



Town of Westerlo Newsletter



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Town of Westerlo Farmers' Market



The Town of Westerlo held a Farmers' Market on
June 9th from 3 pm – 7 pm and June 25th from 8 am – 12 pm.

Additional markets will be held at the Town of Westerlo Veterans Memorial
Park located at 950 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY 12193 during the months
of July, August and September!

Dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, July 14th – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 23rd – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday, August 11th – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 27th – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday, September 8th – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 24th – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

With raising gas prices, why not try to stay local? There is nothing better than
supporting your neighbors and local businesses, so please be sure to stop by!

MORE VENDORS NEEDED! If you are interested in becoming a vendor, spots
are free! Please contact the Supervisor's office at (518) 797-3111 x 1014 or
email confidentialadmin@townofwesterlony.com or
superclerk@townofwesterlony.com

NEW BUSINESSES

**NEW BUSINESSES - CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK TO
POTENTIALLY BE ADDED TO THE NEWSLETTER!**



Newsletters are available by mail by special
request. Please contact the Town Clerk's office
to sign up!

WESTERLO TOWN HALL
933 COUNTY ROUTE 401
WESTERLO, NY 12193
(518) 797-3111

Supervisor
Matt Kryzak

Confidential Administrator
Rosemary McHugh

Ext. 1014
Monday-Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
By Appointment Only

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Karla Weaver
Ext. 1011

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Thursday 2 pm – 7 pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Jeff Pine
Ext. 1017
Thursday 5 pm – 7 pm

Town Assessor
Melanie Bunzey

Ext. 1016
Thursday 4:30 pm – 7 pm
Or by Appointment

Assessor/CEO Clerk

Britta Biggs
Ext. 1019
Monday-Wednesday 8 am – 1 pm
Thursday 2 pm – 7 pm

Highway Superintendent

Jody Ostrander
Highway Garage
671 County Route 401
(518) 797-3205

Winter Hours: Monday – Friday
7:30 am – 4 pm
Summer Hours (May 1st-Oct 1st):
Monday-Thursday 6:30 am – 5 pm

Transfer Station

88 Annabelle Rd
Westerlo, NY 12193
(518) 797-3536
Saturday 8 am – 3:45 pm
Sunday 8 am – 11:45 am
Tuesday 8 am – 3:45 pm

Justice Court

671 County Route 401
Westerlo, NY 12193
(518) 797-3239
Tuesday 4 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday 4 pm – 7 pm
Court Session
Wednesday 7 pm

From the Supervisor's Desk



We are pleased to bring you the 3rd edition of the Town of Westerlo Newsletter. It's truly amazing how many great community and family events we've lined up for the summer season. In particular, this issue is loaded with activities and information that are sure to enrich the Westerlo

community experience. Many great community events and accomplishments have taken place since we issued the last newsletter that we've struggled to fit it all into one issue. This is an incredible accomplishment on the heels of a pandemic that crippled many communities. This feat alone highlights the resiliency, determination and adaptability of the people of Westerlo. I am proud to say that as a community we have weathered the storm with grace, dignity and a better sense of purpose. Since the end of the pandemic, the town as a whole, has been striving to expand community involvement and reconnect with our friends and neighbors. I cannot express how proud it makes me to be a part of such a wonderful community.

On a more serious note, I want to discuss the current financial status of the Town; specifically, how it relates to the pending economic recession. As Town Supervisor, I'm tasked with the duty of being the Chief Financial Officer. In this capacity, I am proud to report that the Town is in great financial health. We are very fortunate to be financially secure heading into uncertain times and inevitable economic recession. Like many of you, I'm uncertain what the future holds however, am optimistic that with the proper fiscal oversight and financial management, we will emerge from recession just as financially healthy as we are now. I can say this with confidence because we are lucky to have experienced, knowledgeable and fiscally responsible staff in all Town departments. As a preventative measure, we've already started the budget planning process for the 2023 fiscal year. Like the rest of us, the Town has been affected by rising fuel, energy and operating costs due to the recent economic inflation. I can promise you that we are prepared to responsibly and intelligently deal with whatever financial hardships may come with an economic recession. Like the old saying, "it is better to be prepared for the worst and hope for the best". With our current financial status and our proactive financial management strategy, we are well prepared for the future.

Have a safe and healthy summer! Hope to see you all at the many upcoming community events.

-Supervisor Matthew Kryzak

Boards and Committees

Town Board

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6 pm

Broadband Research Committee

Meets 3rd Monday of the month @ 7 pm

Chairperson

Carrie Wallace

tow.brc.chair@gmail.com

Museum Board

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month @ 6 pm

Director/Curator

Mary-Jane Araldi

museum@townofwesterlony.com

Planning Board

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm

Chairperson

Beau Loendorf

b.loendorf.pb@townofwesterlony.com

Water Committee

Meets twice a year

Chairperson

Jim Loux

louxjames@gmail.com

Westerlo Hometown Heroes

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month @ 6 pm

Chairperson

Amie Burnside

westerlohometownheroes@gmail.com

Zoning Board of Appeals

Meets 4th Monday of the month @ 7 pm

Chairperson

Rich Van Iderstine

r.vaniderstine.zb@townofwesterlony.com

Please check the Town's website for upcoming Town meetings, events and community news! You can view legal notices in the Altamont Enterprise.



