

# TOWN OF LOCKPORT

## 2016 FALL EDITION



### LOCKPORT UNITED

The Town and City of Lockport came together on September 11th 2016, to remember the first responders from that horrific day 15 years ago. No one can forget where they were when the first aircraft hit the World Trade Buildings, followed by the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. The coordinated terrorist attacks carried out by al-Qaeda, an Islamic terrorist group, killed nearly 3,000 people (2,753 were killed in New York, 184



people were killed at the Pentagon, and 40 people were killed on Flight 93). The "Lockport United 9/11 Memorial Ceremony" was a way of displaying solidarity and support for Lockport's First Responders. Local Dignitaries, Fire Departments, Police, American Legion, Rifle Squads, and Clergy paid their respect to our fallen heroes.

On August 10th, first responders proved themselves again by fighting the HTI Recycling fire. Fire Fighters from Lockport's five Volunteer Fire Departments showed up to fight the huge fire. The Town's South Lockport, Rapids, Wrights Corners, Terry's

Corners, and Gasport Departments joined with the City of Lockport Fire Department, as well as many other local fire departments to ensure Lockport's residents were spared what could have been a much worse fire. Local Police, Sheriff, and NY State Troopers pitched in to manage traffic, and ensure the emergency vehicles could get access to the fire. In an amazing display of teamwork, even local bystanders pitched-in to help drag hoses to aid the fire fighters. Local businesses stepped up and donated services to provide much needed food and drinks to our exhausted first responders. It was a complete team effort by an entire community responding to an emergency event.

The two events listed above are the reasons I'm so proud to be a resident of Lockport. Nothing has changed since the beginning of our great country. A sense of stepping up and taking care of our neighbors by responding to the call in any emergency. My hats off to all first responders! God bless you, and keep up the great work.

Mark C. Crocker  
Lockport Town Supervisor



**Town Newsletter Now Posted  
on [www.elockport.com](http://www.elockport.com)!**

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**Office Hours**

**Town Court:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon. -Fri.  
12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
**Town Hall:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon. -Fri.  
**Building & Assessing Department:**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon. -Fri.

**Offices Closed**

- Columbus Day - October 10th • Election Day - November 8th
- Veterans Day - November 11th
  - Thanksgiving Day - November 24th & 25th
  - Christmas Eve and Day - December 23rd and 26th
  - New Year's Day - January 2nd

**2016 Town Board Meetings**

**7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road**

October 5th • November 2nd  
December 7th

**Get out and VOTE!**

November 8th

**FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2016**

**The Niagara County Department of Health in cooperation  
with the Niagara County Veterinary Society will hold  
FREE Rabies Immunization Clinics in 2016.**

**FOR DIRECTIONS** call the specific clinic site  
**FOR ANY OTHER CLINIC RELATED QUESTIONS: call  
439-7511**

1. **Saturday, December 3 City of North Tonawanda** - Public Works Department, 9:00-11:00 a.m. 758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda, Phone: 695-8585
- By law, all cats, dogs and domesticated ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination from four months of age and on.
  - Cats and dogs receiving immunization WITHOUT PROOF of a previous rabies immunization will receive a certificate valid only for one year. Cats and dogs WITH PROOF of previous rabies immunizations will receive a certificate valid for three years.
  - Ferrets must receive vaccinations annually, regardless of previous immunization.
  - **All Animals** must be properly restrained. Cats & Ferrets must be in a box or carrier. Dogs must be leashed.
  - **The Department does not offer dog or cat vaccinations other than rabies. It is very important for the health and well being of your animal and the other animals attending our rabies clinics, that they have seen a veterinarian and are up to date on all of their immunizations, to include dog parvo virus.**
  - Volunteers are needed. Please call 439-7511 if interested.
  - It is requested that anyone bringing more than six animals to one clinic contact the Niagara County Department of Health at **439-7511** up to one week prior to the clinic so paperwork can be processed more efficiently.

