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New Hartford Citizens Band 2026 Summer Season

The New Hartford Citizens Band will hold concerts from 7:30-9:00pm at the New Hartford Village Green. Every Wednesday from June 24-July 29.

In case of rain, concerts will be held at the New Hartford Recreation Center.

They will be hosting the 7th annual New Hartford Band Festival on Saturday, August 1st at the Village Green, which will include many local community bands, food trucks, basket raffles, and small chamber groups. Time is TBD for the NH Band Festival.

- July 1
- July 8
- July 15
- July 22
- July 29
- *August 1 (NH Band Festival)



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Daylight Donuts Celebrates 20 Years of Business

The Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday morning in honor of Daylight Donuts' 20th Anniversary. The café is located at 22 Genesee St. in New Hartford.

In honor of this special milestone, Daylight has undergone recent renovations within the café including new furniture, fresh paint jobs all around, and new counter-top surfaces. They have also included new items on the menu including protein shakes, protein lattes and new breakfast items.

Daylight Donuts will also be available for pre-order and delivery via Doordash in the near future.



The Flub Dub Club - Utica, NY

It's been said, two men had met in WWII, that were both from Utica NY, and became good friends. Agreeing that when the war was over they would meet at a local bar and carry on their friendship. Adding other friends they formed 'The Flub Dub Club in 1944.

Friendships were started, laughter, food, cards and beverages were had and along the way, by-laws were formed as well.

That was years ago, with over 50 members with a waiting list. They must carry a half walnut shell with their name on it, at all times - it was called a 'Dub'. When you would meet other fellow members, one had to say 'Can you rub your dub flub?' If one or the other does not comply, he had to pay a fine at the next meeting. The member with the most fines that month would sit in front of the meeting wearing the 'Super Dub Derby' and was not able to participate in the meeting. If you lost or broke your Dub, you must report it to a member and a piece of the Dub must be carried with you until you received a new Flub.

A good time is had by all! They have a Family Clam Bake with entertainment once a year, where they gather at a nice restaurant for a sit down dinner with wives or girlfriends.

The short list of their officers is:

- Grand Dub, Pres.
- Not So Grand Dub, VP
- Grab Dub, Treas.
- Gub Dub, Recording Sec.

NYS Approved Defensive Driving Classes

New York State approved defensive driving courses for insurance and point reduction programs, to be given by AARP in July.

On July 28th, classes will be held at the New Hartford Public Library from 9:00am-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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**Arthritis Specialists
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The Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday afternoon for Arthritis Specialists new location, now located at 4350 Middle Settlement Road, Suite A in New Hartford.

The ceremony celebrated expanded rheumatology services, advanced on-site infusion care, and the physician-supervised practice they've been working to build for the community.

Arthritis Specialists treat conditions including rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, osteoporosis, autoimmune diseases and chronic joint pain & inflammation.



Irish Cultural Center Holds 4th Annual "Great American Irish Scramble" Golf Tournament

On Friday July 10th, the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley will be presenting their 4th annual "Great American Irish Scramble" at Pine Hills Golf Club. Registration starts at 9:30 AM, with a shotgun start set for 10:30. The cost for this year's event remains at \$110 per player or \$440 per foursome, which covers green fees, carts, lunch at the turn, awards, on-course refreshments and dinner. All entrants will also receive a commemorative gift at registration.

The tournament – a "Captain and Crew" format – also offers various on-course skill challenges for the chance to win additional prizes. This year's event also features a separate Tavern Division, where teams representing their favorite bar will compete to have their name engraved on the coveted "Irish Scramble" trophy, on permanent display at the Five Points Pub.

All proceeds from this event will help the Irish Cultural Center continue to provide high-quality educational, entertainment and cultural Irish programs.

For more information, including tee sign and other sponsorship opportunities, go to the Zeffy event page (qr.iccmv.org/golf2026), or send an email to golf@iccmv.org.

Pine Hills Golf Club is located at 247 Jones Road in Frankfort, NY.

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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. Our next meeting is August 5th.

Mid York Library System App

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 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.

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.

Display: Utica Zoo Bull Reef

The Utica Zoo's new Bull Reef Habitat to be featured in an exhibit at the New Hartford Public Library during the month of July. The zoo's exhibit will guide library patrons through the features and back story about the habitat and will be located in the display case at the library's main entrance. The Bull Reef Habitat opened in June. Zoo visitors see 2000 gallons of saltwater coral, along with exotic fish and an eel named Bowser. The new habitat is the second largest in the Northeast, with

the largest being the New York Aquarium on Long Island. In early 2025, Jackie Gregory, the Utica Zoo General Curator, learned of the Bull Reef Aquaculture Farm in Schuyler, N.Y., through the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, WA. Surprised that such an asset was located only 10 miles away, zoo leadership contacted Dr. Ron Bull to initiate a new partnership and just 18 months later the ribbon cutting occurred with the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Bull's passion for saltwater coral began decades ago when he was just six years old, tending to small fish tanks in his bedroom and reading books to learn how to care for them. In 2017, that childhood dream came to fruition with the launch of his coral farm in Schuyler. What started as a hobby has become a science-based career that will benefit the sustainability of live coral, which is an endangered species. The entire exhibit build, tank/life-support system and the living species were funded by the Bull Family Fund at the Community Foundation, which was approved by Bruce and Francis Bull. Additionally, Todd Usmail from Usmail Electric, and Seas the Day Scuba, New York Mills, provided the electrical infrastructure, backup generator and interpretive graphic electronics for the visitor area. Additionally, the public side of this new habitat is made possible in part from a New York State grant through the Empire State Development Regional Council Capital Funds Program through the 2025 Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Initiative. The Bull Reef is open daily from 10-4:30 every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Upcoming Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will be at the New Hartford Public Library on the following dates for blood drives:

7/23 12-4 PM

10/8 12-4 PM

12/10 12-4 PM

To register, please visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Sit and Stitch

With the Mohawk Valley Quilt Club

Date: The first Monday of the month

Time: 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Where: Corasanti Room, New Hartford Public Library

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

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. There will be NO TECH HELP June 16th.

Regular Story Time Pause - Resumes September 8th

Regular Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Story Times will be put on pause for July and August.

July and August Story Time will be Tuesdays at 10:30 only. Please check our Children's Summer Reading Calendar for additional Programming. We hope to see you there!

Closed Summer Sundays

Just a reminder that we are closed on Sundays in July and August. Sunday hours will resume after Labor Day.

NHPL at the Boilermaker

Heading to the Boilermaker Expo on Friday, July 10th? We will be there with Mid York from 12-1. Stop in and say hello!

Save the Date CNY Ghost Hunters!

Join us for an evening with Central New York Ghost Hunters at the New Hartford Library on September 15th at 6:00. Team Members from CNYGH will be presenting evidence, sharing stories, and educating on the equipment they use to try and reveal the paranormal. This is open to all ages. This is a presentation only and not an investigation.

Thank you to the Friends of the New Hartford Public Library for sponsoring this event.

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-11:30am and Friday mornings from 11:00am to 12:00pm for Chair Yoga in the Sammon Room. There is no charge for this class. There will be NO CLASS on 6/22.

Mat Yoga Class

Mat yoga will take place Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Sammon Room.

Meditation Class

12:30-1:30pm Mondays. 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.

Board Books and Babies Will Return in September

We will be pausing Board Books and Babies during the summer, see you in September!

