

# Town of New Lebanon

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November 2025

## 2026 Recycling Stickers Go On Sale

The New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office will have 2026 recycling permits for sale starting Monday, December 1st, 2025. A **single\*** recycling sticker will cost \$75.00 for residents, \$125.00 for out-of-county residents, and \$50.00 for seniors 65 and over. You are required to affix the sticker to your vehicle. You must have a recycling sticker to drop recyclables at any Columbia County Solid Waste Department Stations, including the one in New Lebanon. The County will not replace any stickers unless the resident brings the damaged sticker to the Administration Office at the Greenport Transfer Station. \*(They are no longer selling 2 stickers)

The General Election is Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 at the Immaculate Conception Church, 732 US Route 20. The polls are open from 6am – 9pm. On the ballot this election are the offices of: County Sheriff, Town Supervisor, Town Council (2) 4-year terms, Town Council (1) unexpired term, and State Supreme Court Justice. Remember to turn over your ballot, on the back of the ballot this year is Proposal One, an Amendment, AND Proposal Two, Town of New Lebanon, A Question?

A sample ballot is included in this newsletter.

## Daylight Savings / Change Your Carbon Monoxide Detector Batteries

Daylight savings ends November 2nd, clocks rolling back 1 hour at 2am. Just a reminder to change your batteries (if this applies to your detectors) when you change the clocks in the fall and the spring.



## Town Government



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518-794-8888

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

## Hunting Licenses – From The Town Clerk's Office

The New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office would like to remind everyone that Hunting Season is upon us! You do not have to be a New Lebanon resident for this service, anyone from anywhere can purchase a NY State Hunting/Fishing License through my office with the appropriate documentation. My office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. As in years past we are offering extended hours on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:00am-7:00pm.

Deer Management Permits (DMP) went on sale at the start of this year's selling season, in August through close of business on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. If there are any leftover DMPs, they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on or about November 1<sup>st</sup> (Town Clerk open on 11/3/25). You can go on the DEC website or contact my office to see what units are leftover.

Whether you are an avid hunter or a beginner, here are some precautions to keep in mind!

- \*Treat every firearm as if it were loaded and only point at what you plan to shoot;
- \*Before Shooting, clearly identify your target and what's beyond it;
- \*Plan for the weather. Dress in warm layers;
- \*Alert someone of your plans and
- \*Wear bright orange clothing. You'll be camouflaged from your game, but visible to other hunters!

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## The Next KISS Program At The Town Hall From 12/8 – 12/19/2025

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 hours of operation and 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 December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## From The Lebanon Valley Protective Association

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.

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## To Register A Permitted Burn

This is a reminder that the phone number to call to register a permitted burn is (518) 828-4114.

Please remember to exercise caution, particularly on windy days, and to be aware of any burn bans that may be in effect.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Donation Program

The Holiday Gift Donation Program was a huge success for the last nine years thanks to the kindness and generosity of our community! This wonderful program provides holiday gifts to children in our community at ZERO cost to the taxpayers. It is run 100% by volunteers and the kindness and generosity of our community members!

If you are a family in need of assistance this holiday season and you live in New Lebanon, please contact Tistrya at the Supervisor's office at 518-794-8889 or [supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com) or stop by the office Tue 9am-2pm or Thur 12pm-5pm. You can also fill out the form at the Town Clerk's office Mon, Wed, Thurs or Fri 9am-5pm. You will fill out a form for each child with their clothing size, their wish list, favorite colors, etc. so when our volunteers go shopping, they can purchase items your children will love! Your family's identity is kept 100% confidential.

If you would like to volunteer (shopping, gift wrapping, etc.) or adopt a child or family to shop for, please contact Tistrya at the contact information above. All types of toys, books, and children's items brand new and unwrapped are also accepted at the following drop off locations: Town Hall, New Lebanon Post Office and Maverick's. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation and have us do the shopping for you (for a specific child based on their wish list), please see instructions below for a partnership with a non-profit organization, making all donations now tax-deductible.

**Again this year** we are partnering with a local non-profit organization! Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC), a 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization that fosters the community and economic well-being of the Town of New Lebanon, its residents, and its neighbors.

**Tax-deductible** donations for the holiday gift drive can be made via <https://lebanonvalleycc.org/donate/> please select Holiday Gift Drive from the dialog box (you can also use the QR code below) or a check can be made out to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation and mailed to P.O. Box 15, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Please make sure to write Holiday Gift Drive in the memo section of your check.



**Thank you all for being a community that is there for each other!**



# 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Donate unwrapped gifts at The New Lebanon Post Office,  
Maverick's or the Town Hall for families in NL

The New Lebanon Town Supervisor is organizing the ninth annual holiday gift drive for families in need here in New Lebanon. If you would like to “adopt” a child or children this holiday season, please contact the Town Supervisor at 518-794-8889 or stop by the Town Hall. You will be provided a detailed list of items needed (boots, coat, clothes, etc) as well as toys and items the child likes.

