

# Town of New Lebanon

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February 2025

## Special Election Results

A special election was held on 1/21/2025, asking the voters in the Town of New Lebanon if they want the Town to proceed with the walkable downtown. We had a total of 605 residents vote in person and by absentee and the vote passed with 348 yes votes and 259 no votes. Thank you to everyone who showed up to make their voices heard!

The Town Board members all agreed to uphold the results of the election which means the Town will now proceed with the walkable downtown project. As we enter the detailed design phase, we will be looking for public input to help make this project the very best it can be. We hope everyone, regardless of how you voted, will be engaged and involved in the next steps of this project. Stay tuned for the next opportunity for public input.

## 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:** Mon. 8:00am – 12:00pm 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, @ 4:00pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)

**Historian:** by appointment



## Town Government



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Town Clerk – Marcie Robertson

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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](mailto:townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com). Your email address will not be shared.

Regular Town Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The public may view the meetings via the live stream link at: [https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new\\_lebanon\\_ny](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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 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 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.

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## 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. Justin Weaver, Columbia County Clerk's Records Services Manager, is overseeing the program and can also be contacted with any questions at 518-822-0143. The next KISS program runs at the NL Town Hall from **March 10th – March 21st**. 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.

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## 2024 Holiday Gift Drive a HUGE Success

The 9th annual holiday gift drive was a huge success thanks to all of our generous community members and businesses! We provided gifts for 59 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: Lebanon Valley Seniors, American Legion Post 1236, NYSP Livingston Toy Drive, NYSDOT Columbia County Chapter, Holly Tanner Columbia County Clerk, 4 C's Property Management, Meissner's Auction Service, Brown & McArdle Real Estate, Lebanon Valley Women's Club, Inayatiyya Hudson Valley Center, Rotary Club of Northern Columbia County, Unity Lodge No. 9, and Canaan Congregational Church. 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!

## 2025 Town Clean-Up Day (Dump Day)

New Lebanon will hold its annual "Clean-up Day/Dump Day" event in 2025; however, rather than being held in the Spring, it will be held in early Autumn. Please stay tuned as more information will become available for the May and August newsletters. Save the date September 6th, 2025 from 8:00am to 2:00pm, rain or shine.

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### From the Office of the Tax Collector

Hello Fellow New Lebanon residents ☺

By the time you receive this newsletter the penalty free period to pay your 2025 Town & County taxes will have already past but please be aware that I collect these taxes locally here in our Town at the townhall until the end of May each year. My open to the public office hours are printed on the tax bills for your reference. Please note that the Tax Collectors office will be closed from Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> for vacation. I will be back in the office on Wednesday, 2/26/25 from 4-6pm. If you have any questions, you can reach me by email @ [taxcollector@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:taxcollector@townofnewlebanon.com) or by phone @ (518) 794-8882.

Tammie Darcy, Tax Collector  
Town of New Lebanon

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### From the Highway Superintendent

#### **A friendly reminder from our Highway Superintendent Peter McCagg**

Here are a few ways Residents and Property Owners Can Help Assure the Safety and Efficiency of the Town of New Lebanon's Snow and Ice Control Operations:

- Do not park on the Town of New Lebanon streets, especially during snow or ice events
- Do not place trash cans within 2 feet of the edge of pavement.
- Do not park cars in driveways within 10 feet of edge of pavement.
- Do not allow children to build and occupy "snow forts" and similar creations within 10 feet of the edge of pavement.
- Do not relocate snow from driveways and sidewalks into the street. This is in violation of New York State Highway law (Article 8, Section 214) and will cause a hazardous condition on the street.
- Fences should not be within 10 feet of the edge of pavement.
- Remove all non-permanent seasonal items from within 10 feet of edge of pavement.
- Trim trees so that branches do not extend beyond the back of the curb.
- Pile most of the snow from the driveway throat on the traffic downstream side. This will minimize visibility problems.
- Shovel or plow an area immediately upstream of your driveway throat to accommodate plowed snow from the street. This will lessen build-up in your driveway throat.

## 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](http://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.

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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.