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.

Touch the Trucks... Thank you!

We would like to thank the following people/organizations for making this event a success:

Rick Sherman, Highway Superintendent

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Town of New Hartford Parks Dept for letting us use the NH Rec Center

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Mandy Travis, Executive Director of the Mid York Library System

Our last thank you is to all that attended this event. Each year it grows and seeing the joy on the community's faces is wonderful to witness.

For those that loved the Dinosaur Bones, you will be happy to know that we are buying our own set!

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.

“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!



Summer Reading 2026

Here are our Children's and YA/Adult calendars for Summer Reading programming.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	10-12 Maker Cart Plus 10:30-11 Nature Club 11 Garden Club	10 PreK Playdate 10:30 Story & Craft	Farmer's Market	Zoomobile	Drop-In Legos	
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REGISTER HERE!						

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.

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!

>Sapphics Book Club: Join us for our NEW summer book club! Starting June 20th, the New Hartford Public Library will be hosting a Sapphic Book Club on the 3rd Saturday of the month in June, July and August.

Come and discuss the book, share book recs and even join in on our silly Book Tier list. Light refreshments will be served. All summer books will fall in the YA category for a more general audience. For questions, please speak to Cheryl at the library.

>NHPL Kid Book Club: Select Thursdays 3-4pm: Children's Area

This summer we will be reading and discussing books in the "Who Would Win?" series. Books will be available for checkout at the circulation desk. Each

week along with discussing and debating the book; we will also work on a correlated activity to go along with our dinosaur theme.

Program Dates & Books:

7/16: Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Velociraptor by Pallotta, Jerry

7/30: Triceratops vs. Spinosaurus by Pallotta, Jerry

8/13: Ultimate Pterosaur Rumble by Pallotta, Jerry

>Graphic Novel Book Club: 4th Saturday of Month @ 12:15: Corasanti Room

Looking for all Graphic Novel lovers YA and up! Join our monthly summer club as we read and discuss popular graphic novels. Books available at the Circ Desk for checkout.

Program dates & books:

7/25: Nimona by Stevenson, ND.

8/22: Pumpkinheads by Rowell, Rainbow

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:

- 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.

Friends of the New Hartford Public Library

Next Meeting - August 20, 9am. Large study room. Your assistance and ideas are always needed.

Save These Dates

August 29.....Ice Cream Social. Did you have a good time last year? This year is going to be even better!!!! Fun and surprises for the whole family.

September 15.....Central New York Ghost Hunters, Inc., 6-7:45pm.. Hear about their paranormal investigations of various landmarks and others nearer to home. This is an evening you certainly don't want to miss.

September 26.....As you are "on tour" of various miniature golf courses start practicing for the Bill Bonsted Indoor Miniature Golf Tournament. If YOU, or a group, decide you would like to be a part of this event as a hole designer, think about what materials could be used and in what form. Anything that you have to get around to score. (recyclables are extremely fun and so are pool noodles and duct tape) Then test it in your backyard for neighborhood and summer fun. It only needs to fit the aisle between two shelves of books. Play for the trophy!!

Tote Bags. The tote bags from the 50th anniversary will be available again but with the library logo and at a low price of \$5.00, so if you didn't get one then now is your opportunity.

No coffee with friends until Fall. We enjoyed meeting all that attended.

Programs and Meetings....Please look under The Friends on the library's website for the latest updates of programs the Friends will be offering as well as meeting dates.

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Annette Barber Used Book Room

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Anika Amidon is a graduate of New Hartford high school's class of 2019. She first traveled to Rome to study Italian language at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci to hone her Italian skills, followed by three months in Brazil, where she taught English as a second language to children in Rio de Janeiro's favelas. Following this, she attended New York University, College of Arts and Sciences and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2024 with her degree in Environmental Biology. This was immediately followed by acceptance to and enrollment in the University of Cambridge's School of Biological Sciences, where she graduated in October 2025 with her Research Master's (MPhil) in Agricultural Sciences. She has been published for her research with UC Davis and NYU, and her graduate work on the genetic modification of potatoes for climate resilience traits using CRISPR technology lives in the University of Cambridge's repository.

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Ribbon Cutting for the new playground at Sherrillbrook Park

Sapphire Fox Events Announces Dill-A-Palooza: A Pickle-Powered Community Festival Coming This August

Sapphire Fox is excited to present Dill-A-Palooza, a family-friendly outdoor festival celebrating everything PICKLES. The event will take place on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 10 AM to 8 PM at the Clark Mills American Legion on Main Street in Clark Mills, NY, with a rain date of August 23.

Dill-A-Palooza brings together the region's love for all things brined, bold, and delicious. Attendees can expect a full day of live music, local vendors, food trucks, family activities, and an abundance of pickle-themed treats and surprises.

"Dill-A-Palooza is designed to be a fun, energetic, community-driven event that brings people together over something as simple — and iconic — as a pickle," said

Gwen, Creative Director of Sapphire Fox. "We're excited to create a space where families, food lovers, and festival-goers can enjoy a full day of entertainment and local talent."

Vendor and Entertainment Opportunities Still Open

SapphireFox is currently accepting additional vendors and entertainers for this year's festival.

Interested participants can email events.sapphirefox@gmail.com for details and registration information.

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Blending art, storytelling, and environmental stewardship, this outdoor exhibition invites exploration, creativity, and connection in a one-of-a-kind Adirondack setting.

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Veterans and family members spend the weekend at Camp Sitrin during the 2025 Warrior Retreat.

What the History (WTH)!
Top 10 Interesting Facts of our Presidents

Happy 250th birthday to the United States of America. In honor of this illustrious anniversary, I decided, dear reader, to put forth for your edification my top ten interesting facts of our presidents. We've had 47 Presidents, but I have an editorial word count, so I am limited to just some fun historic presidential tidbits. These are chosen by me as the ones I liked best so, here we go. 1. George Washington did not have wooden teeth; however, he did have quite an alchemic mix of choppers with teeth made of gold, lead, elephant bone, and donkey teeth. He was also a talented dancer. 2. James Madison was our shortest president at 5'4" and 100 pounds. 3. John Tyler had the most children of any president with fifteen. Who knows what achievements he could've had if he had spent his energy on other than procreation. 4. Gerald Ford was a model who was on the cover of Cosmopolitan in the years before becoming our commander in chief. 5. Thomas Jefferson wrote his own obituary, and he failed to mention his presidency. 6. John Quincy Adams swam in the nude. Every day at 4am, he would leave the White House to swim in the Potomac River. 7. George W. Bush and Hugh Hefner of Playboy are cousins. 8. Theodore Roosevelt named the White House. Until 1901 it was called The Executive Mansion or The President's Palace. 9. Ulysses S. Grant was arrested for speeding in his horse and buggy while being president. He became good friends with the police officer. 10. James Garfield could write Greek with one hand while at the same time would write Latin with the other. Bonus fact: George H.W. Bush almost selected the actor Clint Eastwood as his vice president. Bonus, Bonus fact: Jimmy Carter as a farmer witnessed a UFO. He was a believer in little green men in flying saucers. What these fun facts point out is that the presidents are just like us with their own hobbies, interests, and oddball habits. The only difference is when they swim in the nude, insert their dentures, and race their horse and buggy through the streets, they were the top dog of our beautiful U.S.A. And we love them and our country. Happy 4th of July, dear readers.