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Visit us on Facebook – "Town of Westerlo Government News"



On the Road with the Highway Department

Over the years, the bank along the Basic Creek has been eroding at the Westerlo Town Park. To save taxpayers money, the Town of Westerlo applied for a grant of up to \$30,000.00 from Albany County Soil and Water District to hopefully be used to correct the problem. If awarded, the Highway Department will be able to line the bank with rock to help reduce the erosion. The result will be long lasting.

At the request of the Hometown Heroes Committee and with the assistance of Albany Co. DPW, the Highway Department hung over 53 banners throughout the town to honor Westerlo veterans. A huge THANK YOU to Albany Co. DPW for their help!

Please remember to purchase your 2022 Transfer Station permit at the Town Clerk's office in order to use the facility. The cost is \$25 for the calendar year. Permit tags must be visible in your windshield at time of entry. No exceptions! Violators will be removed. Thanks to all of the residents who recycle their trash, it's helping to save the town money.

News from the Assessor

- Please be advised that the Assessor will continue to drive around town to take pictures of new structures when a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued to building permit holders. There will be a Town of Westerlo magnetic sign on the side of the vehicle used to accomplish this task. Do not hesitate to contact the Assessor's office if you have any questions.
- The Assessor's regular office hours are Thursdays from 4:30 pm to 7 pm however, this does not mean she is not in the office other times. The set hours from 4:30 pm to 7 pm are for the public to come to this office for assistance without an appointment. Please contact the Assessor if you need to make an appointment outside the set hours. Voicemail messages are checked daily and calls will be returned promptly. In most circumstances, calls are returned when the Assessor is in the office so that she can reference information only available at the office.
- The 2022 Tentative Roll was filed on May 1, 2022 and the 2022 Final Assessment Roll was filed on July 1, 2022. They may be viewed on the [Town's website](#).
- **Reminder: Can your house #'s be seen? This is very important for emergency services!**
- **The Assessor and CEO now have a part-time clerk! Please feel free to contact Britta at (518) 797-3111 x 1019 Monday – Wednesday 8 am-1 pm & Thursday 2 pm-7 pm for assistance.**

Dear Code Enforcement Officer

Like "Dear Abby" but with a more practical application, Westerlo's Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) will answer questions here in the newsletter for the benefit of all residents. Questions do not need to be property or resident specific. Please submit your questions to:

CodeEnforcement@TownOfWesterloNY.com. The CEO will pick one or two questions to answer in the next newsletter.

Good day Westerlo – Only two questions came in for "ask the Code Enforcement Officer".

Do you need a permit for a swimming pool? Yes, anything that can hold over 24" of water requires a permit. There are many regulations in the Zoning Law and Building Code, so please call the office.

Do fences require a permit? I get calls about this question a lot. The answer is, the Town of Westerlo does not regulate fences so no permit is required.

Keep the questions coming! – Jeff Pine CEO

Town Clerk's Corner

Fishing, hunting and marriage licenses may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 933 County Route 401. The Town Clerk's office also issues dog licenses, parking permits for persons with disabilities, Certificates of Residence, transfer station permits (residents only), birth/death/marriage certificates and copies of vital records. They can also assist with genealogy searches, Freedom of Information (FOIL) requests as well as free notary services. Acceptable forms of payment include: cash, check, money order, credit/debit card. ***Please note: There's a fee for credit/debit cards and they're NOT accepted for NYS DEC transactions***

Broadband Research Committee (BRC)

The BRC has been busy mapping out where and how the Tonko grant money will be best spent for additional internet throughout town. To get the most bang for the buck, Supervisor Kryzak advised at a Town Board Meeting held in May that fiber will be run based on miles and not houses.

The Town is currently waiting on a contract outlining the funding distribution scheduled for the broadband project before the project can be put out for bid.

The BRC meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 pm for anyone interested in attending.

Westerlo Hometown Heroes

Our committee is very excited as we are honoring 20 NEW Westerlo veterans this season along with over 25 banners that were routes 143, 85 and 32. Many thanks to the Town of Westerlo and Albany County for helping us hang these banners each year. Unlike many towns, we do not have permission from Central Hudson to leave banners up year-round, which can be a struggle to get them up and down but much better for them not to be out in the winter weather!

Should you want to rehang your veteran's banner next year, please make sure you get the information to us by the deadline of April 1, 2023. **You can arrange it now by contacting us!!** Reach out to Amie Burnside at (518) 396-8787 or Lisa DeGroff at (518) 396-0350 or email us at westerlohometownheroes@gmail.com if you don't wish to re-hang your banner.

In addition, all banner pictures are now posted on the Town of Westerlo website which we owe thanks to Karla Weaver, our Westerlo Town Clerk, who has been working on this project for quite a while. All the forms for Hometown Heroes are also located on the Town website and available at the Town Hall and Westerlo Library.