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## From Charlie's Pantry

We thank everyone for the heartfelt donations during this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas season: Joy Sherman; Tazmutt Inc.; Chuck Scott Auto **and** Chandler Young (AMVETS) in Nassau; Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph church community; Church of Our Saviour; Stephentown Federated Church; Canaan Congregational Church; Northern Columbia County Rotary; Hilltop Orchards; Message of the Abode; Lebanon Valley Woman's Club; Malden Bridge Community Center; Club Wyndham Bentley Brook; New Lebanon Red Hats; Kevin Smith Sr; Jack & June Nevers; Stephen Kolonics; Muller family; Jeremy Weiss; Deb & John McLaughlin; Erich & Bernadette Wagner; Lola Snyder; Barb Schafer; and MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY we appreciate each and every one of you and all you do for us!

Charlie's Pantry offers free food and hygiene products 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 if a family runs out of food. Any questions please contact Georgette 518-794-0156 or Peter 518-794-0544.

## News from the Lebanon Valley Seniors

The New Year for the Lebanon Valley Seniors (LVS) is off to a great start with activities, trips and special events planned for its members. LVS continues to meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, meeting on the 3rd Friday in the months of January and February (1/17 & 2/21) due to winter weather. All meetings are held at the New Lebanon Community Center located at 523 US Route 20 in New Lebanon, NY. If the school is closed due to weather the meeting will also be cancelled.

The LVS is open to anyone 55 years and up with membership only \$15 dollars a year. There is no cost for membership if you are 80 years or older. To become a member contact Donna Moshimer at Lebanon senior [citizens@gmail.com](mailto:citizens@gmail.com).

The schedule of events, meetings and trips can be found on the Town of New Lebanon website under seniors. These are subject to change as we continue to add more fun things. In the January and February meetings we will be having soups and sandwiches that local seniors made fresh and we want to thank the New Lebanon Farmers Market for their donation of two soups and sandwiches for those meetings as our membership is growing along with our seniors who bring food to share.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**, members will be asked to bring food to share. Kimberly Smith New Lebanon town Assessor will be coming to speak about different programs for seniors to help with local taxes. **March 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will be doing a Saint Patrick themed pot luck.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**, bring food to share and we will have a guest speaker, storyteller Ron Gabriel telling us stories of World War 1 war dogs. **April 18<sup>th</sup>**, no meeting Good Friday. **April 29<sup>th</sup>**, a trip to Aqua Turf in Connecticut country music and comedian from Branson, Missouri that includes transportation, meals, entertainment for members and New Lebanon residents for \$91 see flyer on town website.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, May Day/Spring fling party celebration catered. **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, bring food to share and guest speaker Ron Gabriel telling us part 2 about World War 1 war dogs.

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## From The Lebanon Valley Protective Association

Please make sure that you have had your furnaces cleaned and also your wood burning stoves and chimneys.

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 the NL Climate Smart Communities Task Force (CSC)

NYSERDA certified a New Lebanon CSC grant for \$250,000 which the Town Board designated for heat pumps, solar panels and storage batteries at the Community Center. Bids requests went out in December and were approved by the Town Board. The approved contractors informed us that work could be started this month.

The head of the New York State CSC program asked us to be on a panel at the Association of Town's annual meeting in NYC on Feb 17 to inform attendees about the New Lebanon successes in both the CSC and NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program (we still lead the region in both programs.) CSC Coordinator Bruce Shenker will participate in the panel.

Plastic recycling has expanded in town and to date we have recycled 477 lbs but, sadly, we won't be able to make the 1000 lb/year requirement to get the free Trex park bench by the Feb 17 deadline. Maybe next cycle!

The solar panels on the Town Garage were finally hooked up to the grid on Dec 13 after NYSEG installed a new transformer. We are working with High Peaks Solar to get a link for the website so that residents can see how much energy is being generated. Once the Community Center solar panels are installed we will also have a separate link on the town website to monitor electricity generation.

