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New York State approved defensive drivers course for insurance and point reduction programs to be given by AARP on Tues. Jan. 28th and on Tues. Feb 18th New Hartford Public Library from 9am to 3:30pm. For registration and other information please contact Mary Merritt at (315)724-0096. Call early classes fill up fast. Open to all ages.



Landmarks Society Winter Talks Tue, Jan 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM Dunham Public Library, 76 Main St, Whitesboro

The History of Home Delivery of Milk

Author John Rienzo, Jr. gives us his unique perspective on the history of home milk delivery from colonial days until the present. He pays particular attention to the once-ubiquitous milk delivery trucks, especially those made by the Detroit Industrial Vehicles Company, better known as DIVCO.

The Landmarks Winter Talks are free and open to the public, although donations are greatly appreciated. Programs start at 6 pm, and end by approximately 7:30 pm.

Future Talks are:

The Story of Mohawk Airlines - 1945 - 1972, by James Coulthart on Tuesday, February 18, 2025

The History of the Sylvan Beach Amusement Park and Rides, by Patrick Goodenow on Tuesday, March 18, 2025

2 Rutger Park Redux, by Dick Moon on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

All Talks are in the Community Room of the Dunham Public Library, 76 Main Street, Whitesboro.

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Thank You For Your Holiday Drive Support from the Steet Ponte Auto Group!

This year, the Steet Ponte Auto Group came together with YOU, our community members, to break records for our Annual Holiday Drives. We are so grateful for your generosity this year.

Whether it was donating a coat, food, gift, or simply sharing our social media posts, we are thankful for your part in helping give back to our community members in need!

Our First Annual Backpack & School Supplies Drive held at the end of August was a success.

We donated 504 backpacks filled with supplies to 19 elementary schools in Utica, Herkimer, Frankfort-Schuyler, Ilion, Johnstown, and Gloversville.

Our 7th Annual "Coats for Kids" Coat Drive held in October broke an all time record, collecting 1,017 items of winter outerwear ranging from coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, scarves, and snow boots for students in Utica, Rome, Herkimer, CVA, Amsterdam and Broadalbin-Perth Elementary Schools. When we first started this coat drive, we collected around 200 items!

Our Food Drive was so large, we lost count of the amount of food donated, but were able to fill 10 vehicles of food between our 8 stores! We were proud to be able to fill the whole basement pantry at the Thea Bowman House in Utica, as well as 2 car loads each to Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, and the Amen Place Soup Kitchen in Amsterdam, providing a nourishing Thanksgiving for those in need. The first year this Food Drive started, we filled just one vehicle with food!

And finally, our 17th Annual Holiday Gift Drive collected 552 gifts, 69 rolls of wrapping paper and 30 rolls of tape, for the Adopt-a-Family program through ICAN in Oneida and Herkimer Counties, as well as for

adopted families through Amsterdam and Gloversville Schools, helping make the holidays a little brighter for families who needed a boost this season. We started with 120 tags, and surpassed our goal by miles!

Once again, we are so grateful for the continued support, and look forward to a wonderful 2025!

Thank you, from the Steet and Ponte Families, and the entire Steet Ponte Auto Group.



Alt Appointed as New Clinton Elementary Principal in 2025

The Clinton Central School District of Board Education intends to appoint Meggan Alt as the District's new Elementary School Principal at their meeting on December 17, 2024.

Alt, who has served in various roles at the New Hartford Central School District for over 20 years, will begin serving as Clinton Elementary Principal effective July 2025. Prior to assuming this role, she will serve as Assistant Principal at Clinton Elementary School from January 21 to June 30, 2025, providing her with valuable experience within the Clinton school community.

Alt brings extensive experience to the Clinton Central School District, having served as a resource teacher, elementary teacher and instructional support specialist during her time at New Hartford. She also completed her administrative Internship, further preparing her for this leadership position.

"Meggan's extensive experience, as both a general and special education teacher, and her time as an instructional support specialist have prepared her well for this next step in her professional career," said Superintendent Christopher Clancy. "I am confident our school community will find her approachable, supportive and an excellent listener, and that she will

enthusiastically lead our elementary school forward with continued success."

Raised in Whitesboro, Alt graduated from Utica Notre Dame. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from Providence College and a master's degree in special education from Le Moyne College. Alt holds New York State School Building Leader and School District Leader Internship Certificates, as well as permanent teaching certificates in Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 6 and Special Education.

She is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association of Elementary School Principals, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education and the Central New York Council for the Social Studies.

"I'm excited to collaborate with our dedicated staff, students and families to continue fostering an environment of excellence and growth," said Alt. "Together we will build on Clinton's strong foundation, empowering every student to reach their full potential and cultivating a bright future for our entire school community."



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 By Brian and Wendy Sanders
 The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.



Calling All Neighbors: Help Us Honor 75 Years of Willowvale Fire Company History!
 As we approach the 75th anniversary of the Willowvale Fire Company, we're reaching out to the residents of New Hartford,

Chadwicks, and Sauquoit Valley to help us celebrate the legacy of service, bravery, and community spirit that has defined our fire company since its founding in 1950. Do you have old photos, stories, or memorabilia from the early days of Willowvale Fire Company? Perhaps a picture of one of our early apparatuses, the original station, or a memory of the firefighters who served the community over the years? We would love for you to share these treasures with us as we look back at how far we've come! Whether you have photos you can email or physical memorabilia, we want to hear from you. This is your chance to help us showcase the proud history of the Willowvale Fire Company and honor the generations of firefighters who have protected our town. For submissions or questions, please contact us at wfctreasurer3459@gmail.com

**New Hartford Central School District
 Kindergarten Registration
 for the 2025-2026 school year**
 *** To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2025.
 In-person registration dates:
 • **Bradley Elementary** 33 Oxford Road, New Hartford 13413
 o January 21, 2025 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 • **Hughes Elementary** 340 Highy Road, New Hartford 13413
 o January 23, 2025 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 • **Myles Elementary** 100 Clinton Road, New Hartford 13413
 o January 28, 2025 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Additional in-person registration opportunities will be announced at a later date for parents/guardians who are unable to attend in January.
 Parents/guardians are encouraged to complete the New Hartford Registration Packet prior to attending the in-person dates. Please scan the QR Code to access and download the Registration Packet, or go to:
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"We would like to thank our amazing staff all past and present for being such a key and essential ingredient in our business. Your hard work, dedication, passion, and commitment have been the driving force behind our success. We truly could not have done it without all of you! Reflecting on our loyal customers, whether you have been dining with us for 75 years or just found us recently, we thank you. Thank you for trusting us with your most treasured events such as birthdays, graduations, baby showers, bridal showers, stag parties, proposals, marriages, rehearsal dinners, and so much more!! Cavallo's is a place that you could call home meet with your friends gather with your family. We could not have stood the test of time without all of you. There's been so many amazing chapters in our book and it has been an honor to serve you all! As our chapter is coming to an end and our book is closing, the memories laughs and unforgettable times will remain in our hearts forever. Cheers to everyone who has supported us throughout the years. We love you and will see you on the other side (of the bar). This has been one of our favorite books and we hope your families as well."



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For over a century, Kiwanis International has been at the heart of transforming communities, empowering children, and fostering a global network of care and support. With over 550,000 members in 80 countries, our reach is vast, but our impact is deeply personal. Every project we undertake, every child we help, and every community we uplift is a testament to our unwavering commitment to making the world a better place.

Our members are the lifeblood of this mission. They are the volunteer who give their time, the leaders who inspire change, and the advocates who raise their voices for those who cannot. From organizing local food drives to building playgrounds, from mentoring at-risk youth to providing scholarships, Kiwanis members are driven by a singular purpose: to make a positive difference.

But we cannot do it alone. We need your passion, your dedication, and your support. Join us in this noble endeavor. Become a part of the Kiwanis family and experience the profound joy of giving back to your community and the members of that community. Together, we can create a brighter, more hopeful future for children everywhere.

Because at Kiwanis International and specifically in your community, the New Hartford-Westmoreland Kiwanis Club, we believe that when you invest in our children, you invest in our future.



New Hartford Resident Publishes Book

Sara Monroe recently published her first book, 'The Girl From the Diner.'


The following is a brief summary of this Augusta Willows Diner Story.

'Mia Lewis has worked her entire life in Mimi's Diner, a quaint little eatery ran by her parents in Frostpeak. It was there she met Edward Gardner, a charming table busser at an upscale restaurant downtown called The Copper Fox. Mia stuck by his side through all his ups and downs—even when he found himself in the middle of a legal battlefield surrounding the sudden death of his boss.


Twenty years later, Mia has taken over Mimi's Diner. Located on Augusta Willows Boulevard, the wildly popular diner may be small, but it's always at capacity. The renowned cook serves up eggs for days, filling the establishment with enticing smells of croque-madames and eggs Benedict, fresh breads and disco fries.












But with a dark secret and a mysterious woman hanging around all day, drama ensues in the small American diner. Rosalie, the free-spirited waitress, observes it all while she pours coffee from open to close.'

