Town of New Lebanon

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November 2023

2024 Recycling Stickers Go On Sale

The New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office will have 2024 recycling permits for sale starting Monday, December 18th, 2023. The fees may change for 2024, we do not have a final answer from CCSWD. You will receive 2 stickers to utilize on two different vehicles. You must have a recycling sticker to drop recyclables at any Columbia County Solid Waste Department Stations, including the one in New Lebanon. You can drop recyclables at any of the stations in Columbia County with these stickers.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the Immaculate Conception Church, 732 US Route 20. The polls are open from 6am – 9pm. On the ballot this election are the offices of: State Supreme Court Justice (3), District Attorney, County Judge (2), County Treasurer, County Coroner, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Town Council (2), Town Council (Unexpired Term -1), Town Justice, and Town Highway Superintendent. There are two propositions on the back of the ballot this year, please take note. For more information on the two propositions feel free to go to the NYS Board of Elections website at:

https://www.elections.nv.gov/2023BallotProposals.html

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Town Hall is available for groups, organizations and anyone who needs a meeting space completely free? Including WIFI! Please reach out to the Town Clerk's office @ 518-794-8888 or townofnewlebanon.com to reserve a day/time.



Town Government

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

Regular Town Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The public may view the meetings via the live stream link at: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/ne w_lebanon_ny

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

Hunting Licenses – From The Town Clerk's Office

The New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office would like to remind everyone that Hunting Season is upon us! You do not have to be a New Lebanon resident for this service, anyone from anywhere can purchase a NY State Hunting/Fishing License through my office with the appropriate documentation. My office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. As in years past we are offering extended hours on Fridays from 9:00am-7:00pm with the remaining Fridays left: November 3rd and November 17^{th.}

Deer Management Permits (DMP) went on sale at the start of this year's selling season, in August through close of business on October 1st, 2023. If there are any leftover DMPs, they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on or about November 1st. You can go on the DEC website or contact my office to see what units are leftover.

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

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

The Next KISS Program At The Town Hall From 11/27 - 12/8/2023

The Columbia County KISS Program is once again available to seniors in every town in Columbia County. The KISS Program, founded by Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner, stands for Keeping the Identities of Seniors Safe. It was designed to protect the identities of our seniors while assisting them in the shredding of their sensitive materials. Seniors are encouraged to contact their local Town Hall for hours of operation and more information on the program. Justin Weaver, Columbia County Clerk's Records Services Manager, is overseeing the program and can also be contacted with any questions at 518-822-0143. The next KISS program runs at the NL Town Hall from November 27th – December 8th.

From The Lebanon Valley Protective Association

The LVPA is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 9 to 2 at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Inc. 523 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY. For an appointment call 1-800-Red Cross.

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.

Open Swim At New Lebanon Jr/Sr High

The program will run Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-7pm. Attached is an updated flyer and here is the link to the website so people can look for closures and updates:

https://sites.google.com/newlebanoncsd.org/nlcommunityeducation/home

All swimmers must pay a ONE TIME ANNUAL POOL USAGE FEE of \$10 per person. Families of two adults and two children in one household:\$25, \$5 for each additional child. If you have any questions, please contact Britt Buckenroth at: bbuckenroth@newlebanoncsd.org

Water Aerobics At New Lebanon Jr/Sr High

Sponsored by NL Community Education:

Thursdays, 6:45-7:45pm Instructor: Joe Ogilvie

Where: New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School Pool

Fee Schedule: Each 8 week session is \$40.00 (plus the one time annual pool facilities fee of \$10 - waived if

paid in Open Swim)

Session 1: 10/19/23 - 12/14/2023 Session 2: 12/21/23 - 2/16/23 Session 3: 2/29/23 - 4/25/23 Session 4: 5/2/23 - 6/20/23

*One make-up class per session included

Below is the link to the Community Ed Website: it includes the program handbook which outlines funding and what the program is about.

https://sites.google.com/newlebanoncsd.org/nlcommunityeducation/home

From Charlie's Pantry

We at Charlie's Pantry would like to thank Justin Piña from Stephentown for the wonderful produce he supplied us over the summer/fall season; June & Jack Nevers; Church of our Saviour; Berkshire Grown (this season through the Abode and New Leaf farms) and the Lebanon Valley Woman's Club for their continued support and many other members of our community for their generous donations.

Charlie's Pantry offers free food and personal/household supplies (when available) 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.

8th Annual Holiday Gift Donation Program

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

If you are a family in need of assistance this holiday season and you live in New Lebanon, please contact Tistrya at the Supervisor's office at 518-794-8889 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com or stop by the office Tue 9am-2pm or Thur 12pm-5pm. You can also fill out the form at the Town Clerk's office Mon, Wed, Thurs or Fri 9am-5pm. You will fill out a form for each child with their clothing size, their wish list, favorite colors, etc. so when our volunteers go shopping, they can purchase items your children will love! Your family's identity is kept 100% confidential.