If you would prefer we do the shopping, you can make a monetary donation.

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Instead of “adopting” a child, if you would like to donate an unwrapped gift or two, appropriate for children ages 1 – 18 (Barbies, Sports Equipment, Arts & Crafts, Books, Stuffed Animals, Legos, Dolls, Etc.) You can drop these donations off at The New Lebanon Post Office, Maverick's or at the New Lebanon Town Hall.

If you are a family in need or for more information, please contact Tistrya Houghtling at 518-794-8889 or [supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com)



## News From The Recreation Commission

We had a great year of events for you! Hope you made it to a few, please plan to attend even more in 2026. If you would like to join our committee, volunteer to lead a walk or a paddle, or help out at an event, please let us know. We would appreciate your assistance. We would also love to hear ideas for events you would like to see us do next year.

[NLRecreation03@gmail.com](mailto:NLRecreation03@gmail.com)

Here is list of events held by the Recreation Commission in 2025:

1 Town Picnic, 1 Outdoor Movie Night, 1 Pickle ball Clinic, 1 Potluck and Line Dancing Evening, 3 Music in the Park events, 3 Newcomers Events, 4 Community Paddles, and 5 Community Walks.

### **Winter Skating in the Park:**

This winter, we're hoping for some cold nights to freeze the rink for skating at the pavilion in the park. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the rink before Thanksgiving.

When the rink is frozen, we will announce it on the town FB page and with a Town Clerk email blast. We will have some skates available to borrow while you are at the rink, they are mostly smaller kid sizes.

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## News From The Climate Smart Communities Task Force

There's been an uptick in plastic recycling lately with one resident bringing in 30 lbs of plastic bags that she claims had accumulated over 6 years! That brings our total plastic bags and film recycled since we started to almost 1300 lbs! The most important metric in terms of the town achieving a free bench from the Trex Company is we have recycled 535lbs since Feb 9, 2025 and will need another 465 lbs by Feb 8, 2026 to qualify for the bench. It's estimated that each American generates 287 pounds of plastic waste every year. Only about 9% of plastic is recycled. Wendy Madsen, the Director of the Columbia County Solid Waste Department encourages residents to recycle plastic which, in many forms, accounts for 14% or 4675 tons/year that the county must dispose of in landfills. So, we encourage residents to bring their clean plastic bags and film to the boxes at Town Hall and the Community Center.

At the suggestion of a resident, we requested the landfill engineers to research the possibility that the ground cover seed on the landfill include native pollinator friendly seeds to create a native pollinator habitat. DEC has approved a similar project in an Adirondack landfill. The goal is to "protect pollinators, promote birding activities and maintain ecological integrity." The plants cannot be ones with roots that penetrate the landfill membrane.

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## News From Columbia County Solid Waste

Did you know you can rent dumpsters from the Columbia County Solid Waste Department? Dumpster (Roll Off Container) rental is available.

Call the Administrative Office, 518-828-2737, and reserve your dumpster today!

<https://solidwaste.columbiacountyny.com>

## HEAP Is Now Open For Enrollment

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for the 2025-26 season is now accepting applications. You can pick up an application at the New Lebanon Town Clerk's Office. If you received a regular benefit last year and are over 60 years old, you should have already received your application. If you are receiving food stamps, you are automatically enrolled in HEAP.

If you would like to apply for HEAP and did not receive it last year, you must have an interview and may opt for an in person or phone interview. To qualify for HEAP, you must make under \$3,473 per month gross for a household of 1, under \$4,542 per month gross for a household of 2, under \$5,611 per month gross for a household of 3, under \$6,680 per month gross for a household of 4 and under \$7,749 for a household of 5. New applicants must have proof of each household member's identity, proof of applicant's social security number and for each household member, proof of residence, proof of fuel and/or utility bill if you pay for heat or proof that you pay rent which includes heat, and proof of income for all household members. If you need assistance applying you can contact Columbia Opportunities (if under 60 years old) at 518-828-4611 or Office for the Aging (if over 60 years old) at 518-828-4258. You can also contact the Department of Social Services at 518-828-9411 with any questions. You can also apply online at [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov). For more information about HEAP go to: <http://www.ny.gov/services/apply-heap>.

If you are eligible for HEAP, you may also be eligible for the Columbia Opportunities Inc. Weatherization Program. COI provides free home energy audits and energy saving materials to eligible homeowners and renters to help reduce home energy costs and improve the health and safety of homes. Weatherization measures - such as furnace repair or replacement, wall and attic insulation, air sealing, energy efficient refrigerators - are installed to make residences safe, comfortable and less expensive to heat. Most people see a 20% reduction in their home heating bills after the weatherization work is done! Please call 518-828-4611 or 518-672-7268 for more information and an application. They are also on Facebook and Instagram - @columbiaopportunities

**HEAP Clean & Tune Program:** The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Heating Equipment Clean and Tune Program, is a service which provides assistance to a HEAP eligible applicant household to have their primary heating system cleaned and tuned. The HEAP Clean and Tune benefit may provide for all or some of the following, depending on each case's circumstances: Clean and tune of primary heating equipment; chimney cleaning, if the primary heat source is wood or wood products; minor repairs essential for safe operation of the heating equipment; and labor, materials and administrative costs.

**Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement Benefit:** Eligible homeowners can access the benefit to help repair or replace their furnace, boiler, and/or essential heating equipment. These amounts are not to exceed \$4,000 for a repair and not to exceed \$8,000 to replace the equipment. Homeowners are required to apply through the Columbia County Department of Social Services. The CCDSS will determine if the homeowner meets all the eligibility conditions, including the income and resource requirements. All work MUST be approved and authorized by the CCDSS BEFORE it is started. Payment for service will be made directly to the vendor after the work is completed.

If you are interested in either or both of these programs, please call the Columbia County Department of Social Services (CCDSS) at 518-828-9411 and ask to speak to someone in the HEAP department.

# The Cemetery Of The Evergreens Seeks Donations



J. Lawrence Benson, President  
Harold Sharp, Vice-president  
Joanne Amlaw, Secretary  
Mark Baumli, Treasurer  
Ed Godfroy, Superintendent

Ruthmary Lasher, Trustee  
Abe Phelps, Trustee  
Matt Carr, Trustee  
Patrick Slattery, Trustee  
CJ Brown, Trustee

PO Box 773, New Lebanon, NY 12125

The Trustees of the Cemetery of the Evergreens wish to remind residents of the ongoing need for donations to support maintenance of the cemetery. This past year we have continued to work on tree and stump removals. Also, Joe Ferrannini will be working on repairing stones in the cypress hill section. This project is being funded by a grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution and matching donations. If you would like to help keep the cemetery beautiful, please send your donation to **Cemetery of the Evergreens, c/o Treasurer Mark Baumli, PO Box 773, New Lebanon, NY 12125**. The check should be made out to "Cemetery of the Evergreens". The cemetery is a 501(c)(13) organization, so your donation qualifies as a deduction on your income taxes. Donors will receive an acknowledgement letter for their records.

If you would like additional information, you may contact Larry Benson at 518-794-9794 or email [shakerview@aol.com](mailto:shakerview@aol.com).



## News From The New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School

Come join us at the Junior/Senior High School for our upcoming Community Events! All are welcome!

\*Turkey Trot (to benefit the Travel Club) -Saturday, November 22nd at 11:00 (JSHS)

\*Community Thanksgiving Dinner -Saturday, November 22nd from 4:00-6:00pm (JSHS)

\*Winter Concert –Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm (JSHS) (with a snow date of 12/15 and a secondary snow date of 12/9)

\*Winter Concert -Tuesday, December 16th starting at 6:00 (WBH Elementary)



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## A Friendly Reminder from the Town Clerk

**Habitat Stamps:** Please consider purchasing your \$5.00 Habitat Stamp to help preserve NY State's wildlife heritage and increase public access for fish and wildlife related recreation. The town receives \$1 of every Habitat Stamp sold and my office competes with the entire state of NY's selling agents for number of stamps sold.

## From Charlie's Pantry

Thank you New Lebanon town residents for your donations for the town cleanup day and delivered to the pantry by Cissy Hernandez; The Abode Farm for keeping us supplied with the wonderful organic produce all summer; Lebanon Valley Seniors, especially Mary Young, for the donations at their community memorial luncheon; Justin Pina for all his great summer vegetables; Abode of the Message for always thinking of us; William Shannon & David McGinness for being great guys and sharing; Deb & John McLaughlin for always being there for us; Doreen & Harold Sharp Jr; Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph church community; Church of Our Saviour; Northern Columbia County Rotary; Hilltop Orchards in Richmond, Massachusetts; Josie & Butch Bates; Huguette Redcross; Vicki Shulof; Wende Garton and MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY we appreciate each and every one of you!

Charlie's Pantry offers free food, (and hygiene products and household supplies when available) 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.

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## TextMyGov Reminder

If you have not already signed up for the TextMyGov notifications, here is your reminder to do so.

Town of New Lebanon, NY

**TextMyGov**

**NEW LEBANON**

You've requested to join our notification group.  
Reply **YES** to opt-in.

**Yes**

You have successfully opted-in.

### Sign up for text notifications!

Opt-in to any of the following:

- For Town-wide Alerts  
*(i.e. road closures, power outages, water shutoffs, etc.)*  
Text **"NEW LEBANON"**  
To **91896**
- For Upcoming Community Events  
Text **"NEW LEBANON EVENTS"**  
To **91896**

### What to Expect:

- You may receive multiple text messages a month for each notification category opted-in to.
- You can text **STOP** at any time to remove yourself from ALL notification groups.