<https://townofwesterlony.com/departments/committees/hometown-heroes/>

This is a committee of volunteers in Westerlo who are proud to continue the Westerlo Hometown Heroes Banner Project. This program honors residents of Westerlo who are veterans or are serving in the United States Armed Forces. Each banner will honor a specific service person by including their name, branch of service and photo. Individuals, families, businesses or organizations may sponsor a banner. Our goal is to honor those who have served and are serving and recognize the sacrifices our service people make each day. Please contact us for more details.

Need more information? Would you like to join us? Contact Committee Chairperson Amie Burnside at westerlohometownheroes@gmail.com.



Watch for details regarding our dedication for our installation of our Veteran Monument and flags to be dedicated in the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park this year as well as the Closing Ceremony in November!

Please check the Town's website or look for us on Facebook "Westerlo Hometown Heroes". If you've never been to a Closing Ceremony, it's a very moving event. Many thanks go to Lisa DeGroff as the Ceremony Chairwoman for making it so humbling for our veterans and families.

Town of Westerlo
Fall Festival
LIVE MUSIC • FOOD • CRAFTS
HAYRIDES • PUMPKIN PAINTING
GAMES & MORE!
Saturday, September 17
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Free Admission!
Westerlo Town Park
950 CR 401, Westerlo 12193
Contact us to volunteer! 518-797-3111

Veterans/Military Crisis Line

(800) 273-8255 press 1

Connects Service Members and Veterans in crisis, as well as their family members and friends with qualified, caring VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat or text messaging service.

This free support is confidential and available every day, 24/7 to all Veterans, Service Members, National Guard & Reserve, family members & friends.

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>

Museum News



We are pleased to report that at the March 2022 Museum Board Meeting, we appointed Palma Schloer as President, Betty Filkins as Vice President and Rebecca Kryzak as Secretary of the Museum.

The Brunch for Mom on May 1st was a success with a lot of delicious food. A good time was had by all. Thank you to the volunteers and everyone who came out to support the Museum.

The Museum was happy to bring back the Town Wide Garage Sale after a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19. The sale was held on Saturday, June 11th and was a huge success! Many took advantage of amazing deals and great finds. A huge thank you to those who signed up and supported the Museum and to those who stopped by the Town Park to purchase food, bake sale items and flowers. Looking forward to next year!

Renovations on the side porch (south side of the Museum) are coming along. Town employee Rick Rupeka has been doing the work and has done a great job. This will give us a little more room to display historical items! We are anxious to restore order at the Museum and get everything back in its rightful place.

The Museum is open the first Saturday of the month from 9 am – 11 am or by appointment. Come by to learn more about Westerlo's rich history!



Easter EGGstravaganza!



The Easter Bunny came to town on Sunday, April 8th at the Richard Rapp Municipal Building!

The Town of Westerlo was happy to welcome the community for an egg hunt, egg race and treats. We also had plenty of fun activities such as arts and crafts

(thanks to the Library), photos with the Easter Bunny and the most exciting being FREE Pony Rides by Oats' Country Acres! What a hit the pony rides were!!

This event was such a success! Everywhere you looked there were smiling faces and we were thrilled to bring such happiness to the community.

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers that worked so hard to make this event possible, thank you to the Easter Bunny for stopping in our fabulous town and a very special thanks to Oats' Country Acres for donating their time. The kids loved it!!

Every child must be signed up to attend

LAWSON LAKE Summer CAMP

FREE

July 11th - August 12th, 2022 •
• Mondays - kids age 5-11 •• Fridays - kids age 12-18 •

9:30AM - 2:30PM
• pick up 12:00PM or 2:30PM •

**OUTDOOR GAMES
SPORTS
ARTS AND CRAFTS
MOVIES
BOARD GAMES**

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED:
- HAMBURGERS
- HOT DOGS
- CHIPS
- WATER
or bring your own lunch

293 LAWSON LAKE RD - FOR DETAILS CALL - 518-797-3111 X 1014
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See the "Mark Your Calendar Page" for upcoming events! Check the Town website for updates!

What's Hot with The Westerlo Fire Company

BBQ DELIGHTS – Back by popular demand ... TWFC will have a Chicken and Ribs BBQ drive thru at the South Westerlo Fire House on Sunday, August 7th at 11:30 pm until sold out and Thursday, October 6th at 3:30 pm until sold out! Meals include chicken or ribs, coleslaw, baked potato, roll and a Shari cookie!! Mark your calendars now, these dinners sell out fast!

5 CENTS CAN GO A LONG WAY – TWFC is still collecting bottles for our new building fund. Cans and bottles can be dropped in the bins in front of the garage at Station 1 in Westerlo. Donations are welcome and appreciated! Please make checks payable to "TWFC, Building Fund" and mail to PO Box 87, Westerlo NY 12193. **Thank you to anyone who dropped off their bottles recently; thanks to you, we've collected roughly \$1,000 toward our building fund!**

NEW JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM – TWFC has upgraded their Junior Firefighter Program and are now accepting applications for our Jr. program at age 14! Please stop by the firehouse when you see us there. Our drills are the first and second Wednesday of the month at Westerlo and South Westerlo stations. In addition, you can attend our monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at Woodmans Hall, 980 County Route 401.