If you would like to volunteer (shopping, gift wrapping, etc.) or adopt a child or family to shop for, please contact Tistrya at the contact information above. All types of toys, books, and children's items brand new and unwrapped are also accepted at the following drop off locations: Town Hall, New Lebanon Post Office and Maverick's. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation and have us do the shopping for you (for a specific child based on their wish list), please see instructions below for a new partnership this year with a non-profit organization, making all donations now tax-deductible.

NEW THIS YEAR: This year we are partnering with a new, local non-profit organization! Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC), newly formed 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity organization, fosters the community and economic well-being of the Town of New Lebanon, its residents and its neighbors.

Tax-deductible donations for the holiday gift drive can be made via PayPal at <u>tinyurl.com/PayPal-LVCC</u> (can also link to here via the QR code below) or a check can be made out to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation and mailed to P.O. Box 74, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Please make sure to write Holiday Gift Drive in the memo section of your check.



Thank you all for being a community that is there for each other!

News From The Recreation Commission

This year, the Shatford Park Ice Rink will be better than ever. Thanks to the Town Board, we received the budget to upgrade the rink liner to one that should be leak-free and last for many years. Pete McCagg has offered to do the fabrication as a service to the town.

The rink will be set up by early December by volunteers, led by Pete McCagg and Jesse Newton. We're hoping it will soon be cold enough to freeze up quickly and stay frozen.

We need a few more people to help with setup.

Please email <u>NLRecreation03@gmail.com</u> if you're available.

The rink will not be staffed. Parents must stay at the rink to supervise their children.

We have a small supply of skates in assorted sizes that can be borrowed.

We're hoping to have pop-up snack bars a few times over the skating season. They'll be fundraisers for local groups, dates to be announced. They'll serve free hot chocolate- supplied by the Town's Recreation Commission.

From The Building Department

As most of you know, the Town's ninth annual Town Clean-up Day (AKA: Dump Day) event was held on Saturday, September 16, 2023. This event has become one of the community's most favored and requested. The cooperation, appreciation, and courtesy of every community member and volunteer who has participated over the years make it a fun event that we look forward to participating in each year! From a work-related viewpoint, we have always referred to it as "our favorite day of the year!". It is seeing all of your smiling faces that keep us going!

Town Clean Up Day would, of course, not be successful without the dedication and hard work of all the wonderful volunteers for whom we are incredibly grateful. The Building Department would like to thank the following folks who did a fantastic job at this year's event!

Pre-event Day Resident Assistance: Ed Godfroy and Steve Houghtling

Event Day: Ted Salem, Bill Ingwerson, Jack Lancto, Michael Treanor, Jeff Hattat, Joey Hurst, Jesse

Newton, Samantha Long, Rob Long, John Trainor, Matthew Krolikowsi, Jim Carroll

Electronics: Steve Powers, John Story, John Story

MVP: A very special shout-out to Jeff Hattat. Jeff is the owner and operator of the loader used all day throughout the event. It is difficult to imagine even holding such an event without this piece of machinery and his operating skills! Thank you, Jeff!!

If you are interested in joining in the fun and wish to be a volunteer next year, please contact the Building Department at 518.794-8884 or email: BuildingDept@townofnewlebanon.com

HEAP Is Now Open For Enrollment

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for the 2023-24 season is now accepting applications. You can pick up an application at the New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office. If you received a regular benefit last year and are over 60 years old, you should have already received your application. If you are receiving food stamps, you are automatically enrolled in HEAP.

If you would like to apply for HEAP and did not receive it last year, you must have an interview and may opt for an in person or phone interview. To qualify for HEAP, you must make under \$3,035 per month gross for a household of 1, under \$3,970 per month gross for a household of 2, under \$4,904 per month gross for a household of 3, under \$5,838 per month gross for a household of 4 and under \$6,772 for a household of 5. New applicants must have proof of each household member's identity, proof of applicant's social security number and for each household member, proof of residence, proof of fuel and/or utility bill if you pay for heat or proof that you pay rent which includes heat, and proof of income for all household members. If you need assistance applying you can contact Columbia Opportunities (if under 60 years old) at 518-828-4611 or Office for the Aging (if over 60 years old) at 518-828-4258. You can also contact the Department of Social Services at 518-828-9411 with any questions. You can also apply online at www.my.gov/services/apply-heap.

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

The Cemetery Of The Evergreens Seeks Donations

The Trustees of the Cemetery of the Evergreens wish to remind residents of the ongoing need for donations to support maintenance of the cemetery. If you would like to help keep the cemetery beautiful, please send your donation to Cemetery of the Evergreens, c/o Treasurer Mark Baumli, PO Box 773, New Lebanon, NY 12125. The check should be made out to "Cemetery of the Evergreens". The cemetery is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donation qualifies as a deduction on your income taxes. Donors will receive an acknowledgement letter for their records.