## Notes from the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council

**WATER TESTING! Do you know the CAC provides free water testing for New Lebanon residents? We are the only town in Columbia County to offer this important health service and we are the only town that has an approved Drinking Water Source Protection Program! Please help keep our water clean and safe and let us know of any concerns.**

**As a water well owner, you are responsible for testing your well to make sure the water is safe to drink. Please try to make it a habit to test your water! Talk to the CAC for the local laboratory that we use and how to test. We use a state certified lab: Capital Region Environmental Lab and they have been outstanding partners and advisors to us all along the way.**

### Key points

- Test your well water at least once every year for total coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids, and pH level.
- Contact your CAC about any concerns you have and to find out what to test

### Why it's important

As a water well owner, you are responsible for testing your well to make sure the water is safe to drink. There is no oversight for private wells! And testing is totally confidential.

**We start with bacteria and we test for e. coli and total coliform and nitrates.** If the total coliform count is high in your water, it is likely that harmful germs—including certain viruses, bacteria, and parasites—are also in your water. ANY coliform or e.coli that shows up means to **BOIL YOUR WATER**. We will retest to see if the test was accurate. Nitrates in your well water can come from animal waste, septic systems, wastewater, flooded sewers, polluted storm water runoff, fertilizers, runoff from farms, and decaying plants. Whether you have nitrates in your well water also depends on the geology around your well. If your water has high levels of nitrates, other harmful chemicals or germs might also be in your water.

Coliform bacteria live in people's and animals' digestive systems (guts), in soil, on plants, and in surface water like lakes or rivers. These bacteria generally will not make you sick. However, coliform bacteria typically get into your water the same way as germs that do cause disease (for example, from a cracked well head or cracked well pipe), and are much easier to test for.

**We also test for physical and chemical issues when we see certain things – we test the pH, color, turbidity, odor, conductivity, hardness, iron, manganese, chloride, sulfate, sodium, fluoride and arsenic.**

There are many other tests that can be done but we need an idea of what to test for since each test is set up to look for specifics.

Reach out to us at [nlcac.munves@gmail.com](mailto:nlcac.munves@gmail.com) with questions and concerns. Over 170 wells tested and counting.

## Bruce Baldwin's Old Desk and Town Placard Gets Saved!



At Town Clean-up day this year, town staff and volunteers saved the old desk and town placard that belonged to Bruce Baldwin, former Town Supervisor and Town Councilmember. Bruce served the Town in many capacities over many decades including serving on the Town Board and serving as Town Supervisor. His old desk and town placard are now proudly displayed in the office of the Town Supervisor!

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## News from ColumbiaNE Repair Café (CSC)

The ColumbiaNE Repair Cafe will hold our last event of 2025, on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10-2, at Hoags Corner Fire Company, 7237 Route 66 in East Nassau. It's only ten or fifteen minutes from New Lebanon.

We have consulted or repaired almost 1500 items in our four years of existence, including 151 in New Lebanon last May, and approximately 85 in East Chatham.

Lamps and vacuum cleaners are probably our most common electrical repairs, but our team of hand and machine sewers and our darning and knitting fixers don't always get the attention they deserve. From the first New Lebanon Cafe in October of 2021 when we fixed a horse blanket, to the skilled repairs of many sweaters, our needle workers have risen to the occasion. Many, many socks and elbows needing darning, straps from canvas bags and backpacks, hems of curtains or pants that have lost a few stitches, they have done it all. Come and see for yourself as you get out your fall and winter clothes.

## News from New Lebanon Senior Reps

We now have three Office of the Aging Representatives for New Lebanon and we are working together to assist the eligible population of New Lebanon to know about the benefits available to them through the State, County, Town and their neighbors. Please see our contact information below:

Contacts: David Russell: Chair 518-794-0273 [nrepcco2@gmail.com](mailto:nrepcco2@gmail.com)

Sarah Conly 518-794-0423 [nrepcco4@gmail.com](mailto:nrepcco4@gmail.com)

Mary Young 518-794-7538 [nrepcco3@gmail.com](mailto:nrepcco3@gmail.com)

We are updating our list of residents over the age of 55 with name, address, phone number and email address in order to notify you of programs available to you and to be able to check on you in an emergency. Please email Sarah or call at the above number if you would like your name added to our list.

The State, County and Town offer programs to us to assist in maintaining our health, independence and home. Columbia County has the third oldest population in the State of New York with the numbers rising every year. We are a rural community with limited public transportation and many of our residents do not drive. We have programs to assist you to get services, groceries and to appointments as well as services which come to you. This section of the newsletter will provide you information about those programs and how to participate.

HEAP, STAR and FOOD DISTRIBUTION: These are programs available to our seniors. See sections of this newsletter for more information. Contact any of your reps above for assistance applying.