It is available to purchase on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/23gwSXL>



Banana Bread



<p>1. Mix sugar and butter</p>  1 ¼ cup  ½ cup butter	<p>2. Add eggs and milk</p>  2 eggs  ¼ cup buttermilk	<p>3. Add banana and vanilla</p>  Mash 3 ripe bananas Add to the bowl  Add 1 teaspoon vanilla
<p>4. Mix in dry ingredients</p>  2 ½ cups flour  1 teaspoon baking soda  1 teaspoon salt	<p>5. Mix well</p>  Mix well Pour batter into a greased loaf pan or muffin pan	<p>6. Bake at 350°F for 30-35 minutes.</p> 

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NHPL Board of Trustees 2025 Meeting

The NHPL Board of Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday, January 15th at 4:30 in the Sammon Room.

Mid York Library System App

Did you know there's a NEW app for all your library needs? Download the Mid York Library System App from your app store to search our catalog, place holds, view your account, and even see what's happening at any Mid York library!

The new app allows you to log in with one or more Mid York library cards, search for items, place holds, see library locations, check out OverDrive books, read OverDrive books, check out OverDrive magazines, read OverDrive magazines, search and filter library programming, bring up a digital library card, and much more.

The app is available in the Apple App Store as well as the Google Play Store.

Community Outreach

We are hitting the road and would love to come to your organization! Are you involved with a preschool, daycare, summer program or assisted living center? We would love to come to your organization and share more about our upcoming programs, issue library cards and provide programming to your facility. For more information, please contact our Library Director, Anne 315-733-1535.

Literacy CNY

We have a volunteer at the Library each Tuesday from 11:00am-2:00pm. Literacy CNY provides trained individuals to assist patrons on a one-on-one basis. They look forward to helping our community. We greatly appreciate this service they are offering our patrons.

Google Classes

LiteracyCNY & New Hartford Library will be hosting workshops on Gmail & Google Drive in February & March 2025. The series begins with Intro to Gmail: Beginners on Thurs 2/13. On Thurs 2/20, they'll host Exploring Gmail: Intermediate, this workshop is for

those who are not new to using Gmail. On Thurs, 2/27 will be Intro to Google Drive. Lastly, on Thurs 3/6, Exploring Google Drive: Intermediate, which goes beyond the basics of using Google Drive. All workshops are 10:30am-12pm. Registration is required. Contact: LiteracyCNY Digital Literacy Coordinator Lydia Torres, (315)643-0282, Ltorres@LiteracyCNY.org.

Interested In Using Our Window Display?

The display case at the Library's main entrance is available without charge for community groups or individuals to display works of art, collections or educational displays. Exhibits must be in keeping with the Library's mission to meet the educational, cultural and recreational needs of the community. Exhibits may not be for entrepreneurial or commercial purposes, for the solicitation of business for profit or for fundraising. Religious proselytizing and partisan political recruitment are similarly prohibited. Applications for the case are on a first come, first served basis and are limited to one month, with displays also limited to one per year per individual, group or organization. Exhibits will be reviewed in advance before being displayed. Applications for use of the case are available at the Library's front desk. If you have any questions or are interested in using the display, please call the Library and ask to speak to our Display Case Coordinator, John. 315-733-1535

Curling Exhibit Set for January

You've probably seen curling during the Olympics. Have you ever thought about playing the sport? Our area is home to one of the largest and oldest curling facilities in the country. The Utica Curling Club started in 1868, and is going strong today on Clark Mills Road in Whitesboro. Local curling, past and present, will be on exhibit during the month of January in the display case at the New Hartford Public Library's main entrance. The sport emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, and camaraderie, and can be played at any age or level of physical ability. No equipment is required. A seemingly simple sport, the game gets more and more subtle as skills improve, and it's sometimes called "Chess on Ice." If you would like to get in on the action, the club offers "Learn-to-Curl" sessions. Come see the display, and email the club at info@uticacurlingclub.org.

In Person Story Time

Mondays (group A), Tuesdays (group B) and Thursdays (group C) 10:30-11:00 for preschool aged children. Join us for stories and crafts. Aimed towards preschoolers – but all are welcome. An adult must accompany the child. All story times are held in the Children's Area/Corasanti room.

Attention: Regular Story Time Resumes January 6th

Lego Club : From Book to Block

Back by popular demand...Lego Club!

Each month a passage from a book is read aloud from a pre-selected book. Using their imagination, children are asked to build what they see when visualizing that scene. This club meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

The next meeting is January 4th in the Corasanti Room. (Geared for 7-12yrs)

Park Passes Are Back!

Once again, the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library are supporting our Park Pass Program. Through their generosity, we will be allowing our patrons to check out the following park passes which will allow our patrons a discounted entry rate:

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Utica Zoo
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Book Clubs

Are you interested in joining a book club, currently in a book club, or looking to start one? If your club needs to order books or if you are interested in starting a book club, please call the Library and ask to speak to our Book Club Coordinator, Danielle. 315-733-1535

>Ruth Anne Mystery Book Club reads mystery novels. They meet on the second Saturday of the month at 11am. For more information, please contact the library.

>Wanderlust Book Club reads novels, ranging from current to historical. They meet on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact the library.

>TBR Book Group: Are you on Facebook? Are you always looking for your next book? We have the perfect group for you. We have created a group called the To Be Read (TBR) Book Group where readers can comment what they're reading and look for suggestions for their next book. With over 100 members, you will never wonder what you should read next! Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1532390520153487/>

Chair Yoga Class

Join us each Monday and Friday mornings for a Chair Yoga class taught by Donna Reale. Classes start at 11 and will last until noon.

The After Breast Cancer (ABC) Group

The After Breast Cancer (ABC) Group will be meeting on Saturday, January 4th 2024, from 11A.M-12 noon. Their guest speaker will be Ashley Wengert, a Social Worker at the Regional Cancer Center.

Heritage Doll Club

The Heritage Doll Club meets on the third Saturday of the month at the New Hartford Public Library. Meetings are held every month except May, July, August and December, at the library beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interested guests and new members are welcome to attend.

From the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library

Save the date:

Bill Bonsted Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament. April 5, 2025.

The 2024 tournament raised \$3,440 from donations and golfers. Our course has shrunk to 9 holes due to a shortage of hours the library is open on Saturdays but that didn't stop 80 enthusiastic golfers. Put on your thinking "visors" and come and create a hole or show your putting skills. Look forward to seeing you.

Annette Barber Used Book Room

ACCEPT: hardbound and paperback books, magazines as well as records, DVDs, children's books, puzzles

DO NOT ACCEPT: moldy/damaged books (WE have to throw them out!!!), textbooks, medical books, National Geographic Magazine, Reader's Digest, multi-volume book sets. No longer accepting audio cassettes, VHS tapes and computer games/books or CDs.

The library and community greatly appreciate your "gently" used books but please limit your donations to one box/bag at a time and drop them off at the circulation desk.

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4. Use your imagination.
5. Color pictures.
6. Bang on pots and pans.
7. Enjoy some singing time.
8. Shoot some hoops.
9. Get goofy.
10. Make a craft.
11. Read a story to your kids.
12. Have a scavenger hunt.
13. Play a game.
14. Put on a puppet show.
15. Have an exercise regimen.
16. Play in the shaving cream.
17. Make a town.
18. Take pictures.
19. Bake cookies.
20. Go out in the snow.

Angels Among Us Food Pantry

Jan 11th, 25th • Feb 8th, 22nd
 March 8th, 22nd • April 12th, 26th
 May 10th, 24th • June 14th, 28th
 July 12th, 26th • Aug 9th, 23rd
 Sept 13th, 27th • Oct 11th, 25th
 Nov 8th, 22nd • Dec 6th, 20th

Hours of Operation: 10am - Noon

The food pantry is located at: St. John The Evangelist Church, 66 Oxford Rd, New Hartford, NY. Follow the signs to the driveway in the back during open hours. In the event of food emergency issues, please contact the St. John's rectory from 9AM to 2 PM Monday through Thursday at 315-732-8521.

Our pantry provides services to all residents of New Hartford (btw Rt 8 and Rt 12), Washington Mills, Chadwicks, Sauquoit, Cassville and Clayville.

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Based on Annual Incomes

Household Size	Income
1	\$33,885
2	\$45,990
3	\$58,095
4	\$70,200
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Stanley Theatre Series



Malio Cardarelli

Over the next several months, we would like to share some of Malio Cardarelli's descriptions of artists who have appeared at the Stanley Theater.

Joe Bonamassa, Guitarist

Born in New Hartford, NY on May 8, 1977, Joe Bonamassa, with the encouragement of his father, began playing the guitar at age 4. By the time he was 11 years old, he had his own band, mostly playing weekend gigs. At age 12, he opened for a score of shows for legendary songwriter, guitarist, and singer B.B. King. By age 18, Bonamassa was in a band called "Bloodline" with Miles Davis, Robbie Krieger and Berry Oakley. In his recording career, the New Hartford native had three of his 15 albums reach number one and several that have reached the top-ten on the Billboard Blues chart. His first album, *A New Day Yesterday*, was released in 2000.