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



J. Lawrence Benson, President Harold Sharp, Vice-president Ruthmary Lasher, Secretary Mark Baumli, Treasurer Ed Godfroy, Superintendent Joann Amlaw, Trustee Joy Sherman, Trustee Abe Phelps, Trustee

From The Archives Of The Lebanon Valley Historical Society

K. Gibbons collection:

Columbia Co History (date unknown): "The New Lebanon Glass Works apparently took over the bottle business of the Tilden Company, although precise data are lacking. The factory was on the road running past the second Tilden factory with a freight-house adjacent to the "Muck Hole" now Brown's Pond."

Brochure, 1973. "New Lebanon Glass Co., Manufacturers of Glass-Ware. Used by Druggists, Chemists and Liquor Dealers. Made in any color desired. Green, Flint or Amber." "The town of New Lebanon, where the New Lebanon Glass works are located, is on the Harlem Extension R.R. (New York & Montreal), in direct communication, by rail, with Albany, Troy, Boston, New York, and all the principle cities of the East and North. Parties favoring us with their orders for Glass-ware can rely on their being filled with promptness and shipped with care and dispatch. Possessing every convenience for the manufacture of Glass-ware in any color or style desired, and having access to the best sand mine in the country for the manufacture of glass, and having also the practical knowledge of the business, we feel confident of being able to meet the demands of the trade. We would call especial attention to the beauty and brilliancy of our Green Glass, which will equal, if not excel, and other manufactured in the country." (Some listed examples: Vials, bottles, seltzers, wide and narrow mouth, patent medicines, ink bottles, prescription vials, pomade bottles, acids and tinctures, blue ware)

Chatham Courier, 1916.: "Near the Railroad Station in the village of New Lebanon are the ruins of what was once a prosperous industry, the New Lebanon Glass Works, established in 1873. The building contained 6 furnaces and pots and 50 hands were employed. The daily output was 5000-6000 green and blue bottles. The industry was not a success and it went out of existence at the end of its third year."

Columbia Co Directory 188?: "William H. White and associates ran a glass factory at New Lebanon between 1880 and 1883, when the plant finally burnt. Presumably he bought out the defunct Lebanon Glass Works (1873-1876), the cause of which seems to have been bad management."

News From The New Lebanon Library

The New Lebanon Library is excited to announce the return of our annual Community Holiday Potluck Party & Concert! Please join us on Friday, December 8th at 6:00 PM to enjoy an evening of food, music, and a craft for the kids. We are pleased to welcome back DBx2, featuring bassist Dan Broad and pianist David Bartley, to provide music for the event. Everyone is welcome, and attendees are encouraged to bring treats or a covered dish to share.

News From The New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School

Please join us for a Community Celebration of Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 18th!

- -Community Turkey Trot 5K to benefit the New Lebanon Travel Club to be held in the morning. Details to follow on our District Facebook Page. (Time TBD)
- -Community Thanksgiving Dinner at New Lebanon Junior Senior High School from 4:00-6:00pm (All are invited to attend. This is not an event based on income eligibility)

News From The Conservation Advisory Committee

The New Lebanon CAC has completed multiple rounds of well water testing around town. CAC members Donald Lamonaca and Peg Munves have been collecting well water samples as part of the New Lebanon Drinking Water Source Protection Plan (DWSP2). The DWSP2 is a New York State supported program to improve and protect our drinking water. The CAC has to date tested over 53 wells, with several of those being retests to help residents decide if they need mitigation for coliform and E.coli bacterial findings. Overall most of the wells in New Lebanon provide safe and clean water. We discovered a 50% coliform result and 25% E.coli result of properties tested along the Rte 20/22 business corridor. This is likely due to the age of the septic systems and wells as well as the density of the properties. The BEDC, with the CAC's help, submitted these results as part of a grant application for a wastewater feasibility study for the Town's business corridor. We hope to learn about the awarding of the grant over the next couple of months.

The aggregate results of all of the town-wide tests will help us get a clearer picture of the quality and safety of our drinking water and will also provide valuable information on areas that need further water protections or remediation. The CAC offers residents guidance to rectify any problems should they be discovered.

The CAC continues to work with the New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) to obtain final approval for the DWSP2 from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Final approval by the NYSDEC 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 Department of Health (NYSDOH) in 2021. This was part of a statewide pilot program where the NYSDOH works with local town boards to increase awareness about protecting water AND to remediate contaminants as they are discovered. New Lebanon continues to have a very good working relationship with the NYSDOH who support and monitor this testing.

For more information on maintaining your well, please visit:

https://tinyurl.com/nmbfcc7w

Download a copy of the DWSP2 (PDF, about 30MB):

https://tinyurl.com/y4vdy5vm

Please reach out to <u>nlcac.munves@gmail.com</u> or <u>nlcac.lamonaca@gmail.com</u> if you would like your well Tested or for more information.

