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Adirondack Mountain Club invites members and the public to The Most Interesting of the Least Visited National Parks a presentation by Julie and Jeff Rubenstein.

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1 PM Bag Sale

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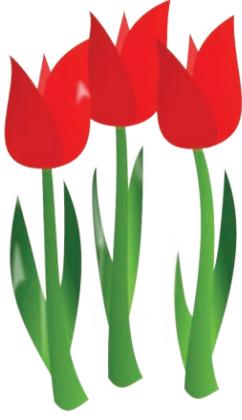
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Every fourth Monday of the month at New Hartford Presbyterian Church, 45 Genesee St, New Hartford, lunch is served by Oneida County Office of the Aging for the New Hartford NY area seniors. Enter the church from the parking lot entrance. Lunch is in the Church social room. There will be signs. Come visit with other seniors and enjoy the company & meal.

To order a lunch, call Office of the Aging at 315-798-5456 by 4 pm Friday before the Monday meeting. If you forget, you can try that Monday before 8:30- 8:45am. There's a slight possibility that may be too late BUT try anyway. Occasionally, there may be extra lunches available.

Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.25 but is not required. Come, eat and visit. Very casual atmosphere.

Every fourth Monday 12:00-1:00pm-ish. Year Round. Sponsored by the Oneida County Office of the Aging.

- April 27, 2026
- May 25, 2026
- June 22, 2026
- July 27, 2026
- August 24, 2026
- September 28, 2026
- October 26, 2026
- November 23, 2026
- December 28, 2026



April is National Occupational Therapy Month

April marks National Occupational Therapy Month, a time to celebrate the incredible work of occupational therapists and the essential role they play in helping individuals live meaningful, independent lives.

As we age, life can bring new physical challenges and changes to our routines. Occupational Therapy (OT) helps adults adapt to these changes — maintaining independence, rebuilding strength, and nurturing mental well-being. OT focuses on improving mobility, enhancing cognitive function, and finding new ways to make everyday activities easier and more fulfilling.

After an extended illness or hospital stay, it's common to find that our bodies need time — and support — to recover and get back to their baseline. That's when rehabilitation services become so important.

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At The Pines at Utica Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, we believe healthcare should be centered on healing — not just treatment. Our mission is to ensure that every individual can rediscover comfort, purpose, and the joy of daily living.

We offer comprehensive post-acute rehabilitation and long-term care services, along with a wide range of medical and therapy support tailored to each person's needs. For residents living with chronic illness, recovering from injury, or rebuilding after a setback, our skilled and compassionate team provides care 24 hours a day.

Every day, we strive to help our guests become a stronger, brighter, and better version of themselves — because at The Pines at Utica, healing is at the heart of everything we do.

Schedule a Visit

We invite you to stop by and meet our dedicated rehabilitation team, tour our center, and learn more about how we can help you or your loved one on the path to renewed strength and independence.

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Annual Spring Rummage Sale

New Hartford First United Methodist Church
105 Genesee Street
New Hartford, New York 13413

- Thursday April 30 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Friday May 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturday Bag Sale
\$7.00 / Bag
9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Large Assortment of Clothing, Household Items, Toys, Books, Holiday Décor and More!

Lunch will be available to purchase



NYS Approved Defensive Driving Classes

New York State approved defensive driving courses for insurance and point reduction programs, to be given by AARP at the New Hartford Public Library on Tuesday, April 28th from 9am until 3:30pm, for registration and other information please contact Mary Merritt at (315)724-0096, call early classes fill fast and are open to all ages.

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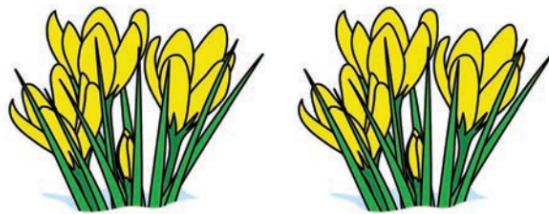
Sperling Holocaust Program at JCC April 13

Author and speaker Jane Elias will present a program reflecting on Holocaust memory and family legacy on Sunday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 2310 Oneida St., Utica.

In a deeply personal presentation, Elias explores her relationship with her father, Beni Elias, a Sephardic Jew from Greece who survived the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen.

Her story examines what it means to remember the Holocaust in the 21st century and how the legacy of trauma is carried by the next generation. When she realizes she may not be able to fulfill his wish, she seeks another way to honor him.

The program is free, suitable for middle and high school students, and is open to the public.



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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.

If this is your first visit, please bring proof of address. If you do not have a permanent address, just come in. We will assist. If you are unsure of eligibility, just come in. We will assist.

We Are Looking For Volunteers!

The Food Bank of Central New York provides eligibility guidelines for its programs, including The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). The income limits for calendar year 2025 are:

Household size	Annual income
1	\$35,213
2	\$47,588
3	\$59,963
4	\$72,338
5	\$84,713
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7	\$109,463
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Sunday 1-5pm

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Website: www.newhartfordpubliclibrary.org

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Instagram: [new_hartford_public_library](https://www.instagram.com/new_hartford_public_library)

Charge Up While You Check Out!

The New Hartford Public Library offers an electric vehicle (EV) charging station for public use! Conveniently located in our lower level parking lot, you can power up your car while enjoying our books, events, and community spaces. Stop by, plug in, and stay a while!

NHPL Board of Trustees 2026 Meetings

All meetings are held at 4:30 in the Sammon Room at the library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise designated.

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.

Butler Program Set for April 19

Morgan Butler's contributions to the town of New Hartford will be explored in a presentation by Jordan Hallak on Sunday, April 19, at the New Hartford Public Library. A farmer and businessman of the 19th Century, Butler left a lasting impact on the town of New Hartford through agricultural innovations, business ventures and the construction of Butler Hall. Hallak is the editor of the New Hartford Historical Society's newsletter. Under the nom de plume Jordan Elizabeth she has published more than 65 novels, including a local history series. The program, sponsored by the historical society, will begin at 2 p.m. in the Sammon Room of the library.

Display Case Booked

Interest in use of the display case at the New Hartford Public Library continues to grow, with all twelve months in 2026 reserved by community non-profits, clubs and service organizations. We're pleased that exhibitors want to share their stories with the community and want to thank groups who continue to express interest in using the case at the main entrance to the library. We also want to thank all exhibitors in 2026. We're looking forward to hearing from groups who want to use the display space in 2027.

Sensory Safe Library Space : Find Your Joy

Join us during National Library Week (April 19-25) with the theme "Find Your Joy". We believe everyone should feel welcome in our library and sometimes situations may be too overstimulating to attend. To assure a safe environment, 15-minute timeslots are appointed per family unit before our regular opening hours. Timeslot availability is 9:30-9:45 and 9:45-10:00 daily. We will also be offering library card signups, tours, story time, sensory stations, based on request and need. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a timeslot, please call us at 315-733-1535.

Diamond Art Painting

Join us for a fun Diamond Art Project. Bernadette, a Diamond Art enthusiast and creator of beautiful designs, will walk you through how to create a stunning book mark. Relax and get creative with us! All materials provided.

Class size is limited and registration is required. Please call 315-733-1535 to register.

Sit and Stitch

With the Mohawk Valley Quilt Club on the first Monday of the month at 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the Corasanti Room, New Hartford Public Library

Bring a project of your own or learn to quilt with us, all experience levels welcome.

Palm Weaving

Michelle is back with her popular Palm Weaving class! We have two dates available. Space is limited so please call the Library to register. 315-733-1535

Friday, March 27th 12:00-1:30.

Both classes will take place in the Corasanti Room.

Spring Break at the Library

Spring out of the house this school break and meet us at the library! April 6th through the 10th our library will have a maker table in the Children's Area with daily drop-in activities. See below for details.

April 6th – Play with Playdoh Table

April 7th – Bead Bracelet Station

April 9th – DIY Watercolor Painting

April 10th – Air Dry Clay. (While supplies last)

There will also be Drop in Legos from 10am-5pm Friday the 10th in the Corasanti Room. Display your builds when finished in the Children's Area on our J-Fiction book shelves.

Tech Help

We have a volunteer at the library each Tuesday from 11:00am-2:00pm to assist patrons with all their tech questions. Our volunteer will no longer be here on Fridays.

Grounds Maintenance Proposals

The New Hartford Public Library (NHPL) is accepting proposals for the maintenance of its grounds. Contractor responses are required to be submitted no later than the close of business on April 30, 2026. Proposals should be submitted to the New Hartford Public Library, Attn. Anne DuRoss, 2 Library Ln., New Hartford, NY 13413.

1. Length of Contract: The contract length is for a

period of 3 years beginning on date of award. The NHPL and Contractor have the right to cancel the contract at any time with a 30 day notice.

2. Consideration of Bid: Price will be the first consideration in Contractor's Response while price is not the only consideration. The NHPL will also consider contractor's experience, references, and reputation.

3. Alternative Bids: Although it is not necessary, Contractor is invited to submit any alternative bids/pricing structure; but, must remit the included pricing structure for the scope of work provided.

Scope of work to include:

Spring Cleanup

Weekly maintenance (weeding, deadheading, trimming, pruning, removal of dead annual flowers)

Seasonal planting

Weed/feed lawn areas (Spring/Fall)

Mowing of Lally Garden only

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.

Local Author Talk

Join local author Chai Rose on March 30th at 6:30 PM for a conversation about his novels *Carrying the Rain* and *Where Dreams Once Lived*.

Chai will discuss how themes of grief, regret, family, and hope shape his work, and how personal experience and observation inform his characters and storytelling.

The evening will include a short reading from *Carrying the Rain*, followed by audience questions and discussion.

Chai grew up in Oneida before living in New Hartford for nearly a decade. He currently lives and writes in Cazenovia, NY.

Local Author Reading

Join local author and poet Angelina Scriptor on April 12th at 1:30 for a poetry reading and book discussion! Angelina graduated from New Hartford in 2022, and has since published three books through her self-started publishing company, including a young adult dystopian romance novel (*Trees of Fate*) and two poetry books (*Roses and Thorns: 100 Poems for Life, Broken Mirrors*), her most recent beginning her 100 Poems Collection. She will be sampling poems from each of her books, including a preview into her next planned publication. Questions are welcome! Books will be available for purchase and preview.

After Breast Cancer Group

Come and join us on Saturday, March 7th from 11 a.m.-12 noon at the New Hartford Public Library. Our speaker will be a representative from Nunn's Home and Medical Equipment. They have personalized Mastectomy Products and fitting services.

Nunn's Home and Medical Equipment are dedicated to supporting breast cancer survivors. They have multiple certified mastectomy fitters in both of their locations in Rome and Syracuse, and offer professional and comfortable private fitting rooms.

Senior Yoga Class

Senior Yoga takes place every Monday at 3:00pm in the Sammon Room with Bill Skinner. For those wishing to participate at home, we do offer a Zoom link for this class. Please call 315-733-1535 to get the link. There is no charge for this class.

Chair Yoga Class

Join us on Monday mornings from 10:30am-11:00am and Friday mornings from 11:00am to 12:00pm for Chair Yoga in the Sammon Room. There is no charge for this class.



Back for Another Session!! Meditation Class

12:30-1:30pm Mondays 11/3-3/30 Ages 18+
Class is limited to 20 people.

If you've ever wondered about meditation and how people can achieve stillness, now is the time to take this introductory class. We will learn breathing techniques and other practices to keep us in the present moment. This assists with anxiety, blood pressure and stress.

The class is led by Laureen Violante, CMT, CYT. She is a certified meditation teacher and has taught yoga and breathing techniques since 1995.

No prior experience is required. Registration is suggested.

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 10:30am. (Geared for 7-12yrs)

Preschool Playdate

Designed for Preschool age children and under. Join us in the Children's Area for some little library users fun! There are plenty of toys, puzzles, educational tablets and of course friends to play with.

Stop in Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday at 10am before Story Time to partake.