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## News from the Climate Smart Repair Cafe

The ColumbiaNE Repair Cafe has much to report! After three years as a committee of three towns and a village - New Lebanon, Chatham, Austerlitz and East Nassau, Canaan has joined us, so we go into 2025 as *four* towns and a village. We are delighted to have three members of Canaan's Climate Smart Task Force as part of our team. *You can find us on Facebook, and before long on Instagram, or email us about anything to [ColumbiaNERepairCafe@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbiaNERepairCafe@gmail.com).*

We always welcome new fixers, new general volunteers, and new visitors. All visitors are welcome on a walk in basis. As a reminder, we can fix almost anything, and we do it for free, with restaurants and conversation with neighbors as part of the mix. From clocks to jean patches, lawn mowers to knife sharpening, lamps to darning, we invite you to bring it in and let one of our repair experts take a look. We welcome donations to help us buy supplies. The Country Squire has been extremely generous in their donations of lamp parts.

We will have **five** repair cafes in 2025, on the dates below, with the first being March 29, in Austerlitz. All cafes are on Saturdays from 10 -2 and always include home baked refreshments and coffee.

**March 29**, Austerlitz Town Hall

**May 10**, New Lebanon Community Center

Late **June**, date **tbd** as part of Canaan Day - Park and Town Hall

**Sept 27**, Chatham Fire Department.

**Nov 8**, Hoags Corner Fire Department (this date may change - stay tuned).

Come and see us even if you don't have anything to fix. Everyone always has a good time.

## Update from the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

**Drinking Water Source Protection Plan (DWSP2)** - The CAC has paused tests for a couple of months and will get back to it soon - to date we have done 148 tests. Testing is 100% voluntary by residents. We are interested in information on anything concerning residents, like things that have been buried or dumped uphill/upstream from their wells. Please reach out to [nlcac.munves@gmail.com](mailto:nlcac.munves@gmail.com) to get on the water testing list.

**Joint BEDC and Conservation Advisory Council Wastewater Feasibility Study** - The joint BEDC and CAC committee on Wastewater and Muni water is finalizing a draft survey that is for all participating property owners to assess more in depth concerns on water issues along the business corridor. For the study, Lamont Engineers will calibrate water test results along the business corridor to get a better picture of water quality and concerns. Feasibility study is in progress.

**Open Space Inventory (OSI)** - The NL CAC is working with the County Conservation plan and our OSI will be folded into that; more info to come.

**Trees for Tribs** - CAC volunteers will continue to monitor trees in 2025 and we will work with the Rec Committee to see if we can get more volunteers. Town Board Member Amlaw met with Mr. Zema over the last summer and shared that he recommends leaving tubes on for a while longer since most of the tree trunks are not strong enough yet to withstand wind etc. Note that this has 0 to do with having tubes on for too long, as many have commented to us. The tubes do a great job of allowing light and rain in. The plants themselves are just small right now but are growing a lot.

**Stream Erosion in Shatford Park** - We are getting an assessment from an engineer about the best recommendations we can make to the TB about fixing the erosion. DEC's Christine Vanderlan is helping us by sharing information on other projects like this one. We hope to have information for the Town Board by April if not earlier.

The Conservation Advisory Council is Bill O'Neill, Peg Munves, Donald Lamonaca, Bruce Shenker, and Bob Gilson. NOTE: **Meeting time has moved - we meet on the second Monday of the month at 5PM now.**

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## News from the Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission plans activities to get our community together. When dates are set, they'll be added to the town calendar on the town web page. If you're interested in helping out with an event, leading a walk/paddle, have event ideas or requests, or want to get involved - please let us know at [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com) and we'll try to make it happen.

**We're looking for volunteers to add to our planning team.** It's a great way to meet people. We meet once a month, usually March to September. If you would like more information, reach out to [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com) If you're ready to join us, send a letter of interest by email to [townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com)

## News from the Recreation Commission (Continued)

### **You asked, we made it happen:**

Did you hear that the Shatford Tennis courts are getting resurfaced this year? They also have Pickle ball lines. Pickle ball racquets and balls were donated to the town library if you want to try it out for free. In 2024 we had a learn to play pickle ball session that was well attended, we're hoping to have another this summer.

Open swim nights are at the Shatford Pool at 5:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a small annual fee. On Monday nights at 5:30, Joe Ogilvie teaches water aerobics, classes are \$5. It's really fun, come try it, you'll be glad you did.

We're hoping to have the ice rink set up in the park pavilion soon, the weather has not cooperated. We have a new and improved multi-year durable liner, fabricated by Pete McCagg and his team.

