

Town of New Lebanon

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May 2026

Community Events on Behalf of NL Jr/Sr HS
Spring Concert and Art Show: Tuesday, May 12th, 2026
at 6:00pm in the JSHS gymnasium.

Memorial Day Brunch: Our annual Memorial Day
Assembly Program and Brunch will be at the Junior/Senior High
School on **Thursday, May 21st, 2026** beginning at **9:00am** in
the **JSHS gymnasium**. All community members and local
servicemen and women are cordially invited to attend this tribute
to our fallen heroes.

2 Year Delay at Shatford Park: Enjoy a performance by
our school's rock band, 2 Year Delay, at **Shatford Park** at **5:00pm**
on **Tuesday, May 26th, 2026**.

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: Wed. 4:00pm – 6:00pm & Sat. 9:00am – 11:00am
through the end of May & then by appointment only for the
remainder of the year

Assessor: Tues. 8:00am – 2:00pm and by appointment

Building Dept.: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am – 12:00pm & **CEO:** Tues.
5:00pm – 7:30pm

Court Office Hours: Mon. and Wed. 3:00pm – 5:00pm & (Court
in session: @ 5:00pm on 1st & 2nd Thursdays; and @ 4:00pm on 3rd
& 4th Thursdays)

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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@townofnewlebanonny.gov. Your email address will not be shared.

Regular Town Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The public may view the meetings via the live stream link at:

https://townhallstreams.com/towns/new_lebanon_ny

Mailing Address:

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From the Office of the Town Clerk

Rabies Clinic: Unfortunately there will not be a clinic in New Lebanon. The CC DOH will offer 2026 Free Drive-Thru Rabies Clinics in other surrounding towns.

The Columbia County Department of Health has announced their **Rabies Clinics for 2026**. Please see the dates, times and locations listed below. Vaccinations are free for Columbia County residents; proof of residency may be required so bring your identification cards (i.e. driver license, non-driver ID card). Clinics are for dogs, cats and ferrets at least three months of age. **All dogs must be on a leash; cats and ferrets must be in carriers.**

Saturday, May 30th: 102 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY 12534 from 10:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday, June 17th: 182 Hudson Ave., Chatham, NY 12037 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, September 12th: 50 Grandinetti Dr., Ghent, NY 12075 from 10:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday, October 17th: 9091 NY-22, Hillsdale, NY 12529 from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Pre-registration is required. Registration links will be available 30 days before the start of each clinic. **Please call the Health Department at 518-828-3358 for more information.**
www.columbiacountynyhealth.com

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. Karen Ringwood, Columbia County Clerk's Office, 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 **June 1st – June 12th**. 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.

NY State Burn Ban

The NY State Burn Ban is still in effect through May 14th, 2026. Once the ban has been lifted, you can call 518-828-4114 to register a controlled burn.

Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day Parade will kick off from Shatford Park at 8:30am line-up, 9:00am step-off on Monday, May 25th, 2026. It will culminate at the Cemetery of the Evergreens around 10:30am with a special presentation. Part of the school band and the school choir will be participating this year. If you are interested in participating in this year's Memorial Day Parade, please contact Lenny Brown at 518-788-5047 or Lennybrown518@gmail.com. Any group, organization, old cars or individuals are welcome to march in the parade! We hope to see you there!

2026 Town Clean-Up Day (Dump Day)

The Town will be holding its 13th annual town clean-up day on Saturday, September 12th, 2026 from 8am – 2pm, rain or shine. Please save the date on your calendar. Information on how to obtain a punch card, what items are acceptable to bring, and more will be in the August 1st newsletter.

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.

From Charlie's Pantry

We have so many community members and businesses that assist Charlie's Pantry and we would not be able to help so many without your support! We thank Joy Sherman; Catholic Charities of Columbia & Greene counties; Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph church community; Church of Our Saviour; Canaan Congregational Church; Northern Columbia County Rotary; Hilltop Orchards of Richmond Ma. (Lynn Bell); Lebanon Valley Senior Citizen (Mary Young, William and David); Ellen and Jimmy Dilis (Jimmy D's); Malden Bridge Community Center (Manerva); Raymond James; Bruce & Josie Bates; Huguette Redcross; Alexander & Lisa Vyssotsky; Gary & Kathleen Millett; Deb & John McLaughlin; Janice Russo; Vicki Shulof; Lola Snyder; and many other members of our community, we appreciate everything you do for us.