News From The Assessor's Office

The Town of New Lebanon and Columbia County are updating 3 exemptions:

Low Income Senior Exemption:

The Town of New Lebanon and Columbia County offer an exemption for Seniors 65 years and older with incomes less than 42,399. Income includes all owners and their spouses. Income is from a prior year return. Example, for the 2024 Roll year, we will look at income from 2022. Income is defined as the federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) as reported on the applicant's federal form 1040 tax return(s) and subject to the following revisions:

- Social Security benefits not included in the applicant's FAGI are considered income.
- Distributions from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity included in the applicant's FAGI are not considered income
- If an owner is an inpatient in a residential health care facility, the amount paid for care at the facility by that owner (or by that owner's spouse or co-owner) may be deducted from income.
- Any tax-exempt interest or dividends that were not included in the applicant's FAGI is considered income.
- The net amount of loss claimed on federal Schedule C, D, E, F, or any other separate category of loss cannot exceed \$3,000, and the total amount of all losses claimed cannot exceed \$15,000.
- NOTE: We no longer allow for Medical Deductions.

Low Income Disabled Exemption:

The Town of New Lebanon and Columbia County offer an exemption for Persons with a Disability and incomes less than 42,399. Income is from the year immediately preceding the application. For the 2024 Roll year we will be looking at 2023 Income.

Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker:

Residential Real property owned an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service which serves the Town of Chatham. Applicant must be an active member for at least 2 years and be certified eligible from their department.

Exemption forms can be found on our website www.townofnewlebanon.com or picked up at the Town Hall.

News from the Climate Smart Communities Task Force

By Elizabeth Poreba:

Soon New Lebanon's Junior and Senior High School students will have some new items to pack in their book bags: batteries and plastic film. School librarian Britt Buckenroth is restarting last year's successful battery recycling campaign and adding a plastic recycling campaign.

Students' collections will augment the 200 pounds of plastic that residents have already brought to the bin in Town Hall. Every piece of plastic film brings them closer to the goal of collecting 500 pounds of plastic and winning a free, recycled plastic Trex bench. (Please remember that the plastic must be clean and that foam or hard plastic containers are not eligible for collection.) Kudos to Britt for joining in these townwide collection efforts and helping to instill good recycling habits in our young people.

As Task Force members Cathy Wilkerson and Kris Cottom plan for ways to keep the town's food scraps out of the landfill by getting them to the County's digester, a small project of collecting from the Farmers Market and Maverick's is going well.

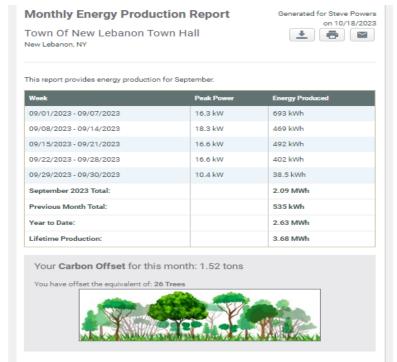
Meanwhile, Climate Smart Communities Chair Steve Powers is applying for a grant from Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley. If approved, the money will go for the additional heat pumps needed to heat and cool Town Hall without burning oil.

The Free Store, on the second floor of Town Hall, is bursting at the seams with clothes in good condition, including many coats. All are invited to browse and help themselves during business hours. In a month or so, the Store will move to larger quarters in the much-anticipated Community Center, located in the former LVPA station at 523 Route 20. Alissa and Merrill Ross have volunteered to build shelving for the

updated Store.

Some residents have asked for more details about the energy production from the 50 solar panels on Town Hall that came online August 24th. We created a link so that you can monitor the electricity output at any time. It will go up on the Town of New Lebanon website and you can click below to view. These solar panels were funded through a grant from NYSERDA based on other energy saving actions completed by the New Lebanon Climate Smart Task Force.

Here's a few stats from September:



https://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/.../Kjt94482585/overview

News from New Lebanon Senior Reps

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

Contacts: David Russell: Chair 518-794-0273 nlrepccofa2@gmail.com

Sarah Conly 518-794-0423 nlrepccofa4@gmail.com

Mary Young 518-794-7538 <u>nlrepccofa3@gmail.com</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Center Opening Soon – Donations Needed

The Town of New Lebanon will be opening a community center in the next month or two at the downtown LVPA building at 502 Route 20, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. It will be open 3 days a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, for 3 hours each day (exact times TBD).

As we begin to set up the space, we are looking for the following items to set up the game room, cozy corner and video game corner:

- Pool table
- Couches, Love Seats & Comfy Chairs
- Beanbags, Overstuffed Pillows, Etc.
- Large Flat Screen TV
- Video Game Systems and Games
- Rugs
- Tapestries
- Lava Lamps, Wall Décor, Plants, Room Décor

All donations are tax deductible and we can provide a letter for tax purposes upon request. Thank you for your generosity!