HELP WANTED – TWFC is looking for new members! There is a huge need during daytime hours. Available volunteer positions include firefighters, drivers, auxiliary members, first responders and fire police. Both men and women are eligible for any position and training will be provided. Volunteering for the TWFC doesn't always mean you enter a burning building. For more information and to have all your questions answered, stop by our monthly meeting or call, (518) 797-3321.

GREEN COUNTY PARADES – TWFC will participate in the Green Co. Parades which takes place in September. September 9th is the Mardi Gras Parade, line up is at 6 pm and is a lot of fun. The Dress Parade with full dress uniform and trucks will be hosted in Athens on September 10th, line up is at 1 pm in Cairo.



Read Up on the Library

WESTERLO LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM –

The Westerlo Library has a lovely community room for use by groups for meetings or

gatherings. Email: director@WesterloLibrary.org for more information or stop by for an application.

ADULT PROGRAMS – Spice Sampling – Every month the library has a spice take and make, with spice samples and 3 recipes.

BOOK CLUB – The Westerlo Public Library has a Book Club. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm in the library. The August meeting will be on the 11th. Copies of the current book are available at the circulation desk.

YOUTH PROGRAMS – The Summer Reading Program theme is **Oceans of Possibilities**. Programing will take place at the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park. Join us for Messy Play on July 12th, 19th and 26th at 10:30 am.

STEAM – Every month there is a new theme for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) Take-and-Make kits for families (appropriate for Pre-K and up). There are new projects every week. STEAM activities will be July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and August 3rd and 10th at 6 pm.

DIGITAL COLLECTION – There are two ways to get e-books, audiobooks, comics, magazines, television, music and movies through the library. First, there is Libby, an app that you can download from the App Store (Apple devices) or Google Play (Android) that gets you access to books, audiobooks and magazines. We also have Hoopla (another app) that has e-books, audiobooks, movies, television, music and comics. Stop by the library for help getting started!

WALK & BOOK TALK GROUP – Join your neighbors to go for a walk and discuss what you are reading or anything else! Tuesdays at 6 pm & Wednesdays at 9 am. Meet at the Westerlo Public Library to sign in before the walk.



Westerlo Library
604 NY 143

Westerlo, NY 12193

Hours:

Mon – 2 pm – 7 pm
Tues – 2 pm – 7 pm
Wed – 9 am – 2 pm
Thurs – 2 pm – 7 pm
Fri – 2 pm – 7 pm
Sat – 9 am – 2 pm
Sun – Closed

For more information call:

(518) 797-3415

Library Manager

Amy Powarzynski

director@WesterloLibrary.org



VETERAN INFORMATION

Helderberg Heroes Project



Helderberg Heroes Project is a grass roots, all volunteer effort to support the courageous men and women who are serving our country. Their goal is simple, express gratitude and provide

encouragement by sending care packages of “goodies,” letters and cards to deployed soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines around the world. A little bit of kindness goes a long way for a lonely soldier away from home.

Helderberg Heroes Project is an ambitious project which will require the support of many caring individuals, organizations and businesses. All donations will go directly to the benefit of our active military service personnel. The success will depend on the generosity of others.

Ways You Can Help

- Monetary Donation: Make a donation to facilitate the purchase of supplies and mailing fees.
- Donate Supplies: Donate or organize a collection of needed volunteers at one of our packing events. Register to be notified of future packing events.
- Upcoming packing events: September 11th and November 6th.
- Register the name of a deployed soldier, airman, sailor or Marine. Write letters or cards: host a letter writing or card writing event.
- Share the word with family, friends, co-workers, your church or other groups you may be associated with.

**For more information or questions email:
Connect@HelderbergFCO.com**



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ORGANIZATION

Albany County Veteran Services Bureau



Albany County Veterans Service Bureau can help veterans with many items such as medical care, disability, and compensation, pensions, education benefits,

burial assistance, VA Home loans, job referrals, return the favor card and more!

Please note, The Albany VA Medical Center is providing COVID-19 and flu vaccinations. If you are a veteran, please call (518) 626-7228, option 2 to schedule an appointment. They are also providing COVID-19 booster shots for veterans 65 and older. More information can be found at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Albany County Veterans Service Bureau
Attn: Ken Secor, Director
New Address: Shaker Place
100 Heritage Ln.
Albany, NY 12211
Phone: (518) 447-7710
Email: kenneth.secor@albanycountyny.com

Website:

<https://www.albanycounty.com/departments/veterans-service-bureau>

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Nominate a Veteran to Honor

Planning has begun for 2023’s monthly Honor A Veteran ceremonies. If you would like to nominate a veteran, please contact Ken with the name of the veteran and a point of contact for the family.

See calendar page for a list of Veteran events!