Bonamassa was on the Stanley Theater stage in 1995 when he opened for "Foreigner," an English-American Rock Band. One of the many highlights of his career happened in 2009 when he played a duet with Eric Clapton at the Royal Albert Hall in London. The winner of many musical awards, Bonamassa recently premiered at the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville, Tennessee, playing his final song, "I Need a Cold Beer," with Chase Bryant. The list of notables in the music industry with which Bonamassa conspired is long and impressive. He has his own newsletter, which reportedly has over a million blues-fan subscribers.



Learn to Weave a St. Brigid's Cross

Join us at The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate Ireland's St. Brigid's feast day by learning to weave the cross named in her honor. Materials from Ireland and instructions included.

Brigid's cross or Brigit's cross is a small cross usually woven from rushes. Typically it has four arms tied at the ends and a woven square in the middle.

Brigid's crosses are associated with Brigid of Kildare, one of the patron saints of Ireland. The crosses are traditionally made in Ireland on St Brigid's feast day, 1 February, which was formerly celebrated as a pagan festival (Imbolc) marking the beginning of spring. Many rituals are associated with the making of the crosses. Traditionally they were set over doorways and windows to protect the home from any kind of harm.

In Christianity, St Brigid and her cross are linked together by a story about her weaving this form of cross at the deathbed of her father, a pagan lord, who upon hearing what the cross meant, asked to be baptized.

You can attend this presentation at the H.A.R.P. Museum located on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. All are welcome to attend this program and the museum is wheelchair accessible. The \$10 fee includes materials and instructions for you to weave a cross to take home with you. Children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult.

Please register at this link, <https://bit.ly/4f0VRFr>, or visit our events calendar at <https://www.iccmv.org/cultural-events#h.a54yndy5v796> or leave a message at 315-733-4228 ext.6.



Lunch & Learn - Coopering and Coopers of the Mohawk Valley

The H.A.R.P. Museum's highly acclaimed Lunch & Learn Cultural Presentation Series continues with a presentation by Bob Allers on the art of coopering and some of the coopers that practiced this skill in the Mohawk Valley.

Before plastic buckets proliferated throughout our hardware stores, skilled craftsmen known as coopers fashioned containers from wood. At this event, you'll hear from Bob Allers all about what a cooper is, what he does, and the many products he or she makes. Plus you'll get to see some of the objects Bob's made and tools he uses.

For twelve summers Bob worked as a seasonal National Park Service Ranger at Fort Stanwix National Monument where he began learning the trade of coopering. His education in the craft continued through training with the Master Cooper at Genesee Country Village and Museum. For the past several years, he has been honing his skills and presenting demonstrations at many regional historic sites and teaching bucket and cask-making classes at Hanford Mills Museum.

Bob is a retired earth science teacher who received his BA in geology from Hamilton College, his MAT in geological sciences from Binghamton University, and taught for a total of 34 years at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill and New Hartford Central Schools. Please register at this link, <https://bit.ly/3D1ZVIh>, or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6. The \$20 cash registration fee can be paid online or at the door and will cover the program and lunch, meal tax and gratuity included.

You can attend this presentation at the H.A.R.P. Museum located on the second floor of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St, Utica. All are welcome to attend this program and the museum is wheelchair accessible.

For all of our events, please check out our calendar here <https://www.iccmv.org/cultural-events#h.a54yndy5v796>



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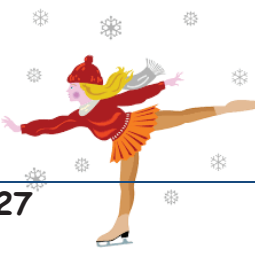


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2025 Skate Schedule

Adult Skate: \$2.00
 Public Skate: \$5.00

Rental: \$5.00

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 	2 Public Skate 11:30 pm-1:00 pm	3 Public Skate 11:30 pm-1:00 pm	4 Public Skate 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
5 Public Skate 3:00 pm-4:30 pm	6 	7 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	8 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	9 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	10 	11 Public Skate 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
12 Public Skate 3:00 pm-4:30 pm	13 	14 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	15 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	16 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	17 	18 
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26 Public Skate 3:00 pm-4:30 pm	27 	28 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	29 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	30 Adult Skate 11:00 am-12:30 pm	31 Public Skate 6:30 pm-8 pm	

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Updates from the Town Supervisor's Office

submitted by Paul Miscione, Town of New Hartford Supervisor

In a significant move to bolster animal welfare and address growing concerns about animal neglect, the Town of New Hartford has officially announced the creation of a new Municipal Humane Society. The animal control office which will operate under the oversight of the police Department, aims to provide comprehensive services to protect and care for animals while educating the public about responsible pet ownership.

The formation of the Municipal Humane Society comes after months of discussions, community feedback, and increasing demands for more proactive animal care solutions in New Hartford and surrounding areas. Town officials are hopeful that the new organization will play a pivotal role in reducing the number of stray and abandoned animals, increasing adoption rates, and promoting cruelty-free practices.

A Collaborative Effort for Animal Welfare

I have expressed enthusiasm about the creation of the Humane Society, emphasizing its importance as a public- partnership. "Our commitment to animal welfare is stronger than ever," This initiative brings together our community, animal rescue groups, veterinarians, and volunteers to create a sustainable model that will improve the lives of countless animals in need."

The society will focus on several core areas, including:

Adoption and Rehoming Programs: The Humane Society will expand adoption services to help more animals find permanent homes, reducing the strain on local shelters.

Spay and Neuter Clinics: A major component of the society's mission will be to offer affordable spay and neuter services to prevent unwanted litters and reduce pet overpopulation.

Animal Rescue and Emergency Response: The society will work closely with local law enforcement and rescue teams to respond quickly to reports of abuse, neglect, or injured animals.

Public Education: Community outreach will be a key focus, including campaigns to raise awareness about responsible pet ownership, training programs for pet owners, and initiatives to curb animal cruelty.

Addressing Overpopulation and Animal Cruelty

The new society is designed to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing local animals. In recent years, local shelters have faced overcrowding due to the high number of abandoned pets, while cases of animal cruelty have remained a concern for local authorities. By providing additional resources and support, the Humane Society aims to ease the burden on our local shelters and offer a long-term solution to these issues.

Community Impact and Support

The formation of the Municipal Humane Society has been met with widespread support from local advocacy groups and animal lovers. "This new society will provide much-needed resources to both the animals and the people who care. Volunteers will play a crucial role in supporting the Humane Society's programs, and fundraising efforts will be essential to maintaining and expanding its services.

Looking Ahead

As the Humane Society prepares to open its doors, Town officials are working to secure funding and finalize operational plans. It is anticipated that the society will be fully operational by February 1, 2025 with a grand opening event scheduled to celebrate its launch. "We are excited to see the positive impact this new initiative will have on our community and on the animals we serve." "This is just the beginning of a new chapter for animal welfare in town of New Hartford and we're committed to making a real difference." The Municipal

Humane Society promises to be a game-changer for animal lovers and advocates across the area, offering a comprehensive, collaborative approach to safeguarding the well-being of animals for generations to come.

For more information or to learn how you can get involved contact my office at 315-733-7500 or via email at pmiscione@townofnewhartfordny.gov.



Town Clerk's Office Announces January Services and Tax Collection Deadlines

submitted by Cheryl A. Jassak-Huther, Town of New Hartford Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office is gearing up for a busy January, as the deadline for property tax payments approaches and several important town services continue to be available to residents. Town Clerk Cheryl Jassak-Huther is urging all residents to take note of the key dates and offerings throughout the month to ensure smooth transactions and timely access to important services.

Property Tax Collection Deadline

One of the most pressing tasks for many residents this January is the payment of property taxes. The first installment of the 2025 property taxes is due by January 31, 2025. To help residents meet this deadline, the Clerk's Office will be offering extended hours and several convenient payment options.

Tax payments can be made:

- In-person at the Town Clerk's Office, located at 8635 Clinton Street, New Hartford, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8am – 4pm or Adirondack Bank, 4697 Commercial Drive, New Hartford

- Online via the Town's official website, where taxpayers can securely pay their bills using a credit or debit card. A convenience fee applies for online payments.

- By Mail: Payments can be mailed to 8635 Clinton Street, New Hartford, but must be postmarked by January 31 to avoid late fees.

- Drop-box: For added convenience, a secure drop-box is available outside the Town Clerk's Office for after-hours payments.

The Town Clerk's Office encourages residents to avoid waiting until the last minute and to utilize online or drop-box services to prevent long wait times.

Other Services Available in January

In addition to tax collection, the Town Clerk's Office offers a range of services for residents, including:

- Vital Records: The Town Clerk's Office continues to process requests for certified birth, marriage, and death certificates. Residents can order records in-person, online, or by mail.

- Dog Licenses: Pet owners are reminded that dog licenses for the new year are due by January 31. Licenses can be obtained online, by mail, or in-person. Proof of rabies vaccination is required for all new registrations.

Recognizing that tax season can be busy for residents, the Clerk's Office will extend its hours on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 29: Open until 6:00 p.m.

- Thursday, January 30: Open until 7:00 p.m. to accommodate last-minute tax payments.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of these extended hours, especially if they need to make an in-person payment or require assistance with their property tax bills.