If you are interested in volunteering at the community center to help get it set up or to help run programs, classes, etc. please contact Tistrya at 518-505-1535 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com.

A huge thank you to the LVPA for allowing the Town to run a PILOT program for the community center at no expense to the town tax payers!

Stay tuned for more announcements soon with the grand opening date, times of operation and programming!

Community Bulletin Board Coming Soon

The Town's outreach and marketing committee (a subcommittee under the BEDC) will soon be installing and monitoring a town community bulletin board on the wall outside of Filli's, the new grocery store in Tilden Plaza. Stay tuned!

Help us bring PHARMACY and WELLNESS to New Lebanon!



Talk of a new grocery store and wellness center has been buzzing through New Lebanon. We are thrilled to confirm that these conversations are happening, and New Lebanon is on the cusp of something truly transformative.

At the old Tilden Plaza, Fili's Deli, a local favorite, has already taken its first step towards this vision by opening its doors in town. Their expansion plans are in full swing, but that's just the beginning of the exciting developments in our community. The hard work continues as we strive to bring wellness to the forefront with the launch of a new nonprofit pharmacy and wellness center.

Ed Ullmann and his dedicated team from Wellness Rx Pharmacy in Tannersville, NY, are collaborating closely with the Town of New Lebanon and Columbia County officials to join forces to bring back wellness. Together, they are crafting a central anchor and hub within our community, offering residents and visitors a place to access both traditional and natural pharmacy services, alternative medicine, and clinical services.

In today's world, big chain pharmacies hold a virtual monopoly, pushing out small, independent pharmacies across America. Many rural areas like ours are losing access to pharmacy and wellness services as conglomerates seek to dominate the market. The drastic cuts in prescription reimbursement have made it increasingly difficult for independent pharmacies to survive as businesses.

During the challenging times of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Ed Ullmann, Chief Pharmacist and CEO of Wellness Rx, recognized the numerous weaknesses and deficiencies in our healthcare system. He decided to take a stand. Ullmann and his team at Wellness Rx in Tannersville developed a groundbreaking nonprofit model of pharmacy and wellness centers under the banner of Pharmacy for the Public Good (PPG).

PPG officially received its articles of incorporation on November 17th, 2021, and secured its 501(c)(3) taxexempt status on August 19, 2022 (effective 11/17/21), with EIN 87-3649841.

On April 7th, 2023, Pharmacy for the Public Good proudly opened its first nonprofit pharmacy in Phoenicia, NY, DBA Wellness Rx. Several members of our New Lebanon community and local dignitaries, including Senator Michelle Hinchey, were in attendance. Now, the sights are set on New Lebanon as the next location. This new facility will be much larger than Phoenicia's, allowing space for clinical rooms, traditional and natural pharmacy, and a private room for alternative medicine practitioners.

Pharmacy to New Lebanon (Continued)

To become a successful nonprofit entity, Pharmacy for the Public Good must be embraced as an integral part of our community, much like our public library.

Although prescription reimbursements will provide revenue, **fundraising**, **donations**, **and grants will play a crucial role in establishing and securing the permanence** of this new wellness center and pharmacy.

This is the difference between for-profit and nonprofit and how we expect this new model of pharmacy to thrive and survive in a new America.

Help us bring pharmacy and wellness to New Lebanon! We are thrilled to announce the official launch of our fundraising campaign. In the coming weeks, Ed Ullmann of Wellness Rx, will host a live informational session at the town hall, which will also be streamed online to address any questions or concerns. During the session, we will unveil the collaborative efforts that have brought this unique opportunity to life for all who call New Lebanon home or visit our charming town.

If you are as excited as we are about this groundbreaking endeavor and wish to support our cause, you can make a donation today. The campaign's goal is \$700,000. This will cover construction, set up, inventory, and licensing fees along with an operating cushion to get through the first two formative years.

Donations can be made by check to Pharmacy for the Public Good, Inc.,
PO Box 493, Tannersville, NY 12485. Write New Lebanon in the memo line.
Or donate on their website www.pharmacyforthepublicgood.org
For more information about the management team and Wellness Rx LLC, please visit