Dennis Webster is a New Hartford resident, and author of regional books on true crime, ghosts, local history, and asylums. He can be reached at denniswbstr@gmail.com

**Sitrin Military Program to Host
 12th Annual Warrior Retreat**

From July 17-19, local veterans of Sitrin's Military Program will head to Camp Sitrin on Graffenburg Road in Frankfort, for the 12th Annual Warrior Retreat.

Sitrin's Military Program provides free, comprehensive care to post-9/11 veterans and service members who experience post-traumatic stress, suicidal ideations, depression, amputations, spinal cord injuries and other combat-related conditions.

Throughout the weekend, campers will utilize many of Camp Sitrin's amenities, including its 10-acre lake, cabins, nature trails, playing fields, and pavilions. To prepare for the event, many veterans of the Military Program have spent time cleaning and prepping the camp by cutting down branches, clearing hiking trails, raking, and cleaning docks.

"Veterans love Camp Sitrin for its peaceful environment where they can get away from everyday stresses and past trauma experienced in war," said Jackie Warmuth, vice president of Clinical Development and director of the Military Program.

This popular outing brings veterans and families together to share experiences, form friendships, create memories, and enjoy delicious food and baked goods. This year, attendees will join in a variety of fun-filled activities including a teddy bear hunt, ecotherapy, picture frame making, team relay, trivia night, and movie night.

The Warrior Retreat is a free event made possible through funds raised by Sitrin's Annual Riggie Run, Walk and Riggiefest as well as private donations and contributions from local VFWs and American Legions. This event is also the primary fundraiser for Sitrin's Military Program. This year's Riggie Run, Walk and Riggiefest will take place on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at the SUNY Polytechnic Institute campus, and will feature a 5K Run, 5K Riggie Challenge, 5K Wheelchair Race, 5K Wheelchair Riggie Challenge, 2-Mile Walk, and a 1-Mile Kids Run. Additionally, at the conclusion of the Run & Walk, a Riggiefest will be featured in the Field House in which more than a dozen local restaurants will showcase their version of this famous Utica dish. For more information or to register, please visit www.sitrinriggerunwalk.com.

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- Public Service = 23
- Rescue = 1
- Non- Emergency = 19
- Weather Related = 0
- Other = 0



Total Calls for the Month of May 2026 = 94.
Of the 94 alarms, 75 were in the town, 16 in the village and 3 mutual aid alarms during the month.
Total alarms year-to-date through May 31, 2026, = 486.

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

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

New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department Schedules 22nd Annual Fire Truck Spectacular

For 22 consecutive years, the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department has hosted an evening that brings together fire departments, law enforcement agencies, ambulance services, and emergency personnel from across Oneida, Herkimer, and neighboring counties. What began as a fire department showcase has evolved into a comprehensive display of the full spectrum of public safety and emergency services that protect our communities every day.

On Thursday evening, July 16, 2026, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Sangertown Square – Macy's wing parking lot, the public is invited to come out and meet the firefighters, police officers, paramedics, and emergency personnel who respond when they need us most. Walk through modern and vintage apparatus. See the latest firefighting, rescue, and law enforcement technology firsthand. Climb in. Ask questions. Interact with emergency services personnel in an informal setting where you can learn what public safety actually demands and what it takes to serve.

Fire apparatus, police vehicles, ambulances, and rescue equipment from throughout the region are expected to participate. The lineup represents multiple agencies and departments working side by side demonstration of regional cooperation and shared professional standards. "This show provides an opportunity for the public to see the various pieces of equipment and the latest technology used across emergency services," said Frank McCully, Event Chairman. "It's a chance to ask questions and interact with personnel from all branches of public safety. Our goal is to inspire individuals to

join their local department and strengthen emergency services across the region."

There will be food trucks on site. Admission is free. The event runs rain or shine.

This event is made possible through the generous support of our local sponsors and community partners. For more information, visit www.nhfd.com or the NHFD Facebook page.

From the Chiefs Desk; Summer Water Safety

Summer is here, and with it comes time at the pool, days at the lake, and the chance to cool off in the water. That is a good thing. What matters is that everyone in your family enjoys it safely.

Drowning is preventable, which is why we are talking about it. It is a leading cause of death for young children, and it can happen in backyards, public pools, and open water. It happens in seconds, often to families who thought they were doing everything right.

What Drowning Actually Looks Like

Here is the part that surprises most people: drowning is usually silent. It does not look like the splashing, yelling, arm-waving scene people expect from movies.

A person who is truly drowning may not be able to call for help because they need to breathe before they can speak. Their mouth may be at or below the waterline, and their arms may press down on the water rather than wave. Their head may be low, tilted back, or covered by hair. A child may look like they are simply bobbing or playing at the surface.

A drowning person may have only seconds before going under. By the time they look obviously distressed, they may already be in serious danger. That is why supervision matters more than rules or equipment. Active supervision means eyes on the water, phone down, and full attention. It means knowing where every person is at all times. If something looks off, act immediately.

At Home: What Your Pool Needs

If you have a residential pool, New York State requires pools to be enclosed by a permanent barrier that fully surrounds the pool and blocks access. In general, that barrier must be at least 4 feet high. Gates must be self-closing and self-latching. Depending on the setup, additional lock and latch protections may apply. The goal is to make unsupervised access as difficult as possible.

For above-ground pools, the pool structure itself may serve as part of the barrier if it meets code and access is properly controlled. Ladders or steps must be removable, lockable, or otherwise secured so they cannot be used without adult supervision.

Pools may need approved alarms depending on when they were installed or significantly modified. But even beyond code compliance, pool alarms are a smart safety device for every pool owner. They add another layer of protection and can save lives.

At Public Pools and Open Water

Public pools have lifeguards trained to watch for the silent signs of trouble, but lifeguards are not a substitute for supervision by the adults responsible for the child or swimmer. People in your care still need someone actively watching them.

For open water — beaches, lakes, and rivers — know the depth, temperature, and current before getting in. Use Coast Guard-approved life jackets when appropriate, especially for weaker swimmers or in rough water. Swimming lessons are strongly recommended for everyone who spends time around water.

If Someone Is in Trouble

Call 911 immediately. Do not wait. Do not assume someone else has already called.

If a child or adult is in immediate danger, act fast. Call 911, reach or throw a rescue aid if you can, and enter the water only if that is the only way to save a life and you can do it safely.

If someone is pulled out and not breathing, start CPR right away if you are trained. CPR can make a major difference before EMS arrives. If you are not trained, now is a good time to take a class.

This Summer

Take a few simple steps now: enroll in swim lessons, check pool barriers and gates, confirm alarms and ladders are secure, and get CPR training if you have not already.

The New Hartford Fire Department responds to water rescue calls. We see the close calls, and we see how quickly a routine day can turn into an emergency. Prevention, attention, and fast action save lives.

For questions about pool safety or water safety training in our community, visit nhfd.com or call (315) 732-1710.

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Genetics

submitted by James LaFountain, All American Fitness Center

One of my favorite college Exercise Science professors' most frequent statement was, "you can't dodge genetics." I never took it very seriously until I experienced the ill effects of my own genetic background. Both of my grandfathers died in their mid 50's of stroke and my grandmother and mother suffered from several strokes, that nearly cost them their lives. I eat healthy, exercise regularly, meditate and stay hydrated. A couple years ago, my cardiologist performed the Watchman Procedure on me in order to avoid having a stroke.

