

# Town of New Lebanon

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August 2023

## 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 2023 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. 9:00am – 4:00pm, Thurs. 11:00am – 3:00pm & Fri. 9:00am – 12:00pm (Court in session: @ 5:00pm on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. & @ 4:00pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of month)

**Historian:** (518-794-8880) by appointment

## New Lebanon Has A Tourism Brochure and Website

The Outreach and Marketing subcommittee's 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](http://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](mailto:newlebevents@gmail.com).



## Town Government



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Did you know that the Town Clerk's office maintains an email database that receives all board meeting agendas, meeting minutes and other important documents and updates? If you would like to be added to this database please send request with your email address to [townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com). Your email address will not be shared.

Regular Town Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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

**At Home COVID Tests:** If you are in need of an at home COVID self-test, we now have a supply of 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 offers 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.

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## Hunting Licenses

2023-24 hunting licenses go on sale on August 1st and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office. Deer Management Permits (DMPs) can be purchased from the Town Clerk's office from August 2<sup>nd</sup> through close of business on September 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> for any last minute purchases before opening day of the regular hunting season. We accept cash, check or credit card (there is a 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!

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## County Waste Garbage Bags

The Columbia County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Department has gone back to using garbage bags for anyone that disposes of their garbage at any of the transfer stations. The new bags consist of three sizes, SMALL (7 Gal.) \$5.00 for a pkg of 5, MEDIUM (30 Gal.) \$15.00 for a package of 5, and LARGE (40 Gal.) \$25.00 for a package of 5. You can purchase these garbage bags at the Town Clerk's office. The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am – 5 pm.

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## 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 28<sup>th</sup> – September 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## The Free Store

The FREE STORE is open 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.

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## A Message From Supervisor Houghtling

Attention all New Lebanon residents! This is a quick reminder that all Town Board meetings and all Town Committee meetings are open to the public and also live streamed at [townhallstreams.com](http://townhallstreams.com) and can also be viewed any time after the meetings. To stay current on the happenings of the town, we urge you to attend or watch meetings and/or join one of our 15 committees, boards, or task forces.

All Town Board agendas are posted to the Town FB page and the Town website the Friday before the meeting and you can reach out to me at any time with any questions, comments or concerns at [supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com) or 518-794-8889. Please like and follow the Town FB page (Town of New Lebanon, NY) and/or get on the town email list by emailing [townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com) There are many, many resources available for you to utilize. The best way to stay informed, is to be informed!

While I have exhausted all avenues I can think of (printed posters and surveys around town at local businesses and all bulletin board locations, town FB page posts, town website, town email blasts, this printed newsletter mailed to all residents quarterly, etc.) there are still grumblings around town that the town is not doing enough to get information out to the residents. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how else we can reach residents, please let me know!

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## Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens

The Lebanon Valley Seniors meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays at the New Lebanon Firehouse. New members are always welcome. You do not need to be a resident of New Lebanon to join. Membership is just \$10 a year. The backpack program, veterans project, community Christmas angels are just a few things we help support, so come help us support them. A few of the upcoming events are a BBQ, Lakeview lunch, show at Mac-Haydn Theater, a fall Connecticut train ride and lunch, and Oktoberfest luncheon. For information please call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009. All bus trips are open to New Lebanon residents 55 and over. All non-bus related events, you need to be a member, but for just \$10.00 a year you can enjoy everything. So please come and be a member of our New Lebanon Senior Citizens family.

## 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 16, 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, 2023, 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 labeled 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 an available 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.

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

**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 but you can also find them on the Building Dept. webpage to the right in the gray column look for the “Town Clean Up Day FAQ” link.

\*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



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## Ethics Board Vacancy

The NL Ethics Board has a vacancy to fill the remainder of a five year term, expiring 12/31/2024. Letters of interest may be submitted via mail to P.O. Box 328, New Lebanon, NY 12125; delivered to the Town Hall at 14755 Route 22; or emailed to [townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com). Letters must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 4th, 2023. If multiple letters of interest are received, interviews will be scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023.

## Climate Smart Communities Taskforce Update by Liz Poreba

As the Climate Smart Communities Taskforce works to find ways for New Lebanon to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle its resources, we rely on the energy of the Town's greatest resource — its people.

