

Town of New Lebanon

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February 2026

From The Office of the Tax Collector

To my fellow residents of New Lebanon,

Hello ☺ and happy New Year! I am back in the Tax Collectors office actively collecting 2026 Town & County taxes. My open to the public office hours this year at the town hall are on Monday & Wednesday evenings from 4-6pm & also on Saturdays from 9am-12pm if you would like to pay your bill in person. If you are looking for current or past Town/County tax information and/or paid tax receipts you can find this information all the way back to year 2009 on this website: egov.basgov.com/newlebanon.

Wishing you all health & happiness in 2026.

Tammie Darcy, Tax Collector

Open Office Hours:

The Town Hall is open for business.

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

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

Tax Collector: Mon. & Wed. 4:00pm - 6:00pm and Sat. 9:00am - 12:00pm

Assessor: Tues. 8:00am – 2:00pm and by appointment

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

Court Office Hours: Mon. & Wed. 3:00pm – 5:00pm. (Court in session: @ 5:00pm on 1st & 2nd Thursdays, @ 4:00pm on 3rd & 4th Thursdays)

Historian: by appointment



Town Government



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518-794-8888

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

Regular Town Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The public may view the meetings via the live stream link at: https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Mailing Address:

Town of New Lebanon

PO Box 328

New Lebanon, NY, 12125

From the Office of the Town Clerk

New Year, new recycling permit. Did you know that as of January 1st, 2026 you need to purchase a new recycling permit? If you have not already done so, you can purchase your permit at the New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office during open office hours (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri from 9-5) (CLOSED ON TUES). The annual fee is \$75.00 a year for County residents, \$50.00 a year for our County resident seniors over 65 years of age and \$125.00 for out of County residents. Please be aware that CC Solid Waste is only issuing one sticker per purchase.

The Columbia County Public Works Committee recommended the temporary closure of the New Lebanon Recycling Center and the Gallatin Convenience Station from December 1, 2025, through April 10, 2026. This temporary closure in New Lebanon is necessary due to staff shortage, which is making it difficult to cover both Saturday and scheduled Wednesday shifts, along with low traffic and lack of a suitable area for the station attendant during the winter months.

The Town Clerk's office also sells the garbage bags for the transfer station. They come in packages of five; small, (7gal.) \$5.00; medium, (30gal.) \$15.00; and large, (40gal.) \$25.00.

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. The next KISS program runs at the NL Town Hall from **March 9th – March 20th**. 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.

2025 Holiday Gift Drive a HUGE Success

The 10th annual holiday gift drive was a huge success thanks to all of our generous community members and businesses! We provided gifts for 63 children in New Lebanon and everyone received everything on their need list (coats, boots, socks, etc.) and multiple things from their want list (toys, books, make-up, etc.). I want to give a special thank you to some of our local businesses and organizations who either adopted a family or donated money and/or toys: 4 C's Property Management, American Legion Post 1236, Angels Trumpet Flowers and Gifts, Brown & McArdle Real Estate, Church of Our Savior, Lebanon Valley Protective Association (LVPA), Lebanon Valley Seniors, Lebanon Valley Women's Club, Meissner's Auction Service, Barton and Loguidice DPC, Berkshire Taconic Community Fund Inc., Canaan Congregational Church, NYSDOT Chatham Branch, NYSDOT Martindale Branch, NYSP Livingston Toy Drive, Price Chopper, and Rotary Club of Northern Columbia County. Thanks to the amazing generosity of these businesses and organizations and SO many of our community members, each child received a multitude of gifts! Thank you all so much for coming together as a community to provide much needed gifts to the children here in New Lebanon and to ensure that every family had a great holiday season!

A special thank you again this year to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC) for being the fiscal sponsor and accepting, tracking and reporting all monetary donations! The LVCC is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping all of New Lebanon's residents and fostering the community and economic well-being of the Town. We could not have done this without you!

2026 Town Clean-Up Day (Dump Day)

New Lebanon will hold its annual "Clean-up Day/Dump Day" event in 2026. Please stay tuned as more information will become available for the May and August newsletters. Save the tentative date, September 12th, 2026 from 8:00am to 2:00pm, rain or shine.

From The Lebanon Valley Protective Association

Please make sure that you have had your furnaces, wood burning stoves, and chimneys cleaned. Please be careful using space heaters and make sure they are safely plugged into a protected outlet and the cord is not frayed.

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.

Please stay safe and warm, your friends at the LVPA!