We offer free food and hygiene products (if 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. Any questions please contact Georgette 518-794-0156 or Peter 518-794-0544.

Columbia NE Repair Café

Happy Spring from ColumbiaNE Repair Cafe. We had our first cafe of the season on April 11, and had over 100 items brought for repair or, in the case of knives and scissors, sharpening. The vast majority of items were repaired, including a watch band loop made from a 3D printer! Here are the dates and locations for the four remaining 2026 cafes, all Saturdays from 10-2. Please note that we can always fix lamps and most electrical or mechanical repairs, as well as gluing, hand and machine sewing, and clocks. Other repairs vary with the availability of our fixers, so please check the flyer for the particular cafe, or feel free to make inquiries to ColumbiaNERepaircafe@gmail.com. We also welcome new volunteer fixers.

May 30 Hoags Corner Volunteer Fire Company, 7237 NY-66, East Nassau, NY 12062 (only 14 minutes on Route 20 West and Route 66 North from our library). We will have jewelry repair and knife sharpening at this cafe. We will not have lawn mower repair. For that you'll need to wait until July. Check our Facebook page and the town email blasts, as well as our flyers, for more details in mid-May.

July 11 New Lebanon Community Center 523 US-20, New Lebanon, NY 12125

Sept 26 Chatham Fire House 2 Hoffman St, Chatham, NY 12037

Nov 14 Canaan Fire House 2126 NY-295, Canaan, NY 12029

News from New Lebanon Senior Reps

We 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 nlrepccofoa2@gmail.com
Sarah Conly - 518-794-0423 nlrepccofoa4@gmail.com
Mary Young - 518-794-7538 nlrepccofoa3@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. Here are some programs you may be interested in:

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS: 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. 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.

Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens

The Lebanon Valley Seniors (LVS) continue to provide activities, trips, outreach and important information related to seniors and many special events for members and nonmembers to socialize. New Lebanon was one of the first towns in the county to address the senior population and its need for socialization. The LVS continues to meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

Meetings are held at the New Lebanon Community Center located at 523 US Route 20 in New Lebanon. The LVS is open to anyone 55 years and up and membership is only \$15.00a year and there is no membership fee if you are 80 years or older. No one will ever be turned away if unable to afford the dues.

Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens Continued

Just come and enjoy yourself. To become a member contact Donna Moshimer at lebanonseniorcitizen@gmail.com.

The following are upcoming events, activities, and trips that seniors have to look forward to:

May 1st-we will have a regular meeting. The Memorial Day program coordinator will be discussing parade planning and preparations. Members if able are asked to bring food to share with their neighbors.

May 15th-April Showers bring May Flowers. Angel's Trumpet will be demonstrating flower arrangements. The LVS will be providing sandwiches and if you're able bring something to share with your neighbors.

May 25th- the LVS will be participating in the Memorial Day parade with a decorated float.

June 6th-Regular meeting with a guest speaker TBA. If able to bring food/dessert to share with your neighbors.

June 19th-USA Appreciation Day (catered event). Celebrating and remembering our veterans. We will be doing a collection of items needed for veterans. For additional information and for items needed contact program leader Mary Young at 518-794-7538. If you're able to bring a patriotic dessert to share.

July 3rd- No meeting scheduled....enjoy the 4th of July weekend!

July 17th- The Council for the Aging will be present to distribute Farmer Market coupons for Columbia County residents only.

Trips:

June 17th -trip to the Catskills for lunch and show a Tribute to Grease (this trip is full)

July 29th-a boat ride around the Thimble Islands in Connecticut (this trip is full)

August 20th- Essex Steam Train and Riverboat trip in Connecticut with a lunch provided on the train. (this trip is full)

Also stay tuned for information regarding the Lebanon Valley Senior 50th Anniversary being planned this year.

News from the CC Office of the Aging

The Office for the Aging has exciting plans for the year 2026. Already we have selected Senior Volunteers from the County who will be honored in May, set up several programs for Older Americans month and have begun making plans for our Senior picnic.