Assistance Available

For any residents who have questions about their property tax bills or need assistance with other services, the Town Clerk's Office offers phone and email support. Staff is available to explain tax assessments, payment options, and help with any forms or documentation required for town services. To contact the Clerk's Office, please call 315-733-7500 ext. 2322 or email cherylj@townofnewhartfordny.gov. Staff is also available for in-person assistance during regular business hours.

A Message from the Town Clerk

"We understand that January can be a busy and sometimes stressful month for our residents, especially with property tax deadlines approaching," said Town Clerk Cheryl Jassak-Huther. "We are here to help make the process as easy as possible and encourage everyone to take advantage of our online services and extended office hours. Our goal is to provide efficient, accessible services that help our community stay informed and meet all necessary deadlines."

The Town Clerk's Office is committed to ensuring that every resident has access to the resources and assistance they need. Whether it's tax collection, vital records, or other services, the office is ready to support the community through the start of the new year.

For more information, please visit [<http://www.townofnewhartfordny.gov>] or call the Town Clerk's Office at 315-733-7500 ext. 2322.

New Hartford Youth Employment Program Kicks Off the Winter Season

The New Hartford Youth Employment program is looking for industrious young men & women ages 14-19 to be matched with local residents & businesses that need seasonal or part-time work done. This program matches youths with residents or businesses that need odd jobs done such as babysitting, lawn maintenance, painting, cleaning, copying, filing, organizing, party set up & clean up, cellar and/or attic clean out, moving, snow shoveling, holiday decorating, wrapping of presents etc. Jobs are often short term and the rate of pay is at the discretion of the business or resident.

Residents and local businesses are encouraged to contact the Youth Employment Director if they have a job to offer.

Youths may sign up in person with the Youth Employment Director in the Town Clerk's Office located at 8635 Clinton Street, New Hartford, NY 13413 or call 733-7500 ext. 2322 or email cherylj@townofnewhartfordny.gov

Once registered, the Program Director will try to match the skills offered by the youth, with the appropriate employment opportunity. When a match is found, the youth and employer will be given the name and contact number to reach each other, and at that time the youth will be asked to initiate contact with the employer to determine the rate of pay and hours of work for the job to be completed. The Youth Employment Director will follow up each referral with a phone call to the employer to ensure that there was a satisfactory conclusion to the match, and determine whether a youth will be given additional job referrals. It is important to know that youths will not be employees of the Town, but rather working for individuals within our community.

It is the intent of the program to fill a need in the community by providing a part-time work force in the Town, and to help youths communicate with potential employers and be responsible for constructively planning out the arrangements of employment.

The program runs year round! If you are between the ages of 14 to 19 and have time to offer your energies and skill to residents and/or businesses of New Hartford, or you are a Town Resident and/or Business in need of work done around your home or business, please consider contacting the New Hartford Youth Employment Director Cheryl A. Jassak-Huther at 315-733-7500 ext. 2322 or stop by the Town Clerk's Office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday-Friday, holidays excepted, for more details.

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Richard Sherman

New Hartford Highway News

submitted by Superintendent Richard Sherman

Today is December 13th 2024, and as I write this article for Jan 1st 2025, we have little snow on the ground. The town received a few inches from the couple of storms we have had. The leaf trucks are officially finished, I still have one leaf truck out picking up stragglers.

Our holidays are here, which means the highway crew will be out on both shifts picking up Christmas trees after the holidays. Once we pick them up, we mulch them in the brush chipper. Please try to put them out in a timely manner when you are finished with the holiday festivities, so that we can pick them up before they get buried in snow at the curb.

No all-night parking is in effect, so please don't leave your car in the streets. It makes it easier for the plow trucks to maneuver around and plow.

The FEMA project at the Athletic Park in Washington Mills is about 85% finished. Construction is shut down for the winter months and will resume again in the spring as the weather breaks.

The Chadwicks Project has been shut down for the winter months and will resume in the spring with sidewalks, curbs, street lights, tree plantings and street paving.

The Roman Rd Detention Drainage Project has been shut down for the winter months and will resume in the spring. The project has been left in a safe condition and will work properly to hold water back and drain the storm water in the ditches that have been built for this purpose.

The Town of New Hartford Highway Department has

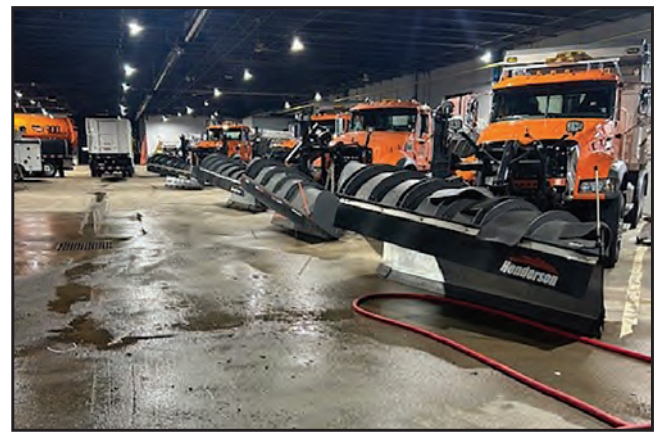


changed the rear and plow markers on the front plows to the color green. The flashing green lights on the rear are intended to improve visibility and safety during winter operations, particularly in low-light conditions and poor weather like blowing snow or heavy snow fall. The front plow marker allows the on-coming traffic to see the nose of the front plow. Please slow down safely when approaching a plow. The snow plows travel 25mph or less on our town roads and the county roads in the town of new Hartford.

Please see the attached photos showing the newly installed green safety lights on the front and rear of our plow trucks. The other photos show our plow trucks waiting for the next snow event. Our town and county roads consist of 10 plowing routes. Each route takes on average, 3 hours to plow.

The town of New Hartford Highway Department currently has 2 full time permanent positions available as Maintenance Equipment Operators (MEO). You must have a CDL license, either class A or B. You can apply on line at www.townofnewhartfordny.gov/employment-opportunities.

Again, hope you had a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Your Highway Crew is here if you need them in an emergency any time of the day and night. Please call me at 315-534-2998 with any questions or e-mail me at rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov.