The human genome consists of a complete set of nucleic acid sequences encoded as DNA, within 23 chromosome pairs in cell nuclei and mitochondria. It contains roughly 3 billion base pairs, hosting 19,000-20,000 protein coding genes. That's why "people watchers" seldom see two identical humans.

A few weeks ago, while working with a client, I lost my ability to speak. Fortunately, my client called my wife, Cindy. We drove to Urgent Care and within a few minutes I was in an ambulance, racing to Wynn Hospital. Their Stroke Team sprung into action immediately and performed endless tests, administered a blood thinner and concluded, I had had a Trans Ischemic Attack (TIA), often referred to as a "Mini Stroke." I was released from the hospital the next day and so far, there have been no complications.

Initially, I was somewhat embarrassed because we have owned and operated the All-American Fitness Center for 45 years, I have written fitness columns for 42 years

and do a considerable amount of public speaking on the subject. I also wrote a book, entitled "Fitness Your Way" and hosted a weekly, television fitness segment. My professor's words kept ringing in my ears, "you can't dodge genetics." Eye and hair color, height and weight and body type have all been handed down the human genome to us all.

One's body type reflects their genetic predisposition. Somatotyping includes three distinct body types:

An **Ectomorph**: those who tend to be tall and thin.

A **Mesomorph**: those who are lean, muscular and athletic.

An **Endomorph**: those who are round (plump) and house generous amounts of stored body fat.

Each Somatotype provides a little wiggle room. In other words an Endomorph, with regular exercise and adhering to a prudent diet can become slightly more Mesomorphic.

Experts have discovered genetics contributes 30-50% of one's cardiovascular potential and 30-83% of their strength and power potential. Environmental factors, like regular exercise and following a sound diet contribute to the remainder of one's physical potential. I have trained people, who I doubted could escape their Somatotype. Their commitment, dedication and incredibly hard work, transformed their body beyond expectations.

One of the major reasons for failing to stick with a program is lack of noticeable physical improvement. Regardless of your Somatotype, physical progress, even at the microscopic level, is incredibly slow. Once we understand the significance of our "genetic predisposition" or the role genetics plays in our physical progress, we can set reasonable goals and make exercise more enjoyable. Reality sets in when we grasp an understanding of the role genetics plays in what we can actually achieve.

With that said, we cannot discredit our individual responsibility for getting and staying in shape. Regular exercise, done most days of the week, certainly helps ward off most diseases. Following a prudent diet also contributes to our well being. Although we cannot choose our family history (genetics), we have a responsibility to control what we have the power to control. Regardless if it's only 30-50%, we own it.

Vernier Science Education Welcomes Local Teacher, Mike Amante, to The Vernier Trendsetters Community

Vernier Science Education recently added seven new STEM teachers from high schools nationwide to the Vernier Trendsetters Community. This professional learning community, which now includes nearly 40 individuals, gives teachers the opportunity to grow their leadership and knowledge of modern, relevant STEM instruction as they connect with and learn from fellow teachers throughout the school year.

Selected among teachers from across the country, Mike Amante, engineering and computer science teacher at New Hartford Central Schools in New Hartford, was welcomed to the Community.

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"I am incredibly excited to join the Trendsetters Community and collaborate with a network of forward-thinking STEM educators who are passionate about empowering today's learners," said Mike Amante. "I'm most looking forward to exploring how we can leverage real-world data collection to drive meaningful projects, turning abstract concepts into hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and prepare our students for the world ahead."

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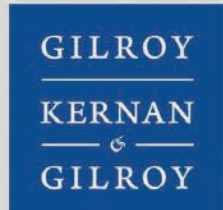
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The Most Common Decorating Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

Have you ever walked into a room and felt like something just wasn't quite right, even though all the furniture and décor were beautiful? Often, it's not the individual pieces that are the problem—it's how they're put together. After more than ten years helping customers furnish and decorate their homes, I've noticed a few common decorating mistakes that can prevent a room from reaching its full potential. The good news is that most of them are easy to fix.

Choosing a Rug That's Too Small

This is probably the most common mistake I see. Many homeowners select a rug based solely on price, choosing a smaller size to save money. Unfortunately, a rug that's too small can make an entire room feel disconnected and undersized. In most living rooms, at least the front legs of your furniture should sit on the rug. In larger spaces, all furniture legs can rest comfortably on the rug. A properly sized rug helps anchor the room and creates a more polished, intentional look.

Pushing All the Furniture Against the Walls

Many people assume that placing furniture around the perimeter of a room will make the space feel larger. Surprisingly, the opposite is often true. Pulling furniture slightly away from the walls and creating a conversation area can make a room feel warmer, more inviting, and better balanced. Even moving pieces a few inches can dramatically improve the flow of a space.

Hanging Artwork Too High

Artwork is frequently placed much higher than it should be. As a general rule, the center of the artwork should be close to eye level. When hanging art above furniture, leave approximately 6 to 10 inches between the bottom of the frame and the top of the furniture piece. This creates a visual connection between the two and helps the room feel cohesive.

Ignoring Lighting

Lighting is one of the most important design elements, yet it's often overlooked. A well-designed room typically includes multiple light sources rather than relying on a single overhead fixture. Table lamps, floor lamps, accent lighting, and natural light all work together to create warmth and dimension. Good lighting can completely change the way a room looks and feels.

Forgetting About Scale

A large sectional can overwhelm a small room, while tiny furniture can feel lost in a spacious area. Before purchasing furniture, measure your room carefully and consider how each piece relates to the size of the space. Proper scale creates balance and makes a room feel comfortable and functional.

The Goal Isn't Perfection

One of the biggest misconceptions about decorating is that every room needs to look like something from a magazine. In reality, the best-designed homes reflect the people who live in them. Your home should be comfortable, welcoming, and uniquely yours. By avoiding a few common decorating mistakes and focusing on balance, proportion, and function, you can create spaces that not only look beautiful but also feel like home.