On **May 18th** from 10am to 2pm at the college a program for caretakers will be presented by Columbia and Greene Counties. The free program is designed to help provide support and resources for caregivers, a complimentary lunch and on-site respite care for loved ones during the sessions are available Space is limited so call the OFA for a reservation.

Are you a caregiver for a senior, do you need a break? The recharge and renew respite program now available every Friday at the Cannan Congregational church may be just for you. The program provides a safe, welcoming environment for older adults with mild to moderate memory loss or physical/cognitive conditions requiring supervision. While they enjoy social interaction and a nutritious lunch, you get time to rest, run errands, or simply recharge. The program is free and is from 10am to 2pm. Registration is required, call 518-828-4258 and ask for intake.

News from the CC Office of the Aging Continued

Are you 55 or over and like to join with neighbors for food and fun, come to the Community Center on the first and third Friday of the month at 1pm to join the Lebanon Valley Senior group.

The office for the Aging is taking spring trips that will have you chip with laughter. Tulip Festival 5/7 and 5/8, shopping and lunch in Poughkeepsie 5/20, Sopping and lunch at the Lee outlets 6/3, Empire State Aero sciences Museum 6/23 at the former GE Flight Test Center, admission \$11, picnic at Taghkanic State Park 7/2, and a Dutch Apple Cruise 7/23 cost \$28.50 online and \$31.50 the day of the cruise. To register call 518-828-4258, press 1 and leave a message, a driver will get back to you with arrangements.

Have you planned for your future? An article in the Senior Scoop, issue April-June 2026 on the OFA web site breaks down what you and your family need to be protected. Forms are available for Health Care Proxy at NYS HealthCare Proxy form 1430 and power of attorney at NYSBA Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney. If you already have a power of attorney, contact your attorney as new laws were updated in 2021.

Mary Young OFA representative

Community Center News

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! How about a fundraiser? 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/>

Weekends are filling up fast so be sure to book early. Rental apps and payment must be filled out and submitted within 7 days of booking and liability waivers are due within 2 weeks of the event.

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. 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!

Ongoing Programs and Events:

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 3rd 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 6:30-7:30 pm starting May 13th 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 1st and 3rd Thursday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Our weekly meal program meals through the generosity of Columbia Kitchen is going strong. 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,

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with one goal: ensuring no one in our community goes hungry. Our meals are currently being delivered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after 3 PM. The Community Fridge is in the main hall of the Community Center. There is no sign up and it is first come, first serve.

Compost collection Wednesday and Sundays! In order to curb methane emissions, Climate Smart Community volunteers will collect residents' food scraps at the Community Center. Starting Sunday, April 12, residents who would like to avail themselves of this service can bring their kitchen scraps to the outside of the main entrance of the Community Center between 11 and 2, and continuing every Sunday between 11 and 2 and every Wednesday between 2 and 5:30. There will be designated buckets for you to leave your scraps in. Be sure to omit any paper, such as coffee filters, or any plastics from your kitchen scraps.

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

It's Spring at The Free Store! This means we are now accepting larger baby items such as strollers, highchairs and small bassinets. Unfortunately, we do not have the space for cribs or crib mattresses. It is helpful to drop larger items off right as we are opening so they have more time to sit outside and get taken before we have to find room inside for them at closing. Please do not leave donations anywhere outside when we are not open. Our donations are accepted during our open hours only. We ask that all clothing donations be clean and without stains and holes. We also ask that you inspect any household items, such as dishes, utensils, electronics, etc. to make sure they are clean and do in fact work before dropping them off. We'd also like to remind everyone that the big blue bin on the corner is not ours.

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.gov for more details. It's truly a fun and heartwarming atmosphere, and we'd love you to join us!