Larry Bennet and Moy Wong, for instance, have been so industrious in restoring old bikes that they now have a surplus to give away. If you would like a bike, for a child or an adult, contact Larry Bennett at [underwritekmuw@gmail.com](mailto:underwritekmuw@gmail.com). He probably has one that is just your size and ready for the road.

Local talent and generosity have also been apparent in Repair Cafés, which feature an increasing number of volunteers ready and willing to repair objects from toasters to pocket books. New Lebanon is now part of a county-wide consortium of Repair Cafés. In April the town hosted one at the LVPA while the most recent one was held on June 24th at the Chatham Firehouse. For more information about the next event, or to volunteer, write to [ColumbiaNERepairCafe@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbiaNERepairCafe@gmail.com).

Some of our helpers have come from outside the community. Michelle Parks, a Cornell MBS grad student, is assisting us in filing the Road to Silver documents with the DEC. Additional thanks go to Morgan Brenner, son of our Cornell advisor Rebecca Brenner, who is working with Marc Anthonisen on a potential Level 3 fast charger for the town.

In the course of conducting a study of the Town's vulnerability to the effects of climate change, Cornell graduate students determined that the increasing probability of droughts made a water tank for the LVPA a priority. CSC Chair Steve Powers reports that his talks with Assemblywoman Didi Barrett's office over funding for the LVPA water tank are progressing.



To initiate collaboration between the CSC and New Lebanon Schools, four Cornell students created the idea of a used battery collection contest. The 7th and 8th graders collected 499 batteries for recycling and won a cupcake party. Thanks to Librarian Britt Buckenroth for running the competition and we look forward to continuing the program in the Fall.

Fifty solar panels are scheduled to be installed on the Town Hall roofs this month using grant money that the CSC achieved in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program. The panels are projected to generate 22,315 kWh of electricity every year offsetting 89% of the annual usage of both the Town Hall and the Garage.

## From the Town Historian

### **Cypress Hill Stone Restoration Update**

I met with members of the Cemetery of the Evergreens Board of Trustees regarding the application for funding of the restoration of the headstones of Revolutionary War veterans buried in Cypress Hill section of the Cemetery. The members were enthusiastic about going forward with the grant and working on getting matching funds. The grant, awarded by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is for \$10,000.00. The Hendrick Hudson Chapter located at the historic 1811 Robert Jenkins House, 113 Warren Street, Hudson, NY, is sponsoring the Cemetery's application for the restoration grant. The board has agreed to act as the treasury for donations for the restoration.

Donations are needed to secure the grant for phase one of the restoration. The most severely damaged stones will be worked on first. Christopher White of Albany Grave Diggers has been selected by the Hendrick Hudson Chapter and the Cemetery of the Evergreens board to do the restorative work.

Community volunteers, such as Sharon Moon, have done much work in clearing the area of poison ivy, downed limbs and debris. George Clark of the Floyd Carlton American Legion Post was instrumental in contacting the Regent of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter which led to the current project.

The application is due December 31, 2023 and upon receiving the award, the work will commence in June 2024. After completion, the Hendrick Hudson Chapter will conduct a ceremony honoring the Patriots and the restored stones. DAR markers will be placed at each Patriot's stone. Plans are underway to have a special historic marker at the entrance of the Cemetery to commemorate those Patriots buried in Cypress Hill. This marker is part of the NSDAR's America 250 project and will be in the colors of General George Washington's uniform – blue and buff. Also planned is an education plaque at the site of the burial grounds that will list the Patriots' names, rank, and company.

The Cemetery of the Evergreens is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization. All sizes of donations are welcome. Please denote on your check on the memo line – Cypress Hill restoration. You may mail your donation to Cemetery of the Evergreens, P.P. Box 773, New Lebanon, NY 12125 and add ATTN: Cypress Hill to the front of the envelope. Thank you for your support of this meaningful project.