### **2025 planned events:**

#### **Monthly Community Walks and Paddles:**

Walks begin in March and run through October - they're usually Sunday mornings at 10AM. We're planning a guided hike too, probably on a section of the Taconic Crest trail.

We hope you've all walked the new trails through Shatford Park, they're a great new way to enjoy the park. Meet up with a friend or take your (leashed) dog on an adventure.

Paddles are usually June-September. We kayak or canoe on Queechy Lake and other nearby paddling spots. Last year, we had a big group paddle on a private wetland, we're in discussions to have that location again this year. Email [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com) with your ideas for favorite spots and views, or to be added to the contact list.

#### **Food Truck Music Night:**

The music is provided by our talented high school band, 2 Year Delay! This spring at the Shatford Pavilion - date and food vendor TBD. It will be a May or June Wednesday from 5-7PM.

#### **Newcomers Meet and Greet:**

Did you recently move to our wonderful town, are you looking to make new friends and finally meet some neighbors? Have you lived here a while or a lifetime and want to check out the new people who moved in down the road? We want all of you to meet each other too! Planned for May, July, and September - dates and locations TBD, it's usually a Saturday afternoon. Snacks will be provided.

Please contact [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com) for details and to be added to the notification list.

#### **Town Picnic and Music in the Park:**

It will be on a mid-August Sunday from Noon to 4, probably August 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll confirm the dates in the next few months. The town and local businesses supply hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, watermelon, and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors. We plan to have a local business selling beer and wine. We'll have bounce houses too! We could use some face painters and a group of helpful volunteers.

## News from the Recreation Commission (2<sup>nd</sup> Continued)

### **Doug Banker Memorial Music in the Park:**

Planned for a September Sunday, probably September 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll confirm the dates in the next few months. At Shatford Pavilion, Noon to 4, music begins at 1PM. A local food truck will be selling food on site. We plan to have a local business selling beer and wine. If you have a local band and want to be considered to play at one of the MitP events, please contact [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com)

### **Outdoor Movie Night at the Shatford Pavilion:**

The movie will probably be Princess Bride. It will be on a summer Friday or Saturday - date TBD. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. Email your favorite movie to be considered for the future: [nlrecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:nlrecreation03@gmail.com)

**We hope to see everyone at an event this year!**

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### 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](https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny)

Town Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

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

Zoning Re-write Committee meets the fourth Monday, quarterly at 7:00pm

Conservation Advisory Council meets the second 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

# Where does my property tax dollar go?

(based on September 2024 School Tax bill and January 2025 Town & County Tax bill)



*This part paid directly to the School in September*

**\$0.6226 - School**

(New Lebanon Central School District)



*This part paid to the Town in January and the town distributes to the County, LVPA & Library*

**\$0.2296 - Columbia County**

**\$0.1041 - Town**

(\$0.1041 Highway, \$0.0000 General - this is the amount to be raised by taxes after expenses are offset by revenues. The general budget has expenses, but they are fully offset by revenues, leaving the amount to be raised by taxes for the Town's general budget at zero.)

**\$0.0213 - Fire Protection**

**\$0.0224 - Library**



New Lebanon  
Central School  
District

Dear New Lebanon Community,

“The BackPack program” benefits several families in our local community. This program provides 30 backpacks full of food for children on weekends when school breakfasts and lunches are not available.

As a district, we collaborate with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. This program is completely self-funded by our New Lebanon community. Families, community members, and businesses can donate to this program. It costs our community \$8,190 a year to support 30 families in our community with a full backpack of food most weekends.

Throughout the year, we will be working on fundraising projects so that we can continue this opportunity for our families in the future. It is our goal to raise an additional \$8,190 to support the backpack program for next school year. The Northeastern Food Bank is accepting donations from the community to continue this service to our students and their families in need.

**Did You Know?**

It costs \$273 to support one child for the year.

It costs \$4,095 to support 15 students for the year.

It costs \$8,190 to support 30 students for the year.