NEW FOR 2026 : Board Books and Babies

Join us on the third Friday of the month at 10:30 for Board Books and Babies!

Our new baby story time program is aimed at ages 0-18months. This is a great way to get your baby introduced into the library setting and meet other caregivers along the way. Feel free to bring your tummy time mats or cozy floor blanket for added comfort. Books, songs, lap bounces and new friends await!

Egg-Hunt at the Library: March 28th

Hop on over with your baskets and join us for chalk, bubbles and our EGG-citing Egg hunt in the Library Garden! Don't forget to get a picture taken with the Easter Bunny! Fun takes place at 10:30am. Space is limited. Please call us at 315-733-1535 to register for this event.

Need Community Service Hours?

Please consider volunteering to help out during our Easter Egg Hunt event on March 28th.

Please call the library 315-733-1535 with any questions or to sign up to help during the event.

Community Rooms

Community Rooms will be available for groups and organizations to use. You can find more information on our website (<https://newhartfordpubliclibrary.org/reserve-a-room/>), by calling 315-733-1535, or by visiting our circulation desk at the library.

Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Lego Club Setup/Cleanup Crew:
(1.5 hours available)

Every first Saturday of the month.

Volunteer Time 10:15am – 11:45am (1.5 hours)

Lego Club Start time 10:30am-11:30am.

Needs to Sign-Up in advance.

Book to Brick : Passage Finder: (2 hours available)

Perfect for avid readers and book lovers.

Volunteer Time: On your time/schedule. (Max 1 hour awarded)

No sign-up required. Must check the booklist before starting. No duplicates.

****Additional Hour Option:** Sign up to read your passage for Lego Club and build your interpretation. Photo submit your build to us.

First Saturday of the month. 10:30am-11:30am. (+1 hour awarded)

Children's Area Cleaners/Book Straighteners Team: (1 hour per day)

Volunteer Time: On your time/schedule. (Max 1 hour awarded per day).

No sign-up required. Must call before showing up.

Story Time Craft Prepper (1 hour)

Volunteer Time: On your time/schedule. (Max 1 hour awarded per day).

Sign-up required. Space limited. Ask for Cheryl.

“Basketball is for Everyone” Initiative

Thanks to Red & Blue Girls Hoops and their Basketball is for Everyone initiative, our library now has basketballs and pickleball racquets with balls available for checkout! Red & Blue, founded by New Hartford Girls' Basketball alumna Elizabeth Cavic, is all about building skills, teamwork, and community for young athletes. Their generosity helps ensure every child has access to the joy of active play both on and off the court.

Stop by the library and borrow some equipment today, because play belongs to everyone!

Book Bedazzling With Jesse

Bring your own book! All other materials are provided. Sunday, March 29th in the Sammon Room 2:00PM to 4:30 PM . Registration required: 315-733-1535. Ages 13 and up.

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

>Mystery Book Club: They meet on the second Saturday of the month at 11am. 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 on 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/>

NHPL Silent Book Club

Are you feeling a bit of cabin fever? Want to get out and chat about books with fellow readers? The Silent Book Club is for you! Join us the second Friday every month in the Corasanti Room. Friday, April 10th at 1:30 in the Large Study Room.

This book club is designed for those that wish to be among readers but would love to read their own book of choice while still being able to hear about what others are reading. This is a great way to find new books and authors that you may not have read yet. Bring your current read, read solo for a bit and then if you feel up to it, share your book. This is a very informal book group....just show up and chat if you'd like or read among fellow readers. The choice is yours!

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 10:30am. Interested guests and new members are welcome to attend.



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:

NEW! Utica Children's Museum

The Wild Center

Fort Rickey Children's Discovery Zoo

Adirondack Experience

Munson (formerly Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute)

Utica Zoo

Empire Pass

Passes must be placed on adult library cards and must be returned to the New Hartford Public Library circulation desk. Please call 315-733-1535 for more information.

Inclement Weather Policy

With winter weather fast approaching, we would like to remind you of our Inclement Weather Policy:

If New Hartford Central School District cancels school due to inclement weather prior to the start of school, the Library will close as well. Should the district close mid way through the day, it is up to the discretion of the Director or the Director's designee to close early.

We thank you in advance for your understanding in keeping our community and staff safe.

Friends of the New Hartford Public Library News

Montly Meeting

The Friends of the NHPL will be meeting on April 23rd.

Coffee with Friends

The Meet and Greet Coffee Club, sponsored by the Friends of the NHPL, was held February 6th in the library cafe. Free coffee and donuts were provided. We will continue to gather on the first Friday of the month throughout the morning. Meet and greet neighbors whether next door or from another community, make new friends, come after you pass out the last school lunch and take a deep breath....OR...on your way to chair yoga! Share ideas or projects and learn more about the library and how you can assist. Assistance is always needed for various Friends' fundraisers especially. Everyone is valuable! This is YOUR library. Hope to see you next month!

Watch for future dates for the Ice Cream Social and Bill Bonsted Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament.

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.

DO NOT drop them off in the hallway, at drop boxes, or outside the door when the library is closed. Thank you.



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Thanks to your generosity, fundraisers like The Bill Bonsted Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament, The Annette Barber Used Book Room, the Joshua Turner Fund, Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program, and donations and membership, we were able to purchase new toys and furniture for the children's area, update computer hardware, sponsor performers for the children's summer reading program, park passes and raise our nation's flag with the addition of a new flagpole and flag. Thank you for your continued support.



French Accepted Into West Point Academy

Last month we featured an article mentioning Alexandria French received military nominations from Congressman Mannion. This month we would like to mention that Alexandria has been accepted into West Point Academy.

We also mistakenly stated that French and Haung were the first females to receive nominations at New Hartford School district. This was not correct and would like to state that Roberta (Hahn) Sloan, a 1989 NH graduate and her sister Stephanie Hahn, a 1993 NH graduate were also both accepted into the US Naval Academy.

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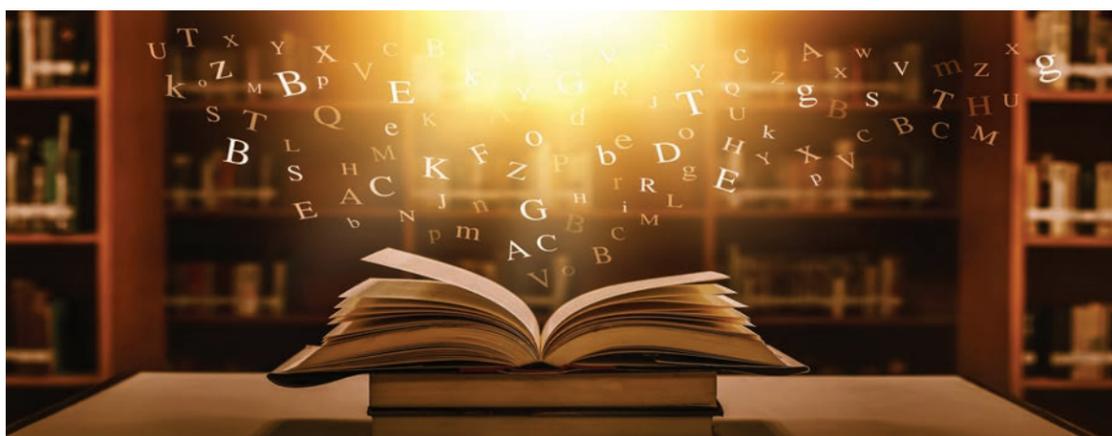
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Griffo Hosting Emergency Preparedness Training Program

Free event held in conjunction with New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps, New York National Guard, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and City of Rome New York State Sen. Joseph Griffo announced today that he will be hosting a free emergency preparedness training program in conjunction with the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps, New York National Guard, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the City of Rome.

The free event will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, in the Common Council Chambers at Rome City Hall, 198 N. Washington St., Rome.

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program provides residents with the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions.

This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or manmade disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

Registration is required. To register, visit <https://www.dhses.ny.gov/citizen-preparedness-training-calendar> and select the appropriate training session.

“Preparedness is key,” Sen. Griffo said. “This training session will provide valuable tools and resources to attendees that can help them when an emergency strikes. I hope that the public takes advantage of this important opportunity, and I thank the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps, New York National Guard, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the City of Rome for their willingness to partner with me for this event.”

Free Travel Presentation

Tours By Design invites you to a free Travel Presentation on Tuesday, April 28 to hear about upcoming tours for 2026 and 2027.

Two presentations will be held at Burrstone Inn, 1777 Burrstone Road, New Hartford. There will be a 1pm session, and that will be repeated at 6pm, choose the time that fits your schedule. To help prepare for all guests, reservations are helpful and requested by calling Tours By Design at 315-831-3052 or e-mail carol@toursbydesign.org with the number of people attending and at which time slot. If you forget to RSVP however, you can still attend!

There will be special offers and incentives for those in attendance and signing up for a tour. Highlighted tours will be Winter in Yellowstone National Park (January 2027), Tulip Time on Jewels of the Rhine (April 2027) and Iceland; Land of Fire and Ice (September 2027).

Tours By Design is offering these trips in conjunction with Mayflower Cruises and Tours and a Mayflower representative will be conducting the travel show and can answer questions. Reservations will be taken on-site so bring your checkbook or credit card and come prepared to make a deposit and save money.

There will also be flyers available for 2026 air tours to Mt. Rainier & Olympic National Parks in June, and Nashville in July. Tours By Design President Carol Buczek will also have information available for upcoming motorcoach tours including Mighty Michigan in September. That trip will include a two-night stay on Mackinac Island. Any deposits for the motorcoach tours are by check only (payable to Tours By Design). Credit cards are only taken for the air tours.

Tours By Design, based in Hinckley New York, is owned by Carol Hamlin Buczek, a Certified Travel Industry Specialist. The company began operating in 2002 and Buczek has been helping travelers create amazing memories for nearly 30 years. Find tours and more information on Facebook or online at www.toursbydesign.org

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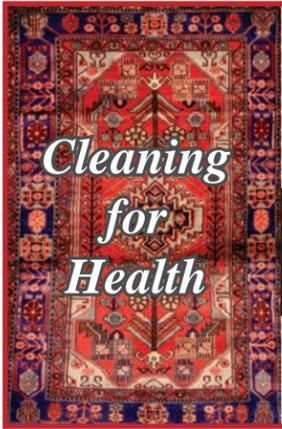
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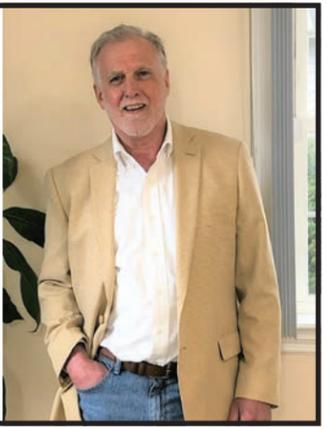
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Rotary Club / NH Chamber of Commerce News

Our speaker today (3/11/26) was John Hobika, Jr., VP and Small Business chairperson for the New Hartford Chamber of Commerce. For Rotary clubs committed to strengthening their communities, the New Hartford Chamber of Commerce stands out as a natural ally. The Chamber's mission—to support local businesses, encourage responsible growth, and foster a vibrant local economy—aligns closely with Rotary's own commitment to service, ethical leadership, and community well-being.

A strong local economy is the foundation of a strong community. The New Hartford Chamber advances this goal by:

- Promoting local businesses and helping them connect with customers and partners
- Advocating for responsible development that benefits both commerce and residents
- Encouraging collaboration among business owners, civic groups, and community leaders
- For Rotarians, these efforts echo the Four-Way Test—especially the call to build goodwill and better friendships. The Chamber's networking events and business gatherings create opportunities for Rotarians to:
- Meet local entrepreneurs and community stakeholders
- Identify potential partners for service projects
- Share Rotary's mission with a broader audience
- Strengthen ties between the business community and civic organizations
- These connections often spark new ideas, new collaborations, and new avenues for service.

