# TOWN OF LOCKPORT

# 2022 FALL EDITION



# From the Supervisor's Desk:

# A Look Back at Summer of 2022

As the Summer of 2022 comes to a close, I reflect back on many things. The weather was fantastic. I think it was the best one ever...more sunny days than usual, just enough rain to keep the lawns green, and plenty of family events to participate in.

The Town Recreation Commission sponsored 2 very successful movie nights at Day Road Park and the town's annual Community Day had record turnout. The town's "Fitness in the Park" program included a family walk, family yoga, zumba, and yoga.

The best partnership of the season was the collaboration with the highway department and the Lockport Public Library to install a children's "Story Walk" at the Day Road Park. This Story Walk consists of 26 placards along the Day Road Memorial Walkway. Families can read while walking, a complete children's story book while enjoying the peaceful walkway. The library received a grant for this project and our highway team installed the posts and placards. The story book is changed out on a monthly basis.

Finally, as the kids head back to school, please pay

attention to the walkers and stop in both directions for a bus with flashing red lights.

Sincerely, Mark Crocker Town Supervisor





# COME JOIN US FOR OUR VETERANS FORUM!

The Town of Lockport will once again host a "Veterans Forum" on

Thursday, November 10th from 11:00 am — 1:00 PM at Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Rd. Attendees will receive information on various Veterans agencies and the benefits they provide. Senator Rob Ortt and Assemblyman Michael Norris will be providing refreshments. In addition, County Clerk Joe Jastrzemski will speak on the "Thank a Vet" program.



This meeting is informal and informational. It is always a popular event and we are excited to be able to host it again! The last time was in 2018, so come see what services are available to our beloved veterans! We would like to make sure we have enough refreshments for everyone, so please reserve your spot by calling the town clerk at 716-439-9524.

This is our way to thank and honor our Veterans for their services while providing information on programs and services they may not be aware of. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, November 10th!

Pat Dufour Deputy Supervisor

# **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**

Veterans Day: Friday, November 11th, 2022 at 9:30 am

Cold Springs Cemetery: Lockport, NY

Presentation by: American Legion Commander – Mike Hanley
Guest Speaker – Jeffrey Glatz, Director of the Niagara County Veterans Service Agency
Full Colonel Taps by Gary Hewitson and Bell Tower Chimes

Contact: Sally McKnight - email coldspringscem@aol.com

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# Office Hours

**Town Court:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. **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 – Monday, October 10th Election Day – Tuesday, November 8th Veteran's Day – Friday, November 11th Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 24th Day after Thanksgiving – Friday, November 25th Christmas – Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th

# Upcoming Town Board Meetings 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road

October 5th December 7th
November 9th January 4th 2023

# GET OUT AND VOTE 2022 Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

\*\*YOUR DRINKING WATER REMAINS SAFE TO CONSUME.
THERE HAS BEEN NO INTERRUPTION TO THEWATER SYSTEM
AND YOUR WATER QUALITY HAS NOT CHANGED\*\*

Town of Lockport Did Not Meet NYS Filing Requirements Related to the Public Water System. Our water system recently violated a drinking water filing requirement pursuant to New York State Department of Health. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The New York State Sanitary Code requires certain water systems to develop and keep up to date water supply emergency plans. These plans must be submitted to the New York State Department of Health for review and approval. Our water system was issued a violation in 2021 for not meeting these water supply emergency plan requirements. Our system did not take the corrective actions required by the New York State Department of Health and was issued a second violation as a result. We are required to issue this public notification to inform you of the second violation.

### What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do no not need to boil your water or take any other corrective actions. You may continue to drink the water.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours. The Town did not file certain reports with the New York State Department of Health.

### What is being done?

The Town of Lockport will review and file the required reports which triggered this notice. We anticipate resolving the issue within 60 days.

For more information, please contact Town of Lockport Supervisor, Mark Crocker at (716) 439-9520.

Tom@elockport.com

# Town Clerk's Office

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS ABOUT UPCOMING HUNTING SEASON

The 2022 hunting season is rapidly approaching and I want to remind our area hunters that hunting is not allowed in any of the town parks including John Austin Nature Trail, Day Road Park and Lytle Nature Preserve. We want to ensure that our residents can safely enjoy our parks while walking, hiking, participating in sporting events and spending time at the playground during the Fall season.

For your reference, here is the schedule for the 2022 Hunting Season:

- Deer archery season: October 1st through November 18th
- Turkey season: October 15th October 28th
- Deer shotgun season: November 19th through December 11th.

For your safety and to comply with the law, while utilizing our parks, please stay on the marked trails, particularly during hunting season. If you wander from the trails, you may unknowingly enter private property which surrounds our parks where hunting may be going on. Let's all be safe out there and enjoy the beautiful Fall season that we are fortunate to have here in Western NY.