VOTING: If you need a ride to vote call one of your reps above and we will arrange for you to get to the Church of Immaculate Conception to vote. This is the only polling place in New Lebanon.

MEALS ON WHEELS: With winter weather coming and your garden asleep do you need a way to get a nutritious meal once a day and would you like it to be delivered? Are you over the age of 60 and homebound and find it hard to prepare a meal? If you are please contact 518-828-4258 and ask to be set up for meal delivery. Meals are provided Monday through Friday and a meal to set up for yourself on Sat and Sun. The meals are delivered to you by neighbors who have signed up to deliver. They usually come between 11 and 12:30 pm the driver will tell you about snow days and what to do. This program is available year-round.

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 and meals on wheels. 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. These are just a few key services that we at the Office for the Aging provide for our beloved seniors.

## News from The Lebanon Valley Seniors

The Lebanon Valley Senior members have had a very fun and productive summer. Members were taken back in time with stories of World War 1 dogs and ole time radio courteous of guest speaker Ron Gabriel. Other guest speakers included the town librarian, a representative from the historical society, and from the Office of the Aging. Members participated in trips to the Newport playhouse, the Aqua Turf, and the Villa Roma. We will be going to Amish Country in PA in November to site and sound etc. We shared trips from four other clubs that many of our members went on as well.

The annual end of the summer senior barbecue was very well attended as was the Remembrance Luncheon coordinated by Mary Young. The seniors are actively making and accepting craft items for the Craft Fair scheduled December 6th 2025 at the elementary school. All the proceeds will benefit the New Lebanon School. If you have crafts to donate please contact Sheryl Roden at 518 312 9294.

November 7th is our regular meeting and this meeting will be first time to sign up. Irene and Vicky will be doing the sign up for the Holiday Party and gift exchange on December 5th at 12:00. It will be at Mario's and menu will be shared at November 7th meeting.

Please support our local businesses as they support the seniors every year. Mario's, Woodlife, New Lebanon Farmers Market, Mavericks, and Jimmy D's are very good to us with pricing and donations.

November 21st is our Thursday Thanksgiving Potluck. Please let Linda Moshimer know if you will be attending and if able what you will be bringing.

We met and began work on the calendar for next year. Guest speakers and trips will be peppered in throughout the year once agreed upon. Keep in mind the calendar is subject to change as the year progresses.

### Lebanon Valley Seniors 2026 Schedule

**January 16th** – BINGO – If able, bring **soup, sandwiches** and desserts to share with neighbors – SENIOR COOKBOOK discussion – Members please bring your family's favorite recipe(s) with picture of dish for our cookbook to be completed by November 2026. William Shannon and Irene Marcello will be the LEADS on this project

**February 20th** – BINGO – If able, bring **soup, sandwiches** and desserts to share with neighbors, or if you choose, bring chocolates for a chocolate table. Please wear red

**March 6th** - Regular meeting - If able, bring food to share with neighbors

**March 20th** – ST. PATRICK'S POTLUCK - If able, bring food to share with neighbors- Sign up with LEAD Linda Moshimer (518) 794-8169. Please wear green

**April 3rd** - NO MEETING (Good Friday)

**April 17th**- EASTER PARADE – FULLY CATERED - Dress in spirit of Easter Colors and have fun and be creative \*NEED LEAD\*

**May 1** - Regular meeting - If able, bring food to share with neighbors – LEAD will discuss Memorial Day Parade preparations

## News from The Lebanon Valley Seniors (Continued)

**May 15** – APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS - Angels Trumpet will be demonstrating flower arrangements and there will be a raffle for the arrangements. The club will be providing sandwiches and if able, bring food to share with neighbors

**May concert** hosted at school. **TBD**

**May 25th** - Memorial Day Parade **\*NEED LEAD\***

**June 6th** - Regular meeting - If able, bring food to share with neighbors

**June 19th** - USA DAY - CATERED - If able, bring deserts - Celebrate and remember our veterans. We will doing a collection of items needed for veterans - Sign up with LEAD Mary Young (518) 794-7538

**July 3rd** – **NO MEETING**

**July 17th**- Regular meeting - If able, bring food to share with neighbors

**August 7th**- Regular meeting - If able, bring food to share with neighbors

**August 21st** - **NO MEETING** (BBQ next week)

**August 28th** - BBQ at Shatford Park Pavilion - Sign up with LEAD Linda Moshimer (518) 794-8169

**September 4th** - Regular meeting – If able, bring food to share with neighbors

**September 18th** – REMEMBRANCE LUNCH – FULLY CATERED sign up with LEAD Mary Young (518) 794-7538

**October 2nd** - Regular meeting - If able, bring food to share with neighbors

**October 16th** – HALLOWEEN PARTY – FULLY CATERED - LEAD David McGinness (518) 938-1039

**November 6th** - Regular Meeting - If able, bring food to share with neighbors

**November 20th** – THANKSGIVING POTLUCK - sign up with LEAD Linda Moshimer (518) 794-8169

**December 4th** - HOLIDAY PARTY – FULLY CATERED - sign up with LEAD Cathy Shuhart (518) 766-5673

**December** School choir date **TBD** - LEAD Sheryl Roden (518) 794-9256

**December 18th** - SOCIAL HOUR - Cookie exchange and recipes - LEAD Irene Marcello H-(518) 766-5514 C-(518) 396-6517

### **We need volunteers (senior member) to lead the following:**

- April 17th - Easter Parade - fully catered event
- May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Parade

Also, we need volunteers (senior member) to help coordinate guest speakers and entertainment for events.