News from New Lebanon Senior Reps

The Office of the aging of Columbia County continues to provide services for seniors via the office in Hudson. Some of the programs available are: Meals on Wheels, transportation to and from MD appointments and stores, assistance with meeting fuel and air conditioning costs, assistance in obtaining health insurance with or without Medicare. Assistance in obtaining home healthcare services which allow seniors to stay in their home. These services and more can be obtained by calling 518-828-4258. Leave your name and number and someone will call you back and assist you. The office also has a newsletter, the Scoop, which is available online at www.columbiacountyny.com/newsletter and gives updates about programs, new and old.

Brochures are also available at the Town Hall and assistance is available from New Lebanon Senior Reps.

David Russell 518-794-0273 nlrepcco2@gmail.com

Sarah Conley 518-794-0423 nlrepcco4@gmail.com

Mary Young 518-794-7538 nlrepcco3@gmail.com

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

From Charlie's Pantry

We are very grateful for our wonderful community. Thank you so much for your generosity Joy Sherman; Tazmutt Inc., Louise Clouser, Chuck Scott Auto, Chandler Young (AMVETS) in Nassau, Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph church community for always giving our children a wonderful Christmas; New Lebanon Library especially Michelle; Walter B. Howard School Food Drive especially the children, parents, and teachers; Berlin-New Lebanon Athletic team and coach Corey; Catholic Charities of Columbia & Greene counties; Church of Our Saviour; Stephentown Federated Church; Canaan Congregational Church; Sufi Order Center; Cub Scouts Pack 2127 of Chatham especially Celeste Gilger; Northern Columbia County Rotary; Hilltop Orchards of Richmond Ma.; Butternut Ski Basin especially Patrick McLaughlin; Notorious Bite; Mary Young; Abode Farm especially Sarah & Savanna; Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens; Ellen and Jimmy Dilis (Jimmy D's); Message of the Abode; Lebanon Valley Women's Club; Malden Bridge Community Center Food Drive; New Lebanon Red Hats; Alissa Ross; Jack Condron; Mark Walcroft; Rowen Henning; Winfried & Silke Fuchshofen; Harold & Doreen Sharp; Pat & Norreen Oppen; Don & Kathleen Witt; Tim & Dale Hocht; Tyson Foods truck driver at Love's Truck-stop; Stephen Kolonic; Gary & Kathleen Millett; Bruce & Josie Bates; Joan Lobus; Diane Carterlin; Kevin Smith Sr; Muller family; Deb & John McLaughlin; Mike (the bear man) Harrington; Dave Swartz; Erich & Bernadette Wagner; Justin Pina; Janna Graves; Valley Faith Church Group, and many other members of our community that want to stay anonymous. We appreciate each and every one of you and all you do for us!

Charlie's Pantry offers free food and hygiene products (if available) to New Lebanon School District residents. We are located behind the Immaculate Conception Church at 732 Route 20 and are open every Saturday 10:30am - 1:00pm. We can make an appointment for an emergency. Any questions please contact Georgette 518-794-0156 or Peter 518-794-0544.

News from the Lebanon Valley Seniors

The Lebanon Valley Seniors provide activities, trips and important information related to seniors and many special events for members to socialize. New Lebanon was one of the first towns in the county to address the senior population and its need for socialization. The Lebanon Valley Seniors continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month except for the months of January and February when they meet only on the 3rd Friday of the month. (If schools are closed on meeting day the meeting will be cancelled) Meetings are held at the New Lebanon Community Center located at 523 US Route 20 in New Lebanon. The Lebanon Valley Seniors is open to anyone 55 years and up and membership is only \$15.00 a year and there is no membership fee if you are 80 years or older. To become a member contact Donna Moshimer at lebanonseniorcitizen@gmail.com.

The schedule of events, meetings and trips can be found on the Town of New Lebanon website under seniors or for members on Facebook our page is Lebanon Valley Seniors.

Upcoming events, activities and trips are as follow:

January 16th - First meeting of the New Year is a regular scheduled business meeting with soup and sandwiches being provided by members and NL Farmers Market. After the meeting we will also be playing Bingo for prizes. Also this year the LVS will be asked to submit a favorite recipe(s) (with picture if possible) that will be shared in our first club cookbook that will be published later this year.

News from the Lebanon Valley Seniors (Continued)

February 20th – At our Valentine’s meeting we are asking all members to be festive and wear something red. We will be playing Bingo and members and NL Farmers Market will be providing soup and sandwiches. Members are also asked to bring a dessert to share with others or if you are able bring something chocolate for a chocolate table.

March 6th - Regular meeting and members if able are asked to bring food to share with their neighbors. We will also be having Columbia County Historian Mr. William C. Betters as guest speaker.

March 20th - Saint Patrick’s Day Potluck. Members are asked to wear their green as they enjoy a potluck of Irish fare provided by members.

April 3rd - No meeting (Good Friday)

April 17th - Lebanon Valley Seniors Easter Parade. This is a fully catered event and we’re asking members to dress in the spirit of Easter colors, to have fun and to express themselves.