WINTER BUCKET LIST

- ICE SKATING
- OUTDOOR FIRE
- MAKE SMORE'S
- SNOW SHOEING
- MAKE HOT CHOCOLATE
- GO SLEDDING
- MAKE A SNOWMAN
- BAKE COOKIES
- HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT
- PUT A PUZZLE TOGETHER
- MAKE A SOUP DINNER
- MAKE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS
- SHOVEL A NEIGHBORS DRIVEWAY
- MAKE SNOW ANGELS
- WRITE IN YOUR JOURNAL
- GO ON A SLEIGH RIDE
- HAVE A PUPPET SHOW
- CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET
- BAKE A PIE
- TAKE A COOKING CLASS
- CUT OUT SNOWFLAKES
- TAKE A NAP BY THE FIRE
- KARAOKE NIGHT
- POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
- MAKE A FORT
- GO TO A CONCERT
- ADD NEW PILLOWS TO YOUR HOME
- MAKE A NEW MUSIC PLAYLIST
- MOVIE MARATHON NIGHT
- MAKE A SNOW-GLOBE
- GO BOWLING
- READ A SELF HELP BOOK
- HOST A WAFFLE PARTY
- SOAK IN SOME HOT SPRINGS
- SLED DOGS RIDE
- CARD GAME NIGHT
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- SERVE AT A SOUP KITCHEN
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DATE	START TIME	GAME TYPE	SPORT	LEVEL	LOCATION	OPPONENT
Jan 3, 2025, Fri	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Ice Hockey (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford Rec Center	Cortland (Cortland/Homer)
Jan 4, 2025, Sat	8:00 AM	Scrimmage	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Cincinnati
Jan 5, 2025, Sun	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	Varsity	Hamilton College	Schalmont
Jan 6, 2025, Mon	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Bowling (Boys)	Varsity	Vista Lanes	Utica Proctor
Jan 6, 2025, Mon	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Bowling (Girls)	Varsity	Vista Lanes	Utica Proctor
Jan 6, 2025, Mon	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Gym	Rome Free Academy (Orange)
Jan 6, 2025, Mon	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Holland Patent
Jan 6, 2025, Mon	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Holland Patent
Jan 7, 2025, Tue	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	7th/8th (Blue)	Perry JH Gym	Whitesboro (Blue)
Jan 8, 2025, Wed	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Wrestling (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Cafeteria	Holland Patent, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Jan 8, 2025, Wed	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Gym	Central Valley Academy (Blue)
Jan 8, 2025, Wed	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Notre Dame, Utica
Jan 8, 2025, Wed	6:00 PM	POSTPONED: Regular Season	Wrestling (Boys)	Varsity	Bradley Elementary Gym	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Jan 9, 2025, Thu	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	7th/8th (Red)	Perry JH Gym	Whitesboro (White)
Jan 9, 2025, Thu	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Central Valley Academy
Jan 9, 2025, Thu	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	7th/8th (Blue)	Perry JH Gym	Central Valley Academy (Blue)
Jan 9, 2025, Thu	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Central Valley Academy
Jan 10, 2025, Fri	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Bowling (Boys)	Varsity	Vista Lanes	Rome Free Academy
Jan 10, 2025, Fri	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Bowling (Girls)	Varsity	Vista Lanes	Rome Free Academy
Jan 10, 2025, Fri	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Gym	Holland Patent (purple)
Jan 10, 2025, Fri	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Rome Free Academy
Jan 10, 2025, Fri	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	Varsity	HS Gym	Rome Free Academy
Jan 10, 2025, Fri	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Ice Hockey (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford Rec Center	Notre Dame, Batavia
Jan 11, 2025, Sat	10:00 AM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	7th/8th (Red)	Perry JH Gym	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Jan 11, 2025, Sat	2:00 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Oneida
Jan 11, 2025, Sat	3:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Oneida
Jan 13, 2025, Mon	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	7th/8th (Red)	Perry JH Gym	Oneida
Jan 13, 2025, Mon	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Rome Free Academy
Jan 13, 2025, Mon	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Rome Free Academy
Jan 14, 2025, Tue	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	7th/8th (Blue)	Perry JH Gym	Utica Proctor (DMS)
Jan 14, 2025, Tue	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	7th/8th (Red)	Perry JH Gym	Whitesboro (Blue)
Jan 15, 2025, Wed	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Wrestling (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Cafeteria	Holland Patent, Whitesboro
Jan 15, 2025, Wed	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Gym	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Jan 16, 2025, Thu	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Swimming/Diving (Boys)	Varsity	HS Pool	Jamesville-Dewitt
Jan 16, 2025, Thu	6:30 PM	Regular Season	Ice Hockey (Girls)	Varsity (Combined)	Nexus Center	Clinton (Combined), Ithaca
Jan 17, 2025, Fri	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Bowling (Boys)	Varsity	Vista Lanes	Holland Patent
Jan 17, 2025, Fri	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Bowling (Girls)	Varsity	Vista Lanes	Holland Patent
Jan 17, 2025, Fri	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Holland Patent
Jan 17, 2025, Fri	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Holland Patent
Jan 17, 2025, Fri	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Ice Hockey (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford Rec Center	Notre Dame, Utica (Mohawk Valley Jugglers)
Jan 18, 2025, Sat	12:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Cortland
Jan 18, 2025, Sat	TBD	Regular Season (TVL Tournament)	Wrestling (Boys)	7th/8th	TBD	
Jan 23, 2025, Thu	6:30 PM	Regular Season	Ice Hockey (Girls)	Varsity (Combined)	Nexus Center	Oswego, Clinton (Combined)
Jan 24, 2025, Fri	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Wrestling (Boys)	7th/8th	Perry JH Cafeteria	Whitesboro, Rome Free Academy
Jan 24, 2025, Fri	4:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Gym	Whitesboro (Blue)
Jan 24, 2025, Fri	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Whitesboro
Jan 24, 2025, Fri	6:00 PM	Regular Season	Ice Hockey (Girls)	Varsity (Combined)	Clinton Arena	Clinton (Combined), Alexandria (Islander)
Jan 24, 2025, Fri	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Whitesboro
Jan 25, 2025, Sat	10:00 AM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Jan 25, 2025, Sat	11:30 AM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
Jan 27, 2025, Mon	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	7th/8th (Red)	Perry JH Gym	Rome Free Academy (Black Team)
Jan 27, 2025, Mon	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	East Syracuse Minoa
Jan 27, 2025, Mon	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	7th/8th (Red)	Perry JH Gym	Camden
Jan 27, 2025, Mon	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	East Syracuse Minoa
Jan 28, 2025, Tue	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	7th/8th (Blue)	Perry JH Gym	Rome Free Academy (Black Team)
Jan 28, 2025, Tue	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Swimming/Diving (Boys)	Varsity	HS Pool	Utica Proctor, Sherburne-Earlville
Jan 28, 2025, Tue	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Central Valley Academy
Jan 28, 2025, Tue	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	Varsity	HS Gym	Central Valley Academy
Jan 29, 2025, Wed	10:00 AM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Utica Proctor
Jan 29, 2025, Wed	11:30 AM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Utica Proctor
Jan 29, 2025, Wed	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Bowling (Boys)	Varsity	Vista Lanes	Whitesboro
Jan 29, 2025, Wed	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Bowling (Girls)	Varsity	Vista Lanes	Whitesboro
Jan 29, 2025, Wed	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	7th/8th	Perry JH Gym	Utica Proctor (JFK)
Jan 29, 2025, Wed	5:00 PM	Regular Season	Ice Hockey (Girls)	Varsity (Combined)	Nexus Center	Clinton (Combined), Canton
Jan 29, 2025, Wed	6:00 PM	Regular Season (Senior Recognition Day)	Wrestling (Boys)	Varsity	Bradley Elementary Gym	Rome Free Academy
Jan 29, 2025, Wed	7:30 PM	Regular Season	Ice Hockey (Boys)	Varsity	New Hartford Rec Center	Clinton
Jan 30, 2025, Thu	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	7th/8th (Red)	Perry JH Gym	Holland Patent
Jan 30, 2025, Thu	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Whitesboro
Jan 30, 2025, Thu	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	7th/8th (Blue)	Perry JH Gym	Whitesboro (Blue)
Jan 30, 2025, Thu	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Volleyball (Girls)	Varsity	HS Gym	Whitesboro
Jan 31, 2025, Fri	4:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Girls)	7th/8th (Red)	Perry JH Gym	Oneida
Jan 31, 2025, Fri	5:30 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	Junior Varsity	HS Gym	Utica Proctor
Jan 31, 2025, Fri	7:00 PM	Regular Season	Basketball (Boys)	Varsity	HS Gym	Utica Proctor

NHFD News

November was another busy month for your New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department with 101 alarms as indicated by the monthly call report listed below by category:

- Fires = 2
- EMS = 55
- Hazardous = 2
- Service Type = 12
- Good Intent = 10
- Other Alarms = 19
- Weather Related = 0
- Other = 0



Total alarms for the Month of November 2024 = 101.
Of the 101 alarms, 90 were in the Town, 10 in the Village and 1 mutual aid.
This brings the total number of calls year-to-date through November 30, 2024, to 1,115.

Some of the calls listed above - such as Fires, EMS, and Hazardous - are self-explanatory. Others such as Service, Good Intent and Other Alarms are not. Service Calls includes water or animal problems, public assistance or standbys. Good Intent refers to responding but did not find anything or canceled in route. Other alarms include explosions, carbon monoxide, smoke or sprinkler detector activations.

The figures above do not include other activities by members of the department such as Fire Prevention details, training, parades, Open House and other various department committee meetings that take place throughout the year.

New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department Elected Officers for 2025

Thomas A. Bolanowski II was reelected Chief. Other line officers elected include: First Assistant Chief, James H. Monahan; Second Assistant Chief, Brian D. McCormick; and Third Assistant Chief, Richard E. Alexander, Jr.; First Captain, Kevin J. Monahan; Second Captain, Michael J. Galligano, Jr; and Third Captain Steven G. Karrat. First Lieutenant, Mark A. Turnbull II; Second Lieutenant, Joshua C. Famolaro; Third Lieutenant, Jonathan E. Reese; and Fourth Lieutenant, Matthew S. Bailey.

Fire Police Captain, William H. Randall; Fire Police First Lieutenant, Charles J. Obernesser and Fire Police Second Lieutenant, Peter L. Rebisz.

The above elected Line Officers represents over 318 years of combined experience of serving our neighbors within the New Hartford Fire District.

The department's 2025 Benevolent Association Officers were also elected. President,

James P. Toomey Jr.; Vice President, Frank J. Basile Jr.; Financial Secretary Daniel J. Monahan; Recording Secretary, James F. Luley; and David M. Reynolds. was elected Director for 2025- 2026 -2027.

The positions of treasurer, assistant treasurer, and assisting recording secretary, according to the department By-Laws, will be appointed and announced at the January meeting.

The line officers combined with the benevolent association officers represents over 448 years of experience serving our community.