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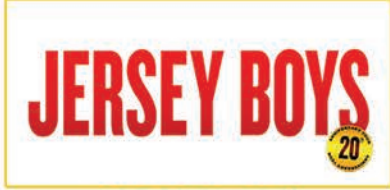
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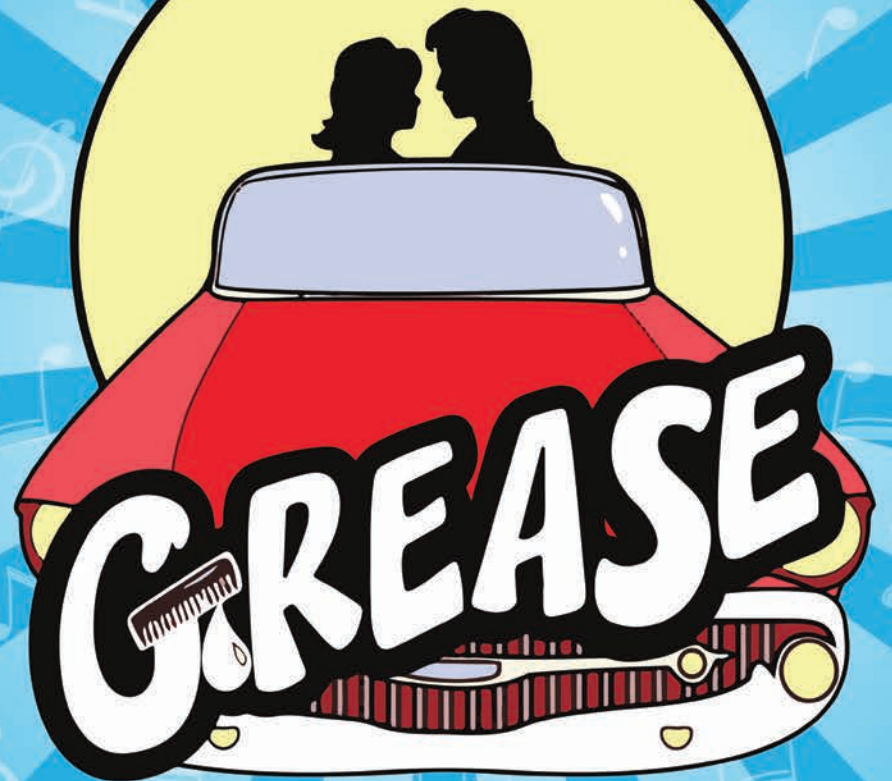
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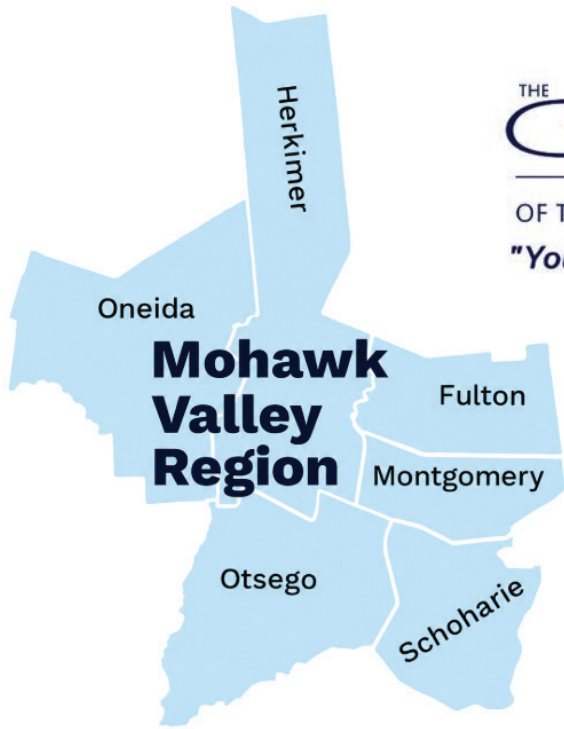
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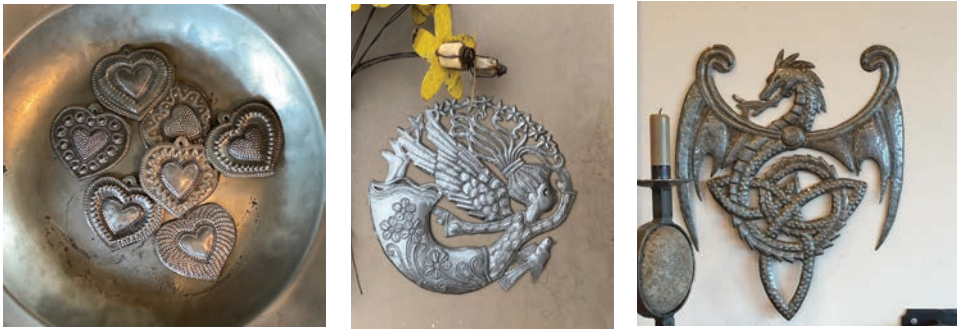
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Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.
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\$5 per person with admission

Meet the Artist Demos
1 to 3 p.m.

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FOOD

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SATURDAY, JULY 11

Community Car Show and Fountain Elms Invitational: The 1960s
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mohawk Valley Bonsai Club
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nick Carparelli Car Movie Marathon
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Concert: The Swooners
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meet the Artist: RC Oster
1 to 3 p.m.

Mohawk Valley Bonsai Club Demo
2 p.m.

Car Show Awards
3 p.m.

Holly Heckler '11 Opening Reception
4 to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Children's Craft: Sidewalk Chalk Art
All Day

Mohawk Valley Bonsai Club
noon to 5 p.m.

Meet the Artist: Ruth Benoit
1 to 3 p.m.

Mohawk Valley Bonsai Club Demo
2 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Children's Craft
11 a.m. – Marble Maze
1 p.m. – Cloud Dough Faces

Meet the Artist: Iryna Trociuk
1 to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Children's Craft – Plants + Pictures
11 a.m.

Utica Children's Museum Mobile Museum
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meet the Artist: Ben Garlington
1 to 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Children's Craft
11 a.m. – Watercolor Landscape
1 p.m. – Anything but a Paint Brush

Meet the Artists: Mariana Falletti and Andrea Rodriguz
1 to 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

16th Annual Oneida County Youth Bureau Sidewalk Chalk Art Competition
Ages 5–18 | Free
10 a.m. – Registration
10:30 a.m. – Competition

11th Annual Steamrollin' Prints
10 a.m. till done

Children's Craft
1 p.m. – Mini Claw Machine

Meet the Artist: Peter Rashford
1 to 3 p.m.

Foam Party for Kids
2 p.m.

Free Film: The Bernie Uebelhoer Memorial Hitchcock Film: The Trouble with Harry
2 and 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Plein Air Painting Demo
Chad Smith, Instructor
9 a.m. to noon

Children's Craft
11 a.m. – Butterfly Suncatchers
1 p.m. – Bird Buddies

Puppy Parade
1 p.m.

Meet the Artist: Ginny Clapp
1 to 3 p.m.

DJ Night and Karaoke with DJ Bizznez and Amos Donnell
6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Outdoor Art and Yoga
10:30 a.m. | Free

Children's Craft
11 a.m. – Light House
1 p.m. – Marble Pets

Meet the Artist: Mary Murphy
1 to 3 p.m.

Festival Art Show Awards
5 p.m.

Latin Dance Party
7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Festival Art Show – Last Chance!
noon to 5 p.m.

Meet the Artist: Jan Rumbutis
1 to 3 p.m.



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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:

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- Knows How To Navigate The Insurance Claims Process With You.
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Lunch and Learn: "Find Your Irish Ancestor Online"

The H.A.R.P. Museum at the Irish Cultural Center continues its popular Lunch and Learn series on Wednesday, July 8th at 11 AM, with a presentation titled "Find Your Irish Ancestor Online."

Did you know that most of the basic records you need to discover information about your Irish ancestor's origins are online? You don't need to go to Dublin and spend your vacation in dusty libraries. With some basic background research and knowledge of what to expect from Irish records, you can soon be ready to walk in your ancestors' footsteps. In this presentation, professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty will share tips and strategies from 30 years of experience in tracing Irish families.

This marks Lisa's fourth visit to the Irish Cultural Center. She is a professional genealogist, lecturer and volunteer based in the Albany area of upstate New York. A member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, she is also a graduate of the ProGen Study Group. Lisa has many years of experience in family history research, specializing in finding places of origin for Irish ancestors, as well as tracing family lines forward to find living relatives.

A \$20 registration fee will cover the program and lunch; meal tax and gratuity are included. Please register at this link, <https://bit.ly/4eDamCk>, 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.