Beyond business support, the Chamber plays a visible role in community life. Its presence at local events, partnerships with area organizations, and commitment to promoting New Hartford as a welcoming place to live and work all contribute to a stronger, more connected town.

For Rotary clubs, this shared commitment to community vitality opens the door to joint initiatives—from volunteer projects to educational programs to economic development conversations.

As New Hartford continues to grow and evolve, the Chamber remains a steady advocate for progress rooted in community values. For Rotarians, it represents a partner that understands the importance of service, collaboration, and ethical leadership.

Together, Rotary and the New Hartford Chamber of Commerce can continue to strengthen the fabric of our community—one relationship, one project, and one act of service at a time.



The New Hartford Chamber vs Rome Chamber vs SUNY POLY participated in the Heart Run & Walk Treadmill Challenge in March 2026.

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Adirondack Ponds

Mohawk Valley Trout Unlimited April Events

The Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be hosting two events in April. Join us at 69 Steakhouse for our monthly gathering and the second in our new "Learn Our Local Waters" series. A project devoted to learning more about regional cold water fishing opportunities and issues in the Mohawk Valley, southern Adirondacks, and Tug Hill.

This month will be an evening all about "Adirondack Ponds". Experienced angler, Steve Prievo, will present the best ways to experience and fish Adirondack Ponds, including where to go, access, equipment, techniques, fly patterns, history, and conservation issues. Following the presentation there will be an opportunity for open discussion and input from attendees. The whole evening will be devoted to this incredible and sometimes hidden regional asset. Come early for a delicious bite to eat, refreshments, and to meet new local TU members. The meeting starts at 6:30. The presentation follows brief remarks and updates on chapter activities.

These monthly gatherings are a great way to meet fellow anglers and conservationists, learn about issues affecting our local waters and upcoming TU events, as well as comparing notes with other anglers. Be sure to check out our



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website at www.mohawkvalleytu.org to find more events. Future "Learn a Local River" events will feature the Mohawk River, Fish Creek, Black River, Oriskany, East Canada, and southern Adirondack watersheds.

The second April event will be a trash pickup along Sauquoit Creek. Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is supporting the Annual Sauquoit Creek Spring Cleanup on Saturday April 18th starting at 9:00am. Community members of all ages are invited to spend a little time anywhere along the stream, collecting trash. Come out and help to improve the look of one of our local watersheds! We will meet at Piggy Pats Restaurant on Kellogg Rd in Washington Mills where a roll off dumpster is placed. Trash bags are provided. Organized by Don Hahn and Mohawk Valley TU. Rain date April 25. For more information email mohawkvalleytu@gmail.com or drhjr29@aol.com

For more info on upcoming MVTU events, visit our updated website at mohawkvalleytu.org

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VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD CURBSIDE JUNK COLLECTION

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The following information pertains to VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD residents only
and does not include the Town of New Hartford.

For more detailed information refer to your Village Municipal Collection Flyer or call the DPW at 315-724-0379 or the Village Office at 315-732-1147.

The VILLAGE of New Hartford will have a curbside junk pick-up on May 11, 2026. Materials must be at the curb by 5:00 a.m. on May 11th and sorted into separate piles as listed below:

- 1) Household Junk: Lumber bundled, piled parallel with the roadway, roofing and plaster in containers weighing 60 lbs. or less, furniture without fabric, porcelain sinks and toilets, and storm windows;
- 2) Sanitary Waste: clothes, bedding, stuffed furniture, hardcover books, empty paint cans with lids removed, and toys;
- 3) Metal: major appliances and metal products;
- 4) Tires: tires must be off rims and no larger than 16". No large truck or tractor tires.

Please note anything longer than 8' feet will NOT be collected.

Collection limits for categories #1) Household Junk and #2) Sanitary Waste are each limited to a pile not to exceed 4' wide 8' long and 3' high.

The DPW will NOT accept:

- 1) Recyclable materials, lumber exceeding the limit stated above, and shingles not contained. For construction and demolition projects, please contact the Village DPW or a private waste hauler to make arrangements for a dumpster.
- 2) Propane cylinders, liquids, such as paints, thinners, waste oil, herbicides, and pesticides may be disposed of at the Oneida Herkimer County drop site per their collection schedule. For more information, call 315-733-1224.
- 3) Automotive Batteries - due to employee and environmental hazards, batteries may be returned to a redemption or recycling facility.

Your cooperation with sorting materials and observing these guidelines helps reduce costs and insures the continuation of this program.

VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD WEEKLY GREEN WASTE AND LEAF COLLECTION SERVICE

Leaves, grass clippings, and brush will be collected every Wednesday from May through September. During this time, brush must be bundled, and leaves, grass, and trimmings must be contained in reusable cans.

Compost is available free of charge while supplies last and can be picked up outside the Village hardfill dump located at the end of Graham Ave. Bring a shovel and containers.

VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD Municipal Waste Collection Guidelines

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Curbside junk on 2nd Monday in May & October. See Option #1 below.	Garbage to curb by 7 am	Summer Green Waste to curb by 7 am	Recyclables to curb by 7 am	Garbage to curb by 7 am	Dumpster for junk at DPW Garage on 2nd Saturday each month excluding May and October. See Option #2 below.

***Reminder – please do not put garbage/recyclables to the curb before 5 pm the night prior.
We appreciate your cooperation.***



New Hartford Athletics - Home Games

**subject to change without notice*

Date	Start time	Sport	Level	Location	Opponent
4/2	5:00 PM	Lacrosse (B)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Carthage
4/2	6:30 PM	Lacrosse (B)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Carthage
4/6	1:00 PM	Softball (G)	Varsity	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	Saratoga Springs HS
4/8	4:45 PM	Softball (G)	Varsity	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	Baldwinsville
4/11	11:00 AM	Baseball (B)	JV	Joe Corr Field	Central Square
4/13	4:30 PM	Baseball (B)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	RFA
4/13	4:30 PM	Softball (G)	Varsity	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	Proctor
4/14	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (G)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Clinton
4/14	4:30 PM	Baseball (B)	JV	Joe Corr Field	RFA
4/14	4:30 PM	Softball (G)	Varsity	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	RFA
4/16	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (B)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Holland Patent
4/16	4:30 PM	Baseball (B)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
4/20	4:30 PM	Softball (G)	JV	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	Camden
4/21	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (G)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
4/21	4:30 PM	Softball (G)	Varsity	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	Whitesboro
4/21	6:00 PM	Lacrosse (G)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
4/22	6:30 PM	Baseball (B)	Varsity	NBT Bank Stadium	Central Valley Academy
4/23	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (G)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Vernon-Verona-Sherrill
4/23	4:30 PM	Baseball (B)	JV	Joe Corr Field	Central Valley Academy
4/23	4:30 PM	Softball (G)	Varsity	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	Oneida
4/24	4:00 PM	Outdoor Track (G)	7th/8th	NH HS Track	Proctor (DMS), Proctor (JFK)
4/25	12:00 PM	Lacrosse (B)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	General Brown
4/25	2:00 PM	Lacrosse (B)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	General Brown
4/27	4:30 PM	Baseball (B)	JV	Joe Corr Field	Whitesboro
4/28	3:30 PM	Tennis (B)	Varsity	NH HS Tennis Courts	RFA
4/28	4:00 PM	Outdoor Track (B)	7th/8th	NH HS Track	RFA
4/28	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (G)	7th/8th	Myles Elem FH/LAX Field	Clinton
4/28	4:30 PM	Baseball (B)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Whitesboro
4/28	4:30 PM	Softball (G)	Varsity	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	Holland Patent
4/29	4:00 PM	Outdoor Track (B)	Varsity	NH HS Track	Whitesboro
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4/29	4:15 PM	Softball (G)	7th/8th	Perry JH Softball Field	Proctor (DMS)
4/30	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (B)	Varsity	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro
4/30	4:15 PM	Lacrosse (G)	7th/8th	Myles Elem FH/LAX Field	RFA
4/30	4:30 PM	Baseball (B)	Varsity	Joe Corr Field	Notre Dame, Utica
4/30	4:30 PM	Softball (G)	JV	Hughes Varsity Softball Field	Central Valley Academy
4/30	6:00 PM	Lacrosse (B)	JV	NH HS Turf Field	Whitesboro

A Blues Legend in the Making! Joe Waters Friday April 3, 2026 7:30 p.m.

Kirkland Art Center 9 ½ East Park Row, Clinton NY Tickets on sale online at <https://www.kacny.org/kac-live> or in person.

Do you like blues? Real, gritty, authentic blues? Then you will NOT want to miss the Friday, April 3, 2026 KAC Live! Concert at the Kirkland Art Center. Multi-award winning artist Joe Waters is here to take Clinton by storm!

Playing a Cracker Barrel harmonica alongside his father Jack Waters at concerts, 5-year old Joe Waters decided early on that music was his future. He recorded his first album at age 10 with his father and it's been all upwards from there! The 28-year old Dayton, Ohio native embraces the essence of classic blues in a mix of original compositions and soulful renditions of classic blues standards. The 2024 winner of the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee, Waters continues to wow with the prowess of his harmonica playing as well as guitar and voice.

Though his passion is classic blues, Waters can be considered a multi-genre artist, with strains of funk, folk and Americana coursing through his work. His first solo album, In the Hot Seat, was released in 2023, and his second, Joe Waters and the Back Porch Band, will be dropping in the summer of 2026. He plays with passion and a deep authenticity, the power of his voice and instruments wowing audiences everywhere.

Come on down to the Kirkland Art Center for some of the best blues you'll ever hear live! Tickets are very affordably priced at \$23 general admission, \$15 students, \$12 children.

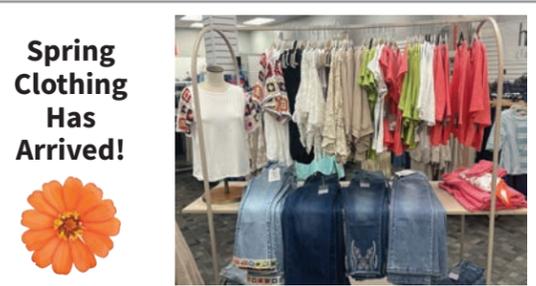
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Floral-Inspired Dinner

Friday, April 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

\$125 Members | \$140 General Public

Enjoy a four-course dinner by Hart's Hill Events & Catering celebrating "Flowers Inspire!" with an elegant appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert, wine service, and signature cocktails.



Seed Starting Presentation

Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.

\$8 Members and General Public

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Workshops, Presentations, and Performances

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Hamilton College: Colorful Keys Performance

Friday, April 10, noon

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Rosanne Loparco, Master Gardener
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Friday, April 10, 2 to 3 p.m.
\$8 per person

Meet the Growers

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. to noon

Quilled Floral Greeting Card Workshop

Sandie Craven-Griffiths, Cats in the
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Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. to noon
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Utica Creative Reuse: Upcycled Flower Power

Saturday, April 11, 1 to 4 p.m.

Spring Flower Arranging Class

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Floral Design
Sunday, April 12, 1 p.m.
\$52 Members | \$60 General Public

Kids Design! For Ages 8 to 15

Amanda Mackey and Tracy Wilkinson,
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Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m.
\$15 Members | \$18 General Public

Culinary Offerings

Floral-Inspired Dinner

Friday, April 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
\$125 Members | \$140 General Public

Afternoon Tea

Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11, 2:30 p.m.
\$48 Members | \$52 General Public

Boxed Lunches

Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11, noon to 2 p.m.
\$20 per person

Special Events

Plant Bar Pop-Up Shop

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Lift Chairs and Power Furniture for Comfort at Any Age

Furniture That Actually Makes Life Easier: 5 Pieces Every Home Should Have

When people shop for furniture, they often focus on how something looks. The color, the fabric, the style. But the truth is, the best furniture doesn't just fill a room... it makes life easier. The right pieces can help you stay organized, sleep better, entertain more comfortably, and even reduce stress in your daily routine.