HELP HONOR THE FALLEN

Vietnam veterans to erect monument and flagpole to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Dedication of this monument will be held September 17th in Veterans Park at the intersection of SR 32 & 81, Town of Greenville. For donations or more information, email: nevietvets199@yahoo.com

Westerlo Rural Cemetery - Route 143

The officers of the Westerlo Rural Cemetery would like to thank everyone who came out to work in the cemetery on our annual cleanup day. Also, a big shout out to those who brought equipment which made the job so much easier and faster! What normally takes some of us "mature" volunteers three full days to complete was done in three hours! We cannot thank you enough! Our spring cleanup in 2023 is slated for April 15th! Please mark your calendars! ☺☺



As a cemetery volunteer, Steve continues to repair and clean stones as funds permit. He took several courses on how to clean the older stones without doing harm to them and the cemetery purchased a lift to help him put them back on their base. Many times he needs to rebuild as stones crumble or were only on field stone which shifts over the years. Theoretically he can only work on abandoned plots. **Did you know:** If you have a family plot in a cemetery, that you are responsible for the upkeep of the stones?

As always, we continue to ask for donations to help pay for the upkeep of the cemetery. We do not get funding from the County, State or Government but we do have to pay the State fees for each burial. In years past, the cemetery counted on the interest of the perpetual funds to pay for services we conducted but now that fund is dropping quickly with the current investment situation. Donations can be sent to "**Westerlo Rural Cemetery**" PO Box 29, Westerlo, NY 12193. We are a 503 © organization, meaning all donations are tax deductible. If you require a receipt other than your check, please send a note with your donation and we will send it out to you. Thank you to all the generous folks who have helped us over the past years.

Westerlo Reformed Church

564 SR 143, Westerlo, NY 12193

Pastor Chris Allen – Home: (518) 797-9203

Services begin at 9 am on Sundays!

Donations are welcome toward senior care. Please make checks payable to "Westerlo Reformed Church" and write "For Senior care" in the memo and mail to address above.

Westerlo Baptist Church

618 SR 143, Westerlo, NY 12193

Sunday Worship Service – 10 am

June 5th through Labor Day Weekend!

Summer Family Worship on the Lawn

July 3rd, July 10th, August 14th & August 21st

All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair!

Hannacroix Rural Cemetery - Route 411

The Hannacroix Cemetery which is located on Rt 411 in Dormansville/Westerlo is seeking donations for 2022 mowing expenses. Whether you have a loved one buried there or would just like to give a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. We need your help to keep the cemetery maintained. Contributions can be sent to:

Hannacroix Rural Cemetery
C/O Linda Smith, Treasurer
115 SR 143, Westerlo, NY 12193

Many thanks to all who have helped in the past.

Westerlo Central Cemetery - Route 401

If you need to contact someone at the Westerlo Central Cemetery, please call:

Dennis Boomhower, President: (518) 488-2285
Diane Carl, Treasurer/Secretary: (518) 527-7850

Dormansville United Methodist Church

21 CR 312, Westerlo, NY 12193

Services are 8:45 am – 10 am Sundays!

Thrift Shop open Tuesdays & Fridays 10 am – 2 pm June through September

Contact Betty-Jean Mueller – Cell: (845) 532-0057

South Westerlo Congregational Christian Church

282 CR 405, So. Westerlo, NY 12083 – Pastor Will Balta – (518) 966-5094

Services begin at 9:30 am on Sundays from June – Sunday after Labor Day!

Ladies Bible Study is at 1 pm on Wednesdays (Cancelled July 13th & July 27th)

Men's Bible Study is at 8 am on Saturdays!

Vacation Bible School August 21st – 25th - 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm (K-6th graders)

Please come early on the 21st to register!

Cemetery Contact information

Westerlo Rural Cemetery

Betty Filkins
(518) 275-2935

Bettyfilkins@protonmail.com

Hannacroix Rural Cemetery

Linda Smith
(518) 928-3428

Westerlo Central Cemetery

Dennis Boomhower
(518) 488-2285

Senior Happenings

Hilltown Senior Citizen Membership Guidelines

Qualifications:

Persons must be 55 yrs of age or older to join the organization however, regarding married couples, both may join if one is 55 or older.

Each member will pay \$5 annual dues, during April or May.

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Senior Center at 11 am at the Berne Community/Senior Center at 1340 SR 443 between Berne & East Berne unless otherwise designated. When at the Senior Center there will be a pot luck lunch. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. Members should bring their own plate and utensils.

Members must attend at least 3 meetings per year in order to be eligible for discounts for dinners and trips.

Members are asked to work on the kitchen committee, if able, at least once a year. There will be a sign-up sheet. The kitchen committee is responsible for preparing a main dish, setup and clean up.

Members are asked to sign in at the door. \$1 is collected to help pay for supplies. Supplies include coffee, tea, sugar and paper products to be used for the pot luck lunch.

Upcoming Hilltown Senior Citizens Bus

August 15th - 20th - Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

Non-members pay \$585 or members pay \$570 each.
Departs from the Town of Westerlo Town Hall @ 8 am.

Contact Shirley Slingerland
at (518) 797-3467 for reservations
or for more information on all
Berne trips!

The Gathering Place
50 Plus Community Center
127 Kenyon Rd.
Cobleskill, NY

Mon-Wed & Sat 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thur & Fri 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Closed Sunday

Their mission is to provide cultural, social, and recreational activities and help meet the needs of the 50 plus community in Schoharie County and surrounding areas.