**VETERINARY SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
THE NIAGARA COUNTY VETERINARY SOCIETY**

# SPEECHCRAFT PROGRAM

Presented by Lockport AM Toastmasters Club



Participants will be oriented to the Toastmaster format for running a meeting, developing and presenting short presentations and practice speaking without preparation.

**The sessions will run on six consecutive Thursdays:**

- October 13th
- October 20th
- October 27th
- November 3rd
- November 10th
- November 17th

**Time:** 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Town of Lockport Hall.

**The six sessions will cover:**

- Impromptu Speaking
- Ice Breaker Speeches
- Organizing a Speech
- Using Vocal Variety
- Making a Point
- Using Body Language

**Register by calling Town Clerk's Office (716) 439-9524.**

**Register by October 6, 2016.**

**Class space is limited to 12.**

## EVERY TOASTMASTER'S JOURNEY STARTS WITH A SINGLE SPEECH



### LOCKPORT COMMUNITY TELEVISION'S FALL 2016 COMMUNITY TRAINING SCHEDULE

- LCTV Orientation Session - Tues 11/8 (7-8pm)
- Portable Production - Tues 11/15 (7-9pm)
- Editing - Tues 11/22 (7-9pm)
- TV Graphics - Tues 11/29 (7-9pm)
- Studio Camera - Tues 12/6 (7-9pm)
- Directing - Tues 12/13 (7-9pm)



**Additional details and class descriptions can be found on our website ([lctv.net](http://lctv.net)) or if you have any questions please call 434-1733 or register online at [www.lctv.net](http://www.lctv.net).**

### FALL COMPUTER CLASSES 2016



**Computer Classes held at the Lockport Town Hall**

Sponsored by Lockport Public Library, NIOGA Library System and the Town of Lockport

**Thursday, October 13 (1-4pm) Facebook!**

Facebook is the "granddaddy" of all social networking. Come and learn more about the phenomena of social networking. Set up a Facebook profile if desired, or learn to better use the one you have!

**Thursday, November 10 (1-4pm) Internet Basics**

Create! Learn! Explore! Learn to browse the Internet using a common browser. Find out about websites and link; use search engines to find information you want to know!

**Please register at the Lockport Library (716) 433-5935 Ext. 3**

**Register early, Class space is limited**

# Community News

Please attend along with



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
*for a day of*



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016**  
at 9:30am  
**COLD SPRINGS CEMETERY.**

All are welcome.

Town of Lockport Supervisor, Mark Crocker  
will speak and "Taps" will be played.



## Upcoming Events

the dale association

Working toward an exceptional YOU!

Fall into wellness (and fun!) at

The Dale Association, 33 Ontario St, Lockport – 433-1886

Hearing screenings: Oct. 13 & Nov. 9, 1:15-3:15 pm (free)

Arcade & Attica Railroad day trip: Oct. 5, 9:45 am-6:00 pm  
(\$85/members, \$90/non-members)

Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Oct. 6-Nov. 10, 1:00-3:30 pm (\$25)

Basket Making Class: Oct. 6-27 (4 Thursdays), 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
(\$40/members)

Oktoberfest Dinner: Oct. 7, 12:00 pm (\$10/members, \$15/non-members)

Fall Craft Drive day trip: Oct. 13, 8:30 am-2:00 pm (\$15)

Healthy Living Strategies class: Oct. 17, 10:30 am (free)

Managing Your Food Money class: Oct. 18, 12:00 pm (free)

Medicare Forum: Oct. 26, 9:30 am

Crockpot Creations cooking class: Oct. 27, 1:00 pm (\$20)

"An American in Paris" theatre trip: Nov. 10, 6:00-11:00 pm  
(\$90/members, \$100/non-members)

Memory Screenings: Nov. 17, 9:00 am

[www.daleassociation.com](http://www.daleassociation.com)

## Assessing

### STAR CHANGES

Jill Lederhouse, Assessor

New homeowners, or those who are new to STAR, must register with NYS; either by phone at 518-457-2036 or through their website at [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star).

