

TOWN OF LOCKPORT

2017 FALL EDITION



Farewell to a Great Summer...

Welcome Autumn

Overall, it was a very nice summer. A bit wet at times, but I hope everyone was able to take time for the usual summer family activities.

One of the most anticipated events for 2017 took place with the ground breaking ceremony for the YMCA on Snyder Drive. Hundreds of people attended this historic event. It was 115 years ago that the cornerstone was laid for the current YMCA on East Avenue. This new YMCA will be located in the middle of the Town of Lockport. The Town was able to procure a grant to install sidewalk from Shimer Drive to the front of the YMCA. The completion date for this project is fall of 2018.

Day Road Park is the crown jewel of the Town of Lockport. As such, the Town Board recog-

nized that the Park needed a United States Flag to represent how proud we are of being Americans. So, we purchased a 35 foot flag pole, the Highway Personnel installed it, and it was dedicated on August 11th. In addition, local Town and NYS Officials were on hand to dedicate an engraved granite Servicemen's Bench that was donated anonymously by a Town resident.

The bench represents the deep appreciation for all the men and women who have served our great nation in the five branches of our military. Thank you.

Our Recreation Committee sponsored a very successful summer Community Day, but were very disappointed when they had to cancel both of our scheduled Town Movie Nights due to rain. But, they are ready for the upcoming Town event, the Fall Festival, on October 15th, 1-3pm.

Lastly, thank you for your kind consideration for our Town Highway/Water Crews during this very busy construction season.



Sincerely,
Mark Crocker
Lockport Supervisor



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on www.elockport.com!**

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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 - Oct. 9th • Election Day - Nov. 7th

• Veterans Day - Nov. 10th • Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 23rd & 24th

Christmas Holidays Dec. - 25th & 26th

• New Year's Day - January 1st, 2018

2017 Town Board Meetings

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

October 4th • November 8th • December 6th

GET OUT AND VOTE 2017

November 7th

FREE RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS 2017

**The Niagara County Department of Health
in cooperation with the Niagara County
Veterinary Society will hold FREE Rabies
Immunization Clinics in 2017.**

**FOR ANY OTHER CLINIC RELATED
QUESTIONS: call 439-7511**

- 1. Saturday, December 2 City of North Tonawanda – Public Works Department, 2pm to 4pm, 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**

Town Assessor

INCOME LIMIT CHANGE FOR ENHANCED STAR

Jill Lederhouse, Assessor

If you are currently have the BASIC STAR EXEMPTION, and will be turning 65 by December 31, 2018, you could be eligible for ENHANCED STAR.

The income limit for the 2018 school tax year is \$86,000, as verified by the 2016 Federal or State Income Tax Return. You must meet the income and residency requirements; and must apply by March 1, 2018.

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

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.

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.

Town Board

Town of Lockport Medicare Information Meeting

I am pleased to announce that the Town of Lockport will be hosting a Medicare informational meeting on October 11th, from 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. at Town Hall 6560 Dysinger Rd. This event will be held in collaboration with the Dale Association.

The event will be very informal and held in an open forum setting. There will be several presenters followed by a Q&A

session. Finally, our attendees will be able to visit one-on-one with several representatives from different suppliers.

I encourage anyone who is approaching the age of 65 to attend this meeting. It is a great opportunity to become familiar with this most confusing insurance.

I will look forward to seeing you on October 11th, 2017.

Pat Dufour, Town Councilmember

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!

TWO 3 HOUR SESSIONS
 Thursday, Oct. 26th &
 Friday, Oct. 27th, 2017
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Lockport Town Hall
 Limited to 30 (min. 18)
 \$20.00 AARP Members
 \$25.00 Non-members

Registration closes October 20, 2017
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. 26th & Oct. 27th, 2017.

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.)



at 33 Ontario Street,
welcomes you this fall!

For more information or to register, please call:
433-1886 or visit: www.daleassociation.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Annual Meeting and Award Ceremony:**
Oct. 12, 7 p.m. (free)
- **Walking Club in Day Road Park:**
Mondays and Wednesday, 9 a.m.
- **Understanding Medicare Plan Choices for 2018:**
Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m. (free)
- **Oktoberfest Social:**
Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m. (\$5 members, \$10 non-members)
- **Hearing Screenings:**
Oct. 11, Nov. 9, 12 to 3 p.m. (free)
- **Diabetes Self-Management Program:**
Fridays from Oct. 27 to Dec. 1, 9 to 11:30 a.m. (free)
Call 278-1900 to register.
- **Cirque de la Symphonie at Kleinhans:**
Oct. 27, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (\$75 members, \$85 non-members)
- **Boo Bingo Bash:**
Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. (\$5) Call 433-1886 to reserve your space.
- **Meat Raffle:**
Dec. 2 (tickets and details available soon)
- **Elvis, Christmas & Country Lunch & Show:**
Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$83 members, \$90 non-members)
- **John Morris Russell's Holiday Pops:**
Dec. 15, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (\$80 members, \$90 non-members)