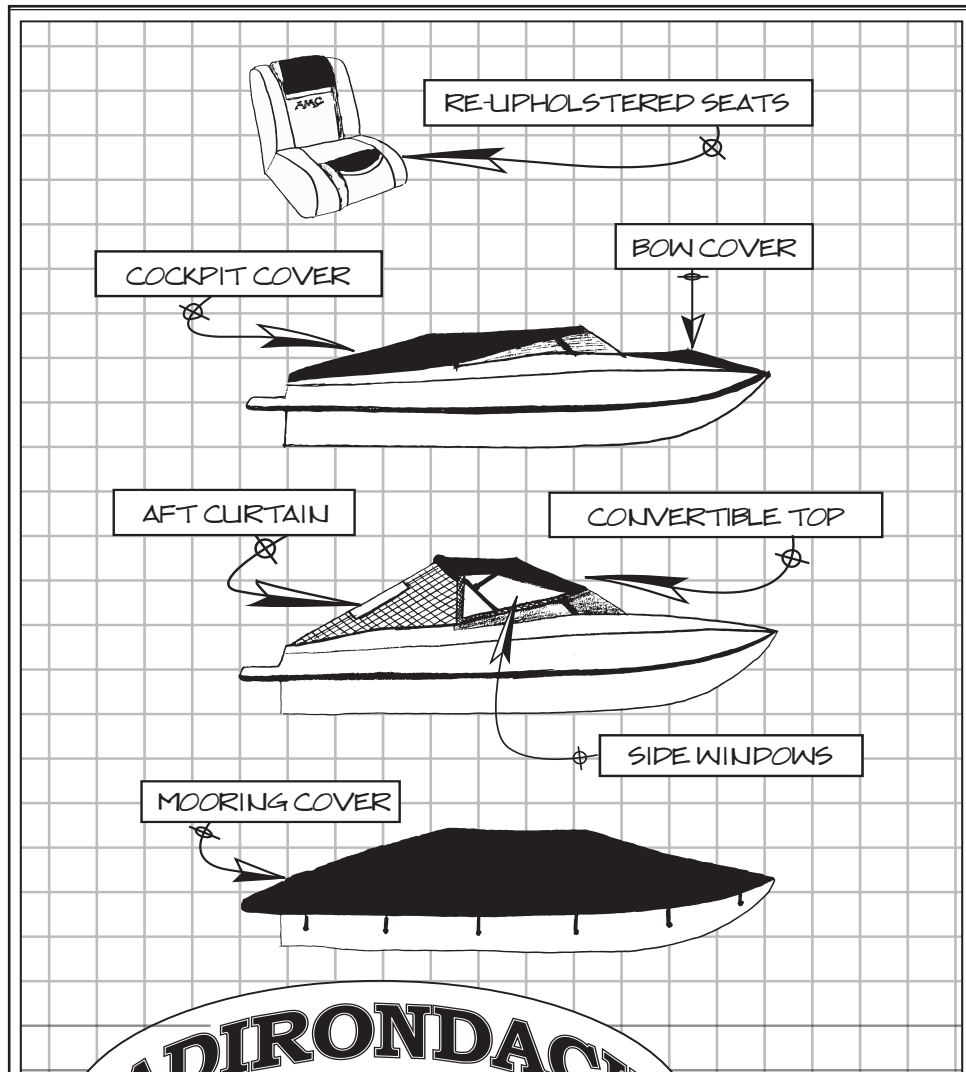
The above officers will begin their responsibilities on January 1, 2025, marking this the 124th year of the department.

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November 2024 – New Hartford Police Activity:

- 1012 Incidents / Calls for Police Service
- 68 Arrests
- 290 Vehicle and Traffic Law Stops
- 78 Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated
- 233 Vehicle and Traffic Law Violation Tickets Issued
- 285 Supplemental Neighborhood Patrols
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**The Hidden Cost of Convenience:
 American Fast Furniture**

In the pursuit of convenience and affordability, Americans have embraced the fast furniture phenomenon. Much like fast fashion, fast furniture prioritizes low cost, mass production, and aesthetic appeal at the expense of durability and sustainability. While these pieces offer a quick and inexpensive solution for furnishing homes and offices, the environmental and societal costs of this trend are proving to be staggering.

Fast furniture has become an integral part of American consumer culture, fueled by the desire for trendy designs that align with modern tastes. Companies such as IKEA, Wayfair, and other big-box furniture retailers dominate this market, offering budget-friendly options. For millennials and Gen Z consumers—many of whom are renting or moving frequently—the appeal of low-cost, disposable furniture is undeniable. However, this very affordability and disposability contribute to the core issue: a growing cycle of waste and environmental degradation.

Fast furniture is typically made from inexpensive materials such as particleboard, MDF (medium-density fiberboard), and laminate, all of which are challenging to recycle. Additionally, the manufacturing process for these materials often involves toxic glues and finishes, which further complicate disposal and recycling efforts. The result is a product with a short lifespan, destined for the landfill.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that furniture waste accounts for approximately 12 million tons of municipal solid waste annually in the United States. This figure has more than doubled over the past few decades, reflecting the rise of disposable consumer goods. Landfills are not only overwhelmed by discarded furniture but also emit greenhouse gases, such as methane, as materials like wood decompose.



Beyond the environmental repercussions, fast furniture perpetuates social inequities. Many of these items are produced in factories overseas, where workers

often face poor labor conditions and low wages. The race to the bottom on price not only undermines fair labor practices but also diminishes the value of craftsmanship, eroding the market for locally made, sustainable furniture. For the past 85 years, Grace Furniture has taken pride in collaborating with skilled American craftsmen who utilize techniques like the eight-way hand-tied spring system to create durable, long-lasting furniture.



One of Grace Furniture's local craftsmen is creating a custom sofa using the traditional eight-way hand-tied construction technique, a nearly forgotten art.

Addressing the fast furniture crisis requires a cultural shift towards more sustainable consumption. The concept of "slow furniture"—a movement that emphasizes quality, longevity, and sustainability—is gaining traction. Companies like Grace Furniture that prioritize ethical sourcing, durable materials, and timeless designs are challenging the status quo. While these products often come with a higher upfront cost, their longevity can result in long-term savings for consumers and a reduced environmental footprint. Retailers can play a pivotal role by adopting transparent practices and offering take-back or recycling programs. At Grace Furniture we embody this value by up-recycling retired furniture removed from customers homes and donating to a local veteran's charity.

While the journey toward a more eco-conscious approach to furnishing homes and offices may require shifts in both mindset and habits, the potential rewards—reduced waste, a healthier planet, and fairer labor practices—are well worth the effort. By prioritizing quality over quantity and embracing sustainable alternatives, consumers and industries alike can help transform the fast furniture paradigm into one that values longevity and responsibility.

Written by: Cassie Grace Miles, 4th generation steward of Grace Furniture, a family-owned business since 1940, on River Road, in Marcy, NY. Cassie received her BFA in Design from The Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan and continued her career in design, managing luxury furniture showrooms in the world-renowned Miami Design District, along with additional world class hospitality training at 5-star hotels.



**HARP Museum January 2025
 Youth Lunch & Learn Program**

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley will host two Lunch & Learn sessions for area youth on Saturday January 25, 2025.

The Gaelic festival of Imbolc is celebrated in Ireland on February 1st or 2nd and marks the feast day of Ireland's patroness St. Brigid. Our two programs will be based on the life and legends of Brigid the saint and Brigid the goddess.

The morning session starts at 11:00 AM and will feature a Zoom call discussion on the life of St Brigid with author Síne Quinn. Quinn is the commissioning editor at Merrion Irish Academic Press and creative writing facilitator with the Bookmarks programme at Trinity College Dublin. Her first book 'Holy Shocking Saints' with Margaret Anne Suggs was published in 2020. 'Holy Shocking Saints' is an introduction to twelve remarkable Irish saints, including St. Patrick and St. Brigid. You will be surprised at what you will learn about these saints that you never knew before.

The afternoon session starts at 1:00 PM and will be spent learning how to weave a St. Brigid's cross from both pipe cleaners and traditional rushes from Ireland. Volunteers from our program committee are experienced weavers and will assist our novice weavers.

There is no charge for these classes, which is being offered to children of all ethnicities aged 8-14. As each class has limited seating, advance registration is required, at <https://bit.ly/4izj17N>.

Lunch will also be included for the students. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend any of the events (they won't count against the cap, but will have to pay for their own lunch).

This youth programming series, aimed at introducing young people of our area to the history and culture of Ireland, is funded through the auspices of a Legislative Initiative Program grant, secured by Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, and is being administered out of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

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Exercise Compliance

submitted by Jim LaFountain, All American Fitness Center

Every January for the past 40 years, I've written an article, advising readers on how to stick with exercise and maintain a prudent diet. Bottom Line: it matters little if you use weights, machines, bands or your body weight, run, walk, bike, or swim, if you don't stick with it.

Exercise does NOT have to be sold any more. Everyone knows of its benefits and why regular exercise is essential. Nearly everyone knows that maintaining a prudent diet is a must. In the American culture, someone could ingest 5,000 calories in a few minutes without traveling a city block.

How to regularly maintain an exercise program:

*choose a type of exercise that you enjoy, even minimally enjoy.

*select an exercise that fits your body type, i.e., a 300 pound, sedentary man would not do well as a distance runner. I had a 300 pound client a few years ago, who rode a stationary bike, five days a week for three years. After losing 115 pounds, he began running three miles, on non-consecutive days a week. He moved to Arizona a year ago and is competing in triathlons.

*start slowly, as no one will care how you started, but will be impressed with your progress in 6-8 weeks. I warn my beginners that they will be disappointed with the super low intensity in our initial few workouts. Again, no one cares at what level you started,.

*this is perhaps the most important component in exercise compliance-COMMIT TO SIMPLY SHOW UP. In nearly every case, once you warm-up, you'll end up having a great workout.

*change your workout every 6-8 weeks. Even modest

changes refreshes your interest.

*if possible, find a partner. On cold winter mornings, staying in a warm bed seems like a good idea, however, the thought of letting down a partner will compel you to climb out of bed and meet your partner for an outstanding workout.