Community Center and Free Store Hours 523 US 20 New Lebanon NY 12125

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 Spring/Summer Events Schedule

Monday May 4	11:00-12:00 Tai Chi
Thursday May 7	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam
Sunday May 10	CLOSED

Community Center Spring/Summer Events Schedule Continued

Monday May 11	11:00-12:00 Tai Chi
Wednesday May 13	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Saturday May 16	5:30-7:30 Karaoke
Monday May 18	11:00-12:00 Tai Chi
Monday May 18	5:00-6:30 BNL Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday May 20	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday May 21	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam
Monday May 25	11:00-12:00 Tai Chi
Wednesday May 27	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Monday June 1	11:00-12:00 Tai Chi
Wednesday June 3	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday June 4	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam
Thursday June 4	5:00 Just Food Club Free Community Dinner
Sunday June 7	4:00-5:30 Drum Circle
Monday June 8	11:00-12:00 Tai Chi
Wednesday June 10	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Saturday June 13	5:30-7:30 Karaoke
Sunday June 14	1:00 Plant Bingo and Swap
Monday June 15	11:00-12:00 Tai Chi
Wednesday June 17	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday June 18	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam
Thursday June 18	3:30-5:30 Bike Guys
Wednesday June 24	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Wednesday July 1	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday July 2	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam
Saturday July 4	CLOSED
Saturday July 11	10:00-2:00 Repair Café
Wednesday July 15	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday July 16	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam
Thursday July 16	3:00-5:30 Bike Guys
Saturday July 25	5:30-7:30 Karaoke
Wednesday August 5	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday August 6	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam
Wednesday August 12	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Saturday August 15	5:30-7:30 Karaoke
Wednesday August 19	6:30-7:30 Community Yoga with Jonah Millett
Thursday August 20	1:00-3:00 Acoustic Jam
Thursday August 20	3:00-5:30 Bike Guys

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

A Message from the Assessor

The **Tentative Assessment Roll will be published May 1st**. Property owners are encouraged to review their information and contact the Assessor's Office with any questions.

Assessment Update:

This year was an **update year**, meaning all assessments were adjusted to reflect current market conditions. When the market rises but assessments stay the same, the **equalization rate** drops and the assessment no longer reflects full market value. Updating keeps values accurate, consistent, and easier for taxpayers to understand.

This was **not** a full reassessment; updates use market trends rather than parcel-by-parcel review. An increase in the roll generally results in a similar decrease in the tax rate, assuming the taxing jurisdiction's budget does not increase.

Key Dates:

- **Tentative Roll:** May 1
- **Grievance Day:** May 27, 4–8 PM

Out-of-Area "Tax Abatement" Companies

Residents continue to be contacted by companies offering to "lower your taxes." These businesses operate statewide, handle thousands of cases with no individual review, and their primary goal is to generate revenue for themselves. They typically take **50% of any tax savings**, even when the issue could have been resolved easily—and at no cost—through the Assessor's Office.

If you have concerns about your assessment, contacting the Assessor's Office directly will always provide the most accurate information without fees, contracts, or third-party involvement.

Comprehensive Plan Committee to Hit the Road

Members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee will hit the road later this spring to engage community groups throughout Town in order to obtain greater detailed input into the Plan Update. The committee seeks to home in on findings from the community survey, as well as explore recommendations made through the Room Enough for Both project. The latter seeks to harmonize efforts to address affordable housing with conservation.

Committee members will soon reach out to the leadership of established groups/organizations such as the PTA, LVPA, both political parties, the Women's Club, American Legion, and Seniors, among several others in order to request a meeting. The committee is also open to meeting with informal groups that wish to provide input into the planning process. Any groups wishing to meet with committee members should contact Ted Salem, committee chair, at nlzba.salem@gmail.com.

The community survey input process is now complete. A total of 267 surveys were submitted, 191 online and 71 on paper. Committee members are currently tabulating results. AI tools will be used to help

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summarize responses to the open ended questions, subject to validation by committee members. A test run with two questions yielded very promising results. All of the survey responses will be entered onto a spreadsheet that will be made available to the public, as will the results of the tabulations and summaries. These will be made available prior to the community meetings with the hope that these meetings will shed more light on community interests and preferences.

The committee is also seeking additional members. Please watch for a request for letters of interest through the usual Town channels.

Community Events (formerly the Recreation Commission)

We have lots of great plans for you all this year!

Tuesday, May 26th at 5PM

Music in the Park with the High School's band Two Year Delay at the pavilion in Shatford Park, 170 Old Post Road.

Sunday, August 9th, 12-4

The Town Picnic at the pavilion in Shatford Park, 170 Old Post Road.