After helping customers furnish their homes for decades, we've noticed that certain pieces consistently make a real difference in how people live. Here are five types of furniture that truly work for you — not just your space.

1. The Recliner That Actually Supports Your Body

A good recliner is no longer the oversized chair people remember from years ago. Today's reclining chairs are designed with proper back support, smooth motion, and styles that fit beautifully into any living room. Customers often tell us that once they have a comfortable recliner, it becomes the most used seat in the house. Whether you're reading, watching TV, or just relaxing after a long day, a supportive chair can make a noticeable difference in how your body feels.

2. A Dining Table Big Enough for Real Life

Many homes have dining tables that look nice but don't quite work when family actually comes over. An extendable table or a slightly larger size can completely change how you use your space. We always remind customers that a dining table is not just for meals. It becomes the place for holidays, homework, conversations, puzzles, and gatherings you didn't plan. Choosing one that gives you flexibility makes everyday life easier — and much more enjoyable.

3. Bedroom Furniture That Helps You Sleep Better

People are often surprised to learn how much their bedroom furniture affects their sleep. A supportive mattress, the right height bed, and a well-designed dresser or nightstand can make your nightly routine feel calm instead of cluttered. Simple things like having enough storage, easy-to-reach lighting, and a comfortable bed

frame all contribute to better rest. And when you sleep better, everything else in life tends to feel easier too.

4. Lift Chairs and Power Furniture for Comfort at Any Age

One of the biggest changes in furniture over the last decade has been the improvement in power motion and lift chairs. These pieces are no longer just for medical needs — they are for anyone who wants comfort, convenience, and support. Power recline, adjustable headrests, and lift assistance can help people stay independent in their homes longer, which is something many families are thinking about today. Furniture that helps you move more easily is furniture that truly works for your life.

5. Storage Pieces That Keep the House Feeling Calm

Clutter has a way of making a home feel stressful, even when everything else looks nice. That's why well-designed storage furniture is one of the most helpful things you can add to any room. Buffets, cabinets, chests, and bookcases give everything a place to go, which makes the entire house feel more peaceful. When your space feels organized, everyday routines become simpler and your home becomes a place you really enjoy being.

Design Tip of the Month

When choosing furniture, ask yourself one question: "Will this make my life easier every day?" If the answer is yes, it's usually the right choice.

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April NHFD News

Your New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department responded to 105 alarms during the month of February 2026. The monthly call report is listed below by category.

- Fires = 3
- EMS = 39
- Hazardous = 14
- Service Type = 38
- Good Intent = 10
- False Alarms = 0
- Weather Related = 0
- Other = 1

Total Calls for the Month of February 2026 = 105.

Of the 105 alarms, 87 were in the town and 17 were in the village with 1 mutual aid alarm. This brings the total number of alarms for 2026, year to date to 219.

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 include 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.

In Other Department News:

Why Do We Volunteer?

New Hartford Fire Department

On August 27, 1900, a devastating block fire tore through New Hartford. It was Albert H. Goddard who discovered it.

Nine months later, on January 3, 1901, Goddard stood in Butler Hall and was elected the first Chief of the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department — the organization that fire had inspired the community to build. Some people see a problem and walk away. Goddard saw the same fire twice: once as a witness, and once as the man responsible for making sure it never went unanswered again.

The village board scraped together what they could — four rubber coats, six lanterns, a hose cart, and permission to use the Presbyterian Church bell as an alarm. Thirty men put their names on a roster. The yearly rent on their quarters was not to exceed sixty dollars. That was the New Hartford Fire Department on day one.

One hundred and twenty-five years later, 107 men and women carry it forward.

Who We Are

Our membership looks like New Hartford. We have high school students and retirees, doctors and tradespeople, lawyers and highway workers, clergy and law enforcement officers, engineers, healthcare workers, and small business owners. On any given night, the person pulling on gear next to you might be a paramedic, a teacher, or someone who just finished a twelve-hour shift at a job you would recognize.

Twenty-three of our members hold EMS certifications ranging from EMT Basic to Paramedic. That depth of medical training shapes every serious call we run.

Membership is not casual. Our By-Laws require members to be at least 16 years of age, pass a background check as required by New York State law for volunteer firefighters, and complete required state and local training courses. New members serve a three-year probationary period. Participation and activity levels are reviewed monthly. These standards exist because the work is real and the stakes are genuine.

What We Actually Do

Fighting fires is part of the job — but a smaller part

than most people assume. Fire prevention and public education are woven into everything we do year-round. Serious medical calls represent roughly two thirds of our total responses.

What that means in practice is this: at some point, someone in this town is going to have the worst moment of their life. A cardiac arrest at the dinner table. A car into a utility pole on Seneca Turnpike at midnight. A child who isn't breathing. When that call comes in, we go. We do not deliberate. We do not check the weather. The tones drop and the doors go up.

Most members will tell you the same thing when asked why they do it. Not the gear, not the trucks, not the identity of being a firefighter — though those things are real. It is the knowledge that when something went wrong for someone in this town, you were there. That feeling does not wear off.

Maybe You Have Thought About This

If you have driven past the station and wondered what it would be like to walk through those doors — this is for you.

Most people who end up here thought about it for longer than they expected before they acted. They wondered if they were the right fit, if they had enough time, if they were too old or too young or too far removed from anything like this. The answer to all of those questions, more often than not, is that none of it matters as much as you think it does.

There is no single type of person who belongs here. What matters is showing up, doing the work, and caring about the outcome. We will provide the training. We will provide the support. What we ask in return is your commitment to the people who live in this community — the same people who are your neighbors, your family, and your friends.

We currently have vacancies. Our By-Laws allow for additional members, and we would like to fill those spots with people who want to be here.

Recruit NY Open House — Saturday, April 18, 2026

If you want to see it for yourself before you decide anything, April 18th is the day to come.

The New Hartford Fire Department will host its annual Recruit NY Open House on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the station at 4 Oxford Road, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come through the doors, walk the apparatus floor, put your hands on the equipment. We will have hands-on CPR, AED, and fire extinguisher training available, and active members on hand to answer every question you have — including the ones you feel awkward asking.

Bring your family. There is no obligation and no sales pitch — just an honest look at what this department is, what it does, and what it means to be part of something that has been serving this community since 1901.

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How to Use 911: What Every New Hartford Resident Should Know

submitted by Thomas Bolanowski, Fire Chief — New Hartford Fire Department

Most people dial 911 only once or twice in their lives. When that moment comes, it rarely arrives on schedule or in a convenient place. Over the years, I've seen firsthand how a prepared caller gets help faster — and how an unprepared one, through no fault of their own, can slow a response down. This guide is our attempt to share what we've learned so that if you ever need to make that call, you're ready.

We last wrote on this subject for the Town Crier more than a decade ago. The core advice still holds. But the world has changed enough that an update is overdue — particularly around the phones most of us now carry everywhere we go.

Make Sure We Can Find You

This is the single most important thing on this list. Display your house number prominently on both your home and your mailbox — large digits, reflective, visible from the road. In the dark, in the rain, in the snow, your number is what gets us to your door. If we can't find it, your response is delayed. It is that simple, and it is entirely within your control.

Know When — and When Not — to Call 911

Call 911 when a crime is in progress, when someone is hurt or in immediate danger, or when you need fire or EMS. If the situation has already resolved and no one is in danger, use the non-emergency line: (315) 732-4775. That number has been in service for decades and reaches the same dispatchers who answer 911. It exists specifically for situations that need attention but don't require an emergency response.

For community assistance — referrals for food, housing, health services, or help navigating local resources — dial 211. It's free, available around the clock, and designed exactly for those situations. And if you're ever unsure whether something is a 911 call, make it. That's always the right decision.

One note worth mentioning: if someone in your household has a medical condition, a disability, or a communication barrier, contact the Oneida County 911 Center and ask whether that information can be noted in their system. It may allow us to send a better-prepared response. It costs nothing to ask.

Your Phone and 911

Modern smartphones have emergency features built in — on an iPhone, pressing the side button rapidly five times will initiate a 911 call. Android phones have similar functions. These features can be genuinely lifesaving. They can also go off accidentally in a coat pocket or a purse. Know how your phone works, and know how to cancel an accidental call before it connects.

Voice assistants are another source of accidental calls. Saying something that sounds like "Hey Siri, call 911" can place a real call. It happens more often than most people realize.

One thing many people don't know: a phone with no active service plan and no SIM card can still dial 911. Federal law requires it. If an old phone gets handed to a child as a toy, that child can place a real emergency call without understanding what they've done. Keep deactivated phones out of reach.

Accidental 911 calls are not a minor inconvenience — they tie up dispatchers and can delay a response to a real emergency. If you dial by mistake, don't hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher it was an error.

Texting 911

You can now text 911 in Oneida County if calling isn't safe or isn't possible — for example, if you can't speak, or if speaking would put you in danger. If you text, lead with your address and describe what's happening as plainly as you can. That said: if you can call, call. A voice call is faster and gives the dispatcher more to work with.

When You're on the Line

Stay on the line. 911 calls route through a separate system and may take a moment to connect — don't hang up. The call will go through.

Once you're connected, take a breath and listen. The dispatcher will ask specific questions in a specific order. Answer what's asked, then wait. What sounds like silence on your end often isn't — the dispatcher may be coordinating with responding units at the same time. Talking over that process slows everything down.

Speak calmly and at a normal volume. Dispatchers wear headsets. Shouting makes you harder to understand, not easier.

If possible, have the person in the emergency make the call themselves. A well-meaning family member calling on someone else's behalf creates a relay — and the dispatcher needs direct answers, not secondhand information.

Alarm Systems and Medical Alert Devices

The panic buttons on home alarm panels are among the most frequent sources of accidental 911 calls we see. They're often positioned near the regular keypad, and it's easy to brush one by mistake when arming or disarming the system. A direct call to 911 is always better than a silent panic button — it gives the dispatcher a chance to assess before sending a response.

If you or someone in your home uses a medical alert device, find out whether a dispatcher can call the device back if a call is dropped. Some older or lower-cost devices don't support a callback. If yours doesn't, and it's not monitored by a licensed service, it may not provide the protection you're counting on.

What's Changing in the 911 Center

Effective March 10th of this year, Oneida County launched two new platforms in its 911 Dispatch Center, both provided by a public safety technology company called Prepared. I mention this not to promote the technology, but because it changes how some calls will be handled and residents should know about it.

The first is an AI-assisted system for non-emergency calls to police administrative lines. When you call a non-

emergency number for routine matters, an automated assistant will handle the initial intake and direct you to the right resource. If anything in that conversation suggests an actual emergency, it transfers immediately to a live dispatcher. The system works in English and Spanish, and personnel continue to monitor the line.

The second platform gives dispatchers new tools during active emergencies — including the ability to send a secure link that allows a caller to voluntarily share live video from their phone, and two-way texting with automatic translation in over 200 languages. Participation is always the caller's choice.

"These technologies will be valuable tools for our communications specialists," said Emergency Services Director Fran Manfredo. "Our dispatchers handle a tremendous volume of calls every day. These new capabilities allow us to gather better information during emergencies while also ensuring routine inquiries are handled efficiently so our staff can remain focused on critical incidents."

That framing reflects what these platforms are designed to do. The more routine traffic that can be handled efficiently, the more capacity exists for genuine emergencies. For residents, the message stays the same: call 911 when you need help.

A Final Note

The New Hartford Fire Department responds to every call we receive with the same commitment — get there fast, get there ready. What I've described above is the other side of that equation. A caller who knows their address is visible, knows when to call, and knows how to stay on the line makes our job faster and safer for everyone.

Questions about 911 preparedness, address visibility, or special needs registration can be directed to the New Hartford Fire Department at nhfd.com or by calling the station at (315) 732-1710.