### **Lebanon Springs Flood**

Residents of Main Street, Lebanon Springs woke up Thursday, June 29, 2023, to find their lawns, street, and some, their cellars, covered in debris from the rushing of millions of gallons of water caused by a collapsed beaver dam in the Pittsfield State Forest. The Town of New Lebanon maintenance crew, other local crews as well as neighbors pitched in to begin the clean-up. The blocked culvert was cleared the same day, but the damages remain. If you travel on Main Street, you will see debris collected at the side of the road, waiting for the town to pick up.

This disaster is history. I intend to document the events for the town's record. I am asking for the assistance of residents of the Springs area and any other townspeople for their recollections of the events, the clean-up efforts, and photographs of their lawns, cellars, clean-up, and residue. Please email your recollections and photos to [historian@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:historian@townofnewlebanon.com). As I work on the history, I will be putting snippets on my town website [Town Historian | Town of New Lebanon](#)

Thank you.

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## From the Archives of the Lebanon Valley Historical Society

May 20 1953 *The Berkshire County Eagle* Clifford M. Frambach

### **Rutland Railroad Ends Service After Running Line 84 Years**

NEW LEBANON, NY. – About 7:30 this evening the last scheduled train over the Rutland Railroad will pass through the Lebanon Valley, and 84 years of railroad service will come to an end as the Bennington, Vt - Chatham branch of the line is abandoned. Tonight's train will be the milk run which makes no scheduled stops along the way. About noon today the last freight made its way along the line, picking up any cars remaining on sidings.

The first train along the 57-mile line was run in 1869 when it was known as the Lebanon Springs Railroad. Later the name was changed to the Harlem Valley Extension, and in 1901 the Rutland acquired the line. Passenger service was discontinued in 1926, and shortly thereafter the various stations in the valley were closed, except at New Lebanon.

Local businesses that will face hardships following the discontinuance of the railroad are the Fuelane Corporation, distributors of bottled gas; Arthur C. Larabee, coal dealer; and the local lumber companies. They will now have to rely on truck transportation entirely which probably will mean higher costs to consumers.

Edgar J. Kipp, local station agent, is undecided as to whether he will continue with the railroad on another of its lines. A half dozen section workers are affected by the closing of the road but a few are eligible for pensions and will probably retire from railroading.

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## 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.

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## Charlie's Pantry

Charlie's Pantry is extremely grateful to **Berkshire Grown** for sponsoring us again this year and purchasing two CSA shares (The Abode, New Leaf and Gentile Time farms) so we have fresh local produce for our patrons. We would also like to thank the **New Lebanon community** for ordering and donating 18 boxes of Girl Scout cookies which were a big hit and the **Kuffel family** for their continued support.

We are located at 732 Route 20 in New Lebanon and offer free food and household supplies to New Lebanon School District residents. We are open every Saturday 10:30am - 1:00pm. We can make an appointment for emergencies if a family runs out of food. Any questions or concerns, please contact Georgette 518-794-0156 or Peter 518-794-0544.



## News From the Conservation Advisory Council

### Free Water Testing!

Clean and safe drinking water is vital and essential for our community. Almost all of New Lebanon's drinking water comes from wells – and testing those wells is our best way to ensure a safe source of drinking water. Did you know New Lebanon has a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan? A DWSP2 for short is a state supported program to improve and protect this precious resource. The New Lebanon CAC worked with the NYS Rural Water Association for almost 5 years to complete the report and the Town Board adopted the plan last February.

Using ARPA funds, the CAC is offering FREE sample testing of wells around town to help ensure quality and safety.

Please reach out to [nlcac.munves@gmail.com](mailto:nlcac.munves@gmail.com) if you would like to get your water tested. We are also reaching out to residents in specific areas we want to test. Understand that if someone near you already has been tested then we may put your name on a list for future testing. Your participation is voluntary and confidential and you will get all of your results. Thanks to those who have reached out already - we will be in touch.

### More about the DWSP2

Members of the CAC continue working with the New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) to obtain final approval for the plan from the NYS Department of Environmental Protection. Final approval by the NYS DEC will open the door for grants that will allow us to continue to test water for the foreseeable future. You may recall that selected testing was done in coordination with the NYS DOH in 2021. This was part of a state wide pilot program that proved very successful -- the DOH working with local town boards to increase awareness about protecting water AND to remediate contaminants as they are discovered. New Lebanon continues a very good working relationship with the NYS DOH who continue to support this testing.