*the No Pain, No Gain mindset is a thing of the past. Unless you are a competitive athlete, that experiences the discomfort of lactic acid, pain does not contribute to exercise compliance.

How to stick with a prudent diet in order to lose fat:

*get real. A scale weight loss of over 1-2 pounds a week is mostly water. Disregard the catchy ads about massive weight loss in a short period of time. Again, it's primarily water and it will NOT last.

*what gets measured gets done. Until a few years ago, it was considered compulsive behavior to weigh in every day. Recent studies, however, indicate that daily weigh-ins contribute to long term weight loss. I boasted of my daily weigh-ins to friends, 20 years ago and I was labeled a "wacko."

*develop a pre-meal plan. Since it takes 20 minutes for the appetat center of our brains to register satiety, having a small, high protein snack a few minutes prior to the meal, will cause you to eat less.

*slow down. will also encourage you to eat less.

Considering the 20-minute rule stated above, taking longer to complete a meal *no amount of exercise will cancel out the I'll effects of a poor diet.

*several members have done well eating little or no sugar, bleached flour or high fructose corn syrup. They refer to this diet as "the white out" diet. They've lost the weight they needed to lose and have kept it off for years.

*water is key to maintaining a prudent weight loss diet. 70% of every cell in our body consists of water. Dropping to even 65% due to dehydration will cause a drop in metabolic rate.

Hopefully, these tips will help you reach and maintain your ideal weight in 2025.

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- Town Council 3rd Ward
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- Oneida County Legislator - Districts 13, 14, 15, and 16

All letters of interest must be submitted by January 23rd, 2025 to the following address:

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New Hartford, NY 13413
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Email: mikaleb1313@gmail.com



by Raymond J. Durso, Jr.,
President/CEO The Genesis
Group Chairman, Chamber
Alliance Mohawk Valley

Happy New Year From the Genesis Group!

As we welcome the new year of 2025, let's also transition our mindset. I challenge you to focus on new opportunities – for yourself, others and the community. People, places and even industries such as Education, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Banking and Finance, Insurance,

Agriculture, Public Safety, Tourism and so many more, have all experienced some type of change, growth and new development. I believe the Mohawk Valley is ready for new levels of success. We are welcoming new companies and seeing local companies expanding. We must stay focused and work together to make our community stronger and better!

I realize that good things will not just happen, but we must work for them. I encourage you to develop a plan of action, set goals and be ready to seize your moments of growth and success. This year, the Genesis Group will celebrate its 25th Anniversary of service to the Mohawk Valley region. We continue to use adaptive leadership to meet new challenges and to create positive impact in the region. Genesis will continue to be the Mohawk Valley's source for news and information, views and opinions, community projects and regional events. Our volunteers and partners will continue to take action, achieve results and make a difference. Combined with our rich history, a skilled workforce and the will of our citizens, the Mohawk Valley has much to look forward too! As we look ahead, we do so remembering our past experiences, appreciating our blessings today, and with hope for our future. I wish you a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

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MVILR Winter Semester Classes

Winter semester classes for the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (MVILR) will begin Monday, January 20, 2025. MVILR is "a non-profit organization that has provided opportunities for local seniors to learn, live, grow, move, think, socialize and create since 1996". Most classes are held weekdays on the MVCC Rome campus, with Friday classes via Zoom.

Among the 25 4-week courses offered this winter, there are options in history, science and medicine, fitness, music, religion, technology and book talks. Additional courses offered are: "How Immigration Made America" (facilitated by James Pula, PhD), "Math, Music and the Golden Ratio" (Julia Pilny), and "Social Identities and Belonging" (Todd Marshall, PhD).

Registration is now open. For the Winter Catalog, membership, registration and more information, visit the website at mvcc.edu/mvilr or contact Program Coordinator Shawn Essafi at mvilr@mvcc.edu or phone 315-334-7761.



Frosty Days, Cozy Nights!

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Victor Fariello Jr.



Happy New Year and welcome to another year of Antique Talk. I am looking forward to seeing your questions on anything about antiques or collectibles. The email and mailing address are listed below. Readers have told me that the questions and answers columns are the ones they look forward to seeing so why not consider dropping me a line with a question you have about a treasured item you possess.

I also appreciate ideas on topics to write about. If you have a favorite category of antiques or collectibles that you would like to hear more about then just let me know. I'm always looking for new ideas.

Thank you for your continued readership and support. It is very much appreciated. I extend Best Wishes to you and your family for a Happy New Year!

Happy collecting!

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The J. Schoolcraft Sherman Chapter #1519 meets monthly at the NH Library except July and August. Our meetings are at 4:30 p.m. We are a chapter of the International Questers, an organization of individuals interested in history, preservation and an appreciation for antiques. We try to have an interesting program each month and members bring items for a Show & Tell. Dues are \$50 per year and includes a subscription to the quarterly Questers magazine. For more information contact me by email at vfariello@gmail.com or call 315-723-7285. We would love to see you at an upcoming meeting!

Victor J. Fariello Jr. is a lifelong resident of New Hartford and has been a collector and dealer of antiques for many years. He is a past officer and member of the New Hartford Historical Society and is the President of the J. Schoolcraft Sherman Chapter #1519 of The Questers, an International organization for people who love antiques and have a commitment to preservation. Questions on anything related to antiques can be sent to him at PO Box 194, Washington Mills, NY 13479 or by email to vfariello@gmail.com. Any photos submitted will be returned upon request.

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NEW HARTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Memories of Growing Up in New Hartford

by Rick Giffune

Throughout my life, I have lived in a few different places, but always called New Hartford home. As the Baby Boom era of World War II was coming to an end, my father purchased a house on Leard Road. As a Vet, Uncle Sam guaranteed him a mortgage. So, on July 4th weekend, 1962, we said goodbye to West Utica and hello to New Hartford.

My initial meeting of my new neighborhood friends, being the new kid on the block, was kind of bumpy. But after a few skirmishes and perhaps a bloody nose or two, I proved myself worthy to "hang" with them and soon they began to teach me a few things about my new "hood". At this point in my life I had never eaten a cucumber (nor did I want to) but this new group of "hooligans" taught me the fine art of gobbling down some fresh ones from our neighbor's gardens. And with a sprinkle of salt from the salt shakers snuck off the kitchen table, they weren't half bad! The next thing they schooled me on was the art of sneaking onto the Yahundasis after supper and going swimming in their pool. Later, when we were a little older and one of us could drive, we would go to the Kallet Drive-In. They charged per person so one or two of us naturally rode in the trunk.

Now everything we did was not mischievous, but as Tom and Huck used to say "Melons stolen from a garden for some reason taste sweeter than the ones your mom bought". You can apply the same logic to the apple orchards on Middlesettlement Road. Although it sounds like our gang was heading for a stretch in Attica, I will share with you a few of the constructive things we did as well. The sporting opportunities in New Hartford were endless. From Pop Warner football, to Minor and Little League baseball, the summer programs at the playgrounds and school sanctioned sporting events. Along with those we had the swap on the old Levitt farm (now Sangertown Mall). When it froze during the winter it became our hockey rink. The Aurora Bowling Alley on Campion Road gave us hours of fun and along with the drive-in, New Hartford had two indoor theaters.

As we entered our early teens, the New Hartford Shopping Center became our main hangout. It was the place to be on a Saturday afternoon. Back then, there were two newspapers delivered to your doorstep. A morning paper and an evening paper. This was also my first taste of employment as a newspaper boy. Later I would work for Daddy's Hamburgers on Seneca Turnpike and at the Car Wash located behind Sears in the N.H. Shopping Center. Also, after I entered the Junior High, I met a few kids from local dairy farms so I got hired as a farm hand.

At the time I was in Junior High, it was only 7th & 8th grades. The wing for the 9th grade was still under construction. My class (1972) was supposed to be the first freshman to use the new wing but construction was behind schedule so we were sent down to Oxford Road. Oh nuts! What a disappointment.

I could go on for hours about growing up in New Hartford but space here is limited. If you enjoyed this little walk down memory lane, let us know. And if not already a member of the Historical Society, please consider joining. If you would like to share your memories, we'd love to hear from you!



BECOME A MEMBER!

Please stop in to visit us and consider becoming a member. Membership fees are \$20 for Individual, \$25 for families, \$50 for Contributing and \$100 for Corporate members. The Historical Society is a non-profit, tax deductible organization.

Planning a Class Reunion?

Make the Historical Society Museum a part of your itinerary! Schedule the Saturday of your reunion for your group to explore our collection of yearbooks, scrap books, local relics and photos. Look up your New Hartford home!

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Happy New Year!

Don't forget to remit your dues. Thank You



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Christopher J. Carbone

What Can Market Volatility Teach About the Fundamentals?

Market volatility, painful as it can be, can actually provide an important lesson for investors about why it's important to stick to the fundamentals, such as having an asset allocation strategy and reviewing your plan. With that in mind, here are suggestions for turbulent times that may help you turn today's worries into tomorrow's good habits.

Remembering asset allocation

When market volatility occurs, investors have the opportunity to get back to fundamentals they may have forgotten. This is especially true for asset allocation — the strategy financial professionals return to time and again when investors want help dealing with volatile markets.