Sincerely,

Paul Siejak - Town Councilman

# **COMMUNITY MEETING - MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Pat Dufour, Deputy Supervisor

Need help navigating the Medicare process? I am pleased to announce that the Town of Lockport will be hosting a Medicare Information Night on Thursday, October 20th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. at Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Rd. This event will be held in collaboration with the Dale Association and the Niagara County Office for the Aging.

It will be informal and held in an open forum setting. You will receive information regarding the changes to Medicare, the Medicare Health Plans, Medicare Part D, NYS EPIC, and "Extra Help", the Low Income Subsidy program. Attendees will be able to meet one on one with various representatives and providers.

- Medicare Open Enrollment Period is October 15th 2022 December 7th 2022
- Turning 65? Your Initial Enrollment Period for Medicare Part A & B is based on the month in which you turn 65. It begins three months before your birth month and extends until three months after your birth month. Example: If you are born on June 18, 1958, your Initial Enrollment Period is from March 1, 2023 until September 30, 2023.

I encourage anyone approaching the age of 65 to attend. Medicare can be extremely confusing and we must always remember that **knowledge is power**. I look forward to seeing you on October 20th!

# 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, October 27th & Friday, October 28th, 2022 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Lockport Town Hall Limited to 15 people \$25.00 AARP Members \$30.00 Non-members



Registration closes October 21, 2022 THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS

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

Please enroll $\square$ me/ $\square$ us in the AARP Driver Safety Program on October 27th & October 28th, 2022. Enclosed is a check/money order <b>Made Payable to: "AARP"</b> (No Cash Please)					
Name: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.					
Street:					
Lockport, NY 14094 Phone: (716)					
AARP#(Please list AARP# on check.)					

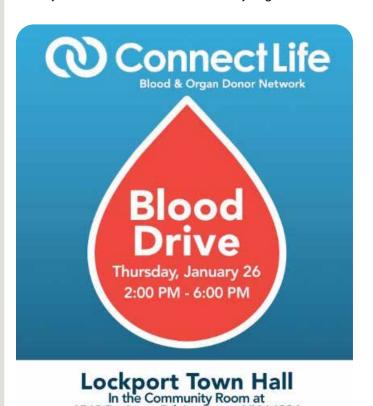
# **Community News**

### **MY PERSONAL CANCER STORY**

Darlene DiCarlo, Council Member

Back in 2011, I heard the words we all fear and never prepared for. "Darlene, you have leukemia, it's a blood cancer". I was devastated as you can imagine, and the long journey to treatment and recovery began. For the next year, I received lifesaving chemotherapy along with platelet and whole blood transfusions on a daily basis. It was the most difficult time in my life and I wouldn't be here today if not for the people who took the time out of their day to donate blood. Without an adequate supply of my whole blood, type A positive, I would have been unable to recover and my ticket punched at 43 years old.

I tell you this personal story in hopes that you realize how important blood donation is. It only takes an hour of your time, but you can literally save a life. I encourage all of you who are able to come on out to Town Hall on Thursday, January 26th 2023 from 2pm-6pm. All blood types are needed and with ConnectLife, these donations remain local helping those people in need right here in our community supplying over 70% of the blood for WNY and helps patients at Oishei, ECMC as well as 10 other local hospitals. Your donation will help to save the life of up to 3 local patients, including mine. Scan the QR code below to schedule an appointment or come see us on Thursday, January 26th 2023 at Town Hall, 6560 Dysinger Road.



6560 Dysinger Rd. Lockport, NY 14094

To make an appointment Scan the code, click

"Donate now", select "check out these other

options" and enter sponsor code 000688 or call 716.529.4270. Walk-ins also Welcome!

## NEED HELP PAYING YOUR WATER AND SEWER BILLS?

### Overview

Made available through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps low income households pay the cost of water and sewer services. The program



can assist households who have past due bills (arrears) for water and/or sewer services.

### **Benefits**

LIHWAP is a benefit based on the actual amount of water and /or sewer arrears, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per water or sewer provider, or \$5,000 if water and sewer services are combined, per applicant household. Benefits are paid directly to the household's water and/or sewer vendor(s).

### **Eligibility**

Eligibility and benefits are based on:

- Income
- Household Size
- Amount owed to water and/or sewer provider(s)

For more information about this program, call the NYS LIHWAP Call Center at 1-833-690-0208

### NOTE FROM BUILDING INSPECTOR

**Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector:** Now is a good time to replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors going into the fall and winter season. Smoke/CO detectors should be replaced after 10 years of use with new 10-year battery smoke/CO detectors.

**Fire Hydrants:** Fire Code of NYS: A 3 foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of a fire hydrant.

**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.

**Brian Belson - Town of Lockport Building/Zoning** 6200 Robinson Rd., Lockport, NY 14094 716-439-9526 • Fax: 716-439-9532 e-mail: b\_belson@elockport.com

# **Highway Department**



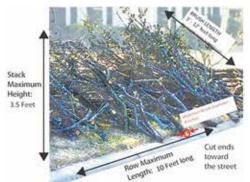
**Garbage/Recycling:** Please remember to have your garbage/recycling out by 6 am. Please be patient if your garbage/recycling isn't picked up. There could be a number of reasons from the truck having to be dumped, a new driver, a break down, etc. If it is still not picked up by 3 pm, please call the highway office at 439-9522.