The musical acts already lined up are Mike Duffy and our Town Supervisor's newly expanded band The Echoes!

Sunday, September 13th 12-4

The Doug Banker Memorial Music in the Park at the pavilion in Shatford Park, 170 Old Post Road.

Two of the four bands are lined up, Generation X Rock and The Beaks.

Planned Community Walks, Hikes and Paddles:

If you'd like to lead one or have a favorite destination you'd like to share, please let us know. These events all need an RSVP to: nleventschair@gmail.com

Saturday, May 23rd, 1-3PM

Open house at the Corkscrew Rail Trail's Depot Building, on Tilden Road. You can go inside to see the progress. We'll be leading walks throughout the afternoon on various sections of the Rail Trail. For any questions email: corkscrewrailtrailny@gmail.com

Sunday, May 31 at 11AM

Bog Paddle- Space will be limited, our hosts can loan you a kayak. If you're bringing your own, you'll need to wash it onsite to prevent cross-contaminating this amazing ecosystem. You'll paddle on private wetlands with a beautiful view of the Knob, the highest point in Columbia County.

RSVP to: nleventschair@gmail.com

Sunday, July 5 at 10AM (rain date July 19th)

Shaker Swamp Walk, led by Bruce Shenker of the Shaker Swamp Conservancy.

RSVP to: nleventschair@gmail.com

Community Events (formerly the Recreation Commission) Continued

Sunday, August 16th at 10AM

Walk the trails of the Ruins at Sassafra, led by the owner, the delightful Carol Reichert.

RSVP to: nleventschair@gmail.com

In June, September and October, we have a few hike and walk options in mind.

There will be a town clerk email when they're finalized.

Sunday, June 28th at 9:30 (Tentative Date)

Pickleball Clinic – led by Nina Keller and Kathleen Millett

Meet at the tennis courts in Shatford Park.

RSVP to: nleventschair@gmail.com

Saturday, May 30th, at 2:00pm

Newcomers Meet and Greet at Roaring 20's, 565 US Rte. 20

RSVP to: nleventschair@gmail.com

July 18th and September 12th

Newcomers Meet and Greet events, details to follow by Town Clerk email.

News from the NL Climate Smart Task Force (CSC)

The CSC annual **Roadside Cleanup** was held on April 25th. Starting at Shatford Park volunteers cleaned sections of Rte. 20 which always seems to be the most trashed road in town. Other roads were cleaned as well. Thanks to the LVPA for their support and to all who came out to clean. Special thanks to our friends at Mavericks for graciously donating refreshments for our cleaners. New Lebanon is a little bit cleaner because of the efforts of our own concerned residents.

Compost- To help compensate for the ongoing closure of the county recycling center that was located in New Lebanon, residents can bring their kitchen scraps to the buckets to the right of the main entrance of the Community Center every Sunday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and every Wednesday between 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The collected food scraps will be taken to a compost site by Climate Smart Task Force volunteers. Be sure to omit any paper, such as coffee filters, or any plastics from your kitchen scraps.

THE BIKE GUYS FREE Bicycles and tune-ups with Larry and Moy- Our bike program is pleased to offer Bike Tuneup dates again this year. Have a flat? Need your chain lubricated? Are those handlebars not quite right? We can help!!

If you are having issues with your bike come to one of these dates:

--Saturday, May 16 Bike Tuneup at Shatford Park from 10 AM to 2 PM

--Thursday, June 18 Bike Tuneup at Community Center from 3:30 to 5:30 PM

--Thursday, July 16 Bike Tuneup at Community Center from 3:30 to 5:30 PM*

--Thursday, August 20 Bike Tuneup at Community Center from 3:30 to 5:30 PM

--Thursday, September 17 Bike Tuneup at Community Center from 3:30 to 5:30 PM

--Thursday, October 15 Bike Tuneup at Community Center from 3:30 to 5:30 PM

News from the NL Climate Smart Task Force (CSC) Continued

EV charger - The new Level 2 EV Chargers, paid for with NYSERDA grant funds, were installed at the Community Center in April. They are up and running and will appear on the apps that EV owners use to locate charging stations.



From the New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC)

What Are Critical Environmental Areas and Why Are These Important in New Lebanon?