Tungee Webster

What the History (WTH)! My boss Tungee the Hot Dog of New Hartford

If you see a chocolate and tan, long-haired wiener dog, leading his human through New Hartford, be sure to say hello to the king I call Tungee. He is a dachshund whose name means "Badger Dog" in German where he was engineered as the only dog on the planet to hunt under the ground. They are brave and fierce as they face courageously off against badgers and wolverines who live in underground dens. A dachshund has a long flexible spine, stubby legs, a powerful jaw, and a thick tail all for doing their hunting job as they are classified in the hound group of dogs. The reason for the thick tail is hunters will have to reach in a hole, grab them by the tail, and pull them out. This bravery is why these little hot dogs are unafraid against the largest of beasts including lions, and tigers, and bears. . . oh my. Tungee is the smallest of his breed and is called a miniature as he's only eleven pounds but looks cute with his long brown and tan hair. He is a pure-bred dachshund as he is stubborn, playful, protective, and goofy. They are so much fun, and he certainly does something everyday that makes me smile. Just think, dear reader, that forty thousand years ago, Tungee's ancestors were gray wolves. DNA testing has proven that all dogs are descendants of gray wolves. There are

four hundred registered dog breeds on our planet as listed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and 99% of their DNA is gray wolf. It is surmised that dogs were the first animal to become domesticated by humans and most likely started this human and dog partnership by being brave enough to approach humans cooking meat over a fire. The wolves would follow migrating tribes and zoom into the fire area after the humans had left, thus fighting over what scraps and bones of the meals had remained. Eventually, one lone and brave puppy came up to the eating humans, looked at them with those cute little doggy eyes, and secured themselves a belly full of food. Thus, the greatest partnership ever on planet earth had been created. Dogs and humans go together like chocolate and peanut butter. Dogs would eventually be bred into dozens of different flavors and colors to work with humans in everything from herding sheep to retrieving ducks shot over a still water pond. Today they are the bosses of their owners and I can prove it. I walk Tungee, pick up his poop, cut up his home-made food, and place it at his desired time in his bowl that must also be accompanied by freshly poured water. His belly will be rubbed when he rolls over and summons me with the wave of his paws. My wife bathes him, cuts his nails, brushes and trims his beautiful tan and brown hair, and brushes his teeth. We work while his entire job is to nap on the couch in the sun until the mail man or Amazon delivery person strolls to our front porch thus unleashing the barking that elicits a smile from them as they are now a part of his kingdom. So, yes, it is all true that my dog Tungee is the boss, the big cheese, the head honcho, the king of the Webster household and I wouldn't have it any other way.



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Pictured is Syracuse University Men's Basketball star J.J. Starling, who will headline the 22nd Annual Sitrin Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game.

22nd Annual Sitrin Celebrity Wheelchair Basketball Game to be Held April 16th

Game on! Local celebrities will take to the court to face-off in wheelchairs against Sitrin's STARS athletes in the 22nd Annual Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball game on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the Utica University Clark Athletic Center.

Joining this year's game is Syracuse University Men's Basketball star J.J. Starling. The team's roster continues with Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente, Oneida County Sheriff Robert Maciol, Mayor of Utica Michael Galime, Olympian Erin Hamlin, Vice President & General Manager of WKTU News Channel 2 Steve McMurray, and Producer and Co-Ancor of WKTU News Channel 2 Kristen Copeland. Also representing the celebrity roster are radio personalities Polly Wog, Big Frog 104.3, Bill Keeler, WIBX AM950, Brandon C, KISS FM, and "Big Poppa" Gary Spears, Mix 102.

Returning to defend their 21-year winning streak are STARS athletes Hermin Garic, elite road racer and the first Oneida County resident to win the Boilermaker

15K; Jimmy "Jam" Joseph, three-time Paralympian; Tammy Delano, Paralympian; as well as Kevin Burnside, Thomas Dane, Mike Olsen, Jacob Moore, Maria Starowicz, Abigail VanPatten, and Kian Demkowitch.

"We are grateful to the community, participants, and event sponsors for their continued support of the Celebrity Classic," said Marc DePerno, vice president of Foundation and Communications and director of the STARS program. "The STARS athletes look forward to showcasing their amazing abilities and taking on the Celebrity Cruisers for what will surely be an exciting game."

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Sitrin STARS program, which provides opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities to participate in a variety of adaptive sports including wheelchair curling, road racing, target shooting, paddling, biathlon, and archery, in addition to wheelchair basketball. Sitrin STARS athletes have competed on the international and Paralympic level and have represented the United States throughout the world.

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One fan will have a chance to compete against Starling in a three-point competition during halftime. There will also be a silent auction of sports memorabilia, a 50/50 raffle, and free autographs during the second half of the game.

Tickets, which can be purchased online or at the door, are \$10 for adults 18 years of age and older, and \$5 for students of any age. Children under five years old are free. For ticket information, visit www.sitrin.com/celebrityclassic.

Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information about the Celebrity Classic Wheelchair Basketball Game, or the Sitrin STARS program, contact DePerno at (315) 737-2416 or mdeperno@sitrin.com.

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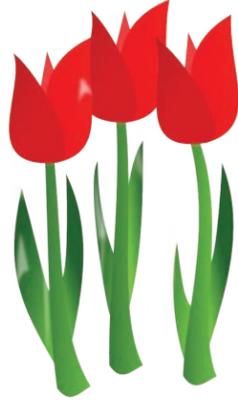
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Total Body Workouts

submitted by Jim LaFountain, All American Fitness Center

Question: My son is a 17-year old high school athlete. He and his buddies have adopted a weight training protocol where they do one body part in each workout, performing multiple sets in each session. I told him I thought doing total body workouts may be a better idea. Your thoughts?

Answer: I can identify with your son's one body part per day workouts. When I was in my early 20's I was addressing 2-3 body parts per workout, each workout lasting three hours! I contracted mononucleosis and landed in bed for two weeks. My training partner was a graduate classmate, with access to the latest research. Each day he brought me a current piece of research addressing the age old question, "what's more effective, high volume workouts or high intensity workouts?"

Overwhelming evidence supported high intensity over high volume sessions. My partner and I made the decision to convert to high intensity training. We did three non consecutive day workouts, (i.e. Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) a week. We used submersion to measure our percent body fat and repeated it again three months later. After three months of high intensity training, the results were astounding. My percent body fat loss was 4%, my strength improved by 10% and most importantly, I had increased energy, with no overuse injuries. I began using my "saved time" to do many things I had sacrificed by spending three hours a day in the gym. My new workout protocol reduced my individual workout time to just 35-40 minutes!

Several trainees at the gym noticed my progress and dared me to enter the Mr. Kentucky Contest, to be held in two months. Rather than performing 25-30 sets per body part, my high intensity workouts had me performing two sets to momentary muscular failure, per body part.

Momentary muscular failure occurs when performing another repetition is impossible. It's important to understand, the last couple repetitions, primarily the last one, stimulates muscular gains. Another important fact is resistance training does nothing to "produce" growth, it simply turns the "growth switch" on. Adequate recovery produces muscular gains.

The 48 hour recovery period between workouts produces growth.

Multiple sets at a lower intensity will lengthen workouts, with minimal results. Professional bodybuilders who perform multiple sets to build muscle are both genetically predisposed to be muscular and use pharmacological aides in the form of anabolic steroids or human growth hormones to recover and grow. Although it's a tremendous risk to their health, they are strongly committed to maximize results

in order to compete at the highest level. My "real life" example occurred when competing in the Mr. Central USA competition in the late 1970's. One competitor, 5 foot 7, weighing 220 pounds of solid muscle stood out. He admitted to the rest of us, that he was taking massive amounts of anabolic steroids in order to win the contest, which he did. Two months later he died of heart failure. In 1979, I placed 2nd in the Mr. Kentucky Contest. I was considered the favorite to win the contest, the following year, but finished a disappointing 5th. Every one of the top 10 competitors admitted to taking steroids, some even injecting themselves in the warmup room. That was my last bodybuilding competition. I was NOT willing to risk my health to win a bodybuilding competition.

Recovery is essential to growing muscle, naturally. In order to perform endless sets, the intensity must be compromised. You can either train "hard" or train "long." As I mentioned earlier, my experience with three hour workouts, compromised my immune system and encouraged mono to arrive. Train harder, NOT longer. Your son would do well to focus on intensity not volume.

April Fools' Day

Origins of April Fools' Day

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

Hilaria in Ancient Rome

Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria (Latin for joyful), which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March by followers of the cult of Cybele. It involved people dressing up in disguises and mocking fellow citizens and even magistrates and was said to be inspired by the Egyptian legend of Isis, Osiris and Seth.

There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

History of April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

<https://www.history.com/articles/april-fools-day>

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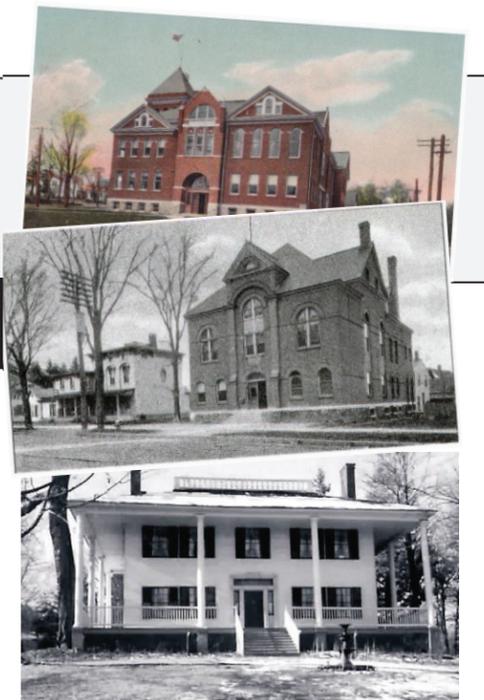
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*the Original Busy Bee unknown date
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The Busy Bee: A Busy Place for Nearly a Century!

Who doesn't like a good hot dog or juicy hamburger with a side of fries and an ice-cold soda? Well, more often than not, you could always get what you're hungering for at a little place on the outskirts of town on Oneida Street in New Hartford (just past Chestnut Hills).

Yes, the Busy Bee is back! And today it is again called the Busy Bee and it's being run by the son of the third owners, Joseph and Ellen Hanna. More on them later. The Busy Bee was 1st opened by two brothers, Harry (1899-1981) and Albert (1896-1989) Moshaty who emigrated here from Aleppo, Syria in 1914. The exact date is unknown. It could be anywhere from 1921 until 1934 but we're fairly confident it was likely in the 1920's. Harry would marry the former Elizabeth Collins Laubach (1905-1974) in 1922. They would own the business up until the mid 1950's when the business was sold to Douglas (1917-1993) and Betty James of Little Falls. After purchasing the business, it would be renamed "Doug's Busy Bee".

Doug James would erect a new structure on the site and continue the drive-in experience. It also appears he would keep the Moshaty family in the employ of the restaurant until sometime in the mid 1960's. The Busy Bee would remain a popular drive-in for many more years. In the early 1970's, Doug James was looking to sell. And it appears a potential buyer wasn't looking to run a restaurant (currently grandfathered under Zoning restrictions). For the next several years, James attempted to get the zoning changed to no avail. Then in 1984 Joe and Ellen Hanna would purchase the building. They've owned the property ever since although not always running the restaurant themselves. Several well-known eateries have occupied the site. The Chowder House, Kitty's and O'Babys.

Today, Joe and Ellen's son Evan along with his wife Amy have once again opened the beloved "Busy Bee". They've opened with a limited (but delicious) menu and are open only a few days a week. But their plan is to grow into more menu options and additional hours as the business builds their clientele. We've tasted their food. They will definitely grow their base quickly!

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The Town of New Hartford

Town Hall Highlights

From the Office of Jim Messa, Town Supervisor



Supervisor's Updates

Submitted by Jim Messa, Town Supervisor

Great news to report: Our 2024 Audit Financial Report (AFR) is expected to be completed by May, and our 2025 AFR should be completed by August. This means the Town's financial records will be current for the first time in three years.

Getting our financials up to date has been my number one objective since day one. This is important because having current financial information will help us prepare a more accurate 2027 budget later this year. As we plan for the future, it is essential to know our actual numbers.