New applicants who register, will now receive a check from NYS, instead of receiving a credit on their school tax bill.

Those already active in the STAR/Enhanced STAR exemption are not affected by this change.

### INCOME LIMIT CHANGE FOR ENHANCED STAR

Jill Lederhouse, Assessor

The income limit for the 2017 school year has been increased to \$86,000, as verified by the 2015 Federal or State Income Tax Return. Any resident who will be 65 of age by December 31, 2017, and meets the income and residency requirements; must apply by March 1, 2017.

If you are not on the IVP (Income Verification Program), Enhanced STAR renewal forms are mailed out in 1st week of September.

## Building Inspector

1. Fire Code of NYS; Chapter 5, Sec. 508.5.4: Posts, fences, vehicles, growth, trash, storage and other material (snow) shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants. Sev. 508.5.5: A 3-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants.
2. NYSDEC: Open burning is permitted in small recreational fires including small cooking and campfires. Burning of waste products or garbage is prohibited. Newspapers, paper, glass, plastics, chemically treated (pressure treated), and plywood is prohibited.

Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed. Anyone affected by open burning should contact the DEC at 1-877-457-5680.

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# Town Historian



**Let's start with a Smile**

**Can't Shave Daily?  
Tender Hide?  
Now Be Honest –  
Have You Tried**

**Burma Shave??**

1816 – The year with no summer (except for the Leete Road and Hickory Corners area of the Town).

As I sit here on a Hot August Day, it is hard to believe 200 years ago, there was No Summer in many areas around the world, including Western New York.

The theory was (and finally confirmed after the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in 1980) that this phenomenon was caused by the eruption of Mount Tambora, on the Indonesian island of Sumbawa, in April of 1815, that disrupted weather patterns and killed many thousands of people, when their crops and water supplies were destroyed by falling Ash and Debris that spread around the Globe within days of the eruption. Because of the jet stream, and the density of the clouds, the toxic material remained in the stratosphere for almost two years, particularly in the Northern Hemisphere.

There was Frost every month that summer, with 18 inch icicles seen hanging from buildings in Niagara Falls, according to a report by a traveler.

Now how the north west part of the Town made out -- The first person to settle on "The Lewiston Trail" (later to be the Lower Mountain Road), was Daniel Pomeroy, who built a log cabin in 1810, at Hickory Corners, west of "The Trail", that

would later become the Leete Road.

In 1815, Daniel's half-brother, Jabez Pomeroy came to this area, and while making his way up "The Trail" towards Daniel's property, he came to a rise in the land. He purchased a large amount of acreage from the Holland Land Co., and began to clear it.

Early in 1816, Daniel let Jabez plant crops on the hillside on the north side of "The Lewiston Trail", at Hickory Corners, on property that turned out to be a "Frost Free Belt", behind the land that Daniel would later use to build a large frame house in 1823, (that is still there).

Even though there was Frost every month that summer, with a "killing frost" in Sept., Jabez had a bumper crop of corn – supposedly the only good crop in the county.

Jabez and Daniel had plenty of corn to grind into corn meal for the winter, and the next year sold what they didn't need, at a very good price.

I guess the moral of this True Story is -- don't complain about the heat, we could have it worse.

My Office in the Stone School at 7142 Chestnut Ridge Road is open on Thursday afternoons from noon until 4 pm, and also by appointment. I am always looking for Old information and records of the Town, just give me a call.

The Town Historical Society appears to be on a come-back. Call me for information - we need Members interested in Local History, and we meet 8 times a year

Larry Haseley,  
LockportTown Historian  
Phone – (716) 434- 1547 Cell –( 585) 301 1672

# Highway Department



## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

**2016 Brush Schedule:** Brush pick up will continue until the 3rd Monday in November. Please have your brush out either by Sunday evening or no later than 7am on Monday.

