

TOWN OF LOCKPORT

2024 FALL EDITION



From the Supervisor's Desk:

Recycling Program Update

As a result of the diligent efforts by our residents, the Town of Lockport is on track to save nearly \$130,000 over the first two years of our contract with Modern Disposal. The market values for recycled commodities, such as cardboard and paper, have steadily increased along with the quantity of those materials we are all placing in our recycling carts. This is very welcome news as recycling, in general, has struggled in years past to produce tangible cost savings. The money the Town of Lockport saves from a successful recycling program goes right back into the

refuse fund line in our budget. These additional funds help offset increases in annual expenses.

Bottom line: Recycling does pay and helps the environment at the same time. We thank you for your efforts and encourage you to continue to break down boxes and place all acceptable items in the cart with the yellow lid. Remember, the items to be recycled need to be clean and limited to what is included on the graphic.

Sincerely,
Mark Crocker, *Supervisor*

ANNUAL MEDICARE INFORMATION MEETING

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 **Tuesday, October 29th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 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 2024 – December 7th 2024**

• **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, 1960, your Initial Enrollment Period is from March 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025.

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 29th!

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Veterans Day: Monday, November 11th, 2024 at 9:30 am
Cold Springs Cemetery: Lockport, NY

Presentation by:
American Legion Commander, Mike Hanley

Guest Speaker:
David Wohleben, Niagara County Veterans Services

National Anthem by Pete Robinson
Echo Taps by John Reich & John Cable

Contact : Sally McKnight - email coldspringscem@aol.com



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Niagara County Sheriff's Dept. 438-3393

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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 14th

Election Day - Tuesday, November 5th

Veteran's Day - Monday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28th

Day after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 29th

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas - Wednesday, December 25th

New Years Day - Wednesday, January 1st 2025

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 20th 2025

President's Day - Monday, February 17th 2025

Upcoming Town Board Meetings

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

October 2nd January 8th 2025

November 6th February 5th 2025

December 4th

GET OUT AND VOTE 2024 Tuesday, November 5th

NOTE FROM:

The Dog Control Officer

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets requires that all dogs four (4) months and older with a current rabies vaccination be licensed.

FEE SCHEDULE:

(Must be renewed annually at the Town Clerk's office)

Spayed/neutered dog - \$8.00

Non-spayed/non-neutered dog - \$18.00

The Dog Control Officer's duties include enforcement of dog licensing and ordinances.

Dogs must be effectively restricted or controlled by a person or a leash not exceeding 15 feet in length. Since it is the law, KEEP ID TAGS ON YOUR DOGS AT ALL TIMES.

Jim Hildreth

Town of Lockport Dog Control Officer

**For more information, contact the Clerk's office at
716-439-9524 or me at 716-628-2347.**



Town Clerk's Office

NEED TO GET YOUR HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE?

Conservation Licenses may be purchased at the Town Clerk's office located at 6560 Dysinger Road during regular business hours. You can contact the Clerk's office at 439-9524 with any questions prior to your visit. **To purchase a hunting license you must have completed the proper hunter safety course and present your certificate.** Please visit www.dec.gov for any further information or clarification.

You need a hunting license if you are:

- 12 years and older and using a firearm or bow to hunt or take wild game. Persons under age 12 cannot hunt
- Annual hunting licenses and privileges are valid from September 1 through August 31 each year.

- All licensed hunters 12 and older can apply for deer permits as well.

You need a fishing license if you are 16 years and older

- Fishing licenses do not require a training course and expire one year from date of purchase or renewal.



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 17th &
Friday, October 18th, 2024
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 11, 2024**
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 October 17th and October 18th 2024. 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.)

INCOME LIMIT CHANGE FOR ENHANCED STAR

Jill Fowler, Assessor

If you are currently receiving the BASIC STAR EXEMPTION, and **will be turning 65** by December 31, 2025, you could be eligible for ENHANCED STAR.

The income limit for the 2025-2026 school tax year is \$107,300, as verified by the 2023 Federal or State Income Tax Return. Income is Adjusted Gross MINUS any Taxable IRA Distributions. State Form IT-201 (Line 19 Minus 9) and Federal Form 1040 (Line 7 Minus the IRA Distribution).

ALL Enhanced STAR Exemption recipients, **MUST** apply to the IVP (Income Verification Program), even if you don't file tax returns. If you do not file income tax returns, Form RP-425-wkst must be completed.

If you are receiving the STAR CREDIT (a check from NYS), the State will be checking for age and income to verify your qualification.

You must meet the income and residency requirements; and apply no later than March 1, 2025.

Community News

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.