Call (518) 823-4338

Member and Non-Members can join for all activities!

Silver Sneaker Classes, trips, learn to play the casino, play cards, games, join book club, pool table available, learn how to use your computer and MORE!

Visit The Gathering Place at:
www.schoharieseniors.org

Find applications online.

Memberships are \$25 a year which gives you access to all programs, amenities and services.

Please note: there are small fees for some of the classes to cover costs.

Do you have concerns or need assistance? If so, contact Westerlo Reformed Church Pastor Chris Allen @ H: (518) 797-9203. She can offer resources that may be able to help!

Senior Happenings

Dormansville
United Methodist
Church Thrift Shop
Tuesdays & Fridays
10 am – 2 pm
June through
September

Perfect Angel Thrift Shop (P.A.T.S.)

Hours: Wednesday & Saturday
9 am – 1 pm.

Location: 112 Church Road, Berne

BINGO NIGHT

Please join us for Bingo at the Town Hall!

933 CR 401, Westerlo

1st Thursday of every month from 3:30 pm to
6:30 pm STARTING in AUGUST!

This is a social event, just for fun, no prizes will
be given!

If all goes well, we will add a second night
every month!

Donations are appreciated and will go
toward more programs
for town residents!

DID YOU KNOW?

Most Medicare Supplement insurance plans include using the YMCA for free! There is a YMCA in Delmar and Coxsackie. Call them and they can tell you if you can get a free membership. Delmar even has a pool and free classes for older adults! Hours vary so call before you go!

Bethlehem YMCA- (518) 439-4394 Coxsackie YMCA- (518) 731-7529

WHEELS OF TIME CAR SHOW

When: August 7th

@: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Westerlo Veterans

Memorial Park

950 CR 401, Westerlo

Department for Aging

Older residents who are home-bound and in
need of day-to-day assistance, including
home-delivered meals, should contact Albany
County NY Connects @ (518) 447-7177

Do you need a hair cut? There is a new salon in Town!

Contact Vickie @ Sage Salon & Spa. (518) 488-1223

located at 6844 SR 32.

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Hilltowns Community Resource Center

So we've made it through the pandemic! Things were tough but the amazing Hilltown community supported us every step of the way. Just when the smoke started to clear, inflation came to get us but our little pantry is working overtime to help those in need. The face of those in need looks very much like all of ours. Folks that worked their whole life living comfortably had to fill up their oil tanks and cars with gas with an overwhelming price tag. They had to try to pay the inflating food, basic needs and medicine prices.

Helderberg Kiwanis has been making weekly runs to the Regional Food Bank for us so we can keep up with demand. Our numbers have increased once again by 25%. In the past few months, we have doubled the amount of SNAP and HEAP applications we have applied for.

Without the love and support of our community we cannot make this happen.

We are working on a new project and letting everyone know what we are in need of. There will be drop off points throughout your community (Library, Post Office, Town Hall, etc.)

We are always appreciative of all donations but if you want to provide specific items, below is a "Wish List" of items we could use:

Dish soap, hand soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brush, bar soap, diapers sizes: 4, 5, 6, baby wipes, household cleaners, paper towels and dog & cat food

The Dollar Store is a great place to get many of these items at a good price.

We wanted to thank everyone. The kindness and love we were able to see firsthand is very heartwarming.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Peterson & Christine Olmsted

Food Pantry Information

Hilltown Community Resource Center - Hours: Monday-Friday 10 am – 4 pm Location: 566 NY 143 Westerlo
Contact Mary Beth Peterson (518) 966-7380

Hugs for the Hilltowns - Hours: Friday 9 am – 12 pm Location: Helderberg Lutheran Church basement
Contact Jean Guarino (631) 626-5191, Carrie Stewart Needham (518) 273-1568, Kay Mann (518) 944-4588

Rock Road Community Storehouse - Hours: Wednesday 7 am – 9 am, Saturday 7 am – 9 am Location: Rock Road Chapel 96 Rock Rd., Berne
Contact Martha Davis (518) 221-2479

The Little Free Food Pantries - Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Location: Knox Town Hall and behind Helderberg Lutheran Church
Contact Ted Kunker, kunker4@hotmail.com, H. (518) 872-1724, W. (518) 456-5810, C. (518) 275-9506

Potter Hollow Food Pantry - Hours: 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the month 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Location: Potter Hollow Union Church
4824 Potter Hollow Rd. Potter Hollow - Contact Carol Miles (518) 860-3061

(You don't have to live in the town to utilize any food pantry listed)



Westerlo Car Club's Annual Car Show

Sunday, August 7, 2022 - 10:00am – 3:00pm

Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park
950 County Route 401 Westerlo

All vehicles welcome

Admission: Vehicle registration \$10
Spectators \$2

Gates open @ 10 am for vehicle registration and for vendors to set up

Registration ends @ 12 pm

Awards, trophies & 50-50 drawing @ 2 pm and music!

Food available! No charge to vendors! No pets please!



What are some of the things you would like to see offered in the Town?

Do you need help with something?

Please contact the Town Clerk's office to let us know so we can find ways to help you!

