice bags, bubble wrap, pallet wrap are all forms of plastic film that can cause havoc when they get mixed with recyclable materials. Now residents can bring them to Town Hall for collection. The collected items will be brought to Price Chopper in Chatham, where they will be baled and shipped to Trex for a new life as outdoor living products. Once we collect 500lbs of plastic, Trex will send New Lebanon a park bench made out of the recycled plastic.

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Update (Continued)

Another highly visible Taskforce project was the 2nd Annual Earth Day Road Side Clean Up on April 22. It started at 10am at the Shatford Park Pavilion and was followed by refreshments, graciously offered by Maverick's.

On that day, everyone, including non-participants, was urged to drop off any unneeded computer, printer or other peripheral. It will be scrubbed, refurbished and donated to someone who needs it by GE Elfin Computer Rehab of Schenectady, Inc. This is another new project for the CSC which is similar in nature to our bike recycling program.

A collection bin for clean plastic bags is now available at the Town Hall during business hours.

Speaking of Shatford Park, the Taskforce is moving ahead with a plan to set up a composting bin in the back corner behind the Pavilion. Residents will be able to bring their kitchen scraps (but no meat or dairy) to mix with the coffee grounds and egg shells that Taskforce members will collect from some local restaurants. The composted material will be available for the gardens of residents.

Keeping in mind the "Reuse" part of the mantra, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" the Taskforce continues to support Bike Repair and the Repair Cafe.

A Bike Repair workshop will take place May 20. at the Shatford Park Pavilion. Details will follow.

The most recent Repair Café- was held in New Lebanon at LVPA on April 30 from 12- 4pm. 23 fixers were on hand including some new areas like diagnosing computer problems etc. Residents and neighbors attended and left thrilled that their items were working like new!

Looking ahead, a graduate student from Cornell will be helping Chair Steve Powers complete the paperwork for the town's Silver Certification this summer, while a group of four Cornell MPA students will take up a project to reach out to younger New Lebanon residents. Their first proposal is to organize a battery recycling program in the Jr/Sr High School which will be based in the school library.

And we've saved one of our most exciting projects for last- solar panels for Town Hall! Based on the CSC's accomplishments in NYSEERDA's Clean Energy Communities program, the town qualified for a \$70,000 grant and decided to use it for solar panels on Town Hall. At the last Town Board meeting a solar installer was chosen from NYSEERDA's qualified bidders and, with any luck, we'll have clean, renewable energy generated by July. It was estimated that the panels will generate enough electricity to cover over 70% of the Town Hall and garage annual usage.



ROLLING GROCER 19 IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW HOME DELIVERY PROGRAM!

Rolling Grocer 19 is a FAIR FOOD project in its 7th year. It was initiated to meet the challenges of food insecurity in all 19 townships of Columbia County. We have our “hub” at the RG19 storefront grocery store on 6 South Second Street in Hudson New York. There you can find a amazing, high quality assortment of organic/natural items: fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, refrigerated and frozen meats and fish and other frozen items and all kinds of interesting groceries, delicious baked goods, and a substantial bulk section. We manage to pack a lot of food into a very small space! In the next month we will be adding prepared soups, salads, sandwiches and ready to heat entrees to our offerings. **Here comes the best part:**

Anyone in Columbia County can sign up to be a member of RG19. It’s free! Once you are signed in we offer you:

- Shopping at our FAIR pricing system. You pay what you can afford by choosing to shop at one of three different pricing levels or “tiers”. We don’t ask for any paperwork or verification from our customers. We trust they will make an honest decision and **there is no membership fee. Come in and shop anytime!**
- Once you are signed up by our store staff, you can shop at our online web store at your own price tier and we will **home deliver** to your doorstep. There is no home delivery fee for the blue tier, a \$5 fee in the orange tier and a \$10 fee in the green tier with each purchase.
- If you are an EBT/food stamp client, you are entitled to our Double Up Food Bucks program (DUFB), which will match your grocery purchases to fruit and vegetable purchases dollar for dollar, up to \$20 a day. That means you and your family get to have a well rounded nutrition at no extra cost to you.

Here is how it works:

- Email Rachel Schneider at rachel@rollinggrocer19.org and make sure to leave a phone number and a good time to reach you.
- We will call you and sign you up and walk you through the ordering procedure. We can even order for you from our website.
- Order by Thursday for Monday deliveries and Monday for Thursday deliveries. We will be expanding delivery days as the program grows.

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL US A 518-697-7672
WWW.ROLLINGGROCER19.ORG

SPEAK UP on Substance Use!



Community Listening Sessions

**Has alcohol or substance use
impacted you, your family or
community?**

**Columbia County invites you to
share your ideas and experiences!**

**FIRST 25 PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE A
GIFT CARD**

**Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strip Training
will be provided after each session**

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED!

Dates and Locations

**Doors Open at 5:30PM
Forums start at 6:00PM**

When: May 3rd 2023

**Where: New Lebanon
Firehouse**

**523 US-20 New Lebanon,
NY 12516**

When: May 17th 2023

**Where: Chatham Firehouse
2 Hoffman Street Chatham,
NY 12037**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 5th

June 26th - August 18th

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 5th. All payments are due IN FULL by June 26th.

Please see page 19 of the newsletter for all registration fees!