Create An Ogham Pendant

Create your own pendant inscribed with ogham, the early medieval alphabet of Ireland. Sue Romero will guide you through the process of making a pendant from polymer clay and etching a word of your choice in ogham. She will also give a brief history of ogham writing. You'll go home with a completed necklace that honors your interest in Ireland and its history. And if you haven't yet tried polymer clay crafting, you may find a new hobby.

The program will be held in the H.A.R.P. Museum Gallery at the Irish Cultural Center, on Wednesday July 15, 6:30-9:00pm. Registration is limited to 15 with a waiting list. If there is enough interest, Sue will present the program again in August. The \$15 cost of the program covers all the tools and materials you'll need as well as light refreshments.

Sue is a freelance writer, substitute teacher, musician with Craobh Dugan-O'Looney who enjoys sharing what she continues to learn about her Irish heritage.

Seating is limited, please register at <https://bit.ly/4vI2Qfk> or leave a message at (315) 733-4228, Ext 6. The H.A.R.P. Museum is 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.



B Sharp Performance and Scholarship Award

The B Sharp Musical Club will present a concert Monday, July 6 at 6:00 PM at the Grace Episcopal Church located at 6 Elizabeth Street in Utica.

Members of B Sharp who will be performing include Holly McCormack (soprano), Anne Contino (clarinet), John Krause, Peter Costianes, Avery Ellerbruch, Mary Coburn, Colleen Pellman and Tina Toggia (piano), Mary Holzhauser (organ), Joanna Robertson (cello), Claire Wilcox (violin), Ethan Coburn (bass), and Sam Robertson (drums).

The works being performed include "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen" by Franz Schubert, "Fate" from Kismet by Wright and DeForrest, "chromatic aberrations" by Sam Pellman, "Summer Dreams" by Amy Beach, "Litanies" by Jehan Alain, and "Suite for Cello and Jazz Piano" by Claude Bolling.

A highlight of this event will be the announcement of the McGinty Piano Scholarship Award.

The B Sharp Musical Club was founded in 1903 and supports music and the arts in the Greater Utica Area by hosting free concert programs, mentoring young musicians, awarding scholarships, and providing outreach to underserved communities. Please visit www.bsharpmusic.org for more information about our programs and scholarships.

MVILR Summer Camp

MVILR (the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement) is holding its 3rd Annual Summer Camp for Seniors July 13 - 16 on the MVCC Rome Campus. Classes, held from 9:30 AM to 3:00PM will include D-Day, Meditation and Kindness, Norman Rockwell: Storyteller, History of Sumo, Yoga, Benedict Arnold, Scott Joplin, Extraterrestrials, Jeopardy, Crafts, Readers' Theater, Genetics, Latin Dancing: Salsa and Meringue, Films & Documentaries, and many more: 32 options to choose from! The 4-day camp is free for all full-year MVILR members, and \$50 for non-members. For more information, please check our website at MVILR.org or phone 315-334-7761.

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Building Momentum for New Hartford

Submitted by Jim Messa, Town Supervisor

New Hartford is moving forward on several important fronts. From technology upgrades and cost savings to financial accountability, revitalization efforts, and infrastructure investment, the Town is making progress that will strengthen operations today and better position us for the future.

Planned technology upgrades are already producing measurable savings. The Town's new phone system is an upgrade that is expected to save approximately \$5,000 per year. And in delivering on my plan to remarket our insurance policies, the Town has achieved approximately \$30,000 in savings on townwide insurance costs. These savings reflect my continued focus on reviewing expenses, improving operations, and making responsible decisions with taxpayer dollars.

A critical vote advancing the \$10M Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant passed by a 4-1 margin. At the June 3rd Town Board Meeting, the Board voted to approve the first required step in the Chadwicks DRI grant process by adopting the necessary Pro-Housing Resolution. While the vote was not unanimous, its passage allows the Town to continue advancing the application and certification process tied to the \$10 million award.

This is an important milestone for Chadwicks and for the Town as a whole. The DRI process involves detailed planning, documentation, coordination, and state review, and each required action helps move the community closer to seeing the benefits of this investment take shape. The Town's letter of intent has been accepted, and the required documentation is now being gathered and submitted to MRB Group, the consulting firm retained to help facilitate the process. Certification efforts are actively underway, and the Chadwicks DRI remains a top priority at Town Hall.

Important infrastructure investment is also advancing. The Town Board approved New Hartford's participation in Oneida County's sewer infrastructure improvement initiative. Of the \$26 million grant, approximately \$7.3 million is expected to be allocated toward infrastructure improvements benefiting New Hartford. This represents a significant investment in essential infrastructure and long-term planning.

Together, these steps reflect a Town government focused on modernization, accountability, savings, infrastructure, and opportunity. We will continue building on this momentum, working every day toward our goals.



Highway Department News

Submitted by: Richard Sherman, Highway Superintendent

July will be a busy month for your Highway crew, with several projects underway. We are very busy with our Curbside Brush Collection. We understand that, because of the recent weather and all the rain, people are mowing their lawns more frequently. It is very important that you containerize your loose green waste items (grass, hedge clippings, flowers and small piles of branches). Please follow the guidelines outlined in the brochure that was mailed to each resident. If you didn't receive a brochure, you can call our office to receive a copy, or you can find it on our website. Please don't place green waste and brush over the catch basins. This will stop the flow of water in a rain event.

We have started mowing the town and county road shoulders and rights-of-ways. Please use caution when you see the mowing ahead signs out.

The Town Highway Department along with the New Hartford Public Library, again hosted the "Touch the truck" event. This year it was located in the New Hartford Rec Center parking lot. The New Hartford Police Department and New Hartford Fire Department joined us with this event. The Highway Department distributed hard hats for the children to wear as they went from truck to truck. This change of venue allowed for more parking and space for those to attend. This was a highly attended event enjoyed by many residents. We look forward to making further improvements for next year!

The newly developed Stormwater Committee continues to meet monthly to discuss storm water plans and issues throughout the town. We are working on finding grants to assist with these matters.

Just a reminder that there is Trash Drop off every Monday from 7am to 11am at the Highway Garage located at 111 New Hartford Street. Please follow the guidelines outlined in the mailer of what items can and will be accepted. If you want us to pick up items at your residence, you must purchase a tag for \$5.00 per item from the Clerk's office by Friday before the scheduled Monday. Pick ups are scheduled for the first Monday of every month. The Clerk's office is located at 8635 Clinton Street at Town Hall Building from 8:00am- 4:00pm.

As always, call with questions: 315-534-2998 or email me at: rsherman@townofnewhartfordny.gov.



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Submitted by: Michele Moran

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Free Fishing Days 2026
DEC announced Free Fishing Days for 2026. Free fishing days offer residents and non-residents who are 16 and older the opportunity to fish without a freshwater fishing license. (*Kids under 16 can always fish for free!)