TRIP- Wednesday, June 17th 2026 -Resorts World in the Catskills. Show is Summer Nights-A Tribute to Grease - lunch buffet- lift bus - and \$25 free slots play all for \$57.

Join the Lebanon Valley Seniors for a
Fun-filled day trip to the Resorts World Catskills
SUMMER NIGHTS
A Tribute to Grease
Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Your Day at the Resorts World Catskills includes:

525 Slot, Buffet lunch & 2:30pm Show (both in the Epicenter)

Luncheon Menu: Seasonal soup or salad, chicken dish, veggie of the day
Starch, rolls & butter, seasonal dessert & soft drinks
Seating time TBD

2:30pm Show "SUMMER NIGHTS" A Tribute to Grease



Departure after the show at approximately 4:00pm

\$57.00 per person, includes \$3 bus driver tip

To Sign Up: Please contact Donna Moshimer : LebanonSeniorCitizens@gmail.com

Make Checks payable to "Lebanon Valley Seniors"

Mail Checks to: Cathy Shuhart 317 Hanky Mull Hill Road E Nassau NY 12062

Bus Departs 7am Church of the Immaculate Conception, 732 US Route 20 New Lebanon NY. Return approximately 7pm

See included flyer. New Lebanon Senior residents and members are welcome.

We will also be doing additional trips in July, August, and December. These will be posted on the Town of New Lebanon website under seniors when they become available.

News from the Lebanon Valley Seniors (Continued)

Please see the flyer here from Columbia County Office for the Aging for the Aging for respite care for caregivers in Columbia County.

Columbia County Office for the Aging

With Financial Support from NYSCRC and Assemblymember Didi Barrett

Recharge & Renew Respite

A Community Program Supporting Caregivers and Their Loved Ones

Recharge and Renew Respite provides a safe, welcoming environment for older adults with mild to moderate memory loss or physical/cognitive conditions requiring supervision. Participants enjoy enriching activities and social interaction, while caregivers gain time to rest, run errands, or simply recharge—confident their loved ones are well cared for.

COMING SOON

Program Overview:

- Structured yet flexible daily schedule tailored to participants' needs
- Activities include Coffee & Conversation, Chair Exercise, crafts, games, puzzles, music, Zumba, floral arranging, and more
- Participation is optional, with volunteers available for companionship or quieter alternatives



Office for
the Aging

NYSCRC
New York State Caregiving & Respite Coalition

*Recharge and Renew Respite is a **free program** and registration is required. Call **518-828-4258** and ask for the Intake Department.*

News from the NL Climate Smart Communities Task Force (CSC)

The CSC is pleased to announce that our plastic recycling program has achieved the Trex program's goal of 1000lbs of plastic collected in one year. As a result, New Lebanon will be rewarded with a Trex bench which will be placed outside at the rear of the Community Center.



Special thanks to all residents who collected plastic and CSC volunteers who delivered it to the Trex collection locations!

The next generation of the plastic recycling program doesn't offer benches but offers incentives for different tiers of plastic collected. We will continue to collect plastic at our current locations- Town Hall & the Community Center.

But the bottom line is we have kept 1000 pounds of plastic out of our landfills.

The new Level 2 charger that was paid for through the \$250,000 grant that we received from NYSERDA was installed at the Community Center on the Shaker Rd side. EV owners will find the location through the apps on their phones.

News from the Climate Smart Repair Cafe

The Columbia NE Repair Cafe had a great year in 2025, with well over 500 visitors coming to our five cafes, and fixing 446 items, from vacuum cleaners and lamps to torn clothing and broken ceramics.

Make it your New Year's resolution to visit us this year. Or if you are someone who's handy at fixing, maybe this is the year to join us as a volunteer. It's fine to come once and see if it's a good fit for you. Some of our volunteers participate in all of our cafes; others just come to the one that's closest to them.

Our 2026 calendar is below. We will be at the Community Center in New Lebanon on Saturday, July 11, from 10-2.

All of our cafes are Saturdays from 10-2. Please note that we can't begin repairs later than 1:30 and that items must be clean.

April 11 - Austerlitz Town Hall

May 30 - East Nassau, Hoag's Corner Fire Company

July 11 - New Lebanon Community Center

Sept 26 - Chatham Firehouse

November 14 - Canaan Firehouse

If you want more information or want to volunteer, contact us at ColumbiaNERepairCafe@gmail.com. Or message us on our Facebook page.