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

Activities

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

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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 (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 5th** 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 Robert @ 413-494-0691. You may pay the registration fee as late as June 26th but will not get the discounted rate – you still MUST have other 3 items in by June 5th.

What to bring:

- **Bag Lunch** (free meals will be provided to all campers as an option)
- **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 Robert Long, Camp Director @ 413-494-0691 or email syp@townofnewlebanon.com.

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

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

2023 Summer Youth Program Rates

Early Registration Fees (*discounted 20% if final payment is received by June 5th*):

Resident (Town taxes paid to New Lebanon):

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

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

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

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

Per child	\$1,620/season
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Registration Fees (due in full by June 26th):

Resident (Town taxes paid to New Lebanon):

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

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

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

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

Per child	\$2,025/season
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A weekly fee option is available that is the relevant season cost divided by 8 and multiplied by 2.

THE TOWN OF NEW LEBANON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM IS NOW PARTICIPATING WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCAP) TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE FAMILIES TO COVER A PORTION OF CAMP ENROLLMENT COSTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT TISTRYA AT SUPERVISOR@TOWNOFNEWLEBANON.COM. FAMILIES WHO ARE APPROVED TO RECEIVE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES WILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO PAY IN FULL BEFORE THE START OF CAMP BUT INSTEAD WILL PAY THEIR "TO BE DETERMINED WEEKLY FAMILY SHARE FEE" AND THE REMAINDER WILL BE PAID ACCORDING TO THE CCAP PAYMENT STRUCTURE AND TIMELINE. FOR THE APPLICATION AND CCAP DETAILS CONTACT CCAP AT 518-822-0087 OR CCAPCC@FAMILYOFWOODSTOCKINC.ORG. ALL FAMILIES WHO ARE APPROVED BY CCAP DEPARTMENT WILL BE CHARGED THE EARLY REGISTRATION FEES.

From the SYP Camp Director

The Town of New Lebanon Summer Youth Program is looking for Camp Counselors who are 16 and over! Please contact Camp Director, Robert Long at syp@townofnewlebanon.com or 413-494-0691 to request an application or for any questions. Once the application has been completed it can be dropped off at the Town Hall, mailed to SYP Camp Director, New Lebanon Town Hall, PO Box 328, New Lebanon, NY 12125 or emailed to syp@townofnewlebanon.com.

Meeting Dates

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

The Following will be meeting at the Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY and live streamed at: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Town Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month, as necessary, at 7:00pm

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

Zoning Re-write Committee meets the fourth Monday of each month, as necessary, at 7:00pm (will change to quarterly starting in June)

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

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

Quality of Life Committee meets the fourth Friday at 9:30am

The Board of Ethics meets the third Monday of each month, as necessary, at 12pm

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

Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month, as necessary, 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

Speak Up On Substance Use – New Lebanon Firehouse – Wednesday, May 3, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Spring Concert – NL Jr/Sr High – Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ 6pm

May Regular Town Board Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 6pm

Speak Up On Substance Use – Chatham Firehouse – Wednesday, May 17, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Calendar Of Events (Continued)

Bike Repair Workshop – Shatford Pavilion – Saturday, May 20, 2023 (details to come)

Grievance Day – Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 4-8pm

Memorial Day Assembly Program – NL Jr/Sr High – Friday, May 26, 2023 @ 9am

Monthly Walk - Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 10:30am: Meet at the Hand Hollow parking area - 4079 County Route 9

Holiday – Memorial Day – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, May 29, 2023

Memorial Day Parade – Shatford Park – Monday, May 29, 2023 @ 8:30am (line up)

American Legion Memorial Day Service – The Cemetery of the Evergreens – Monday, May 29, 2023 - following the parade

Rabies Clinic at the Germantown Com. Bldg. – Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Kiss Program Dates: June 5 – June 23, 2023

NL Summer Youth Program sign up deadline – June 5, 2023 (for 20% disc) – June 26, 2023 (no disc)

Newcomers Event – Roaring 20's – Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 2-4pm

Monthly Walk - Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 10:30AM: Meet at Shatford Park pavilion to walk the Rail Trail

American Legion Fish & Chips dinner – New Lebanon Firehouse – Sunday, June 11, 2023 4-7pm

American Legion Flag Ceremony – New Lebanon Firehouse – Sunday, June 11, 2023 7pm

June Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 6pm

Holiday – Juneteenth – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, June 19, 2023

Columbia Repair Café – Chatham Firehouse – Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 10am-2pm

Monthly Walk - Monday July 3, 2023 at 10:30AM: Shaker Swamp – meeting location provided after RSVP

Holiday – Independence Day – All Town Offices Closed – Tuesday, July 4, 2023

American Legion Corhole Tournament – Shatford Park – Saturday, July 8, 2023 - details to come

July Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 6pm

Doug Banker Memorial Music in The Park – Shatford Pavilion – Sunday, July 16, 2023 from 12-4pm

Bingo at the Park – Shatford Pavilion - Saturday July 22, 2023 from 12-2PM (this date may change)

Annual Community Picnic – Shatford Pavilion – Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 12-4pm

Newcomers Event – Roaring 20's – Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 2-4pm

Calendar Of Events (Continued)

Town Clean-Up Day – Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 8am-2pm

Outdoor Movie Night - Saturday, September 23, 2023 the movie starts at 7PM at the Shatford Pavilion