www.wellnessrxllc.com

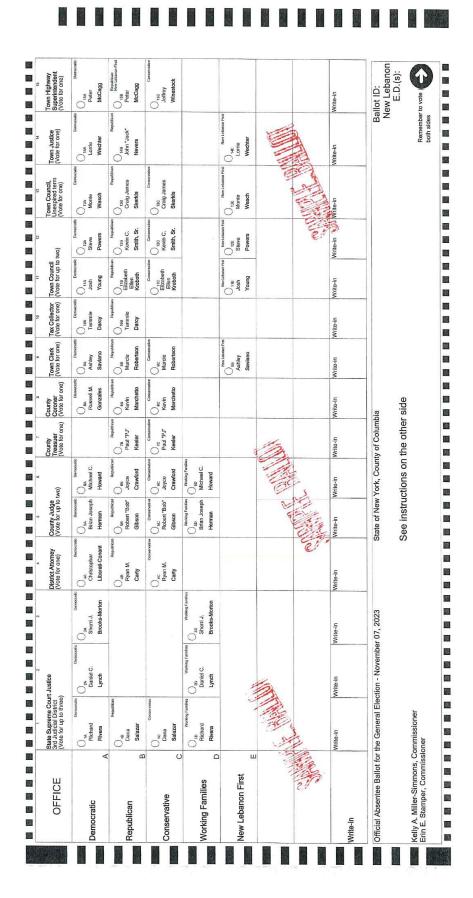
Together, we can make New Lebanon an even more vibrant and healthier community. Thank you for your support, and stay tuned for more exciting updates on this remarkable journey.



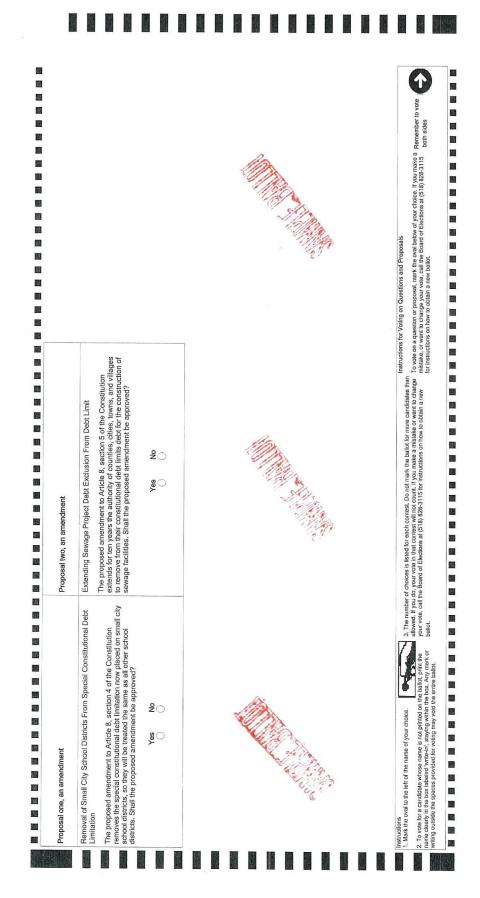




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WATER AEROBICS

THURSDAYS, 6:45-7:45 PM
INSTRUCTOR: JOE OGILVIE
SHATFORD POOL



Each 8 week session is \$40

(plus the one time annual pool facilities fee of \$10

- waived if paid in Open Swim)

Session 1: 10/19-12/14

Session 2: 12/21-2/16

Session 3: 2/29 - 4/25

Session 4: 5/2 - 6/20

*One make-up class per session included

Sponsored by NL Community Education

SHATFORD POOL NEW LEBANON JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 7

Starts **Monday** September 25

If you have questions, please contact Britt Buckenroth,

The Town of New Lebanon has generously offered to pay the lifeguards for the 2023-24 school year. *All swimmers must pay a ONE TIME ANNUAL POOL USAGE FEE OF

\$10. Families of two adults and two children in one household: \$25,

\$5 for each additional child.

Sponsored by NL Community Education and the Town of New Lebanon







To: Lebanon Valley Friends and Supporters

Cypress Hill is a neglected section of The Cemetery of the Evergreens in New Lebanon, NY. Dating back over 200 years, it is the final resting place of numerous Revolutionary War Veterans as well as veterans from more recent wars. A much needed restoration of this portion of the cemetery is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the NL Town Historian, the Floyd Carlton Post of the American Legion, The Cemetery of the Evergreens Board, as well as numerous others from the community. New Lebanon has the distinction of supporting the Revolution with 20 or more veterans lying on this hill as well as another 30 or more buried in numerous private cemeteries throughout the town. Historical research of those interred here has been an exhaustive ongoing project by dedicated history buffs.

The Hudson Chapter of the DAR is sponsoring an application for a 'matching' \$10,000 grant to be submitted by the end 2023. Local donations recently started with a letter from the Town Historian distributed by the Town Clerck's office to all residents. The short time frame to raise the 'matching' funds results in a direct appeal to benefactors to push the drive to or above the goal.

The DAR has established a working relationship with Christopher White of Albany to clean, repair, and reset stones as needed to make this a fitting tribute to our Veterans as well as possible expansion of the project to New Lebanon's founding fathers and ancestors. A positive response would be a fitting tribute and a lasting acknowledgment with the 250h anniversary of the Revolution on the horizon.

The Cemetery of the Evergreens Board is coordinating receipt of donations to:

Cemetery of the Evergreens, P.O. Box 773, New Lebanon, NY 12125 (Memo-Cypress Hill Restoration Project)

With sincere appreciation, Friends of Cypress Hill Restoration

**The Cemetery is a charitable organization as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. It may be tax deductible as provided by the IRS.