You can also find out more information repair cafes and a calendar for cafes in the region by going to Sustainable Hudson Valley's repair cafe web page: <http://www.repaircafehv.org>

Notes from the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

ROOM ENOUGH FOR BOTH: Planning for Affordable Housing and Conservation Together – with principal groups Pattern for Progress; Hudson River Estuary Program; Land Use Law Center – Pace Law; and Hudson River Alliance for Conservation and Housing and the Town Committee from New Lebanon

Here is an update and some background of this Town project so far:



Update:

In March of 2025, our Town Committee* met with the principal groups** helping us with this Pilot program, Room Enough for Both.

In May 2025 we had a town-wide public meeting where everyone was invited: Here is a link to the video of that meeting: (<https://tinyurl.com/5fwpu4vp>). We gathered in the Community Center and along with the principal groups, selected dozens of locations around the town that we value for conservation AND where we think housing may be built. We were free to choose any area for discussion and to learn how people see the town. This was a “broad strokes” discussion.

In August of 2025, our Town Committee once again met with the principal groups to help the technical team come up with useful ways to share the information gathered.

In November 2025, the Town committee for this pilot program had an interesting and thoughtful discussion with three housing developers (please watch the video available here <https://tinyurl.com/tcth3e5u>). The developers came with different perspectives – nonprofit and for-profit, different scales, different experiences. They provided insight into policies, zoning, land-use review processes, and other factors that can affect the ability to build in various communities.



In December 2025 there was a second town-wide public meeting. The organizers divided the attendees into 4 groups, discussing aspects of each of 4 areas in town. Each group moved on to the next area in turn with all having input on all areas of town. The organizers aggregated all of our picks on housing locations and important conservation land from the May

town-wide meeting. Everyone filled out surveys and answered questions about each of the areas in consideration and the results will be revealed and shared at the Final Town presentation.



Notes from the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) (Continued)



THIS IS AN EXPLORATORY PROCESS – ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL HOUSING SITES AND CONSERVATION AREAS COMES FROM RESIDENTS and is not generated by the principal groups, who gathered ideas we submitted.

Stay tuned for the next Public meeting where we will present the results of all of these discussions and ideas that we have generated.

Background:

We encourage folks to recognize that both goals – affordable housing AND conservation – serve community needs. Clean water, recreation, housing are interconnected, not competing. Ultimately, the goal of this effort is to enhance our quality of life and economic vitality without sacrificing the rural character. It is up to all of us in town to carefully consider our options.

The Room Enough for Both project provides potential, distinct affordable housing locations while prioritizing conservation and access to green spaces for all residents. Strategies developed will inform New Lebanon's 2026 Comprehensive Plan update and zoning changes

Land is the common denominator - neither affordable housing nor conservation goals can be achieved without it.

One of the often-repeated factors for developers coming to a town to build affordable housing includes having existing infrastructure for waste water and potentially municipal water. Being an all-well town, we do not have municipal water or any group waste water systems. (See Feasibility Study update)

Note that the ROOM ENOUGH FOR BOTH is a pilot program for which New Lebanon was chosen out of four Columbia County towns. Residents and stakeholders are the central planners. Local government, conservation groups and housing organizations provide tools and ideas for much needed innovative solutions to the housing crisis in rural areas.

The New Lebanon CAC thanks everyone involved and is very appreciative of the efforts and work done over this past year on this Pilot program by our own Town wide committee and the four principals**: Pattern for Progress; Hudson River Estuary Program; Land Use Law Center – Pace Law; and Hudson River Alliance for Conservation and Housing. Thank you Robin DeGroat, Laura Heady, Jessica Ann Bacher, Steve Rosenberg, Adam Bosch, Tiffany Zezula, Chris Brown

Notes from the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) (Continued)

***The New Lebanon Town Committee as of December 2025:**

Tistrya Houghtling, Craig Skerkis, Ted Salem, Elizabeth Brutsch, Peg Munves, Adelia Moore, Josh Young, Lenny Brown, JoAnna Gallup Phillips

**Principal groups – To learn more about the partners in this venture, here are some resources:

<https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/>

<https://www.pace.edu/law/centers-and-institutes/land-use-law-center>

<https://hudson.dnr.cals.cornell.edu/about-us/hudson-river-estuary-program>

<https://rpa.org/hudson-valley-affordable-housing-conservation-strategy>

Note that the photos with the article are by Steve Powers of one of the Public input sessions.

Wastewater Feasibility Study/Drinking Water Source Protection Plan (DWSP2) – Awaiting Feasibility Study and we will start our property owner outreach after we get it. Due to recent changes for the sidewalk project, the timeline for waste water is not fully known at this time. We also need guidance from the Town attorney or Bond attorney or the proper person to understand about district formation.

The CAC prepped a report on water test results from our DWSP2 testing for our Feasibility Study to inform the engineer and potential district residents of the drinking water quality on the Rte. 20-22 Corridor Business District. The engineer also FOILED water test results for a ten year period for the public water systems, including Valley Plaza and the Midtown Mall.

