

Assessor

Exemptions-

- All exemption renewals have been sent out. This year we printed our own. (Usually, the County prints them). This allowed us to change the wording on the form, hopefully making it easier for people to understand.
- All Renewals and New Exemption applications are due no later than March 1 st .
- Information and forms regarding most exemptions can be found anytime, on our website.
- Sharon Powers, our web designer, did a wonderful job adding an interactive income calculator to the Assessors page. Check it out!
- Legislation was passed allowing taxing jurisdictions to change the eligibility requirements for the Fire fighter and ambulance worker exemption. There is now an option to allow for Firefighters that serve in a neighboring Town. So far, I have not heard of other Towns/County or Schools acting on that.

Other-

- The Assessors attended a meeting with Columbia County Soil and Water this month. At that meeting we shared useful information concerning Agricultural properties.
- Assessor are set to attend a training Dec. 6th, which will be reported on at a later date.
- The Assessor will be out of the office from Dec. 24th through New Year's. Michelle Bienes, assessor clerk will be handling the day-to-day business.

Building Department

No report

Business & Economic Development

No report

Outreach & Marketing

No report

CAC, Climate Smart & Environmental Management

CAC:

Drinking Water Source Protection Plan (DWSP2) - The CAC is continuing to test water around New Lebanon and has done 144 tests to date. Of note, several PCB water tests have been conducted around the brown field area and so far there is 0 showing up. Testing is 100% voluntary by residents. We are interested in information on

anything concerning residents, like things that have been buried or dumped uphill/upstream from their wells. We will be testing in 2025.

Joint BEDC and Conservation Advisory Council Wastewater Feasibility Study -

The joint BEDC and CAC committee on Wastewater and Muni water assisted Lamont Engineers with PERC testing along the Rte 20-22 corridor and surrounding streets. Working together with our advisors at RCAP Solutions, we have a draft survey that we are finalizing that is for all participating property owners to assess more in depth concerns on water issues along the business corridor. Lamont Engineers will calibrate water test results along the business corridor to get a better picture of water quality and concerns.

Open Space Inventory (OSI) - The CAC is considering folding in the OSI with the new County Wide Conservation Plan and will report on that soon.

Trees for Tribs - Working with the Rec Committee to figure out who will oversee this project in 2025

Stream Erosion in Shatford Park - The CAC and Climate Smart Task Force (CSC) decided against applying for a 2025 grant to help stop the erosion until more research is done on the best way to mitigate this erosion.

The Conservation Advisory Council is Bill O'Neill, Peg Munves, Donald Lamonaca, Bruce Shenker, and Bob Gilson. NOTE: Meeting time has moved - we meet on the second Monday of the month at 5PM now.

CSC:

NYSERDA has now reimbursed the town for the entire \$175000 grant for the garage heat pumps, solar panels and electrical upgrades. We are still waiting for NYSEG to install a new transformer so that the solar panels can be hooked up to the grid.

And we are happy to report that NYSERDA approved our \$250000 grant for energy upgrades at the Community Center building. This includes heat pumps, solar panels and a battery backup system that will provide power when the grid goes down creating a potential warming center.

The Columbia Paper has contacted us to write a profile of our bike recycling program.

The plastic recycling program has expanded to include Country Squire which has a lot of plastic product wrapping to dispose of. Thanks to Jesse Newton for participating.

EMC:

No report

Fire, Law Enforcement & Emergency

No report

Highway

No report

Historian & LVHS

Historian:

Since my last report I have:

- Responded to emails and voice messages regarding
 - o Genealogy
 - o Houses in the area
 - o Water works, AKA, the Springs
- Conducted research on several of the Revolutionary War veterans buried in Cypress Hill
- Wrote an article on the Cypress Hill Project and the role of the veterans buried there for the Columbia County, NY 250 book
- Contacted Christopher White to set an appointment to review stones for preservation in Phase 2 of the project.
- Completed an inventory of supplies and equipment in my office.
- Met with Glenn Fisher. Our next meeting will be in March 2025.

LVHS:

No report

Justice Court

No report

Library

No report

Buildings, Parks & Recreation

Buildings:

No report

Parks:

No report

Recreation Commission:

The Recreation Commission is working on getting the ice skating rink up and running soon.

Seniors

Office of the Aging is working on the Senior Star program for Seniors in need for the holidays. The Council continues to work on a survey for all seniors in the County to determine the programs that are needed and the ones that are working.

Groups throughout the County are offering various programs for the Holiday season.

The Lebanon Valley Seniors have holiday programs also. On 12/3 the High School choir came to the Community Center and performed a rehearsal concert for the seniors. On 12/6 the seniors will meet at Mario's and have a holiday party. The seniors have been busy baking sugar cookies for the tree lighting and festivities planned for 12/6 in the evening.