LOCKPORT COMMUNITY TELEVISION'S FALL 2017 COMMUNITY TRAINING SCHEDULE

- **Video Editing** – Tuesday, October 3rd - 7pm to 9pm
- **Studio Graphics** – Tuesday, October 10th - 7pm to 9pm
- **Studio Cameras** – Tuesday, October 17th - 7pm to 9pm
- **Studio Directing** – Tuesday, October 24th – 7pm to 9pm

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

FALL COMPUTER CLASSES 2017



Computer Classes held at the Lockport Town Hall
Sponsored by Lockport Public Library,
NIOGA Library System and the Town of Lockport

Thursday, October 12th (1-4pm) Internet Resources: Safety, Security and Fun! Overview: Take your Internet experience to the next level. Explore You Tube, Twitter, and Wikipedia! Learn tips to keep your computer, yourself, and your loved ones, safer while surfing.

Thursday, November 16th (1-4pm) Flash Drives and File Management Overview: This class focuses on saving, moving, and retrieving any file on a Windows-based computer. We will learn how to add new folders to the computer, and rename both folders and individual files, with a focus on saving, renaming, and deleting documents (resumes, for example).

Please register at the Lockport Library (716) 433-5935 Ext. 3
Register early, Class space is limited

ATTENTION: NIAGARA COUNTY HOMEOWNERS

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds for home repair to qualified Niagara County residents who own their own homes and reside in one of the twelve towns in Niagara County.

The type of home repair can include gutters, downspouts, roofs, furnaces, hot water tanks, chimneys/foundations, porch repairs, replacement doors/windows, electrical and plumbing, accessibility modifications such as ramps, lifts, etc. The scope of work and amount of financial assistance will be determined by an inspection of the home. Homeowners must meet income eligibility guidelines and other program criteria. Income guidelines vary depending upon the grant-funding source.

Please call Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.'s Rural Preservation Program at 434-4679 between the hours of 7:00am and 3:00pm. Monday through Friday, or email us at: MCrage@niagaracap.org for more information.

Highway Department



Dumping: Please be advised that dumping of any kind of debris in roadside ditches, off road drainage ditches and any other properties is illegal and may result in fines. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Brush Pick Up: Brush pick up takes place the third Monday of the month from now until November. Please have your brush out Sunday night. We pick up throughout the town and once we're in your area we won't be back until the following month.

Recycling: Please remember recycling is picked up every other week. If you need any information regarding recycling please call Tara at 439-9522.

Recycling Shed: Our recycling shed is open the last Saturday of the month from now until November. The hours are 9 am – 1 pm. You will need to provide identification to show you are a town resident.

Garbage: Please have your garbage out to the curb by 6 am. If you are over the limit of 6 bags and/or cans, you will need stickers. Carpet rolls are considered as a 'can/bag'. If you have 6 bags and 6 rolls of carpet, you will need stickers for the rolls of carpet in order for Waste Management to take everything. The stickers are \$1 each and can be purchased at the town clerk's office from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday. Also, please remember if your garbage and/or recycling aren't picked up at the time it usually is, it may be because of a new driver, truck breaking down, etc. Please be patient. If for some reason they haven't picked up by 3 pm, please call Tara at 439-9522. Thank you.

Dead Animals: The highway department only picks up dead deer on town roads only. For any other animal, please call Buffalo Wildlife Control & Removal at 650-4630 or NYSDEC at 851-7010. If you live on a county road, please call Niagara County Highway at 439-7360. If you live on a state road, please call NYSDOT at 438-2396.

REFUSE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

November						
S	H	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- Monday, November 20th** - Regular Schedule
- Tuesday, November 21st** - Regular Schedule
- Wednesday, November 22nd** - Regular Schedule
- Thursday, November 23rd** - Thanksgiving – No Collection
- Friday, November 24th** - Thursday's Collection
- Saturday, November 25th** - Friday's Collection



December						
S	H	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- Monday, December 25th Christmas** - No Collection
- Tuesday, December 26th** - Monday's Collection
- Wednesday, December 27th** - Tuesday's Collection
- Thursday, December 28th** - Wednesday's Collection
- Friday, December 29th** - Thursday's Collection
- Saturday, December 30th** - Friday's Collection
- Monday, January 1st, 2018** - New Year's Day – No Collection
- Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018** - Monday's Collection
- Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018** - Tuesday's Collection
- Thursday, January 4th, 2018** - Wednesday's Collection
- Friday, January 5th, 2018** - Thursday's Collection
- Saturday, January 6th, 2018** - Friday's Collection

Building Inspector

NYSDEC: Open burning is permitted for small recreational fires including small cooking and campfires. Burning of waste products or garbage is prohibited, including newspaper, paper, glass, and plastic. Burning of leafs and branches are not permitted. Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.