Open Burning 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 products, plastic, chemically treated wood (pressure treated) and plywood. If you have a complaint regarding this, please contact the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation AT 1-877-457-5680. They are available 24/7

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Town Historian

Event at Pomeroy School October 26 from 1-3pm

Join us on Saturday, October 26, at the historic Pomeroy School for a unique celebration that blends history with Halloween fun! This family-friendly event features interactive exhibits and spooky festivities suitable for all ages. Discover the rich history of the school while enjoying Halloween-themed activities and treats. Costumes are encouraged. Immerse yourself in an afternoon of educational and eerie entertainment.



Call for board members and officers

The Town of Lockport Historical Society is seeking passionate individuals to join our team and help preserve our community's rich heritage! We are currently looking for new members to contribute their time and ideas, as well as a dedicated individual to take on the role of president. If you have a love for local history and a desire to make a difference, we welcome you to get involved and lead our efforts in celebrating Lockport's historical legacy. Reach out to Jean for more information or stop by our Halloween event to discuss.

Highway Department



Brush pick up weeks are October 21st and November 18th, Then we are off until next year with the first pickup schedule for the week of March 17, 2025. Please have it to the road Sunday night. We pick up throughout the whole town. If you don't have it out by the time we come around, you will have to wait until the next month. **Please refer to our guidelines on our website at elockport.com under highway department.**

Refuse/Recycling: Please have your garbage and recycling out by 6 am. If it isn't picked up by 2 pm, call the highway clerk at 716-439-9522. Please remember you must use the town issued garbage cart. No other cart will be emptied.

Bags of Garbage: If you have bags which are over forty pounds, Modern will pick them up *during large item pick up week*. If they are less than forty pounds, you will need to purchase stickers from town clerk's office for \$5 each.

Bulk Pick Up: *Modern will pick up 4 large items during the first full week of each month: October 7th – 11th, November 4th – 8th, December 2nd to 6th, January 6th – 10th 2025, February 3rd to 7th 2025.* If they don't take it with the regular garbage truck, please be patient and they will come back with another truck. This includes any carpet/flooring/wood planks you may have. If a holiday falls on a Monday of the first full week of the month, large item pick up will be the following week.

The following rules are in place for the townwide brush pickup:

- Tree removal companies must take all of their own debris
- A maximum 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 fire hydrants, guardrails, vent pipes, signs or any other obstacle. We are not responsible for anything under a pile of brush that we cannot see. Keep in mind that we utilize large equipment to pick it up.

NOVEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 MONDAY'S COLLECTION	26 TUESDAY'S COLLECTION	27 WEDNESDAY'S COLLECTION	28 THANKSGIVING NO COLLECTION	29 THURSDAY'S COLLECTION	30 FRIDAY'S COLLECTION

DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 MONDAY'S COLLECTION	24 TUESDAY'S COLLECTION	25 CHRISTMAS NO COLLECTION	26 WEDNESDAY'S COLLECTION	27 THURSDAY'S COLLECTION	28 FRIDAY'S COLLECTION

DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 MONDAY'S COLLECTION	31 TUESDAY'S COLLECTION	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY NO COLLECTION	2 WEDNESDAY'S COLLECTION	3 THURSDAY'S COLLECTION	4 FRIDAY'S COLLECTION

LAST CHANCE FOR ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FOR 2024!

Come on out to see us on Saturday, October 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 April of 2025.** 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, April through October.

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, Alyssa Edbauer, Kim O'Dell, and our gatekeeper Kristina Tracz!



1824-2024

17th Annual Fall Festival & BICENTENNIAL EVENT

"Paying Tribute to Our Long and Rich Farming Heritage"

Where: Lockport Town Hall

When: Sunday October 13, 2024 from 12pm - 3pm

Music by: The Lockport Community Band

Food: Hot Dogs, Apples, Cider, Water/Pop and Bicentennial Cookies

Activities Include:

Petting Zoo, Bounce House, Carriage Rides, Pumpkin Painting

Games: Cornhole, Football Toss, Pumpkin Bowling

New this year...Pie Eating Contest!

Town Officials vs. Town Recreation Commission



Town Recreation

Come join us for the Light Up Lockport

Christmas Parade

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 6PM!

Traveling 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!

info@LockportPlaceTheatre.org

716.438.1130



Merry Christmas
& A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the Town of Lockport

7th Annual

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Noon - 3:00PM

Day Road Park

5514 Day Rd., Lockport, NY

SANTA ARRIVES AT NOON

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

**SANTA'S DECEMBER
HOURS**
Tuesday and Thursday
5pm - 8pm
Saturday
Noon - 3pm

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



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Town Recreation

For additional coupons, please visit our website at elockport.com. Photo copies are also acceptable.

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