You are allowed **ONE** large item per week. If Waste Management doesn't take it with your garbage, please be patient and they will return to pick it up. You must have freon removed

from air conditioners, dehumidifiers and refrigerators. Hot tubs may be put to the curb however please make sure pieces are no longer than 4'. Waste Management may not take every piece at once so please be patient. If you have wood from a fence, playground, etc. please make sure the pieces are no longer than 4', the nails are removed and it is neatly piled by the road.

**Brush Pick Up:** The highway department picks up brush on the third Monday of the month from March – November. Please have it out by Sunday night. **Please remember to follow these rules as they will be enforced:** 

- Tree removal companies are to remove all of their own debris.
- A maximum amount of one tandem truckload will be picked up at a time at any one residence.
- No brush will be picked up that is stacked around hydrants, guardrails, vent pipes, signs, or any obstacle. We will not be responsible for anything under the pile of brush that we cannot see. Large piles are picked up with large machinery.



# NO delay for Christmas or New Years week since those holidays fall on a Saturday.

NOVEMBER 2022							
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
21 MONDAY'S COLLECTION	22 TUESDAY'S COLLECTION	23 WEDNESDAY'S COLLECTION	24 THANKSGIVING NO COLLECTION	25 THURSDAY'S COLLECTION	26 FRIDAY'S COLLECTION		

# LAST CHANCE FOR ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FOR 2022!

Come on out to see us on **Saturday, October 29th** and again on **Saturday, November 26th** to get those electronics properly recycled. This is your last opportunity for the year, otherwise you'll need to hold on to these items until March of 2023. As you know, this event is held right at Town Hall from 9 am – 1 pm. No need to get out of the vehicle, just pull up and we will do the rest.

Recycling electronics costs the town up to 9 cents a pound. Since we are not charging a fee for this service, we are limiting usage strictly to **Town of Lockport Residents** (please be prepared to show ID).

The hours of operation for the Town of Lockport Recycling Shed are: The last Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, March through November. NO after hour drop-offs will be permitted. Cameras are in place to protect and enforce the program.

### ACCEPTABLE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING LIST

- Televisions (CRT, LCD, LED, PLASMA, 3D)
- Computer Monitors (CRT, LCD, LED)
- Computers (Desktops & Laptops)
- Printers (Ink or Toner)
- Microwave Ovens
- Copiers/Fax Machines
- Video Equipment (VCR, DVD & Video Cameras)

Limit 4 large items (TV's) per month, open to Town of Lockport residents only.

Best regards,

Darlene DiCarlo, Council Member

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.



# **Town Recreation**

# **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the Recreation Commission and all of the volunteers for a great year! Just a glimpse of the fun times we had. We appreciate all of the hard work by the team, a huge shout out to Chairman, John Strobel and members Pat Weidel, Tom Edbauer, Paula Siejak, Kim O'Dell, and our gatekeeper Kristina Tracz!







# **NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 30TH!**

Tickets are mandatory on weekends Admission free Monday – Friday (Kids Activities run 11 am – 5 pm)



Enjoy our farm with your family and loved ones. Spend the day rolling in the hay, picking apples and making memories. Before you leave, don't forget to pick up a hand rolled pie, donut, craft beer, wine or cider! Relax and let Mother Nature remind you of what's good.

What's included with your ticket:

- Parking
- Apples picking or Pumpkins
- Live Music
- Access to Country Market, Beer Garden, Brew Pub, and Grounds
- Farm Animal Exhibit
- Mega Slide
- Goat Races
- Pedal Carts and Tricycle Track
- Corn Maze
- Rope Maze

- Big Hay Bales
- Jumping Pillow
- Jungle Gym
- Access to beautifully landscaped grounds and 340 private acres countryside
- New!! Unlimited Hayrides!



Visit www.beckerfarms.com for tickets and more information! Don't forget to use the Town of Lockport discount code LkptRec2022 for daytime activities and LkptRecHH2022 for the Hayrides!

5th Annual

# Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Noon - 3:00PM

Day Road Park

5514 Day Rd., Lockport, NY

SANTA ARRIVES AT NOON

SANTA'S DECEMBER HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday
5pm - 9pm
Saturday
Noon - 3pm

Visit with Santa and then have cookies and cocoa, horse drawn carriage rides and other treats.

# Come join us for the Light Up Lockport Christmas Parade SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AT 6PM!

Traveling down Main Street, ending at the Palace Theatre

The Town of Lockport Recreation Commission will have a float in the parade and invite you down to check it out along with our partners throughout the community! Santa will be arriving on the firetruck at the end of the parade route!

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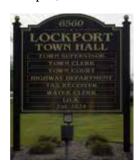
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# Merry Christmas

from the Town of Lockport

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



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# **Town Recreation**





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