**Garbage & Recycling:** Please remember our recycling shed is open on the last Saturday of the month from 9am - 1pm only until November. We accept the following items: televisions, computer monitors, computers, printers, microwave ovens, copiers, fax machines, and video equipment. Lockport C&D Recycling Center is located in the city of Lockport. Their phone number is 514-4594. Please call them or check their website, Lockportrecycling.com for information.

### Winter Snow Removal Reminders:

- No parking on town roads from Nov. 1st - April 1st from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- State Law: No one is permitted to push snow across the road or deposit snow in the roadway with either plows, snow blowers or shovels. Residents who hire outside contractors for this service are asked to remind them of this law. Tickets may be issued for offenders.
- Please do not tailgate town trucks as they sometimes have to back up at some intersections.
- Mailboxes are never damaged intentionally. Please call the highway department office for repairs or replacement, 439-9522.

**Note: only standard metal mailboxes and steel posts are used for replacement. If you have an expensive and/or decorative mailbox, you may want to consider replacing it for the winter.**

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE RECYCLING SCHEDULE



### NOVEMBER 2016

**Monday, November 21** - Regular Collection  
**Tuesday, November 22** - Regular Collection  
**Wednesday, November 23** - Regular Collection  
**Thursday, November 24** - No Collection –  
 Thanksgiving Day

### NOVEMBER 2016 *continued*

**Friday, November 25** – Thursday's Collection  
**Saturday, November 26** – Friday's Collection  
**DECEMBER 2016**  
**Christmas Week** – Regular Collections

## **8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**

TOWN OF LOCKPORT

6560 Dysinger Road

Lockport, NY

Rain or shine!!

OCTOBER 16, 2016

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

- CIDER AND DONUTS**
- MUSIC • PUMPKIN PAINTING**
- PETTING ZOO • GAMES/PRIZES**
- HAYRIDES AND MUCH MORE!**

## **Becker Farms Haunted Forest Hayride**

**7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

**Starting October 21st – October 30th**

**Weather Permitting**

**Such strange things happen in the forest at Becker Farms every Halloween that we're too scared to mention them! Come if you dare ... but whatever you do, DON'T COME ALONE!!!**

*Please see page 8 for coupons.*

## **Annual Pumpkin Fiesta**

**Saturdays and Sundays • September 10th – October 30th**

**This is a terrific way to celebrate the harvest season! The great Pumpkin Fiesta is a fun family activity that the kids will remember and want to return to year after year. The Fiesta is every Saturday and Sunday from mid-September to the end of October.**

**[www.beckerfarms.com](http://www.beckerfarms.com)**

# Town Recreation Commission

5th Annual

# Winterfest

Sunday, November 27th, 2016

12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM

Day Road Park  
in the Town of Lockport

SANTA ARRIVES AT NOON

Visit with Santa then have fun with all different activities,  
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Hot Chocolate and other Treats.  
Games and Prizes!!

## Town Clerk's Office

### AARP® Driver Safety Program

*Instructions for the Mature Driver* Six hours of Classroom Instructions

- Safety tips
- Safe following distance
- Right-of-Way situations
- Left turn rules
- Temperature conditions of icy roads
- Defensive driving tips
- Parking lot danger spots
- Medications that may cause problems
- How to handle adverse driving conditions
- Many other preventative measures

*Insurance deductions may apply!*

ONE 6 HOUR SESSION  
Saturday, October 22nd  
9:30 – 4:00  
Lockport Town Hall  
Limited to 30 (min. 18)  
\$20.00 AARP Members  
\$25.00 Non-members

**Registration closes October 14, 2016  
THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS**



**Return enrollment application to:**

Lockport Town Clerk - AARP Driver Safety; 6560 Dysinger Road, Lockport, NY 14094

Please enroll  me/  us in the AARP Driver Safety Program on Oct. 22, 2016  
Enclosed is a check/money order **Made Payable to: "AARP"** (No Cash Please)

Name:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Lockport, NY 14094 Phone: (716) \_\_\_\_\_

AARP# \_\_\_\_\_ (Please list AARP# on check.)

Town of Lockport  
6560 Dysinger Road  
Lockport, NY 14094-7970



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