Note that these results below are for both private properties and public systems from 423 Rte. 20 to 483 Rte. 20 - BOTH sides of the road - all testing done from 2023 to present. These results reveal significant bacterial contamination along the corridor which are likely due to very old wells and septic's, and the density of the area, folks living and working in close proximity in a small area.

Note that this information is useful and provides valuable information to residents. It is not meant to alarm and it is remediable. ALL bacteria issues are remediable and many properties have remediated.

The question is, if continual contamination is occurring what can be done about it? Several residents purchased UV filtration and additional filters, several others shocked their wells and retested, and many properties have opted to NOT use their water for drinking. Several properties have been previously told by the County DOH to not drink their water, period. Folks have been informed about safe bathing and cleaning dishes.

Notes from the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) (Continued)

A wastewater system could be a good solution to solve water quality issues, help with septic issues (for example, area restaurants and food businesses have been spending large amounts of money pumping their tanks) and is likely to improve business and housing opportunities along the Business corridor. We will know more once we get the Study and organize the presentation and talk to potential stakeholders. The diverse stakeholders in the district will fundamentally be the decision makers here and we look forward to input from residents and everyone concerned.

Test results:

40 Properties Tested (**these do not include retests**)

E.coli positive = 11

Coliform positive = 22

Note that state averages for coliform bacteria in well water are 40%, and for E.coli bacterium they are 6% – so this area of town shows that it is significantly higher than that.

When we start to talk to landowners and business owners in the potential district, we will include pricing to each parcel WITH and WITHOUT numbers from the proposed Tilden Project. It makes sense to show both numbers to get an idea of the potential contribution Tilden could make to waste water costs in business corridor. *Note that we began to look at waste water in 2022, well before the Tilden Project was even an idea or concept. It just makes sense to look at the whole picture of the business corridor so we can make informed decisions.*

DWSP2 Water testing update and Fuel Oil Spill – We tested 7 properties last month bring our total to 167 properties (these numbers do not include most of the retests).

In mid-December there was an accidental fuel oil spill into the wrong house and onto a dirt floor basement in Lebanon Springs. The CAC's concern is drinking water quality for residents down grade of the spill. Everyone responsible and agencies have been very quick to respond – the heating oil company and their insurance company and case coordinator and the DEC. We are coordinating with DEC and Primary Loss Control, a company that manages environmental spills. The spill is being remediated and they will do soil borings in a couple of weeks to determine where the oil may have flowed. The CAC is prepared to test wells downgrade and we are working with DEC and Primary Loss Control on that. Many folks in the Springs get water from much higher up, directly from the spring and should have no danger. However there are some with wells downgrade and those are the folks we are watching. Please reach out to the CAC with any questions, nlcac.munves@gmail.com

A Note about Preventing Home Oil Spills:

More than two million homes in New York are heated by fuel oil. Each year, thousands of home heating oil spills occur throughout New York State. Common causes of these spills include overfilling a tank, equipment failure, poor condition of the oil tank, manifolded tank piping, leaky or ruptured gaskets, or having a fill pipe present but no tank connected. In our case, the fill pipe was still in place and was not plugged and the basement tank had been removed. And it was delivered to the wrong house. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DISCONNECTED FILL PIPE IS PLUGGED AND OR MARKED OR REMOVED.

Notes from the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) (Continued)

The New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council is Bill O'Neill, Peg Munves, Steve Powers, Donald Lamonaca, Bob Gilson, and Bruce Shenker. New meeting date: the First Monday of the month at 5PM at Town Hall. Our next few meetings are at 5PM on Feb 2; March 2; April 6.

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From the Newly Formed Community Events Committee (formerly the Recreation Commission)

The Community Events Committee is looking for more members!

Please email Abbie with any questions (note that my email address may be changing this year)

NLRecreation03@gmail.com

If it changes, the new one will be on the town website, or from the town clerk's office.

It is a small time commitment, we have a short evening meeting once month from March to September to plan the town's public events which take place everywhere except the Community Center. They plan their own events, and we occasionally have a few crossover events. Our members then run the events that we plan. We ask for volunteers to help with events like the town picnic and the monthly walks and paddles.

This year, the Recreation Commission has split into two planning groups. Recreation will be responsible for planning for the park grounds. The newly formed Community Events Committee (formerly known as the Recreation Commission) will be responsible for planning town wide events, which are generally held in the park pavilion and locations around town. The Community Center holds events too, they plan their own.

The May Town Newsletter and the Town Website will have the dates of our 2026 events when they are chosen at our first meeting of the year, in late March.

We plan Music in the Park on three dates, usually June, August and September. We plan the Town Picnic in August. We hold 2-3 Newcomers events, usually in May, July and September.