Helderberg Family and Community Organization Events (HFCO)

Summer 2022

HFCO Summer Soccer Camp July 18th – 22nd

- Soccer camp for children age 3 and up through grade 6
- Information available and Online registration at www.Helderbergfco.com/events
- Fliers will be distributed through BKW Elementary School
- Contact person:
Maria DeLucia-Evans (518) 598-9937

HFCO Art Camp July 25th – 29th

- Art experience for students entering grade 1 through grade 8
- Information available and Online registration at www.Helderbergfco.com/events
- Fliers will be distributed through BKW Elementary School
- Contact Person: Maryellen Gillis (518) 925-3227

Fall Soccer Program August 28th – October 4th (*Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings)

- Skill based soccer program for students 3 years old through grade 6
- Information available and Online registration at www.Helderbergfco.com/events
- Fliers will be distributed through BKW Elementary School
- Contact persons:
Amanda Wyckoff (607) 242-4311;
Dawn Hall (518) 534-8414

Packing Event for Active-Duty Military Members September 11th

- At Knox Reformed Church @ 1 pm
- Donations and Volunteers welcome
- Contact Persons:
Maryellen Gillis (518) 925-3227;
Ashley Abraham (518) 892-0564

Dates are also on the calendar page!

BKW

BKW now has a “Parent Square” Link for community members! This is to receive notifications about what’s going on at the school. It’s very helpful if school is cancelled or if you are the person picking up the kids off the bus!

Please sign up at:

<https://www.bkwschools.org/parentsquare-for-school-communications/>

BKW Bulldog Alumni

Are you a BKW alumni? Stay connected with the BKW Alumni Association on their Facebook page: “Official BKW Alumni Page”.



Your help is needed to keep the alumni mailing list up to date. Please share your current address and contact information with the BKW Alumni Association by contacting one of the Committee Members; Sandra Quay: squay@nycap.rr.com or Sharon Nevins: snevinsl@nycap.rr.com BKW Alumni Association has a page on the BKW school website:

<https://www.bkwschools.org/where-are-they-now-bkw-alumni-updates/>

On this page alumni can complete one of the forms and view who is already listed.



This year's alumni banquet will be held at the Polish Community Center on Washington Avenue Ext. on Oct. 1st at 6 pm. Watch the alumni page for details.

Sunshine Christian Preschool



First Baptist Church of Westerlo’s Sunshine Christian Preschool is now accepting applications. We are a preschool where the Son shines into our teaching! It is our commitment to provide a quality Christian education to students 3 and 4 years of age by December 1st of the applying school year.

We believe that learning should be fun and look forward to having the opportunity to teach your child our Biblically based academics in a hands-on, loving environment. We operate September through June on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Space is limited, so apply today! 😊

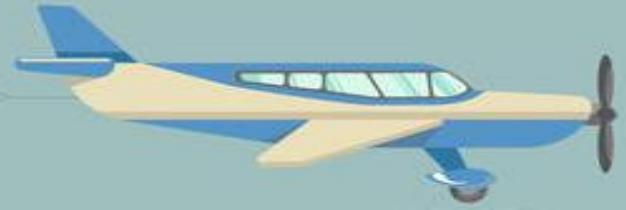
Call the church office at (518) 797-3927 for a detailed packet of information!

Westerlo Historical Society

The Westerlo Historical Society meets the third Monday of each month September – June at 7 pm at the Westerlo Reformed Church Hall.

New members welcome!

HELPFUL RESOURCES

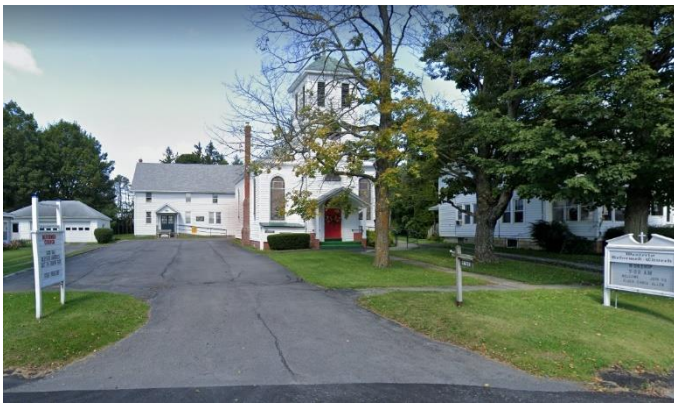


Hilltown Community Resource Center

The Hilltown Community Resource Center is a great resource for anyone in need of FREE grocery items, assistance applying for SNAP or HEAP and many, many, other things!

The Community Center is located at 566 SR 143 in Westerlo behind the Reformed Church.

Feel free to call them at (518) 966-7380 they are happy to help!



Healthy Homes Program

The Healthy Homes Program is brought to you by Cornell Cooperative Extension for residents living in Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville and Westerlo.