This progress has been made possible with the assistance of Deputy Supervisor and 4th Ward Councilman David Tehan, Assistant Personnel Director Christina Lacy, and the teams from Bonadio and Drescher & Malecki, who have all put in countless hours. This has truly been a team effort. In January, I set aggressive goals for this group, and I'm pleased to say we are on track to achieve them. The residents of New Hartford deserve to know that their town officials are being responsible with their tax dollars.

Looking ahead. In March I asked our Planning Board Chairperson to address the Town Board regarding projects currently under review so residents can better understand how our town is evolving. Projects being considered include a proposed Chick-fil-A in the At Home Plaza, another freestanding building that may include a fast-food restaurant and mobile phone store, and approximately 120 market-rate one- and two-bedroom apartments in three buildings next to Lowe's.

I also recently met with representatives from the New York State Department of Transportation to discuss potential projects planned for 2027 and 2028. These include repaving sections of Seneca Turnpike and reviewing the Route 8 off-ramp onto Kellogg Rd. We also discussed sidewalk grant opportunities to improve pedestrian connectivity. Areas identified for possible future sidewalk improvements include Route 12B from Killabrew to Preswick Glen, Oxford Rd. from New Hartford Public Library to Kellogg Rd., and Kellogg Rd. extending toward Oneida St.



Highway News from Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman

Submitted by Richard Sherman, Highway Superintendent

The 2026 Season Dumpster Drop-Off Collection Schedule is complete and will be mailed to all constituents' home addresses. If you do not receive one, stop by Town Hall to pick up a copy. Our trash and brush programs are expected to begin April 6 and end on September 26.

For home pickup items, residents must purchase tags from the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., by the last Friday of the month. The Highway crew will then collect tagged items at your home. The cost is the same as last year, \$5.00 per item. Both dumpster drop-off and tag pickup will take place April through September. Regular drop-off is still every Monday, 7 – 11a.m.

We will hold a Saturday trash drop-off along with PAPER SHREDDING on May 16, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Curbside Trash Pickup. This year's curbside pickup will again take place in October. The Highway Department is asking every residence to please use containers (garbage cans), for brush, branches, and green waste so the material can be dumped into the compactor. Larger tree limbs may be up to 6 inches in diameter and 6-8 feet in length. Please place limbs in a neat pile at the edge of the roadway so the grapple can pick up and load the piles. If a larger tree comes down, call the Highway Department to schedule an appointment and we will come with the chipper. Please do not put rocks, metal, or any other objects in brush or green waste piles, as they will not be picked up.

Stormwater. The Town recently established a Stormwater Committee with six new members. They will be looking at problem areas throughout the Town and seeking grant opportunities to help with the expense of these initiatives.

Existing stormwater projects are moving forward. As weather permits, the Highway Department will continue the work started last year on the two detention ponds behind Roman Road and Hughes Lane. We are also looking at possibly adding two more detention ponds in the Mallory Road area down to Oneida Street, where project funding has already been secured.

Winter shifts will end April 3, and the crew will begin day shift on April 6 with new hours this year. Crews will work four 10-hour days: Monday–Thursday, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. Spring cleanup will begin April 6 with street sweeping, sidewalk cleaning, brush pickup, and green waste collection. Due to the heavy use of material for sanding, the crew will also be sweeping lawns in the Town right-of-way.

This Spring, the highway crews will also be working at Sherrillbrook Park: completing the dog park, installing new concrete sidewalks for the gates, finishing the turf, and installing the new bridge over the creek.

Please call me at 315-534-2998 or email me at rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov with any questions or issues.

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Town Clerk, Michele Moran:

Hometown Heroes Banner Program

The Town's Hometown Heroes Banner Program is once again underway, offering residents a meaningful way to honor local veterans and active duty service members. The program, coordinated through the Town Clerk's Office and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), provides families with the opportunity to sponsor a personalized banner that will be displayed throughout town during the patriotic season(s).

Residents interested in ordering a banner should visit the program's official website at: www.mohawkvalleyhometownheroes.com, where they may submit an online application or print a form to mail in along with a photograph and payment. Original photos will be returned by DAR once the banner is completed.

Once printed, banners are delivered directly to the Town for installation ahead of Memorial Day and July 4th. Town officials note that banners are hung at random locations; however, families with special placement requests may contact the Town Clerk's Office or the Highway Department for consideration.

Order Deadline:

- The Memorial Day deadline was March 20th, 2026
- The July 4th deadline is May 28, 2026

Town staff continue to compile and update an annual banner location document for publication for residents wishing to locate their loved one's banner. Look for this on our website shortly after banner installation is complete.



New Hartford Police Activity February 2026

986	Police Incidents/Service Calls
54	Arrests
269	Vehicle Stops
74	Motor Vehicle Collisions Investigated
318	Vehicle and Traffic Law Tickets Issued
481	Supplemental Neighborhood Patrols
4	Community Policing Details Completed



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Upcoming Events:

APRIL BOARD MEETINGS

Town Board Meeting	04/01	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	04/13	5:30pm
ZBA Meeting	04/20	5:30pm

Visit the website for schedules, agendas and minutes. Meetings are subject to change.

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Brunch Table

Scrambled Eggs/Homestyle Potatoes - Baked French Toast (with Maple Icing)
Sausage - Bacon

Supper Table

Baked Ham with Brown Citrus Glaze - Pork Loin with Soy Ginger Glaze - Chicken Parmesan
Penne with Vodka Sauce - Mac n Cheese - Garlic Mashed Potatoes - Sweet Mashed Potatoes
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Community Wellness Partners and the William & Rita Abraham Parkinson's Speaker Series Present the Mohawk Valley's First Parkinson's Symposium

Community Wellness Partners will host the Mohawk Valley's first Parkinson's Symposium as part of the William and Rita Abraham Parkinson's Speaker Series on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Five Points Public House (Irish Cultural Center), 623 Columbia Street, Utica, NY.

Speaker panelists include:

Dr. Christopher Bishop, Professor/Director of the Undergraduate Integrative Neuroscience Program, Binghamton University

Brian Baker, Veteran, US Coast Guard, co-host of The Secret Life of Parkinson's podcast & Person with Parkinson's who had deep brain stimulation surgery

Allison Bowers, Registered Dietitian, Colgate University

Dr. Trever Gates, Physical Therapist, Community Wellness Partners

Dr. Julia Primps-Downing, Physical Therapist, Community Wellness Partners

Community Wellness Partners Parkinson's Program Director Alison J. Swartz said, "Community Wellness Partners is bringing talent through education to people with Parkinson's in the Mohawk Valley so that they can receive firsthand knowledge of their options and live better lives with Parkinson's disease. Some of the topics being discussed are deep brain stimulation surgery, Parkinson's medication and research, exercise impact on dopamine, and nutrition programs for brain health."

The Parkinson's Symposium schedule will start with breakfast and registration from 8:00 to 9:00 AM, speaker panelists from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and questions & answers at 12:00 PM.

"People living with Parkinson's and their loved ones often have important questions about the range of therapies available. The Parkinson's Symposium offers a unique opportunity to receive answers directly from experts in the field without having to travel to Albany, Syracuse, or Rochester."

According to the New York State Department of Health and the American Parkinson's Disease Association, approximately 65,000 New Yorkers, 1.1 million Americans, and 10 million people worldwide live with Parkinson's disease. The worldwide number is expected to double by 2050.

The William and Rita Abraham Parkinson's Speaker Series provides education and insight to the community on Parkinson's disease. The speaker series offers a variety of Parkinson's-related topics that will enhance the lives of individuals living with Parkinson's, their family members, and caregivers. Created by the Abraham family to honor their wife and mother, Rita, the events are free to attend and are held

throughout the year in the Mohawk Valley region.

Community Wellness Partners is a faith-based network of nonprofit organizations that supports wellness through the provision of community services, housing, and healthcare. Community Wellness Partners has provided generations of service to our community. As one of the leading senior living organizations in Central New York, we remain steadfast in our commitment to provide a comprehensive continuum of health and wellness services for older adults across the counties we serve. Community Wellness Partners is supported by a dedicated team of professionals who care for older adults each day throughout its continuum of services, including Home Care, Adult Day Care, Independent Living, Assisted Living, Rehabilitation, Skilled Nursing, and more. We continue to introduce new and innovative programs and services that enhance the lives and well-being of those we serve every day.

Community Wellness Partners offers the following activities and programs for people who have Parkinson's as well as their loved ones and caregivers.

William & Rita Abraham Speaker Series

Cycling with Parkinson's Classes

Lee Silverman Voice Therapy BIG and LOUD (Out-patient Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies)

Nutrition with Parkinson's Classes

Parkinson's Support Group

Rock Steady Boxing Classes

Annual Parkinson's Awareness Walk (September)

For those who are interested in attending this FREE event are encouraged to RSVP to Alison J. Swartz, Parkinson's Program Director, at 315-235-7353 or email aswartz@cwpc.org. More information about Community Wellness Partners and its Parkinson's programs can be found at www.communitywellnesspartners.org.



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Making A Difference by Seizing Opportunities

*by Raymond J. Durso, Jr;
President/CEO of Genesis Group*

Have you ever wondered what your role in life is? You may wear many hats both

personally and professionally. When it comes to the Community, I believe we all have an opportunity to serve and help make a difference. For the Genesis Group, that's exactly what our mission is designed for.

The Genesis Group is a community building organization promoting the Mohawk Valley region. Genesis unites Business, Education, Community and Elected Leaders working together to advance economic, social and cultural interests. Genesis is your trusted source for news and information, views and opinions, projects and events. Now in our 26th year, the Genesis Group will always be aligned with the community's agenda.

Now that Spring has sprung, it's a great time to consider the opportunities on the Mohawk Valley's horizon. In 2026, let's navigate important transitions, make decisions about our future, continue to invest in our future and continue building a safer, kinder community. I am optimistic about our path forward—and laser focused about the work ahead. Our community's quality

of life is something to be proud of. In my role, I hear positive comments from many people who work, live and visit here. Such testimonials highlight the progress we've made and the importance of pushing for more.

The region's economy is vibrant as investments continue to be made by developers who are seizing opportunities for growth. In Verona, the Turning Stone Casino Resort is making progress on its \$370 million expansion called "Evolution." In Rome, Chobani is building a billion dollar Dairy Processing Facility. The former St. Luke's and St. Elizabeth's hospital properties are being planned for re-development. In Utica, the area next to the Utica Memorial Auditorium and Nexus Center, is being proposed for development – currently called the Nexus Neighborhood project. In Ilion, the former Remington Arms property has been sold and re-development plans are taking place. These are just a few of the projects underway to provide a brighter future, and who knows, there may be more projects announced throughout the year! Along with these projects come good paying jobs and other incentives to benefit the region.

Recently, the Genesis Group hosted its 26th Annual Legislative Forum. We welcomed (9) area Elected Officials along with 400 guests. The focus of the forum was...you guessed it...seizing opportunities to move our community forward. Questions were submitted by business and community leaders.

Congressman John Mannion told us he and his office continue to address the needs of the 22nd district. State Senator Joe Griffo discussed how he and his colleagues are working to pass this year's budget, and to address the needs of his constituents. Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon discussed Agriculture – an industry leader

in New York State, and ways to assist our Farmers. Assemblyman Brian Miller discussed working with those in Education and Healthcare to assist them with budgetary needs and to maintain their importance to the community. Assemblyman Robert Smullen told students in the audience the Mohawk Valley is a great place to live and work – and that there are good paying jobs here! Herkimer County Administrator James Wallace discussed the county's strong financial independence, and plans to build a Child Care Center in the county. They are also discussing other projects that will positively impact the county. Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente discussed the impact of Chobani in Rome. He also touched upon his "Runway Sports Complex" in Rome. He was asked if the county can capitalize on these successes to help bring other new businesses and companies here. He said, "that's always the plan." Utica Mayor Mike Galime talked about the city's finances becoming stabilized. He also discussed the city's efforts to focus on Business Development and Economic Development throughout the city of Utica.