We lead Community Walks once a month usually from April to September, adding March and October if the weather cooperates. We plan an outdoor movie night, usually in September.

We sometimes have community kayak/canoe gatherings if someone wants to lead them.

In November 2025, we had line dancing and a pot luck dinner at the community center. If you like the idea, let us know and we'll try to plan another one, maybe over the summer this time.

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Please stay safe and warm, your friends at the LVPA!

Comprehensive Plan Survey Released!

The Town of New Lebanon is beginning the process of updating the town's Comprehensive Plan. The Town Board has created a Comprehensive Plan Committee which meets the 3rd Monday of every month. Members of the committee include representatives from the Town Board, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Advisory Council, and the community. To begin developing the update, the committee is asking the community to respond to a survey to help determine what you, our residents, think of the town and what you desire to see the town work toward in the future. A copy of the survey is included with your newsletter. Additional copies can be obtained from the Town Hall, the Library, and various businesses. Paper surveys can be returned to the Town Hall or the Library. The survey is also available electronically by accessing the link provided at the top of the survey or on the Town's website. We encourage all community members to submit a response to the survey, as the information will be collected and included in the final Comprehensive Plan update that will guide our town in the coming years. **All responses must be received no later than Friday, March 6th to be considered!**

If you have any questions or issues regarding the Comprehensive Plan process or with the survey and access to it, we encourage you to reach out to the Committee Chair Ted Salem (nlzba.salem@gmail.com) or survey coordinator Elizabeth Brutsch (nlpb.brutsch@gmail.com)

A Message from the Columbia County Clerk, Holly Tanner

Just an FYI - NYS DMV is in the midst of a 2 year migration to a new computer system, it is breaking today that the first transition will take place over the holiday weekend in Feb - from 2pm on Friday 2/13 until 9am on Wednesday 2/18 there will be **ZERO DMV ACTIVITY IN THE ENTIRE STATE**. No emails, no phones, no internet and no in person services while they migrate over 30 million records into the new system. I will be closing the Hudson DMV on Friday 2/13 and will not reopen until 9am on Wednesday 2/18. Staff will still be reporting to work as normal for training, we are only closed to the public. There is a small chance that systems will be up on that Tuesday, but just to be safe we won't reopen until 9am Wed. I have informed the press as well and it is on my work and personal Facebook pages, please look for those as well and share! As a co-chair of the NYS Assoc. of County Clerk's DMV committee, I have been intimately involved with this entire process (it actually started over 5 years ago, this is the 3rd iteration and hopefully the 3rd time is the charm!!) and I will be directly notified from State DMV leadership when we can reopen.



**Community
HOPELINE**

877-HOPE-365



Resource Guide

Addiction, Mental Health & Community Resources
9am to 9pm every day of the year

Hope is just a call away

Help is just a call away!

<p>911</p> <p>EMERGENCIES <i>Available 24/7</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Emergencies• Fire• Criminal Activity• Domestic Violence• Traffic Accidents• Abduction	<p>988</p> <p>MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE <i>Available 24/7</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thoughts of Suicide• Mental Health Crisis• Substance Use Crisis• Emotional Distress	<p>Community HOPELINE 877-HOPE-365</p> <p>COMMUNITY RESOURCES <i>Available 9am - 9pm Daily</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food• Housing• Mental Health Support• Substance Abuse Treatment
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New Lebanon Community Center

NEW LEBANON COMMUNITY CENTER

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:15



FREE COMMUNITY YOGA

ALL ARE WELCOME.
EASE YOUR MIND WITH GENTLE MOVEMENT & BREATHING.
MATS PROVIDED.
GUIDED BY JONAH MILLETT | RYT200
AUTUMN + WINTER 2025

1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS JAM SESSION

THE NEW LEBANON COMMUNITY CENTER
1:00-3:00 / EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

BRING YOUR ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENTS AND YOUR VOICE!
MUSICIANS OF ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

HOSTED BY
KRIS COTTOM / BANJO & B3 FEHR / GUITAR & FIDDLE

We follow old time jam rules which are pretty simple. We sit in a circle to play and share tunes. We use acoustic instruments and/or voices. Everyone gets a turn to pick and lead a tune. You can pass if you aren't ready to take the lead.

Folk, bluegrass, gospel and country are good choices but feel free to bring tunes from other genres. Beatles, anyone?

It's helpful to bring copies of lyrics and chords for tunes you want to lead



QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT KRIS AT 518-708-5351

THE COMMUNITY CENTER 523 US 20 NEW LEBANON NY

THE COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS

Karaoke SATURDAY NIGHTS



JAN 17
FEB 7
MAR 21
APR 18

5:30-7:30

523 US 20 NEW LEBANON NY

The Community Center Presents

POTLUCK VALENTINE'S DAY SATURDAY

February 14th 5:00-6:30

Love is in the air!
Bring your family and friends and enjoy an evening of good food and good times!