At its most basic level, asset allocation is how you diversify your investments across different asset classes (stocks, bonds, cash alternatives, etc.). This varies based on a number of factors, primarily:

- What you want your investments to help you achieve (objectives)
- How comfortable you are with market volatility (risk tolerance)
- How long it will be before you will need to access your investments (time horizon)

The asset allocation model that best suits any given investor depends on where they land in regard to these three factors.

It's important to remember that asset allocation offers

investors a trade-off. During good times, a diversified portfolio's return will lag the best performing asset class. On the other hand, during down periods, it will do better than the worst performing asset class. It's up to each investor to decide what's more important — participating more in the good times by holding more stock or avoiding the worst of the bad by holding less.

Reviewing your plan regularly

If you have an asset allocation plan and still find yourself lying awake at night, volatility is a chance to revisit your plan for possible adjustments.

It's possible you overestimated your risk tolerance when creating your plan. Due to their potential for providing growth and, sometimes, income, stocks have an important role to play in many plans. But with that potential comes the likelihood for greater price volatility than is typically seen with other investments, such as bonds. If concern about your investments when there's volatility causes you stress, it may be time to see whether you need to scale back the amount you have allocated to stocks.

It's also possible the problem is not with your plan. Over time, market activity can shift your allocations away from your plan's targeted amounts. Say you started with a hypothetical 60% stocks/40% bonds portfolio. An extended rise in the stock market could shift it to, for example, 75% stocks/25% bonds. As a result, when there's market volatility, you would experience more of it than intended.

You may want to consider rebalancing your portfolio regularly. Rebalancing is simply checking your

investments to see whether market activity has caused them to drift. If they have, you can decide if you want to sell investments that have increased in value and use the proceeds to buy others that may have decreased. Doing this at least once a year — or allowing your investment platform to do it for you — can keep your allocations, and risk level, where you want them.

Asset allocation and diversification are investment methods used to help manage risk. They do not guarantee investment returns or eliminate risk of loss including in a declining market.

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FROZEN AND BURST PIPES, TOILET OVERFLOW, SUMP PUMP FAILURE! WATER DAMAGE...

That time of the year is quickly approaching. Of all the disasters that can happen in your home or business, a burst pipe especially when hidden or undiscovered for some time, can be devastating. The extreme cold of winter often brings extreme problems to North East homeowners and businesses. The worst of these is a frozen pipe that bursts and the water damage clean up that follows. When the cold temperatures don't rise above freezing for weeks on end, broken or frozen pipes lead to severe water damage from flooding. A frozen pipe generally occurs to plumbing that is not in a heated space or in an area that is not supplied with proper heat when winter temperatures fall below freezing. A malfunctioning furnace, while the homeowner is away, is another likely cause of a frozen pipe. When exposed to below freezing temperatures the water turns into ice and the pipe expands until it breaks a small slit into the copper or separates the soldered joint. Pipes that freeze first are usually located near outside walls that are exposed to the colder temperatures rather than pipes located throughout the middle of the structure. Some examples include outdoor hose bibs, pool lines, outdoor and indoor sprinkler systems, and other supply lines located in attics, basements, crawl spaces, garages, etc. Pipes in attics, crawl spaces & unheated rooms are particularly susceptible to freezing. Usually, a frozen pipe is not often obvious because the break can be behind walls, in ceilings or in a crawl space leading into the home. The flooding usually is caught much later after damage has been done. An uncontrolled water leak from a broken pipe creates extensive flooding and water damage of carpeting, drywall, baseboards, and furniture and depending on the location of the break can also damage the heating and electrical systems in your home. Disaster Services can accurately evaluate your homes damage and advise as to the most effective course of action to take. We use the latest technology including thermal imaging to determine the source of the water intrusion and the extent of water damage.

SEWER AND DRAIN BACK UP:

Sewer overflow or drain back-ups can present a more technical approach to the clean-up due to the contaminants involved. Porous, semi-porous building materials and contents will generally involve removal where affected by sewage, followed by proper remediation cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Hard surface areas when properly remediated will bring the space back to a pre loss condition and ready for new material replacement.

BASEMENT AND ATTIC MOLD:

Several factors can influence a mold growth in a basement or attic area. Disaster Services is a NYS licensed mold contractor and can evaluate and thoroughly explain the different removal options available to you and also help guide you after the mold has been removed with suggestions to avoid another occurrence.

Do I need a water mitigation company and what does a water mitigation company do?

The purpose of a professional water mitigation company is pick up the phone when a clients emergency arises! Respond to the incident, evaluate and get the situation under to prevent further damage and discuss a plan with the homeowner moving forward. Disaster Services will determine the extent of water travel, evaluate and remove, if necessary, any affected structural materials, like drywall and flooring. If left unaddressed, wet flooring and drywall can rapidly lead to major problems, like structural weakening and mold growth. We will also determine the proper type and amount of drying equipment necessary to dry the structure back to a pre loss condition. Disaster Services will make sure you get the help you need when you need it most. Customers should get clear answers to their questions about services and procedures. ... Trusted companies will provide detailed information about the services they provide and how they are performed.

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A fellowship/coffee hour for everyone follows the Sunday
worship service.
An Adult Study Group also meets on Tuesday mornings at
11:30.
Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, January 12 at 6 p.m.
A special program, "17 Stories for Organ," the premier
performance of an evocative new work by Richard Glynne
Lloyd, with scriptural allusions and music commentary by
the composer and Rev. Edward Townsend will be presented
at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 5 in the NHPC sanctuary.
The quiet, meditative Taize service returns at 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, January 8.

1/1 — NHPC closed New Year's Day
1/4 — 10 a.m. PEO
1/5 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
1/5 — 9:30 Sunday Club, Adult Study Group
1/5 — 10:30 a.m. Worship, with Rev. Susan Solomon
1/5 - 3pm Concert, 17 Stories for Organ, by Richard Glynne Lloyd
1/7 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
1/8 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
1/8 — 7 p.m. Taize Service
1/12 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
1/12 — 9:30 a.m. Sunday Club, Adult Study Group
1/12 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
1/12 — 11:45 a.m. NHPC Women's Meeting
1/12 — 6-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
1/14 — 11:30 a.m. Adult Study Group
1/15 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
1/15 — 6 p.m. 4-H
1/19 — No Sunday Club or Adult Study Group
1/19 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
1/19 — 6-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
1/20 — NHPC closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/21 — No Adult Study Group
1/21 — 7 p.m. Session Meeting
1/22 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
1/25 — 3 p.m. Hope House Meal Preparation
1/25 — 9 a.m. Child Care & Activities
1/25 — 9:30 a.m. Sunday Club, Adult Study Group
1/25 - 10:30am Worship, Elder/Deacon Ordination/Installation
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ing loss - new members are welcome to join.

Coffee & Conversation | 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 PM

Join The Reverend Deacon Jean Skinner for conversa-
tion and coffee in our library. Please consider bringing
a few cans of food for our food pantry as a donation.

Scrabble Days | 4th Wednesdays at 9:15 AM

Join our Scrabble group for monthly morn-
ings of fun, coffee, and conversation.

Bridge Basics with Barb | January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th at 1:00 PM

Always wanted to play but didn't know how? Or,
did you used to play but want to brush up? Now's
your chance! Please register by January 2nd.

The Epiphany: Are We There Yet? | January 6th at 2:30 PM

On January 6, twelve days after we celebrate the birth of
Jesus, we now are following three wise men, better known
as the Magi. Where did they come from? How long was
their journey? Why were they prepared to bring gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Did you know the Magi
weren't part of the actual nativity that we have come to
expect in our Christmas pageants? Come and Journey
with us as we revisit the purpose of the Magi and how it
sends a clear message for all of us as we continue in our
own faith journey. What treasures do you bring for Jesus?
Rev. Carol Jubenville will be our presenter. Bring your
bibles and your journeying clothes.... Finding Jesus has
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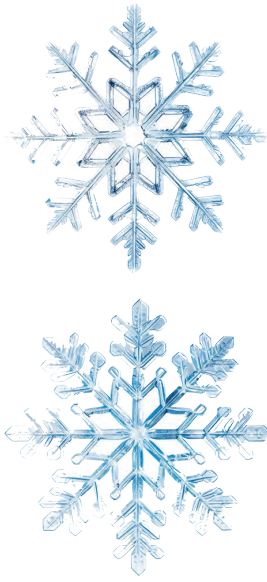
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Unitarian Universalists are of many beliefs and backgrounds:
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Visitors are always welcome. Here are this month's special
holiday services:
December 22: Winter Solstice service 10:30 AM
Following the longest night of the year (December 21), we
honor both the light and the darkness that resides within each
of us in this Solstice Sunday service.
Tuesday December 24: Christmas Eve service, 7 PM
We celebrate Christmas tradition with traditional and con-
temporary music and readings. Please join us!
December 29: Resolutions service, 10:30 AM
Three generations of Unitarian Universalists share reflec-
tions on New Years memories and hopes - past, present, and
future.



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Friday Evening Shabbat Services 6pm.

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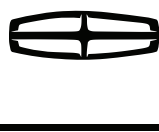
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