Collectively, the responses (above) from our Elected Officials, shows a region that's working together and seizing opportunities. We are making a positive difference. The skyline of the Mohawk Valley region continues to change. We are a different community than we were 5 or 10 years ago. We are a better community too!

The Genesis Group will continue to do its part. Whether it's hosting a forum or event, bringing people together, offering our views and opinions or simply being a voice in the community, Genesis will continue to take action, achieve results and make a difference!

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Water Damage... Flooded Basements, Burst Pipes, Toilet Overflow, Sump Pump Failure

Having to deal with a burst pipe in your home or business can be extremely difficult. Even more problematic is a break when the home or business owner is away and the damage is allowed worsen. 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. In addition, mold can begin to colonize in as little as 24 - 48 hrs. Disaster Services can accurately evaluate the extension of water damage both visible and hidden using thermal imaging and advise as to the most effective course of action to take. You can be assured that by calling Disaster Services you will be dealing with a company that has over 44 years of experience in our area and has handled hundreds of water losses. You will also have the owner on site while the work is being performed and always available to take your calls. Disaster Services will be with you every step of the way during the process. Along with our attention to detail, this is the reason Disaster Services is so highly recommended by local professionals in our industry. Check out our Google and Facebook reviews and visit our web site @ disasterservices.us for a complete list of our services.

Sewer and Drain Backup:

Sewer overflow or drain back-ups can present a more technical approach to the clean- up due to the contaminates 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.

Attics and basements are one of the most common areas of mold growth in the home. Attics tend to have the perfect conditions for mold growth (hot, humid, and an abundant food source consisting of the wood framing and sheathing). Most homeowners may go up in their attic seldom if ever so the mold problem is allowed to grow undisturbed sometimes for years! Basement mold is a common problem in many homes due to ground water seepage mainly at the base of the walls around the perimeter of the basement.

What Are The Signs of An Attic Mold Problem:

Dark black staining on wood surfaces, both the underside of the roof sheathing and also the framing lumber itself. If the wood in your attic shows any dark discoloration, a spotty or solid pattern the problem has moved beyond moisture and you may have mold that should be removed.

What are the Signs of a Basement Mold Problem:

Several factors can influence a mold growth in a basement area. Basements with finished walls are susceptible to moisture intrusion at the ground level. Trapped moisture due to lack of air flow between the finished wall and the exterior foundation wall is an ideal environment to facilitate mold growth. A dark appearance showing on the face of the finished wall should be investigated further. Unfinished basement will typically show signs of mold growth at the base of the foundation spreading upwards over time. Although there are a few different reasons this particular area of the structure is problematic, ground water seepage along with lack of air flow and improper dehumidification are generally the cause.

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.

Choosing The Right Company:

Choose a Water Damage Restoration Company That Can Do The Following:

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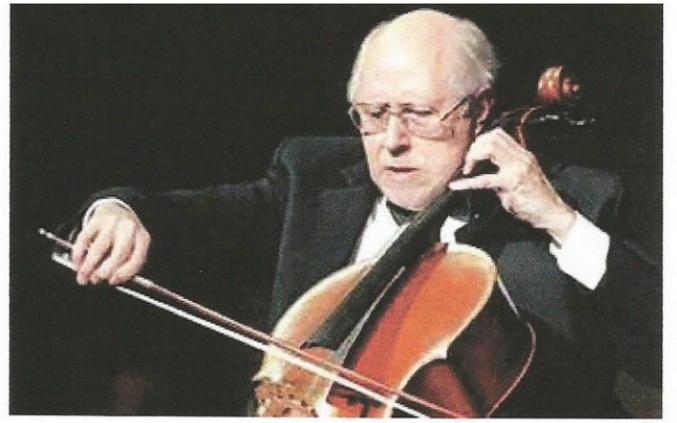
Over the next several months, we would like to share some of Malio Cardarelli's descriptions of artists who have appeared at the Stanley Theater.

Mstislav Rostropovich

1927 - 2007

World Renowned Cellist

November 27, 1982 - A date forever etched in the Stanley Theater archives. It was then that world-renowned cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, his wife Galina, a notable soprano, his daughter Elena, a pianist and Elena's husband, violinist Peter Daniel, all appeared for a benefit performance at and for the Stanley Theater. That event, which drew a national and international audience, not only raised \$50,000 for the Stanley but also added to its distinction as a stage for the highest level of classical performances. Indeed, during the theater's 90 years, there have been scores of illustrious notables appearing there but non more prominent than the Rostropovich family. Mstislav enjoyed marvelous success in his homeland Russia until he was denounced for his support of Soviet Author Alexander Isayevich Solzhenitsyn, who in his writings was critical of the communist system, resulting in Mstislav's exile from Russia. His family was later permitted to join him. In the U.S., he enjoyed marvelous success in his cello performances and as conductor of nationally important orchestras including the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, the New York philharmonic and others. Being a devout Christian, he built a retirement home on the grounds of Gelston Castle, Town of Warren in the Mohawk Valley to be near the Russian Orthodox Monastery in Jordanville. Later, sadly for our community, he abandoned that endeavor when he was readmitted to Russia where, after a long illness, he died on April 27, 2007 at age 80.



Victor J. Fariello Jr.



Bottle & Table Top Antique Show & Sale

The Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club will hold its annual Bottle & Table Top Antique Show & Sale on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hope Alliance Church, 4291 Middle Settlement Road in New Hartford. Admission is \$5 and includes a free bottle appraisal. This is the show for antique bottle enthusiasts and antique lovers. This is definitely worth checking out!

'From the Mailbag' On Tap for May

The May edition of Antique Talk will feature 'From the Mailbag,' where we answer reader's questions on their antiques and collectibles. If you want your prized item to be featured, please submit your inquiry by April 10 to be considered for the May column. Let us hear what you have!

Keep Those Cards & Letters Coming

If you have ideas for topics for Antique Talk, want to share information about your collection or have questions on any antique or collectible, please drop us a line at the address below or email me at vjfariello@gmail.com. Your ideas and questions are always welcome. I look forward to hearing from you!

Happy collecting!

Historical Society Needs Your Support

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to renew or start your membership in this great community asset. The rates for 2026: \$20 Individual; \$25-Family; \$50-Contribute; and \$100-Corporate. You can also now pay for your membership online at the society's website newhartfordhistory.com or you can mail your check payable to 'NH Historical Society' to PO Box 238, New Hartford, NY 13413. All donations are tax deductible. This important community organization deserves our support!

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The Questers is an organization with members who are interested in history, preservation and antiques. The J. Schoolcraft Sherman Chapter #1519 meets monthly except July & August at the New Hartford Library the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. We usually have a presenter at each meeting and Show & Tell where members bring an item to share with the group. New members are always welcome! Email me at vjfariello@gmail.com for more information.

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 vjfariello@gmail.com. Any photos submitted will be returned upon request.

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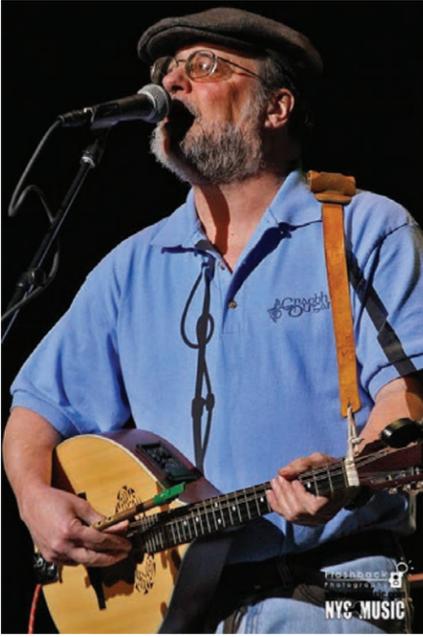
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The 1916 Easter Rising, Its Causes, Its heroes and Its Aftermath

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley welcomes back writer, historian, and musician Mark Sisti, 7 PM April 23 for a presentation on Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising.

Shortly after noon on April 24, 1916, a sudden hush fell over a crowd gathered on Dublin's O'Connell Street, as, from the steps of the General Post Office, Patrick Pearse read the Proclamation declaring Ireland's independence from England.

Thus began one of the most glorious failures in history, the 1916 Dublin insurrection. For five days a small untrained group of schoolteachers, poets and dreamers held out against the most powerful army in the world before finally being forced to surrender.

Why was this rebellion different from the many that had been put down in the past? How did this insurrection, which was a failure in every respect, ultimately change the course of Irish history?

Find out on April 23rd at 7 p.m. when local writer and musician Mark Sisti presents a discussion at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley on the 1916 Easter Rising, its causes, its heroes and its aftermath.

You can attend this presentation, free of charge, 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. To ensure we have enough seats, kindly register at this link <https://bit.ly/40V5UHx> or call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6. All are welcome to attend this program and the museum is wheelchair accessible.



HARP Museum Youth Lunch & Learn Programs Return

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is pleased to announce the resumption of Lunch & Learn sessions for area youth during the April 2026 area school breaks.

The April sessions will be held Thursday April 9, with a morning session starting at 10 AM, lunch served at noon, followed by an afternoon session from 1 PM to 3 PM. Lunch will be available for attendees to both sessions at noon.

At the morning session, children will create Irish Fairy themed handicrafts.

The afternoon will be a continuation of teaching children about the ancient Ogham alphabet used primarily in early Irish language writing. Children will write their names and other simple words on stone as it was done in ancient times using this alphabet.

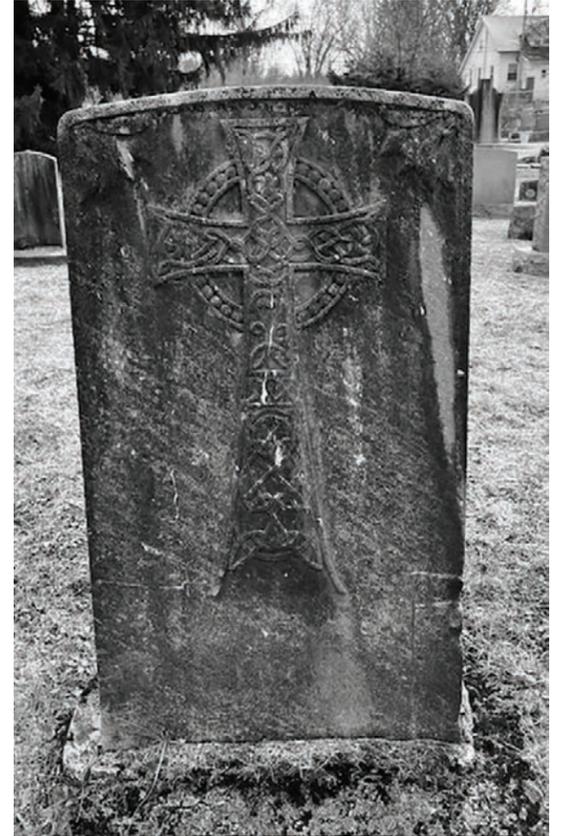
All supplies will be provided, all they need is their imagination and enthusiasm.

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/3PA6jN2>.

Call and leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6 for questions or information. Lunch will be included for the students for both sessions at noon. 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 Mohawk Valley Gives program and matching funds from the UpMobility Foundation and the James H. Donovan Foundation.



Lunch & Learn - Celtic Gravestones in Oneida County

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley popular Lunch & Learn program scheduled for 11 AM Wed April 8, 2026 will feature Village of Whitesboro Historian Sue Lorraine discussing her research on Celtic Gravestones in Oneida County.

Have you ever walked through our various cemeteries and admired the craftsmanship of the gravestones guarding the earthly remains of our ancestors? A feast for eye, mind, and soul, there are many works of art, created lovingly by hand before the onset of computer-controlled machinery, in our cemeteries.