News From The Lebanon Valley Seniors

With the holidays fast approaching I don't want to wait until the craziness starts to do this. For the new members we give Christmas cards to nursing homes, Vet homes, etc. at Christmas. We also send Birthday cards and any card in general when needed to our me4mbers also. So if any of you get cards in the mail that you don't want or use please let the Seniors have them for their card collection.

Now as far as the Christmas cards go this year we are going to do something different. There is no more getting writer's cramp signing cards. I got a stamp with New Lebanon Valley Seniors on it. All you have to do this year is donate cards and put the cards that I have stamped in the envelopes and put a sticker on the back to seal. We don't seal them shut in case some have a hard time opening them. You may bring me cards at any meeting or event for me. I already have stamped quite a few cards already. If any of you want to take cards home to put in envelopes and put stickers on please let me know I and I will give them to you. Hopefully this will help things not be as crazy as last year.

Now I have been already getting calendars for next year. So once again if you get calendars you don't need or want please let the seniors have them. We also give them to the nursing homes etc., as some may not get a calendar and they like to have them. Just having the pictures on them hanging in their rooms is cheery.

Don't shoot me for putting this out this early but before we know it Oct. will be here starting all the madness with Halloween. Also I need to stay ahead of the Envelope stuffing with my stamping of the envelopes. It doesn't take me long to stamp them but I don't want to be doing them at the last minute either. You can even put them in my mailbox or on my front porch as I am easy to find. If you know where the carwash is and what use to be Hatches you found me. Lovers lane is the road by what was hatches. Now my house number is on the mailbox and house. The cocker spaniel sign says Vail on it as I live with my mom in the house that I grew up in. That sign has confused many people when they are looking for me.

Donna Moshimer VP

Change Your Carbon Monoxide Detector Batteries

You should do this when you change the clocks in the fall and the spring.













8th ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Donate unwrapped gifts at The New Lebanon Post Office, Mayerick's or the Town Hall for families in NL

The New Lebanon Town Supervisor is organizing the eighth annual holiday gift drive for families in need here in New Lebanon. If you would like to "adopt" a child or children this holiday season, please contact the Town Supervisor at 518-505-1535 or stop by the Town Hall. You will be provided a detailed list of items needed (boots, coat, clothes, toys etc) as well as toys and items the child likes.

If you would prefer we do the shopping, you can make a monetary donation. This year we are partnering with a new, local non-profit organization! **Tax-deductible** donations for the holiday gift drive can be made via PayPal at tinyurl.com/PayPal-LVCC (can also use the QR code below) or a check can be made out to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation and mailed to P.O. Box 74, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Please make sure to write Holiday Gift Drive in the memo section of your check.

Instead of "adopting" a child, if you would like to donate an unwrapped gift or two, appropriate for children ages 1 – 18 (Barbies, Sports Equipment, Arts & Crafts, Books, Stuffed Animals, Legos, Dolls, Etc.) You can drop these donations off at The New Lebanon Post Office, Maverick's or at the New Lebanon Town Hall.

If you are a family in need or for more information, please contact Tistrya Houghtling at 518-505-1535 or supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com





October 2023

Dear New Lebanon Community,

I write this letter with the goal of telling you about a wonderful program that benefits several families in our local New Lebanon community. This program is called "The BackPack program." This program provides 30 backpacks full of food for children and their families on weekends when school breakfasts and lunches aren't available.

As a district we partner with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The foodbank helps us organize and gather the food. This program is completely self funded by our New Lebanon community. Families, community members, and businesses make donations to this program. It costs our community \$8,190 a year to support 30 families in our community with a full backpack of food most weekends.

Throughout the year we will be working on fundraising projects so that we can continue this opportunity for our families in the future. It is our community's goal to raise an additional \$8,190 to support the backpack program for next school year. The Northeastern Food Bank is accepting donations from the community to continue this service to our students and their families in need.

Did You Know??

- It costs \$273 to support one child for the year.
- It costs \$4,095 to support 15 students for the year.
- It costs \$8,190 to support 30 students for the year.

To Make a Donation: * Consider asking a business to match your donation*

- Write a check to: The Regional Food Bank
- In the memo section of your check be sure to write "for New Lebanon CSD"
- Drop the check off to either WBH Elementary School, the New Lebanon Jr/Sr.
 High School or you can mail it to:

The Regional Food Bank of NorthEastern NY 965 Albany-Shaker Rd Latham, NY 12110

I appreciate your time and consideration to this great cause. Thank you for your support and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at akourt@newlebanoncsd.org.

Fondly,

Andrew Kourt (NL Superintendent) & The New Lebanon Backpack Team

The BackPack Program at New Lebanon

"I like the BackPack Club because there is good food, healthy food, and something new every week. It helps Mom not have to worry about food."