In May and June of 2022 the New Lebanon Town Board approved resolutions officially designating the Warm Springs and 4 Cool Ravines as Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs).

What is a CEA?

A CEA is a specific geographic area recognized by a local authority as having an exceptional or unique natural setting or some social, historic, archaeological, recreational, or educational value. The designation does not in any way restrict the status of the land but it ensures that special features are not overlooked. More importantly it clues folks in that potentially harmful impacts need to be evaluated. Fundamentally, CEAs serve as an alert that requires consideration if any development or changes are being considered in the area.

CEAs are very useful for the town. All New Lebanon residents agree that the thing they love most about New Lebanon is our rural character and natural beauty. With that in mind, the designation of CEAs help to validate these sentiments and bring needed attention to these beloved, irreplaceable areas.

To reinforce this appreciation, the recent report on the “Room Enough for Both” project (based entirely on input from town residents) gives explicit recommendations to create several new CEAs. As it happens these are CEAs that we have long wanted to create: the Shaker Swamp, the Bog and the Knob which straddles New Lebanon and Canaan.

The New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is visiting this topic at the April Town Board meeting (which occurs well before this article is published) as we want to plan to begin the process to

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designate these areas as CEAs. If all goes well we hope to be able to hold public hearings and bring a resolution to the Town Board in 2027.

For more information please visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6184.html>

The New Lebanon CAC is Bill O'Neill, Co-Chair, Peg Munves, Co-Chair, Bruce Shenker, Steve Powers, Donald Lamonaca, and Sarah Latifa

New Lebanon Library News

Book Sale: The Friends of the New Lebanon Library are now seeking donations of clean, gently used books, CDs, and DVDs for their annual Book Sale. Anyone wishing to donate items may drop them at Church of Our Saviour (14660 State Route 22) on Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through May 23, 2026. They are unable to accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or library discards.

The Book Sale will be held at Church of Our Savior as follows:

- Friday, May 29th from 4-6p.m.: Preview Sale, \$20 per person admission, includes light refreshments
- Saturday, May 30th from 9a.m. to 2p.m.: Free admission
- Sunday, May 31st from 10a.m. to 1p.m.: Free admission, Fill a bag for \$10 clearance sale

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the New Lebanon Library. Donated and gently used hard- and soft-cover books, fiction and non-fiction, as well as books on CD and DVDs are for sale. They will be sorted for easy browsing. Prices range from \$1 for a children's book to \$3 for a hardcover. Specialty books will be individually priced.

Summer Reading: This year, the Summer Reading Program theme will be "Unearth a Story" and we have lots of fun programs planned! We are excited to have Columbia & Greene County 4-H, through Cornell Cooperative Extension, present their "Dig Into Archaeology" program at New Lebanon Library. The program will run July 6th through 10th, and feature interactive activities that introduce youth to how scientists study the past through artifacts and discoveries. Registration is required - please watch our website, Facebook, or Instagram for registration details (coming soon!). Our full Summer Reading program schedule will be announced later in May.

Access Kanopy with Your Library Card: Have you tried the new Kanopy streaming service yet? Kanopy offers instant access to over 30,000 films including The Criterion Collection, PBS, critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, and kids favorites. You can stream using mobile and tablet apps, SmartTV apps or on a computer. Patrons can sign up by visiting <https://www.kanopy.com/en/newlebanonlibrary/>. This service is made possible thanks to funding from the Columbia County Libraries Association. To apply for a library card, residents can visit the library with their photo ID. If the photo ID does not have the local address on it, please bring a piece of mail that shows it.

From the Highway Superintendent

Community Corner

THAT'S NOT WHERE THAT BELONGS!

GRASS CLIPPINGS

It is a violation of **New York State Vehicle and Traffic Safety Law, Section 1220** to mow grass clippings and/or rake leaves into the road.

Grass clippings in the roadway can create a slippery surface, especially when wet, increasing the risk of losing control and crashing. Clippings can also wash into storm drains, causing blockages that lead to localized flooding.

SNOW

It is a violation of **New York State Vehicle and Traffic Safety Law, Section 1219** to place obstructions in the roadway. This includes pushing snow removed from driveways, sidewalks, etc. back into the road. Snow pushed into the road can cause hazards not only for the public but for snowplows.