- 2026 Free Fishing Days Schedule:**
- February 14-15 (Presidents' Day Weekend)
 - June 27-28
 - September 26 (National Hunting and Fishing Day)
 - November 11 (Veterans Day)

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Town Board Meeting (rescheduled)	07/09	6:00pm
Planning Board Meeting	07/13	5:30pm
ZBA Meeting	07/20	6:00pm
Stormwater Committee Meeting	07/08	6:00pm

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

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Christopher J. Carbone

Understanding Different Types of Trusts to Help Meet Your Needs

A trust can help protect your assets, guard your privacy, minimize family conflict, and help ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes. While many people think of trusts as only for the wealthy, trusts can be a powerful estate planning tool with potential non-financial benefits, says Maurice Quiroga, senior fiduciary strategist for Wealth & Investment Management, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

With so many types of trusts covering various wealth planning strategies, it can be difficult to determine which will best fit your needs. Here, Quiroga shares

important information on one of the most common types of trusts, plus four others that might address a specific need — and help you make the right decision for your estate plan.

Revocable living trust

Gives you control over how and when your assets are distributed when you die or become incapacitated

This is a very common type of trust. A revocable living trust keeps the assets it contains out of probate (a public, court-supervised process that verifies your will's authenticity, pays off any outstanding bills, and distributes your estate's assets) and allows you to spell out exactly how you want them to be managed and distributed in the event of your incapacity or upon your death.

It's called "revocable" because it can be revoked by the grantor (the person who created the trust) at any time. "If there's a change in your family situation — divorce, birth of grandkids, sale of a business, loss of a family member, tax law changes — you have the flexibility to change or rewrite your document," Quiroga says.

How it works: With the help of your estate planning attorney, you can create the revocable living trust, fund it with assets, and typically name yourself as trustee (the person who administers the trust). You also name beneficiaries and a successor trustee who will manage your affairs, according to the terms you included in the trust, if you become incapacitated or die.

"You can decide the level of controlling provisions in the governing document," Quiroga says. For example, you could stipulate each of your children will get a specific stipend from the trust's income every month but will have access to the principal only for higher-education costs or a health care emergency.

"Forgetting to fund a trust is one of the most common mistakes I see," Quiroga says. Seeking the assistance of a tax advisor can help you determine which assets should be funded in the revocable living trust and coordinate beneficiary designations for those assets that pass outside the trust — for example, life insurance or retirement accounts. "A best practice is to retitle your assets in the name of the trust after it is created and when new assets are purchased."

Other types of trusts

While revocable living trusts are flexible tools in many wealth transfer plans, those with specific needs may want to explore other types of trusts that may align with their particular situation. Consult your estate planning attorney and trust advisor about whether any of these would be a good fit for you.

A marital qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) trust provides for your spouse after your death while protecting your assets for future generations

Not every surviving spouse has the time, knowledge, or interest in managing the family finances. One solution may be to establish a marital qualified terminable interest property trust. You can set up this trust, often referred to as a "QTIP," to help ensure your spouse is taken care of for the rest of their life, while allowing you to specify what happens to the assets after your spouse is gone. Income generated from the trust, and sometimes principal, is distributed to the spouse during their lifetime, with the remaining trust assets distributed according to rules set out in the document after they die. Trustees are responsible for managing trusts and their assets in an impartial manner, which helps protect the best interests of all beneficiaries, current and future.

QTIPs may be a good option if you have been married before and want to provide for your current spouse during their lifetime but guaranteeing your children receive their inheritance. When setting up a QTIP, your wealth strategist and tax advisor can be a good resource to help you determine whether this strategy can help lower estate taxes (and some capital gains taxes) if those are a concern.

A special needs/supplemental needs trust provides for a child or sibling living with a disability without jeopardizing their government benefits

If you have a child with special needs, you want to make sure there is enough money to provide for their care throughout their lifetime. However, if you leave money or property directly to your special needs child, the assets may put them at the risk of losing government benefits such as Social Security and Medicaid. A special needs trust allows you to allocate funds from a personal injury settlement, gifts, life insurance, or an inheritance into the trust without jeopardizing public support.

An irrevocable life insurance trust (ILIT) helps keep a life insurance payout from triggering estate taxes

The estate tax limit is indexed for inflation; as of January 1, 2026, the lifetime exemption is \$15 million per taxpayer (and twice that amount for married couples).

If you are worried proceeds from a life insurance policy could push the value of your estate over the estate tax limit, you can set up an irrevocable life insurance trust, or an "ILIT," to own your life insurance policy and keep the proceeds out of your estate when you die. Consult with your wealth strategist and tax advisor regarding any potential gift tax impacts of transferring a policy into an ILIT or transferring money into the ILIT to purchase a policy.

Charitable trusts help you make tax-efficient contributions to charity while still providing for your heirs

Those interested in giving back may look to trusts to help preserve their wealth while giving to charity. According to Quiroga, two common charitable trusts are a charitable remainder trust and a charitable lead trust. Each offers the option to be set up during life or established as part of an estate plan to take effect after you pass away.

If you have an asset with significant taxable appreciation, you can put it in a charitable remainder trust, which offers tax benefits, such as a charitable income tax deduction, and may help avoid capital gains taxes. The trust then has the potential to generate a stream of income you can direct to one or more beneficiaries. At the end of a specified period or when the beneficiary dies, the remaining assets are donated to the charity or charities of your choice. For example, you could set one up that, upon your death, makes annual payments to your children for 20 years; after that time, whatever is left would go to charity. A charitable lead trust is almost the opposite, Quiroga says. In the scenario above, the payments would go to the charity and the remainder to beneficiaries.

Plans for transferring wealth are personal and unique, and these are just some of your options. Be sure to align your decisions with your long-term goals.

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ANTIQU TALK

Questers Wants You!

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.

From The Mailbag

Q. I have a set of 6 cut glass individual salt cellars that have been in my family for years. I was wondering what they might be worth?

A. Before the advent of salt shakers, your salt cellars graced the table of almost every home. Consequently, there is a great supply of them which affects the price. These continue to be a rather inexpensive collectible. You however have two things in your favor that increase the value of your salts. One is that yours are cut glass which is a rarer variety and secondly, you have a matched set of 6 which is more desirable. I would value your set at \$50.

Q. We acquired an upright Victrola in working condition. I have been told that it might be quite valuable and would like your opinion?

A. You indeed have a rather valuable item. The Victrola was introduced in 1906 by the Victor Talking Machine Company and immediately became very popular. Sadly though, in recent years, many have been stripped apart to become home bars or storage cabinets. This has resulted in them becoming scarce, especially in working condition like yours. I would estimate the value of your Victrola at \$1,000-\$1,500, although I have seen them go in excess of that.

Q. I have an original Viewmaster stereoscope from the 1950's. I also have several of the cardboard reels that it uses. I am curious if it has any value?

A. The Viewmaster was introduced in 1939 and remained a popular toy through the 1950's and 60's. The 3-D images it produced were exciting to both children and adults. I value your Viewmaster at \$75.

Happy collecting!



These salt cellars were a necessity in almost every home.



The Viewmaster was a popular toy for several decades.

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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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General Office: 315-732-1349 Rev. Andy Ward, Pastor

hopealliance4291@gmail.com www.hopealliancecny.com

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Fridays: Christian Service Brigade - 7pm

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Sunday Service of Holy Communion at 10am followed by fellowship

AA-Anon Meetings: Sun. at 5pm & Thurs. at 5:30pm

AA Meetings: Sundays at 8pm

Yoga by Kristy: Tues. 5:30-7pm & Thurs. at 9:30-11am.

more information can be found at www.rootdownwell.com

EGA Meetings: 1st Friday of the Month

St. Stephen's is handicapped accessible.