-BackPack Program Participant

Program Description:

The BackPack Program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children on weekends when school breakfasts and lunches aren't available. The Program provides bags filled with food that is child-friendly, non-perishable and easily consumed. Bags are packed each week by school staff and discreetly distributed to participating children every Friday afternoon.

Program at a Glance:

- Provides food that is easy for children to recognize and easy to prepare
- Operates for at least 30 weeks during the academic year
- Serves the children most in need as determined by school staff who know them best
- Is flexible in design based on each school's capacities and limitations
- Is supported by local organizations and generous community members
- BackPack food is typically shared with the family, which helps meet the nutritional needs of the entire household
- Helps participating children learn, thrive, and grow



2022-23 BackPack **Program statistics** 17 (1) provided

Contact: Betsy Dickson at (518) 786-3691 x233 965 Albany-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110 regionalfoodbank.net

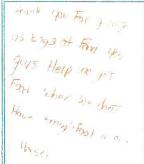


About the Meals:

Each week, participating students receive bags filled with nonperishable food as well as fresh bread and produce. A typical bag includes:

- 2+ breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal, graham crackers, granola bars)
- 3+ entrees (mac & cheese, PB & J, Spaghetti Os, tuna, soup, etc.)
- Milk card for a gallon of milk (every other week)
- Egg card for a dozen eggs (every other week)
- · Loaf of bread or non-perishable grain option
- Fruit (fresh whenever possible)
- Canned vegetables once a month





Fast Fact: Research has shown that a student's participation in the BackPack Program helps improve attendance and academic performance while reducing disciplinary actions.

Partnering with the Food Bank for the New Lebanon BackPack Program:

The Food Bank partners with New Lebanon to help provide nourishing meals to its students most in need.

The Food Bank creates weekly menus for New Lebanon and provides administrative structure and support for the Program. Menus are drawn from the Food Bank's large inventory to provide diverse foods at low cost.

New Lebanon partners with the Food Bank to pick up the food, pack the bags, distribute bags to students, and locally support the Program.

Partner schools work with businesses, individuals, and community and religious organizations to financially sustain the Program.

\$273 supports one child for a year \$4,095 supports 15 students for a year \$8,190 supports 30 students for a year

Yes, I will support New Lebanon's BackPack Program and help provide a hungry child with nutritious meals during the weekend.

Name:				
Address:				Donate online at
City:		_ State:	Zip:	<u>regionalfoodbank.net</u> select "Children's
Amount:	_ 🗆 Check	□ Credit Ca	rd	Programs", and put
Card Number:		Billing Zip Code:		BP New Lebanon in the "Partner Agency
Expiration Date:	CVC:			Name" section



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 third Monday of each month, as necessary, at 7:00pm (changed to quarterly in June, but will meet as needed on the 3^{rd} Monday)

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

NOW – Hunting Licenses on sale at the Town Clerk's Office – M, W, Th & Fri 9am-5pm plus Friday hours until 7pm on Friday 11/3 & 11/17

Sunday, November 5th – Daylight Savings occurs – set your clocks back one hour

Tuesday, November 7th – General Election from 6am-9pm at the Immaculate Conception Church - All Town Hall offices are closed

Thursday, November 9th – 7:15pm – Public Hearing for CRS 2024 Contract

Thursday, November 9th – 7:30pm – Public Hearing for LVPA 2024 Contract

Friday, November 10th – Veteran's Day – Holiday - All Town Hall offices are closed

Saturday, November 11th – 9:00am - 2:00pm – Red Cross Blood Drive at the LVPA

Tuesday, November 14th – 5:55pm – Public Hearing (Intro. LL#7 of 2023)

Tuesday, November 14th – 6:00pm – Regular Town Board Meeting

Saturday, November 18th – NL Jr/Sr High School – Turkey Trot 5K (time to be announced later)

Saturday, November 18th – 4:00 – 6:00pm - NL Jr/Sr High School – Thanksgiving Dinner

November 18th thru December 10th – Regular season deer hunting (southern zone)

Thursday and Friday, November 23rd & 24th – Holiday – Thanksgiving & the day after – All Town Hall offices are closed

November 27th thru December 8th – KISS Program at Town Hall – free shredding program

Friday, December 8th – 6:00pm - Community Holiday Potluck Party & Concert @ the New Lebanon Library

Tuesday, December 12th – 6:00pm – 7:30pm – New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School Winter Concert – (snow date: 12/13/23)

Tuesday, December 12th – 6:00pm – Regular Town Board Meeting

Monday, December 18th – 2023 Recycling Stickers go on sale through the Town Clerk's Office

Monday, December 25th - Christmas - Holiday Observance - All Town Hall offices are closed

Monday, January 1st – New Year's Day – Holiday Observance– All Town Hall office are closed