OTHER OBJECTS OFTEN PLACE IN THE ROW

Free-standing basketball nets, garbage cans and other objects placed near or on the road pose safety risks, including traffic hazards, instability (especially in high winds), and potential injury from tipping over.

Garbage cans are allowed to be placed in their **designated pick-up areas on pick-up days only**. Once garbage and/or recycling have been picked up, all cans and bins must be removed from the ROW and/or roadway ASAP.

Basketball nets can obstruct snow removal and maintenance, create liability concerns, and encourage unsafe play near roads.

NYS Highway Law Section 319

Anything placed within the ROW can be considered an obstruction, including but not limited to basketball hoops, as they impede the department's ability to properly and efficiently maintain the ROW and/or roadway.



Community Corner

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ROAD

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



STATE ROADS

State roads are identified by a white shield with black letters. NYSDOT is responsible for these roads.

COUNTY ROADS

Blue shield with yellow lettering. The County is responsible for these roads



E Main St

LOCAL ROADS

If there is no state or county shield, look for a street name sign. It may say county or state highway with a number. If so, contact the state or county. If not, start with the local jurisdiction. Even if they do not have maintenance responsibility, they can help you figure out who does.

If in a city or village, contact the DPW. Otherwise, start with the town highway department.



2026 Summer Youth Program

Full registration packets can be picked up at the Town Hall, the Library, Walter B. Howard Elementary, New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School or found on the Town website at <https://townofnewlebanon.com/summer-youth-program/>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 5th

June 29th - August 21st

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
at Shatford Park Pavilion, Old Post Road, New Lebanon, NY

Open to:

Children registered for Kindergarten through and including age 13

Registration Fees:

Fees are determined by residency and the number of children per family participating in the program. There is a discount given to all families that pay **IN FULL** before June 5th. All payments are due **IN FULL** by 4pm June 26th. No refunds will be issued for registration fees for **ANY** reason.

Please see the last page of the newsletter for all registration fees!

Activities

Crafts	Board games	Cards	Puzzles	Legos
Tennis	Basketball	Soccer	Playground	Creek
Softball	Volleyball	Splash Pad	Kickball	Art
Football	Theater	Team Building Activities		
Capture the Flag	On-Site Presentations	And So Much More!!!		

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 5th

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Complete one **registration form** for **each** child;
2. Obtain a copy of your child/children's **immunization records**;
3. Review *Program Important Policies & Procedures* and **sign acknowledgement on page 7** (one per family);
4. Complete one **medical authorization and additional info page** for **each** child.
5. Complete a General Release Form (one per family);
6. Make **registration fee** payable to *Town of New Lebanon*; and
7. Submit all **6 items** (registration form, registration fee, immunization record, signed *Program Policies & Procedures* acknowledgement, signed medical authorization/additional info page, and general release form) **on or before June 5th** to:

New Lebanon Summer Youth Program
P.O. Box 328
New Lebanon, N.Y. 12125

If you would like to make payment arrangements and pay monthly or weekly in advance of the program, please contact the director at the email address syp@townofnewlebanon.com
You may pay the registration fee up until June 26th but will not get the discounted rate-you MUST still have the other 4 items in by June 5th

What to bring:

- Breakfast (Free Meals will be provided Monday through Thursday for all campers as an option.)
- Bag Lunch (Free Meals will be provided Monday through Thursday for all campers as an option.)
- Hat with a brim
- Sunscreen/Sunblock/Bathing Suit/Towel
- Water Shoes, or shoes that can get wet. Campers are only allowed in the creek with shoes on, no bare feet!
- Sneakers & Socks-Children wearing inappropriate footwear will not be allowed to participate in daily sports activities/games.
- Extra set of clothes, because accidents happen. :)
- Water bottle-We have water here to refill them.

****Please leave all electronic devices and cell phones home, the counselors and counselors in training will not have theirs on them either, only the directors ****

If you have questions, please contact the Camp director-Jackie Howe at syp@townofnewlebanon.com.