To donate online, see the link below, or write a check to: The Regional Food Bank. In the memo section of your check, be sure to write “for New Lebanon CSD” and mail it to:

The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY  
965 Albany-Shaker Rd  
Latham, NY 12110

Thank you for your support! Thank you,

Chris Harper  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

[NL Backpack Program Information](#)



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[www.newlebanoncsd.org](http://www.newlebanoncsd.org)



Discover The Free Store

Come check out all the gently used free clothing, footwear, baby gear, children's items, linens, housewares and more! The Free Store is not just for families in need, but for everyone! It is a green initiative to keep things out of the landfill.

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

TUESDAYS 2:00-5:30

WEDNESDAYS 2:00-5:30

THURSDAYS 2:00-5:30

SATURDAYS 5:00-8:00

SUNDAYS 11:00-2:00

CLOSED MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

Donations can be dropped off during our open hours. We accept most things, but we do not accept furniture, large appliances, books (other than children's) and car seats. Please make sure your items are clean and gently used.

The Free Store is located at the Community Center  
523 US 20 New Lebanon NY

# The Community Center

523 US 20 New Lebanon NY



## HOURS OF OPERATION

TUESDAYS 2:00-5:30

WEDNESDAYS 2:00-5:30

THURSDAYS 2:00-5:30

SATURDAY 5:00-8:00

SUNDAYS 11:00-2:00

CLOSED MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

Enjoy time with friends playing pool, ping pong, foosball, air hockey, video and board games, cards, puzzles and crafts! Or cozy up on a couch to just chat or watch something from our DVD collection. We've got a little something for everyone!

**CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT 18+**

Visit our website <https://townofnewlebanon.com> for upcoming events, rental information and updates and on Facebook @ Town of New Lebanon, NY

Questions: [newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com)



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

- 2/14 Valentines Potluck 5:00-7:00
- 2/20 3rd Thursdays Jam 1:00-3:00
- 2/23 Summer Youth Program Meet and Greet 2:00-4:00
- 2/27 NLHS Just Food Club Community Dinner 5:00-6:30
- 3/15 Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00-12:00
- 3/15 Summer Youth Program Meet and Greet 2:00-4:00
- 3/16 NLHS Travel Club Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast 8:00-11:00
- 3/20 3rd Thursdays Jam 1:00-3:00
- 3/22 Walk the Runway 9:00-4:00
- 4/17 3rd Thursdays Jam 1:00-3:00
- 5/3 Seed Starting Workshop 10:00-12:00
- 5/10 Repair Café 10:00-2:00

We will continue to add more events so please be sure to check the website; [townofnewlebanon.com](http://townofnewlebanon.com), Town of New Lebanon, NY Facebook page, and town email blast for updates.

If you have any questions email us at [newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com)

# Check us out

The Community Center  
523 US 20  
New Lebanon NY



Welcome to the fun and fabulous  
Rec Center located in the Community Center  
Pool Ping Pong Air Hockey Foosball  
Arcade Games PS4 Wii Movies  
Board Games Darts Puzzles  
Arts & Crafts Coloring Books Legos  
Lounge Snacks  
and an overall great vibe awaits you!



## our hours

Tuesdays 2:00-5:30  
Wednesdays 2:00-5:30  
Thursdays 2:00-5:30  
Saturdays 5:00-8:00  
Sundays 11:00-2:00  
closed M/F

THE COMMUNITY  
CENTER PRESENTS!

# EVENT RENTALS

INCLUDES

DINING HALL

KITCHEN

GAME ROOM

DISCO BALL

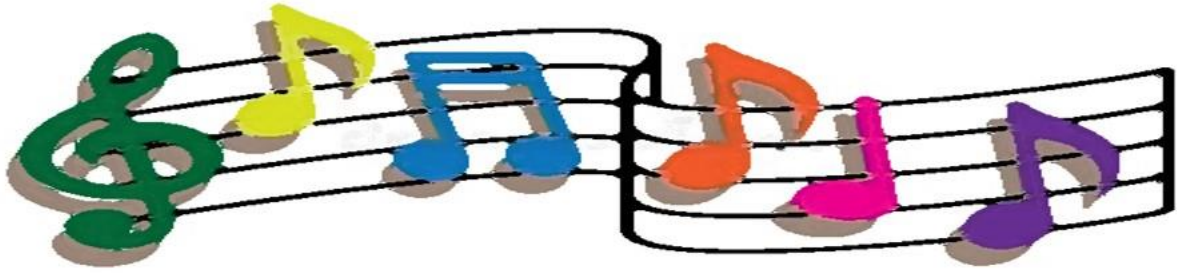


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★ 523 US 20 NEW LEBANON NEW YORK ★