- Bring a hot dish or a cold dish
- Bring something salty, savory or sweet
- Bring dinner or dessert
- Bring a bag of chips

It's a super casual evening and all are welcome!
We hope to see you there!

The Game Room and Free Store will be open from 5:00-8:00
Questions
newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com

The Community Center is located @ 523 US 20 New Lebanon New York

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SUPER BOWL LX

Family Friendly • Big Screen • Great Vibes

WATCH PARTY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8th 6:00-11:00
*KICK OFF AT 6:30



We will have food and drinks but please feel free to bring your favorite Super Bowl snack to share
*this is a non-alcohol event

The Community Center
523 US 20 New Lebanon NY

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TRIVIA/GAME NIGHT

Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia.
Game night for kids
Raffles
Prizes for the winning team!
Hot food, Snacks for purchase

\$5 PER PERSON **\$5 PER PERSON**

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 27TH
6 - 8 PM
New Lebanon Community Center

Pre-registration is appreciated but not required.
Email: Erniez@newlebanoncsd.org to register
All proceeds benefit the New Lebanon Travel Club

Project Prom

SPONSORED BY NEW LEBANON JR SR HIGH SCHOOL

at the New Lebanon Community Center
523 US 20 New Lebanon New York

This annual event is to help young people attend proms and other special occasions without worrying about the cost of formal clothes

TWO DAYS!
Saturday March 28th
11:00-3:00 and 5:00-8:00
&
Sunday March 29th
11:00-3:00

We will have free, clean, gently used and new formal attire for girls and boys!
Dresses
Jackets Shirts Pants
Shoes Purses Jewelry



There will be a seamstress on site for slight alterations

For more information contact
Michelle Bienes 518-788-1150
michellebienes@newlebanoncsd.org

THE COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS!

EVENT RENTALS

- DINING HALL
- KITCHEN
- GAME ROOM
- DISCO BALL

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT
TOWNOFNEWLEBANON.COM
OR EMAIL
NEWLEBCOMMUNITYCENTER@GMAIL.COM
★ 523 US 20 NEW LEBANON NEW YORK ★

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COMMUNITY CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday February 2	1:00-2:00 PM	Tai-Chi (registration closed)
Wednesday February 4	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Thursday February 5	1:00-3:00 PM	Acoustic Jam
Friday February 6	7:00-8:30 PM	Meditation
Saturday February 7	5:30-7:30 PM	Karaoke
Sunday February 8	6:00-11:00 PM	Super Bowl Watch Party
Monday February 9	1:00-2:00 PM	Tai-Chi
Wednesday February 11	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Friday February 13	7:00-8:30 PM	Meditation
Saturday February 14	5:00-6:30 PM	Valentine Potluck Dinner
Monday February 16	1:00-2:00 PM	Tai-Chi
Wednesday February 18	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Thursday February 19	1:00-3:00 PM	Acoustic Jam
Friday February 20	1:00-3:00 PM	Lebanon Valley Seniors
Monday February 23	1:00-3:00 PM	Tai-Chi
Wednesday February 25	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Thursday February 26	7:00-8:30 PM	Meditation
Friday February 27	6:00-8:00 PM	Travel Club Game Night Fundraiser
Monday March 2	1:00-2:00 PM	Tai-Chi
Wednesday March 4	7:15-8:14 PM	Community Yoga
Thursday March 5	1:00-3:00 PM	Acoustic Jam
Friday March 6	1:00-3:00 PM	Lebanon Valley Seniors
Sunday March 8	4:00-8:00 PM	Stephentown Library Trivia Night
Monday March 9	1:00-2:00 PM	Tai-Chi
Wednesday March 11	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Saturday March 14	8:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday March 18	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Thursday March 19	1:00-3:00 PM	Acoustic Jam
Friday March 20	1:00-3:00 PM	Lebanon Valley Seniors
Saturday March 21	5:30-7:30 PM	Karaoke
Wednesday March 25	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Saturday March 28	11:00-3:00 and 5:00-8:00 PM	Project Prom
Sunday March 29	11:00-3:00 PM	Project Prom
Wednesday April 1	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Thursday April 2	1:00 3:00 PM	Acoustic Jam
Wednesday April 8	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Wednesday April 15	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Thursday April 16	1:00-3:00PM	Acoustic Jam

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COMMUNITY CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday April 17	1:00-3:00 PM	Lebanon Valley Seniors
Saturday April 18	5:30-7:30 PM	Karaoke
Wednesday April 22	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga
Wednesday April 29	7:15-8:15 PM	Community Yoga

Please check the town's website and our Facebook page for updates and added events