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Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:00 am

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Nursery, Preschool and Children's Worship hour: 10:00 am

See our website for information regarding our Youth Group, Kids Club and other upcoming events.

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NEW HARTFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Hannah Ratliff, Pastor

45 Genesee Street, NH 315-732-1139

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Sunday morning worship in July is at 9:30 outdoors on the

Village Green adjacent to the church. In the event of inclement

weather, worship will be in the sanctuary.

NHPC's annual Blessing of the Animals will take place

immediately following the worship service on Sun. July 19.

A time of refreshments and fellowship follows each worship

service.

There will be no live streaming of services or nursery care in

July. The children's Sunday School, Adult Study Group and

Choir are also on summer break during July.

The 2026 "Peace Camp" vacation Bible school program

for kindergarteners through sixth graders inspired by Mr.

Rogers' Neighborhood will take place from 9 a.m. through

12 p.m. daily July 27-31. More information is available

at newhartfordpresbyterian.org/vbs2026 or by calling the

church office.

Two popular summertime events return to the Village Green

on Wednesdays in July: the Farmers Market at 2:30 p.m. and

concerts by the New Hartford Citizens Band at 7:30 p.m.

The Oneida County Senior Lunch Program will be held

at NHPC at 12 noon on Monday, July 20.

During July, unless otherwise noted, Church Office hours

will be 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The office will be closed on Fridays.

The July schedule:

7/1 — 2:30 p.m. Farmers Market on the Village Green

7/1 — 7:30 p.m. Citizens Band Concert on the Village Green

7/3 — NHPC closed in observance of Independence Day

7/5 — 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship, Communion

7/8 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews

7/8 — 2:30 p.m. Farmers Market on Village Green

7/8 — 7:30 p.m. Citizens Band Concert on Village Green

7/12 — 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

7/15 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews

7/15 — 2:30 p.m. Farmers Market on Village Green

7/15 — 7:30 p.m. Citizens Band Concert on Village Green

7/19 — 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship, Blessing of the Animals

7/20 — 12 Noon, Oneida County Senior Lunch Program

7/22 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews

7/22 — 2:30 p.m. Farmers Market on Village Green

7/22 — 7:30 p.m. Citizens Band Concert on Village Green

7/25 — 3 p.m. Hope House meal prepared

7/26 — 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

7/27 — 9 a.m. Peace Camp

7/28 — 9 a.m. Peace Camp

7/29 — 9 a.m. Peace Camp

7/29 — 10 a.m. Sew 'n Sews

7/29 — 2:30 p.m. Farmers Market on Village Green

7/29 — 7:30 p.m. Citizens Band Concert on Village Green

7/30 — 9 a.m. Peace Camp

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July 5 - Guest Pastor: Rev. Gail Riina

July 12 - Boilermaker Hospitality Tent & Free Parking Beginning at 6:45 a.m.

July 12 - Guest Pastor: Deacon Patsy Glista (Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.)

July 19 - Guest Pastor: Rev. Paul Dreher-Wiberg

July 26 - Guest Pastor: Rev. Julie Kelly

Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

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Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm

Weekly Activities**Worship Services Wednesdays at 11:45 AM**

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

Men's Group | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

- Meant to be a time of fellowship and exploration, Father Nick Smith will begin each week by asking

"What is saving your life today?" Is it spiritual practice? Is it coffee? Is it some curious enigma? Let's find out and share

our conclusions!

Conversations with Father John | 2nd Wednesdays at 1:30 PM

- Join us for conversations about faith hosted by Father John LaVoe.

Caregiving Support Group | 3rd Mondays at 2 PM

- Facilitated by the Rev. Deacon Barbara Groves, the group's focus will be to provide a place for folks who are caregivers

to gain support for themselves, and exchange ideas to help

care for loved ones at home.

Grief Support Group | 3rd Fridays at Noon

- St. Margaret's continues to host a peer facilitated grief support group

for anyone experiencing loss - new members are welcome

to join.

Coffee and Conversation with Rev. Deacon Jean | 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 PM

- Join The Reverend Deacon Jean Skinner for conversations about faith. Please consider bringing

a few cans of food for our food pantry as a donation.

Monthly Dinners:

No dinner July & August (back in September)

Book Club with Judy | Alternating Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 to Noon

- Please register one week prior to each session. Feel free to bring a snack to share!

Monday, July 13: Now and Not Yet: Pressing in When You're Waiting, Wanting, and Restless for More by Ruth

Chou Simons

Thursday, Aug 13: Grit Don't Quit: Developing Resilience

+ Faith When Giving Up Isn't an Option by Bianca Juárez

Olthoff

Monday, Sept 14: Life Lessons from St. Thérèse of Lisieux

by Joseph F. Schmidi and Marisa Guerin

Summer Fun for Children and their Parent/Grandparent | July 9th, July 23rd, August 4th, August 18th all from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

- We're inviting children of all ages, along with their parent/grandparent to join us on the dates listed

above for a special fun activity, snack, and a chance to take

part in a service activity for people or animals in need in

our community. Activities will be geared towards spending

quality time with your special adult. And we know that giving

back to others in need is ALWAYS a great way to spend

time together. We'll provide any/all necessary materials and

you'll do the work together. We're appreciative of Stewart's

Holiday Grants Foundation for helping us fund these activities.

Activities will happen regardless of the weather, but please

be sure to register at least one week prior to each activity. To

register, please call 315.724.2324 with the number of children,

their ages, and the number of adults attending for each date.



butter and jelly sandwich maker, and Doctor Who fanatic from Minnesota who's made Central New York his home. After a brief ministry in central Michigan, he served the UU Congregation of Saratoga Springs, NY, for more than ten years. Trained in both science and literature as well as religion, Rev. Joe is fascinated by how we can find wonder and create meaning in our lives through music, ritual, and story. Rev. Joe is the spouse of Kristin, a UU Membership Professional, and they live in Liverpool, NY.

July 19– Rev. Kim Domenico: View from the Other Side Creating community space in Utica, from a radical business owner point of view. Kim and her husband Orin, were both “outsiders” when they created The Other Side in Utica. The trick was for them to be outsiders inside. They also founded Café Domenico, which they operated for 22 years as a coffee shop and community space. Kim is an ordained UU minister and describes herself as “independently religious.”

July 26 – Salisbury Center Cluster Service: Rev. Jeff Frank No Sunday service will be held at UUUtica on July 26, as area Unitarian Universalist churches join together at the First Universalist Society, 138 State Route 29A, in Salisbury Center. The 10:30 AM service will be followed, as usual, by a potuck luncheon.

***Zoom service from Salisbury Center will not be available due to technical considerations.



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- The bus will leave the Jewish Community Center at 10:30 a.m. and return by 7 p.m.
 - You may bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch at SPAC.
 - Jewish Community Center members \$65
 - Jewish Community Center senior members: \$ 55
 - Nonmembers:\$ 75
 - Students :\$30
- *Your check guarantees your reservation*



Reservations for July 10, 2 p.m. Matinee

Name(s): _____

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Number of Seats: _____

Total Price : \$ _____

Send payment and above form to: J.C.C., 2310 Oneida St., Utica, NY 13501. Checks can be made payable to J.C.C.
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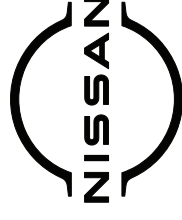
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