The Trees for Tributaries (T4T) project in Shatford Park has a new look! Several of the trees and shrubs that were planted almost three years ago have outgrown their green tubes. The tubes were intended to provide light, offer protection from predators such as deer, and offer the plants some support. Those trees that have grown out of their tubes no longer need those benefits, so the tubes have been removed. A small tube collar has been left at the base of these trees for ground level protection.

The trees will continue to be monitored and protected as the need may arise. Being out of the tubes will hopefully allow more productive foliage as well as exposing any insects to the birds for removal. It is hoped that exposing the trees offers a better view of the Park's landscape than a field of green poles!

The purpose of the T4T project was to protect the watershed from erosion. New signage explaining the project has been placed in the Park. In view of recent high-water events in the Town, it should be noted that there has been no damage to the trees planted to slow erosion. While the stream in the Park was nearly as affected as other parts of the Town, it appears the project is doing what it was designed to do.

## 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 [nlrepccofa2@gmail.com](mailto:nlrepccofa2@gmail.com)  
Sarah Conly - 518-794-0423 [nlrepccofa4@gmail.com](mailto:nlrepccofa4@gmail.com)  
Mary Young - 518-794-7538 [nlrepccofa3@gmail.com](mailto:nlrepccofa3@gmail.com)

We are always 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.

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### 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.

## From Columbia County Office of The Aging by Mary Young

The Office of the Aging newsletter for July through September the Senior Scoop has been published and is available online on the Office of the Aging for Columbia County New York web site [www.columbia-countyny.com/newsletter](http://www.columbia-countyny.com/newsletter). If you cannot access the Senior Scoop online, you may obtain a free copy by calling the office at 518-828-4258. There are also copies available at the NL Town Hall. This newsletter is filled with information about programs for Seniors and for those who care for them. This month there is an article for Senior veterans also.

Farmer's Market coupons are available, at the Office of the Aging or from the New Lebanon Seniors on 8/18/23 at 1:00pm.

The County Senior picnic will be held on 9/14 from 10:30am -2:30pm at the Stuyvesant Falls VFW on County Rt 25. You must make a RESERVATION by calling 518-828-4258 by 8/25<sup>th</sup>. There will be vendors, and information stations as well as Flu and Covid vaccines available from the County Health Department. Community Senior Centers are open for socialization and sometimes food. The New Lebanon Seniors meet the first and third Friday of the month at 1:00pm at the New Lebanon fire station. They have games and trips and snacks at their meetings. The Canaan group meets every Wednesday at 11:00am in the Canaan Town Hall. They have lunch from the County nutrition program which costs \$4, they play games, watch movies, and have speakers about issues related to Seniors and topics which have or are affecting the Town of Canaan and New Lebanon.

There is an exercise program every Monday and Thursday morning from 9:00-10:00am at Hall of the Catholic church. The exercises are designed for Seniors in mind. Come and join the fun.

Heating season will be here soon enough, do you need help with repairing or replacing your heating system? Monies are available through the HEAP program, call 518-828-9411 to apply for assistance by 9/29/23. Cooling Assistance program to provide free assistance for air conditioners /fans for cooling. Call 518-828-4258.

County trips: 8/8 Shopping at Target, Burlington Coat Factory and lunch at Mid-Hudson Buffet in Kingston

8/24 Lake George boat ride and lunch

9/14 Senior picnic Stuyvesant Falls

9/27 Shopping and lunch at Colonie Center

Call 518-828-4258 option 1 and leave a message on the non-medical transportation phone line to make a reservation.

If you need assistance with transportation to a medical appointment or shopping call the Office of the Aging. If they are not able to assist you please call me at 518-794-7538 and the Senior reps will try to assist you.

## News From Our NL Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission is run by volunteers. We have openings and would appreciate your help in planning town events and with ideas to get our community together. If you have event questions, ideas or requests, please let us know at [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Music in the Park:**

Sunday, August 6th, Noon to 4:00PM at the Pavilion in Shatford Park. There will be free live music. Food and beverages for sale from Tacos Diablo Food Truck and Roaring 20's Brewery.