<https://townofnewlebanon.com>

Facebook: New Lebanon Community Center and Free Store

Questions/ newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com

Did you know you can rent the Community Center for your next event?! Celebrate a birthday, an engagement, a shower, or a holiday with us! How about a fundraiser? Take advantage of our huge space for dining and playing! Your rental includes the dining area, the kitchen and the game room. For our availability calendar and to download our rental application visit the Town's website @ <https://townofnewlebanon.com/new-lebanon-community-center/>

Do you have a special skill you'd like to share by holding a class or workshop at the Community Center? If so, please contact Alissa Ross at newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com. We have a full kitchen, perfect for a cooking class, and a large open hall ideal for art, dance or fitness classes. The possibilities are endless — let's connect!

Ongoing programs and events:

The Lebanon Valley Seniors meet at 1:00 PM every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, except in January and February, when they only meet on the 3rd Friday.

Our community members love our free yoga program, led by our own resident, Jonah Millett. Yoga mats are provided, so please join us every Wednesday night at 7:15 PM for an hour of unwinding and rejuvenation.

If you prefer music, we invite you to join or simply listen to our monthly Acoustic Jam Sessions, held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

We have 1 upcoming Red Cross Blood Drives scheduled for Saturday, March 14 from 8am–12:00pm. Please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS, visit redcrossblood.org, or download the free Blood Donor App to schedule an appointment. Use sponsor code: newlebanon. Help save a life.

We are proud to now offer free weekly meals through the generosity of Columbia Kitchen. Columbia Kitchen is dedicated to preparing and delivering nutritious, locally sourced meals, free of charge, to people experiencing food insecurity in Columbia County, NY. With the help of their dedicated team of chefs, volunteers, farmers, and partner organizations, Columbia Kitchen provides 8,000 meals each month, with one goal: ensuring no one in our community goes hungry. Our meals are currently being delivered

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on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after 3 PM. The Community Fridge is in the main hall of the Community Center.

The Community Center now has a plastic film recycling drop off box just like the one at Town Hall. Bring us your clean plastic film, such as cereal bags, produce bags, and bubble wrap to be recycled. No rigid plastics (containers) are allowed. We also have a used battery drop off box, conveniently located right next to the plastic bin! Both boxes are located at the main entrance and can be accessed during all our open hours.

In addition to our special programming, our rec center is packed with fun activities for the whole family. We have tons of games and arts and crafts available during our open hours. Come play ping pong, pool, board games, and video games. We always have paint and Legos out and our jewelry-making station with beads is always a hit! We offer lounge areas both inside the rec room and outside if you're looking for a quieter space while your kids play. Feel free to bring some local takeout and spend an afternoon with us—we have plenty of seating. And please join us at our Saturday Potlucks. We have them about once a month so keep your eyes open for future dates. Everyone is welcome and it's a really fun time!

Currently, the Free Store cannot accept large baby gear donations like bassinets, strollers, or highchairs due to limited storage space in colder months. We will inform everyone when we are able to take these and other seasonal items. We'd also like to remind everyone that the big blue bin on the corner is not ours. Our donations are accepted during our open hours only. We ask that all clothing donations be clean and without stains and holes. We also ask that you inspect any household items, such as dishes, utensils, electronics, etc. to make sure they are clean and do in fact work before dropping them off. Please do not leave stuff outside when we are not open. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you to everyone who shops at and donates to the Free Store. Together we are helping each other out and keeping things from the landfill. It's a special place. If you'd like to become a Free Store volunteer, please contact Tistrya Houghtling at supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com for more details. It's truly a fun and heartwarming atmosphere, and we'd love you to join us!

We now have our own Facebook group! Follow The New Lebanon Community Center and Free Store for daily updates on the store and upcoming events. You can also find us on The Town of New Lebanon's Facebook page and website for upcoming events and our *rental calendar (*website only).

Community Center and Free Store Hours 523 US 20 New Lebanon NY 12125
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 2:00-5:30
Saturday: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sunday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Closed Monday/Friday

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 6:30pm

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

Comprehensive Plan Committee will be meeting the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm

Zoning Re-write Committee meets the third Monday, bi-monthly at 7:00pm

Conservation Advisory Council meets the first Monday of each month at 5:00pm

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm

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

Playground Design Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30pm

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

Outreach & Marketing Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00am

The Following will be meeting at the Community Center, 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 (For Community Center Events see above in CC Section)

February Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Holiday – President’s Day – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, February 16, 2026

Daylight Savings Time: Sunday, March 8, 2026 (Spring ahead 1 hour)

Kiss Program Dates: March 9 – March 20, 2026

March Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Happy St. Patrick’s Day – Monday, March 17, 2025

April Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2025

Save the date – Town Clean-Up Day – Saturday, September 12, 2025