Please contact President William Shannon at [washannon108@gmail.com](mailto:washannon108@gmail.com) or (518) 938-1039. The club can only be as good as its members and we need to share the load so no one person feels overloaded.

**During the winter months, NO MEETING if school is closed on a meeting day!**

Please contact Donna Moshimer if you would like more information about Lebanon Valley Seniors or if you would like an application to become a member at [lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com](mailto:lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com) or call 518 267 0618

## News from Columbia County Office of the Aging

It has been an exciting year for seniors in Columbia County. Our new Administrator Nina Benevento has been working hard at developing new connections, improving the present programs and growing new programs. This year two new senior programs opened, more Farmer's Market coupons were available, and more trips were added. I hope everyone over 60 completed the senior survey. Once the data has been entered and the results tabulated the towns, and the county will get information about the need for new programs to assist seniors even more. We had a wonderful time at our senior picnic in September. The newest program is a day respite center in Canaan to start in the New Year. The program will provide a place for senior family members to go weekly in addition to the senior programs in Canaan and New Lebanon to allow caregivers time to do things for themselves.

HEAP will open the first part of November to help seniors with heating costs, if you had HEAP last year watch for applications in the mail, if you need assistance contact the Office for the Aging for an application.

Open enrollment for Medicare starts this month. Look in your mail for updates from your present insurer. If you are new to Medicare and need assistance, the Office for Aging has people to assist you, contact them at 518-828-4258

Senior Stars is open; this program helps seniors get items that their regular income does not allow. Things like appliances, personal hygiene items, household items and things to do for fun.

Do you want to save on your car insurance, the OFA is offering an AARP Drivers Safety program, scheduled for 10/27, 8:30 to 4:30 pm at 325 Columbia St., Hudson, New York. Call 518-828-4258 to reserve your spot.

Would you like some new recipes to give you ways to use those fresh vegetables from your garden or the Farmers Market. Check out the Office for the Aging Facebook page for recipes to enjoy.

The New Lebanon Seniors has been growing and has enjoyed many programs giving us information and those for fun. Trips, dinners and just spending time together have filled the first and third Fridays of the month. We would like to invite anyone 60 and over to join us for continued fun.

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## Community Center News and Events

Did you know you can rent the Community Center for your next event?! Celebrate a birthday, an engagement, a shower, or a holiday with us! Take advantage of our huge space for dining and playing! Your rental includes the dining area, the kitchen and the game room. For our availability calendar and to download our rental application visit the Town's website @ <https://townofnewlebanon.com/new-lebanon-community-center/>

Do you have a special skill you'd like to share by holding a class or workshop at the Community Center? If so, please contact Alissa Ross at [newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:newlebcommunitycenter@gmail.com). We have a full kitchen, perfect for a cooking class, and a large open hall ideal for art, dance or fitness classes. The possibilities are endless—let's connect!

## Community Center News and Events (Continued)

### Ongoing programs and events:

The Annual Tree Lighting will be held Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30. This was the LVPA's time honored tradition, and we were honored to have the torch handed to us last year. As always, Walter B. Howard Elementary School's choir will gather around the tree outside and sing carols followed by cookie decorating, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa! It's a sweet way to kick off the holiday season!

The Lebanon Valley Seniors meet at 1:00 PM every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, except in January and February, when they only meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday.

Our community members love our free yoga program, led by our own resident, Jonah Millett. Yoga mats are provided, so please join us every Wednesday night at 7:15 PM for an hour of unwinding and rejuvenation.

If you prefer music, we invite you to join or simply listen to our monthly Acoustic Jam Sessions, held on the 3rd Thursday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

We have 3 upcoming Red Cross Blood Drives scheduled. Saturday, November 22, Saturday, January 17 and Saturday, March 14 all are from 8am-12:00pm. Please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or download the free Blood Donor App to schedule an appointment. Use sponsor code: newlebanon. Help save a life.