## 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays Jam!

**Where:** New Lebanon Community Center  
523 US Route 20  
New Lebanon, NY 12125

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, starting January 16<sup>th</sup>  
1 PM – 3 PM

**Hosts:** Kris Cottom (banjo) &  
BJ Fehr (guitar and fiddle)

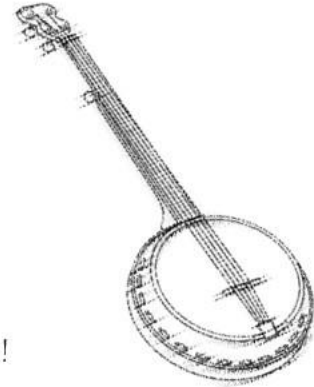
Bring your acoustic instruments and your voice!  
Musicians of all levels are welcome!

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





# WALK THE *Runway* 2025

SPONSORED BY NEW LEBANON  
JR SR HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, March 22

9:00-4:00

at the New Lebanon  
Community Center

523 US 20 New Lebanon NY



This annual event is to help  
young people attend proms  
and other special occasions

without worrying about the cost of formal clothes

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 any alterations



For more information contact

Michelle Bienes 518-788-1150

[michellebienes@newlebanoncsd.org](mailto:michellebienes@newlebanoncsd.org)

# **POTLUCK FRIDAY**

at the  
community  
center

## **VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14 5:00-7:00**

**JOIN US IN SHARING  
HEARTY FOOD  
AND LAUGHS**

**Bring a hot dish or a cold dish  
Bring something salty, savory or sweet  
Bring an appetizer, dinner or dessert  
Bring a bag of chips  
Bring a bowl of fruit  
And if you can't bring anything,  
that's fine too just come  
on out for a lovely meal  
with your friends and neighbors  
We'd love to see you!**

**PLEASE NOTE:  
The Rec Room  
will be open  
but the Free Store  
will be closed**

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





The Community Center and MRB Darcy Dirtwork Presents

# ***SEED STARTING WORKSHOP***

## ***May 3rd***

### ***10:00am - 12:00pm***

THE COMMUNITY CENTER  
523 US 20 NEW LEBANON NY

Join us for vegetable and flower seed starting.

All materials provided.

Take your starters home and get a jump on your  
summer garden!

Talk gardening tips and tricks

Open to all ages

RSVP to Blaine  
518-242-6778  
by April 26th





## TextMyGov Announcement

The Town of New Lebanon is thrilled to introduce TextMyGov, a convenient and smart text messaging service! This service will enable residents to effortlessly receive important notifications and easily find specific information by texting the town.

The Town will officially launch the new text messaging system to the public on **January 13, 2025**. Residents may receive a text message from **91896** from the town initiating the service. You can choose to opt-out at any time by texting **STOP**.

If you don't receive the initial message, you can choose to opt-in by texting the keyword "**NEW LEBANON**" to the number **91896**. After sending the initial keyword, you will be asked to reply "**YES**" to confirm opt-in. Residents may receive notifications for emergencies situations, road closures, power outages, water main breaks etc.

In addition to emergency notifications, residents have the option to opt-in to receive text alerts for upcoming events and other town news. If you wish to receive these types of messages, please text "**NEW LEBANON EVENTS**" to the number **91896**.

Also, starting soon, residents will be able to receive on-demand information 24/7 by texting 1-2 keywords to the town's TextMyGov number, (518) 712-6777. You'll be able to report issues and get quick town information.

The Town of New Lebanon's use of this technology is another example of how our community enhances resident services by implementing 21<sup>st</sup>-century solutions. We're excited about this new way of communicating with residents and look forward to sharing important town notifications. Other governmental entities across the country are utilizing this system with great success. Stay informed, stay ahead.