Elections have been held, William Shannon, Pres, Irene Marcello Vice President, Sharon Stall Secretary, Cathy Shuhart, Treasurer, Mary Young Chaplin A executive committee planning meeting is being scheduled for January. Just a reminder the group only meets the third Fridays of the month for Jan., Feb., and March.

Traffic Safety

The New York DOT is working on reviewing the speeds in front of both schools. The Sherriff had their speed trailer in front of the school this fall at the request of the school. The information was forwarded to DOT and a request to reduce the speed and or change the roads in front of the schools to a school zone which reduces the speed and increases fines.

Attached are the reports from Gale Hill Road where the traffic trailer has been placed.

Volunteers

No report

Quality of Life

No report

Zoning Re-write Committee Update

At its November 25 meeting, the ZRC met with the Quality of Life committee to discuss various housing issues. The committees reviewed recommendations from the county Housing Coordinator, Chris Brown. There was consensus to proceed on several of the recommendations. There was less consensus on whether to reconsider the imposition of limits on short term rentals, however, the ZRC will discuss further.

The ZRC representatives on the Mt. Lebanon Historic District working group reported continued progress with the goal of presenting a summary of its recommendations to your honorable board at your February meeting.

The ZRC will work toward a set of proposed zoning changes in early 2025, anchored by the Central Commercial zone proposal and likely to include several items of a smaller nature. It is unlikely that Mt. Lebanon and Telcomm will be ready within this timeframe and the committee will work toward getting these ready later in the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Salem, Chair

Community Center/Free Store Update

The Community Center had another busy month hosting an estimated 1000 people. I'm estimating because I'm not sure how many people attended the Blood Drive, but we had 982 documented people come through. Keep in mind we were closed for 2 days mid week for Thanksgiving. And on November 21st, the first day it rained in months, the Free Store only had 7 people, and the game room had 2. It was the slowest day ever.

Free Store 559

Game Room 218

LV Senior Regular meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner 150

Repair Cafe 55 (with 110 repairs!)

Blood Drive unknown

We added some instruments, a keyboard and acoustic guitar, and they get played daily by kids after school. Having the keyboard there sparked an interest in one young woman in particular and I was told she has asked for sheet music for Christmas! Our art section also sees a lot of traffic. This month we have Christmas ornaments out for anyone who wants to paint them and the card station will always be available. The disco ball is also up and spinning, delighting all who come in.

We already have slots being booked for the coming year. There will be a monthly acoustic jam session meeting every 2nd Thursday of the month starting in January that will be open to the public. I can't wait for this event to start

With winter here, the Free Store is seeing a lot of traffic. People are looking for coats and snow pants at a high turnout. Unfortunately, we are still short on these items and as soon as a coat comes in, it's headed out the door. If anyone has extra coats and snow gear they can part with we'd really appreciate them. I've also had a lot of people come in asking if I know of any affordable housing. I wish I did. It's expensive and scarce out there. I'm so thankful we can be here to help folks out in some way. As always, people are grateful for the Store. I have many different volunteers coming in weekly to help out, to give back, as they tell me. What I love most about it is that the kids are seeing their parents help so in turn they want to help.

Kindness spreads and it makes me so happy.

Happy Holidays!