We are proud to now offer free weekly meals through the generosity of Columbia Kitchen. Columbia Kitchen is dedicated to preparing and delivering nutritious, locally sourced meals, free of charge, to people experiencing food insecurity in Columbia County, NY. With the help of their dedicated team of chefs, volunteers, farmers, and partner organizations, Columbia Kitchen provides 8,000 meals each month, with one goal: ensuring no one in our community goes hungry. Our meals are currently being delivered on Tuesday afternoons after 3 PM. The Community Fridge is in the main hall of the Community Center.

The Community Center now has a plastic film recycling drop off box just like the one at Town Hall. Bring us your clean plastic film, such as cereal bags, produce bags, and bubble wrap to be recycled. No rigid plastics (containers) are allowed. We also have a used battery drop off box, conveniently located right next to the plastic bin! Both boxes are located at the main entrance and can be accessed during all our open hours.

In addition to our special programming, our rec center is packed with fun activities for the whole family. We have tons of games and arts and crafts available during our open hours. Come play ping pong, pool, board games, and video games. We always have paint and Legos out and our jewelry-making station with beads is always a hit! We offer lounge areas both inside the rec room and outside if you're looking for a quieter space while your kids play. Feel free to bring some local takeout and spend an afternoon with us — we have plenty of seating. And please join us at our Saturday Potlucks. We have them about once a month so keep your eyes open for future dates. Everyone is welcome.

## Community Center News and Events (Continued)

In Free Store news, now that the weather is getting cooler, the Free Store will no longer be accepting larger baby gear donations such as bassinets, strollers and highchairs as we have no place to store them during the colder months. We'd also like to remind everyone that the big blue bin on the corner is not ours. Our donations are accepted during our open hours only. Please do not leave stuff outside when we are not open. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you to everyone who shops at and donates to the Free Store. Together we are helping each other out and keeping things from the landfill. It's a special place. If you'd like to become a Free Store volunteer, please contact Tistrya Houghtling at [supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com](mailto:supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com) for more details. It's truly a fun and heartwarming atmosphere, and we'd love you to join us!

We now have our own Facebook group! Follow The New Lebanon Community Center and Free Store for daily updates on the store and upcoming events. You can also find us on The Town of New Lebanon's Facebook page and website for upcoming events and our \*rental calendar (\*website only). We are located at 523 US 20, New Lebanon, NY.

### **Community Center and Free Store Hours:**

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 2:00-5:30

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Closed: Monday/Friday

### **COMMUNITY CENTER WINTER EVENTS SCHEDULE**

Saturday November 1	5:00-9:00 Potluck and Line Dancing
Sunday November 2	4:00-8:00 Stephentown Memorial Library Trivia Night
Wednesday November 5	7:15-8:15 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Wednesday November 12	7:15-8:15 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Saturday November 15	5:30-7:30 Karaoke
Wednesday November 19	7:15-8:15 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday November 20	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam Session
Saturday November 22	8:00-12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday November 26	7:15-8:15 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday November 27	CLOSED Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday December 3	7:15-8:15 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Friday December 5	5:00-6:30 Annual Tree Lighting
Wednesday December 10	7:15-8:15 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Saturday December 13	5:30-7:30 Karaoke
Wednesday December 17	7:15-8:15 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday December 25	CLOSED Christmas Day
Thursday January 1	CLOSED New Years Day
Saturday January 24	5:00-7:00 Potluck Dinner

## Community Center News and Events (Continued)

Please check the town's website and our Facebook page for updates and added events

<https://townofnewlebanon.com>

Facebook: New Lebanon Community Center and Free Store

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

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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

Comprehensive Plan Committee will be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00pm

Zoning Re-write Committee meets the third Monday, bi-monthly 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 (On pause)

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 (On pause)

**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

**NEW LEBANON COMMUNITY CENTER**

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:15



## FREE COMMUNITY YOGA

ALL ARE WELCOME  
EASE YOUR MIND WITH GENTLE MOVEMENT & BREATHING.  
MATS PROVIDED.  
GUIDED BY JONAH MILLETT | RYT 200  
AUTUMN+WINTER 2025

# 3RD THURSDAYS JAM SESSION

THE NEW LEBANON COMMUNITY CENTER  
1:00-3:00 / EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
BRING YOUR ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENTS AND YOUR VOICE!  
MUSICIANS OF ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

HOSTED BY  
KRIS COTTOM / BANJO & B3 FEHR / GUITAR & FIDDLE



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 508-708-5351  
THE COMMUNITY CENTER 523 US 20 NEW LEBANON NY

*Give blood.*  
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.  
**American Red Cross**



### Blood Drive

**New Lebanon Community Center**  
523 Rte 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125  
Community room

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or download the free Blood Donor App to schedule an appointment. use sponsor code: newlebanon

Help Save a Life!




Give Blood Now. \$7-Den. 7 for an exclusive pair of Red Cross x PAC-NAB socks, while supplies last.