PREMISE IDENTIFICATION: New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification plainly legible and visible from the street. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches.

2015 ICC FIRE CODE: Ch. 5, §507.5.5 Clear space around hydrants. A 3-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants, except as otherwise required or approved.





Did you know??
During the Civil War, Camp Wilson was near the escarpment, west of Gothic Hill Road, north of Upper Mt. Rd.

Here it is - the middle of August and the almost the end of summer, and time to finish the story of Airfields that used to be in the Town of Lockport.

I was surprised that I didn't get any calls re. errors or omissions about the "Lee - Van De Mark Airport" in the last newsletter. I did hear from several people that enjoyed the article, and one that has wondered what "Burma Shave" was.

I am sure he isn't the only one of the "younger generation" that doesn't know about the clever advertising idea that had a tremendous impact on the sale of Burma Shave shaving cream. They placed (6) signs with various "funny" sayings, 100 feet apart, along the side of Highways, from 1923 to 1964, in 7000 locations, in 46 states, until it was decided they were a traffic hazard. Now you know the Rest Of The Story.

Continuing on with Town Airfields - The "Lee - Van De Mark Airport" on Lincoln Avenue, was the busiest, but there were others in the Town.

1) Graf Field, on the West side of Lake Avenue, operated by George Graf, was the next busiest, and was the only other Airport in the Town. The basic difference between "airports" and "air strips or air fields" is that Airports have fueling facilities and a Hangar It was located on land that is now part of Willow Brook Golf Course. Mr. Graf offered "basic training" for civilian pilots, that later became military pilots in WW 2. Graf Field was also a Civil Air Patrol location, and was an aviation re-fueling station during WW 2.

The rest of the air fields in the town were mowed grass fields, that were usually used by the property owners for their own pleasure.

- 2) Joe Butera had an airfield just South of Graf Field, that ran East/West.
- 3) Dick Gallagher had an airfield on the South Side of Slayton Settlement Road, East of Day Road, that ran South/North. Dick was well known for taking aerial photos of the Town.
- 4) Charlie Dahlquist had a North/South airfield on the North Side of East High St., East of Day Road, East of the red brick house. Charlie spent so much time at "Lee - Van De Mark Field", that he had to have his own field.
- 5) Roy Taylor had a South/North airfield on the South Side of Shunpike Road, East of the Lockport-Cambria Town Line Road, that ran up to the old Daniel Pomeroy (now Mrowka) farm.

I have heard that Military planes "may" have landed on property South of the old Harrison Radiator plant, north of the Old Saunders Settlement Road, but I can't verify that. Also, in some info about Jim Wylam - he supposedly flew on a strip off Richfield St., in the City - again no facts. There are other airfields close to the Town, but I am only writing about those in the Town of Lockport - if I have missed any - please let me know.

I am always looking for Historical info about the Town of Lockport, either original, or something that I can copy. Previous Historians were not as fortunate as I am, to have an old one-room school for their use, and they worked out of their homes. When they passed - the History that they gathered, was lost. The same thing happened when the one-room schools closed due to Centralization - the Trustees historical records were lost. I have very little info about Town Schools between the 1820's and 1955. If anyone is aware of any records, I would really appreciate the chance to have them or copy.

The Town Historical Society is not dead!! We will be re-organizing this fall, and we can always use new Members. We meet (8) months during the year, (all except July, August, January and February) at the Pomeroy School or Town Hall. Please call for info.

Larry Haseley, Town Historian (716)434-1547 Cell (585)301-1672

9th Annual **Fall Festival**

TOWN OF LOCKPORT • 6560 Dysinger Road • Lockport, NY

RAIN OR SHINE!!

OCTOBER 15, 2017 • 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 13th – October 29th, 2017
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!!!***

Annual Pumpkin Fiesta

Saturdays and Sundays • September 13th – 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

6th Annual

Winterfest

Sunday, November 26th, 2017

Noon - 3:00PM

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!!

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Lockport, NY 14094-7970



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