-Alissa Ross

Community Center Coordinator

Shaker Preservation Committee

No report

County Update

No report

Depot Committee

No report

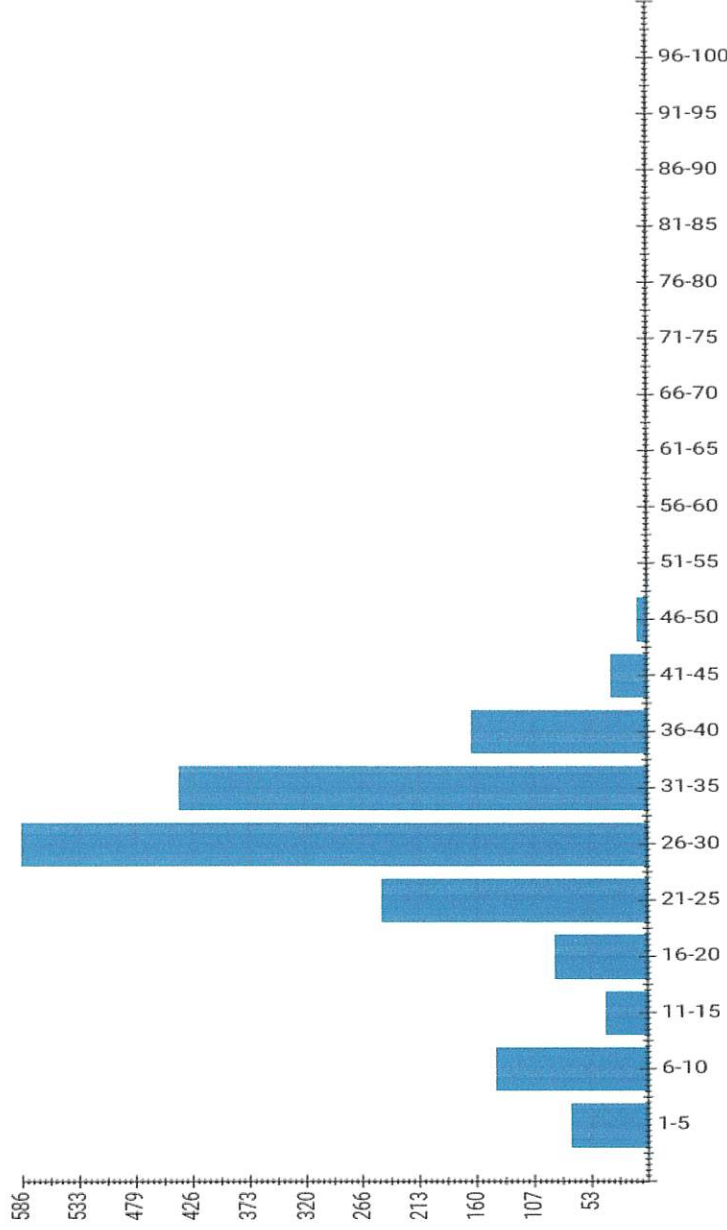
Count by Speed Range Report

Location: Gale Hill Road

Address: Gale Hill Road

Report period: 2024-10-25 to 2024-12-03

Count By Speed Range	
Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	72
6-10	141
11-15	39
16-20	87
21-25	247
26-30	586
31-35	438
36-40	164
41-45	34
46-50	8
51-55	0
56-60	0
61-65	0
66-70	0
71-75	0
76-80	0
81-85	0
86-90	0
91-95	0
96-100	0
Total	1816



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Summary Comparison Report

Location: Gale Hill Road
 Address: Gale Hill Road
 Speed Limit: From schedule 31 mph

Report Period 1: *stealth* 2024-10-21 to 2024-11-03
 Report Period 2: *Active* 2024-10-21 to 2024-12-01

Day	Average Vehicles Count			Average Speed			Average Number of Speed Violations			% of Speed Violations		
	Period 1	Period 2	Difference	Period 1	Period 2	Difference	Period 1	Period 2	Difference	Period 1	Period 2	Difference
Monday	24	37	-13	27	26	1	6	11	-5	23%	29%	-6%
Tuesday	25	38	-13	25	26	-1	5	9	-4	20%	22%	-2%
Wednesday	25	40	-15	H 28	H 27	1	7	11	-4	28%	27%	1%
Thursday	29	42	-13	27	25	H 2	10	10	H 0	H 33%	25%	H 8%
Friday	26	44	-18	27	25	H 2	7	13	-6	27%	29%	-2%
Saturday	H 48	H 50	H -2	26	26	0	H 13	H 16	-3	26%	32%	-6%
Sunday	33	40	-7	26	H 27	-1	11	13	-2	32%	H 33%	-1%
Total	210	291	-81	AVG: 27	AVG: 26	1	59	83	-24	AVG: 27%	AVG: 28%	-1%

Count By Speed Range

Speed	Total Vehicles Count			% of Vehicles Count			Average Number of Speed Violations			% of Speed Violations		
	Period 1	Period 2	Difference	Period 1	Period 2	Difference	Period 1	Period 2	Difference	Period 1	Period 2	Difference
1-5	9	70	-61	2	4	-2	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%
6-10	26	136	-110	6	8	-2	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%
11-15	13	39	-26	3	2	1	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%
16-20	28	81	-53	7	5	2	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%
21-25	53	242	-189	13	14	-1	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%
26-30	H 146	H 565	-419	H 35	H 32	H 3	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%
31-35	93	416	-323	22	24	-2	H 65	H 297	-232	H 57%	H 60%	-3%
36-40	42	157	-115	10	9	1	42	157	-115	37%	32%	H 5%
41-45	6	31	-25	1	2	-1	6	31	-25	5%	6%	-1%
46-50	1	8	-7	0	0	0	1	8	-7	1%	2%	-1%
51-55	0	0	H 0	0	0	0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%

Speed	Total Vehicles Count			% of Vehicles Count			% of Speed Violations					
	Period 1	Period 2	Difference	Period 1	Period 2	Difference	Period 1	Period 2	Difference			
56-60	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
61-65	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
66-70	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
71-75	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
76-80	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
81-85	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
86-90	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
91-95	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
96-100	0	0	H 0	0	0	H 0	0%	0%	0%			
Total	417	1745	-1328	AVG: 5	AVG: 5	0	114	493	-379	AVG: 5%	AVG: 5%	0%

H - highest value in the column, bolded H is highest H value in report
 **"n/a" - means the sign did not collect any data at the time stipulated in the report. "n/a" values are NOT included in calculations.