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-703-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App.  
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*You are invited to our*  
**Annual Tree Lighting**  
FEATURING CAROLS SUNG BY THE WALTER B. HOWARD CHORUS

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 5**  
5:00-6:30

@THE COMMUNITY CENTER  
523 US 20 NEW LEBANON NY

*And join us afterwards for*  
**HOT CHOCOLATE  
COOKIE DECORATING  
AND  
A VISIT FROM SANTA!!**

*See you there!*

QUESTIONS/NEWLEBANONCOMMUNITYCENTER@GMAIL.COM

Sample Ballot -Front


Office	County Sheriff (Vote for one)	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)			Town Council Unexpired Term (Vote for one)	State Supreme Court Justice 3rd Judicial District (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> Jackie Salvatore	<input type="radio"/> Tistray Houghtling	<input type="radio"/> Chris Patterson	<input type="radio"/> Jim Dawson	<input type="radio"/> Susan Tipograh	<input type="radio"/> William T. Little, Jr.	
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> John M. Rivero		<input type="radio"/> Craig James Starks	<input type="radio"/> Joanne E. Amlaw	<input type="radio"/> Joanna Phillips	<input type="radio"/> Dana Lynn Salazar	
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> John M. Rivero		<input type="radio"/> Craig James Starks	<input type="radio"/> Joanne E. Amlaw	<input type="radio"/> Joanna Phillips	<input type="radio"/> Dana Lynn Salazar	
Working Families D	<input type="radio"/> Jackie Salvatore	<input type="radio"/> Tistray Houghtling				<input type="radio"/> William T. Little, Jr.	
Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	

**Official Ballot for the General Election**  
November 4, 2025  
State of New York, County of Columbia  
New Lebanon E.D.(s): 1  
Ballot ID: 4221

Mrs. H. Estroff, Commissioner  
Kelly A. Miller-Simmons, Commissioner


**Instructions to voters**

- Mark the oval to the left of the name of your choice.
- To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, print the name clearly in the box labeled "Write-In," staying within the box.
- Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for voting may void the entire ballot. The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not count. If you make a mistake, or want to change your vote, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.



New Lebanon E.D.(s): 1  
Ballot ID: 4221

Remember to vote both sides



Sample Ballot -Back

**Proposal Number One, an Amendment**  
**Amendment to Allow Olympic Sports Complex in Essex County on State Forest Preserve Land**

Allows skiing and related trail facilities on state forest preserve land. The site is 1,039 acres. Requires State to add 2,500 acres of new forest land in Adirondack Park.

A "YES" vote authorizes new ski trails and related facilities in the Adirondack forest preserve.

A "NO" vote does not authorize this use.

YES      NO  
     

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**Proposal Number Two, Town of New Lebanon, a Question**

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of New Lebanon for the operating budget of the New Lebanon Library be increased by fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to the sum of one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000.00) annually?


YES      NO

**Official Ballot for the General Election**  
November 4, 2025  
State of New York, County of Columbia  
New Lebanon E.D.(s): 1  
Ballot ID: 4221

Mrs. H. Estroff, Commissioner  
Kelly A. Miller-Simmons, Commissioner


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## Calendar of Events

NOW – Hunting Licenses on sale at the Town Clerk’s Office – M, W, Th & Fri 9am-5pm plus Friday hours until 7pm on Friday 11/14

Saturday, November 1st – 5:00 – 9:00pm - Potluck & Line Dancing – NL Community Center

Sunday, November 2nd – Daylight Savings occurs – set your clocks back one hour

Monday, November 3rd – Leftover Deer Management Permits (DMP) are available (Town Clerk’s Office)

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – General Election from 6am-9pm at the Immaculate Conception Church - All Town Hall offices are closed

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am-2:00pm – Repair Café – Hoags Corner Fire Company

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day – Holiday - All Town Hall offices are closed

Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Regular Town Board Meeting (a change from the normal day/time)

November 15<sup>th</sup> thru December 7<sup>th</sup> – Regular season deer hunting (southern zone)

Saturday, November 22nd – 8:00am – 12:00pm – Red Cross Blood Drive – NL Community Center

Saturday, November 22nd – 11:00am - NL Jr/Sr High School – Turkey Trot 5K

Saturday, November 22nd – 4:00pm – 6:00pm - NL Jr/Sr High School – Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – Holiday – Thanksgiving & the day after – All Town Hall offices are closed

Monday, December 1st – 2026 Recycling Stickers go on sale through the Town Clerk’s Office

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 6:30pm - Annual Tree Lighting – NL Community Center

December 8<sup>th</sup> thru December 19<sup>th</sup> – KISS Program at Town Hall – free shredding program

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – Regular Town Board Meeting

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – 8:00pm – New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School Winter Concert (SNOW DATE 12/15 & SECONDARY SNOW DATE 12/9)

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm - Walter B Howard Winter Concert

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day – Holiday – All Town Hall offices are closed

Thursday, January 1st – New Year’s Day – Holiday Observance– All Town Hall office are closed

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 7:00pm - Potluck Dinner – NL Community Center