**Have you completed all necessary forms?
Have you submitted immunizations records?
Have you submitted the appropriate fees?
Incomplete applications will not be accepted!!!!!!**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the New Lebanon Town Board hereby establishes the following rates and fees for the eight-week Town of New Lebanon Summer Youth Program:

Early Registration Fees (if final payment is received by June 5th):

Resident (Town taxes paid to New Lebanon):

- 1 child \$384/season
- 2 children \$576/season
- 3 children \$706/season
- 4+ children \$802/season

Local Non-resident (Town taxes not paid to New Lebanon, School taxes paid to NLCSD):

- 1 child \$810/season
- 2 children \$1,200/season
- 3 children \$1,620/season
- 4+ children \$1,920/season

Non-resident (Town taxes not paid to New Lebanon; School taxes not paid to NLCSD):

- Per child \$1,620/season

Registration Fees (if final payment is received after June 5th):

Resident (Town taxes paid to New Lebanon):

- 1 child \$600/season
- 2 children \$900/season
- 3 children \$1,102/season
- 4+ children \$1,252/season

Local Non-resident (Town taxes not paid to New Lebanon, School taxes paid to NLCSD):

- 1 child \$1,013/season
- 2 children \$1,500/season
- 3 children \$2,025/season
- 4+ children \$2,400/season

Non-resident (Town taxes not paid to New Lebanon; School taxes not paid to NLCSD):

- Per child \$2,025;

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a weekly fee option is available that is the relevant season cost divided by 8 and multiplied by 2. Discretion is given to the Summer Camp Director as to how many weekly enrollments are allowed with a first come, first serve basis.

Applications must specify what week they are signing up for. It is the right of the Summer Camp Director to refuse any weekly enrollments based on overall enrollment and staffing levels;

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, these fees are due at the time of registration and they are nonrefundable, unless the Town of New Lebanon cancels the Summer Youth Program prior to the program commencing for that season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the fees for participation in other on-site and off-site programs and field trips will be determined by the Camp Director based on the cost of the program/field trip;

And BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the registration fee(s) will be reduced by 10% for the children of Town of New Lebanon employees.

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

Town Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm

Planning Board meets the third Wednesday of each month, as necessary, at 7:00pm

(On Pause) - Business & Economic Development Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm

Comprehensive Plan Committee meets the 3rd 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 first Monday of each month at 5:00pm

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm

(On Pause) - 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

Events Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month, as necessary at 6:30pm

Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month, as necessary, at 5:00pm

Outreach, Marketing & Communication Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm

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

Shaker Preservation Committee

Join in on the 4th Saturday May to October!

9:30 to Noon with a group of your neighbors to clear brush at the Mountain Lebanon National Historic Site. No experience necessary, long pants and long sleeves suggested.

Please let me know your coming - lite refreshments provided. Rae 917-796-0444

Calendar of Events

Spring Concert – NL Jr/Sr High – Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 @ 6:00pm – 7:30pm

May Regular Town Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 @ 7:45pm **(Change in start time)**

End of NYS Burn Ban – through end of day - Thursday, May 14th, 2026

Memorial Day Assembly Program & Veterans Brunch – NL Jr/Sr High – Thursday, May 21st, 2026 @ 9:00am

Holiday – Memorial Day – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, May 25th, 2026

Memorial Day Parade – Shatford Park – Monday, May 25th, 2026 @ 8:30am (line up in Shatford Park)

American Legion Memorial Day Service – The Cemetery of the Evergreens – Monday, May 25th, 2026 - following the parade

2 Year Delay – Shatford Park – Tuesday, May 26th, 2026 @ 5:00

Grievance Day Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 from 4:00-8:00pm

Kiss Program Dates: June 1st – June 12th, 2026

American Legion Post 1236 – America 250th Anniversary Celebration – Saturday, June 6th, 2026 @ 12:00pm

June Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Holiday – Juneteenth – All Town Offices Closed – Friday, June 19th, 2026

July Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 14th, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Town Picnic & Music In The Park – Shatford Park – Sunday, August 9th, 2026 from 12:00-4:00pm

August Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Holiday – Labor Day – All Town Offices Closed – Monday, September 7th, 2026

September Regular Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Town Clean-Up Day – Saturday, September 12th, 2026 from 8am-2pm

Doug Banker Memorial Music in the Park – Shatford Pavilion – Sunday, September 13th, 2026 from 12:00-4:00pm