#### **Town Picnic and Music in the Park:**

Sunday, August 20th, Noon to 4:00PM at the Pavilion in Shatford Park. The town and local businesses supply hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, corn, watermelon and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Roaring 20's will have beer and wine for sale. We have bounce houses and games! If your organization would like to set up an information table at the picnic, please let us know.

**We need volunteers to assist with parking, cooking and bounce-house monitoring.** Please email [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com) if you can help.

#### **Newcomers Meet and Greet:**

Saturday, September 9th, 2:00-4:00PM at Roaring 20's (565 US Route 20). Snacks will be provided.

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! Please contact [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com) for details. If you can't make it this time, we can add you to the notification list for the next one.

#### **Outdoor Movie Night at the Shatford Park Pavilion:**

Friday, September 23rd at 7:00PM. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided.

#### **Upcoming Community Walks:**

-Sunday, August 13th at 10:30AM. A tour of the Shaker Swamp with leaders of the Shaker Swamp Conservancy. Meet at The Darrow School (110 Darrow Road) in the parking lot between the Dairy Barn and the Arts Center. We have a map we can send you.

-Sunday, September 10th at 10:30AM. A tour of the Ruins at Sassafra, a former Shaker property. We will be led by the delightful Carol Reichert. Meet at 194 Darrow Road, at the corner of Chair Factory Road.

-The October walk date and location is TBD.

Monthly walks usually run from March to October. We would like you to RSVP so we know how many people are coming, and so we can contact you if there's a location or weather update.

Email [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com) with your ideas for future walks, or to be added to the monthly contact list. We hope to see everyone at an event this year!

## Calendar Of Events

Hunting Licenses & DMP's go on sale – Wednesday, August 2, 2023

NL Seniors Meeting – LVPA – Friday, August 4, 2023 @ 1pm – (RSVP deadline for 8/25 Picnic)

Music In The Park – Shatford Pavilion - Sunday, August 6, 2023 from 12-4pm

Public Hearing on Moratorium Waiver Application (LL#4 of 2022) – August 8, 2023 @ 5pm

Public Hearings on Intro. LL#2, LL#3, LL#4, & LL#5 of 2023 – August 8, 2023 starting @ 5:30pm

August Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 6pm

Community Walk – meet at 110 Darrow Road – Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 10:30am

NL Seniors Meeting – LVPA - Friday, August 18, 2023 @ 1pm

Last Day of New Lebanon SYP – Friday, August 18, 2023

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

NL Seniors Senior Picnic – Shatford Pavilion – Friday, August 25, 2023 @ 1pm (RSVP by 8/4/23)

Kiss Program Dates: August 28 – September 8, 2023

NL Seniors Meeting – LVPA – Friday, September 1, 2023 @ 1pm

Holiday – Labor Day – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, September 4, 2023

Newcomers Meet and Greet – Roaring 20's Brewery – Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 2-4pm

Community Walk – meet at 194 Darrow Road – Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 10:30am

September Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 6pm

NL Seniors Luncheon – Lakeside Restaurant – Friday, September 15, 2023 @ 1pm (RSVP deadline for 9/26 trip)

Town Clean-Up Day – Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 8am-2pm (rain or shine)

Outdoor Movie Night – Shatford Pavilion – Friday, September 23, 2023 at 7pm

NL Seniors Trip – Silver Birches – Tuesday, September 26, 2023 (RSVP deadline 8/15/23)

Opening Day of Bow Hunting Season – Sunday, October 1, 2023

NL Seniors Meeting – LVPA – Friday, October 6, 2023 @ 1pm

NL Seniors Bake Sale – Family Dollar Plaza – Saturday, October 7, 2023

Holiday – Columbus / Indigenous People's Day – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, October 9, 2023

October Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 @ 6pm

NL Senior Trip – Octoberfest – Tuesday, October 10, 2023 (details to come)

NL Seniors Meeting – LVPA – Friday, October 20, 2023 @ 1pm

## Calendar Of Events (Continued)

Opening Day of Crossbow Hunting Season – Saturday, November 4, 2023

Opening Day of Regular Rifle Hunting Season – Saturday, November 18, 2023

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### 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](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 third 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