Sue Lorraine is the Whitesboro village historian. For 28 years she has been documenting the gravestone art in the almost 400 cemeteries in Oneida county. As a member of the Association for Gravestone studies she has access to scholarly studies of such fields as Celtic history. Our county's cemeteries are outdoor art museums. This talk will present the creative Celtic gravestone art as well as the uniquely Irish features in our local cemeteries.

A \$20 registration fee will cover the program and lunch; meal tax and gratuity are included. Please register at this link, <https://bit.ly/4rmnM92>, or leave a message at 315-733-4228 Ext 6.

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.

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Five Important Estate Planning Documents to Consider

There is a common misconception that we can safely put off estate planning until our health starts failing or someone close to us dies. In reality, everyone already has an estate plan — the only question is whether it is your own or your state’s plan for you. A good estate plan identifies whom you want to:

- Inherit your assets, such as bank, retirement, and investment accounts
- Take care of your minor children
- Make legal and/or health care decisions for you if you become ill and incapacitated

Developing an estate plan is about taking control. You are controlling how assets are managed and distributed along with who will handle these tasks when you are unable to do so.

Bottom line: If you don’t decide, state law has already decided for you.

Five important documents

Your situation’s complexity will determine which documents your plan requires; however, these five are often included in an estate plan:

A will provides instructions for distributing your assets to your beneficiaries when you die. In it, you name a personal representative (executor) to pay final expenses and taxes and distribute your remaining assets. Many wills are drafted to “pour over” into a trust, which can keep your estate from having to be administered through the

courts — a long and expensive process called “probate.”

By transferring assets to a revocable living trust you can provide for continued management of your assets during your lifetime and after your death — possibly for generations to come.

A power of attorney lets you give a trusted individual management power over your assets if you can’t manage them yourself. Powers of attorney can be “general” (which become ineffective upon your incapacity), “durable” (which stay in effect, even during incapacity, until they are revoked), immediately effective, or “springing” (effective only upon a certain event like your incapacity). Each kind is effective only while you’re alive.

A health care power of attorney lets you choose someone to make medical decisions for you if you are unable to communicate your wishes or don’t have legal capacity to make treatment decisions for yourself.

A living will expresses your intentions regarding the use of life-sustaining measures if you are terminally ill. It doesn’t give anyone the authority to speak for you.¹

If you have an estate plan, remember to review and update it

Remember, establishing a plan is only the beginning. It’s important to review your plan regularly to ensure it continues to meet your needs. Significant life events, such as relocation to a different state, marriage, divorce, or the birth of a child, are likely to call for changes to your plan. You need to consider whether your estate planning documents, asset titling, and beneficiary designations have been coordinated to allow your assets to be distributed according to your wishes. A regular review of whom you have named as agent, executor, guardian for minor children, and trustee is important to ensure those named are still willing and able to serve when needed.

Turn to a team of professionals

Taking the first steps to create an estate plan can seem intimidating, but it doesn’t have to be. The key is to rely on a team of trusted professionals, including a financial advisor, estate planning attorney, and accountant. They know the questions to ask and can help you avoid potential pitfalls.

If you don’t currently have relationships with these individuals, a financial advisor is a good place to start. He or she can discuss his or her role in the planning process and can refer you to an estate planning attorney who can work with you to draw up the necessary documents.

¹ In states that have adopted the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act, like California, health care powers of attorney and living wills are often combined into a single document called an “advance health care directive.”

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Good Friday
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Easter Sunday
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Children's Sunday School (Sunday Club) precedes worship and starts at 9:30. An Adult Study Group meets at that same time and also on Tuesday mornings at 11:00.
- Fellowship/coffee hour for everyone follows each Sunday morning worship service.
A special Maundy Thursday program starting at 6 p.m. with a fish dinner by the New Hartford Presbyterian Women, including Communion, followed by a Tenebrae Service at 7 will be held on April 2.
A Stations of the Cross Open House takes place from 9 a.m.

until 6 p.m. on Good Friday, April 3.

The NHPC Women will hold their Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, with a Bag Sale at 1.

Unless noted differently, regular Church Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday.

The April schedule:

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4/2 — 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service
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4/12 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
4/13 — 6:30 p.m. NHP Women's mtg
4/15 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
4/15 — 12 Noon Members & Friends Lunch
4/15 — 6 p.m. 4-H mtg
4/16 — 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal
4/19 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
4/19 — 9:30 a.m. Sondag Club, Adult Study Group
4/19 — 10:30 a.m. Worship
4/20 — 12 Noon Oneida County Senior Lunch Program (Note change in date)
4/21 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
4/21 — 7 p.m. Session mtg
4/22 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
4/23 — 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal
4/25 — 10 a.m.—12 Noon Choir rehearsal
4/25 — 3 p.m. Hope House meal prepared
4/26 — 9:10 a.m. Choir rehearsal
4/26 — 9:30 a.m. Sondag Club, Adult Study Group
4/26 — 10:30 a.m. Worship, Choir Cantata
4/28 — 11 a.m. Adult Study Group
4/29 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews
4/29 — 6 p.m. 4-H mtg
4/30 — 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Rummage Sale, Bag Sale at 1

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630 French Road, New Hartford
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Good Friday April • 7 PM
Easter Sunday April 5 • 10 AM

ST. MARGARET'S ECUMENICAL & RETREAT CTR

47 Jordan Road, New Hartford
To register for an event or volunteer opportunity, or to schedule a personal or group retreat, please email info@stmargarethouseny.org or call 315-724-2324. Office hours, Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm

Weekly Activities

Worship Services Wednesdays at 11:45 AM (please note new time)
Zoom and In-Person Worship Services - All Welcome!
Please contact St. Margaret's for the information to join by Zoom

Wednesday Lunches at 12:30 PM

Please make a reservation by the Friday before - Suggested donation \$15

Monthly Activities

Men's Group | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:30-11:45am
Conversations with Father John 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30pm
Caregiving Support Group | 3rd Mondays at 2 PM
Grief Support Group | 3rd Fridays at Noon
Coffee and Conversation with Rev. Deacon Jean | 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 PM
Monthly Dinners: Dine In at 5:30 PM and Take Out at 6 PM
Suggested Donation \$19; Please reserve your seat by the preceding Wednesday.

April 21st: Grilled London Broil with Potatoes

Special Events: Sacred Sites Tours 2026 (Open to All)

National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA | June 8th at 8:30 AM

Experience the beauty of the Berkshires and the serenity of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy—a perfect day of prayer, reflection, and renewal. We will meet at St. Margaret's for an 8:30 AM departure and arrive at the Shrine around 11:30 for a four-hour visit. We will then depart at 3:30 PM for a group dinner, returning to St. Margaret's around 8 PM. Cost per person is \$125 and includes: Round trip motor-coach via Hale Transportation, a visit to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, and group dinner at Michael's of Stockbridge. Gratuity for drivers is separate.

Joshua at Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA | Overnight, July 27th at 7:30 AM

Experience one of the most redemptive stories of the Bible as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production. We will meet at St. Margaret's to hop on the bus, which will depart at 7:30 AM on July 27th, and return to St. Margaret's the following day around 8:00 PM. Prices include transportation, lodging, and most meals: \$465 twin; triple \$445; quad \$435; and single \$550. \$100 deposit due upon registration. Gratuity for drivers is separate.

For more information or to register for any event, please call or email: 315-724-2324 or info@stmargarethouseny.org

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2620 Genesee St., South Utica. (315) 732-7869
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Sunday School 9am. Worship Service 10:30am
Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
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Divine Liturgy Sundays and Feastdays 9:30AM
Potluck lunch following Sunday Divine Liturgy.
Our Patronal Feast Day will take place on Saturday November 1st. The greeting of the Bishop will take place at 9:30 AM, followed by the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy (with the Procession of the Cross, weather permitting).

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Services are at 10:30 AM on Sundays, in person and on Zoom.
Hospitality hour with coffee and snacks follows each service.
April 5 – Easter Sunday service with Rev. Kent Trievel
Pastor Kent is our guest minister for this interfaith Easter Sunday service. He was the longtime pastor of the Moravian Church in New Hartford.
April 12 – Gerrit Smith and the Crusade for Social Reform, Norman Dann During the 1830-1865 Reform Era, Gerrit Smith fought for equal rights for all people, especially through the movement for the abolition of slavery and the women's rights movement. Smith lubricated the wheels of change with his resources of time, money, pen, and oratory, with his behavioral philosophy grounded in the Golden Rule. Norm Dann has written nine books on 19th Century history of the Smith family and their abolition, women's rights, environmental, social justice, and Underground Railroad activities. He is a founder of the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum in Peterboro and Professor Emeritus at SUNY Morrisville.
April 19 – Earth Day service: Climate Restoration, Chuck Tomaselli



Humanity has an obligation to future generations to restore and maintain a safe climate. Folks will be encouraged to embrace the Climate Restoration resolution, which calls on us to restore our planet's climate by 2050. Chuck Tomaselli is the Climate Change Ambassador to Rotary. He is a past president and longtime board member of the New Hartford Rotary Club.

April 26 – Rev. Janet Stemmer: be mine? Won't you please be my neighbor? Join us for uplifting stories and songs as we visit Mister Roger's Neighborhood. Rev. Janet was ordained as an Interfaith/Interspiritual Minister by One Spirit Interfaith Seminary in 2015 after many years of spiritual study. She continues to volunteer as an Assistant Chaplain at Upstate Medical in Syracuse.



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Earth Day vs. Arbor Day: The Difference and Why They Both Matter

Well, for one, these aren't just holidays that were invented to sell greeting cards. In fact, part of their goal is to reduce the number of greeting cards that are made and to recycle all the old ones.

We have both of these holidays because they started in very different ways for causes that were important in their time, almost a century apart. Today, their causes are as crucial as ever, and they have both come to emphasize the end goal of improving our planet. Here's some more information that will help you see the forest for the trees and be able to tell the two holidays apart.

History of Earth Day vs. Arbor Day

Arbor Day

Arbor Day was started back in 1872 by a member of Nebraska's State Board of Agriculture. Julius Sterling Morton proposed the day of tree planting as a way to repopulate his home state with trees. By 1888, we were recognizing the importance of trees nationwide and Arbor Day became a widely celebrated holiday.

Earth Day

Earth Day was founded much later in 1970 when Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson began an organization of volunteers to raise awareness of environmental issues and pollution. Nelson believed he could force environmental protection onto the national political agenda if he could combine the energy of the anti-war movement with a public awareness of the ongoing air and water pollution.

How We Celebrate: Earth Day vs. Arbor Day

Because tree planting can't happen at the same time of year nationwide, Arbor Day is celebrated either the last Friday of April, or whenever the climate allows. Hawaii for example, doesn't celebrate until November when their rainy season starts.

Arbor Day

Activities involve planting new trees, tending to endangered trees and plants, and cultivating spaces for continued and future tree growth. Search here to find events in your state.

Earth Day

Earth Day is every April 22nd in the United States in honor of Senator Nelson's environmental teach-in first held on that day. Initiatives include planting trees and local trash cleanups.

What You Can Do?

Arbor Day

While Arbor Day is thought to be just a day to plant trees, it is really about environmental stewardship and leaving a better Earth for future generations than the one we currently have. You can do something as simple as learning your state tree, or if you're feeling ambitious, you can share a picnic with friends and bake a dish using spices and other ingredients produced entirely by trees.

Earth Day

Earth Day has become known for widespread, impassioned calls to action. But even if you're not the call-your-senator-and-join-a-protest-at-the-capitol type, there are lots of simple ways for you to make a difference. Walking to school or work is healthy and cuts down on air pollution. Recycling, using your own grocery bags, and carrying a reusable water bottle or coffee cup are all good practices that help to cut down on waste and pollution. And, just like for Arbor Day, you can plant a tree or two.

So now you know the difference between Earth Day and Arbor Day. While each holiday began under different circumstances, they have always been simpatico at their core. Take some time on those days to become more aware of your surroundings and find a way that you can positively impact the world around you.

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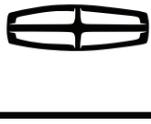
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