Sincerely,

Tistrya Houghtling  
Supervisor

View terms and privacy policy info at [textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions](https://textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions)  
Msg & Data rates apply. Please visit: <https://textmygov.com/>

New Lebanon, NY

# Text the town to report issues and find information!

Text  To:  
**518.712.6777**

Try Other Keyword Options:

PARKS

DOG CONTROL

ROADS

CODE

TREE DOWN

POTHOLE

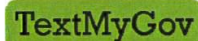
WIRE DOWN

STRAY

PARK TRASH

Visit: [textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions](https://textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions) to view terms and privacy policy info. Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies.

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**MORE INFO:** <https://townofnewlebanon.com/textmygov/>

## New Lebanon Summer Youth Program

It's that time of year again, time to think of summer!!! This year's Summer Youth Program will have 3 co-directors, Director of Compliance - Jackie Howe, Director of Communications - Colleen McCagg, and Director of Activities & Events - Beth LaGrange.

Jackie is one of our great bus drivers for the New Lebanon school district. She is also a NYS EMT, and lifeguard. Jackie graduated from NL JR/SR high school. You may have seen her last year at the SYP so she will be a familiar face to all the campers. She makes the perfect candidate to keep everything in compliance, from behavior to paperwork!

Colleen is also employed as a TA with the school district. When Colleen was in the JR/SR High School she worked at the SYP now her kids are attending it! Colleen is also a member of the WBH PTA, a Girl Scout troop leader, and coaches baseball with Nassau-Shatford Baseball. This makes her the perfect option to do all of the communication with everyone as she knows so many people already!

And last but most certainly not least, Beth. Beth is also an employee of the school district. She is the current WBH PTA president, a Girl Scout troop leader and active in Nassau-Shatford Baseball where her daughter loves to play. Beth has a background in education which is why the director of activities and events was the perfect choice for her!

We are so excited for this adventure! We will be holding 2 events at the community center, **February 23rd** from 2 pm until 4 pm and **March 15th** 2 pm until 4 pm as well. Both will be opportunities for parents, caregivers and the public to meet the 3 of us. At those events we highly encourage anyone 15 and older who would like to work at the SYP to come as well.

This year is going to be filled with activities, fun and lots of laughter!

-Jackie, Colleen and Beth

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## Calendar of Events

Groundhog Day – Sunday, February 2, 2025

February Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Valentine's Day – February 14, 2025

NL Community Center – Valentines Potluck – Friday, February 14, 2025 5-7pm

Holiday – President's Day – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, February 17, 2025

NL Community Center – 3rd Thursdays Jam – Thursday, February 20, 2025 1-3pm

NL Community Center – Summer Youth Program Meet & Greet – Sunday, February 23, 2025 2-4pm

NL Community Center – NLHS Just Food Club Community Dinner – Thursday, February 27, 2025 5:00-6:30pm

Daylight Savings Time: Sunday, March 9, 2025 (Spring ahead 1 hour)

Kiss Program Dates: March 10 – March 21, 2025

March Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

NL Community Center – Red Cross Blood Drive – Saturday, March 15, 2025 8am-12pm

## Calendar of Events (Continued)

NL Community Center – Summer Youth Program Meet & Greet - Saturday, March 15, 2025 2-4pm

NL Community Center – NLHS Travel Club Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 16, 2025 8-11am

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

NL Community Center – 3rd Thursdays Jam – Thursday, March 20, 2025 1-3pm

NL Community Center – Walk the Runway – Saturday, March 22, 2025 9am-4pm

April Fools' Day – Tuesday, April 1, 2025

April Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Tax Day – Tuesday, April 15, 2025

NL Community Center – 3rd Thursdays Jam – Thursday, April 17, 2025 1-3pm

Easter & Orthodox Easter – Sunday, April 20, 2025

Earth Day – Tuesday, April 22, 2025

NL Community Center – Seed Starting Workshop – Saturday, May 3, 2025 10am-12pm

NL Community Center – Repair Cafe – Saturday, May 10, 2025 10am-2pm

Date TBD - Food Truck Night (May or June)

Date TBD – Newcomers Meet & Greet (May, July & September)

Date TBD – Town Picnic – August, Sunday 2025

Date TBD – Outdoor Movie Night – Summer Friday or Saturday 2025

Date TBD – Music in the Park – September, Sunday 2025

Save the date – Town Clean-Up Day – Saturday, September 6, 2025