They will supply free products such as:

- Home Safety Products - smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers
- Child Safety Products - cabinet locks, shock stoppers, door knob covers, and corner protectors
- Asthma Control Items in conjunction with Asthma Education Program - allergen barrier mattress and pillow covers
- Cleaning supplies - wipes, baking soda and vinegar
- Safety Products - flashlights and nightlights
- Pest management products to control mice

To schedule a Healthy Home visit:

Call: (518) 765-3512 Email: dfp46@cornell.edu

Free Water Testing Kits

Would you like to know what's in your water?

Stop by the Albany County SWCD Office to receive a FREE Home Water Analysis Kit!

Kit includes tests for:

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| 1-Bacteria | 1- Lead |
| 2-Nitrates | 2-Nitrites |
| 2-Chlorine | 2-Iron |
| 2-Copper | 2-pH |
| 2-Alkalinity | 2-Hardness |
| 1-Pesticide | |

Please call before stopping by to ensure staff availability.

(518) 765-7923

Senior Transportation Available

Are you a senior who needs transportation to doctor's appointments or to the Westerlo Food Pantry? If so, we can help!

To make arrangements, please call the Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk's office at (518) 239-4225

There is no cost for this service!



Disposal of Used Motor Oil

Did you know you can dispose of used motor oil at Home Depot? They will accept up to 15 gallons, **free of charge**, as long as they have the space! You may want to call ahead to make sure they are not full.

Drop off to the tool rental section of the store!

Newsletter Information

The newsletter is created in the Town Clerk's office. If you are interested in submitting information for an upcoming newsletter issue, deadlines are as follows:

September 10, 2022

For October 2022 Newsletter

December 10, 2022

For January 2023 Newsletter

March 10, 2023

For April 2023 Newsletter

For newsletter comments or suggestions, contact
Betty Filkins – (518) 275-2935
WesterloNews@gmail.com

We will do our best to accommodate your suggestion as space allows. We reserve the right to edit articles for grammar, spelling, spacing and content based on available space.

Justice Court

Location: 671 County Route 401,
Westerlo, NY 12193

Phone: (518) 797-3239 Fax: (518) 797-3598

Court Session Hours: Wednesday @ 7 pm

Town Justice – Kenneth Mackey Sr.

Email: KMackey@NYcourts.gov

Town Justice – Robert A. Carl

Email: RACarl@NYcourts.gov

Court Clerk – Jaimee Motschmann

Email: Jmotschmann@NYcourts.gov

Clerk to the Justices Hours:

Tuesday 4 pm – 6 pm

Wednesday 4 pm – 7 pm

Forms of payment: cash, money orders, personal check
or credit card

Closed on holidays

Check out these Facebook pages

Town of Westerlo Government News

Westerlo Hwy Dept

Westerlo Public Library

Westerlo Heritage Museum

Westerlo Hometown Heroes

Westerlo Rural Cemetery

Official BKW Alumni Page

Helderberg Family Community Organization- HFCO



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announcements by visiting the Town website

www.townofwesterlony.com



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Phone: (518) 797-3111

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July

2nd – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am

3rd – Westerlo Baptist Church – Summer Family Worship on the Lawn

5th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm

6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th – 4H Craft Program by the Westerlo Library – More information in Library section!

9th – 4th Annual Nathan's Ride leaving Greenville Town Park @ 11:30 am sharp! Visit "Red Barn Riders RC" on Facebook for more information!

10th – Westerlo Baptist Church – Summer Family Worship on the Lawn

11th – Veteran Scramble- Colonie Country Club

11th, 18th & 26th – Lawson Lake Summer Camp 9:30 am – 2:30 pm - Kids aged 5-11 (See flyer in newsletter for details!)

12th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm

12th, 19th & 26th – "Messy Play" by the Westerlo Library – More information in Library section!

14th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm

14th – Farmers' Market – Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park 3 pm – 7 pm

15th, 22nd & 29th – Lawson Lake Summer Camp 9:30 am – 2:30 pm - Kids aged 12-18 (See flyer in newsletter for details!)

18th – BRC Mtg 7 pm

18th – 22nd – HFCO Summer Soccer Camp – More information in HFCO section!

19th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm

20th – Westerlo Car Club's Cruise in the Country (rain date 4th Wednesday) Call Bill for information @ (518) 423-4130

23rd – Farmers' Market – Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park 8 am – 12 pm

25th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm

25th – 29th – HFCO Art Camp – More information in HFCO section!

26th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 7 pm

August

1st & 8th – Lawson Lake Summer Camp 9:30 am – 2:30 pm - Kids aged 5-11 (See flyer in newsletter for details!)

2nd – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm

3rd & 10th – 4H Craft Program by the Westerlo Library – More information in the Library section!

4th – Bingo Night – Town Hall 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

5th & 12th – Lawson Lake Summer Camp 9:30 am – 2:30 pm - Kids aged 12-18 (See flyer in newsletter for details!)

6th – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am

7th – TWFC BBQ – South Westerlo Station 11:30 am until sold out

7th – Wheels of Time Car Show 10 am – 3 pm

9th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm

11th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm

11th – Farmers' Market – Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park 3 pm – 7 pm

13th – 21st – Early Voting Democrat Primary @ Berne Fire House – all dates 9 am – 5 pm *except* Mon & Wed are 12 pm – 8 pm

14th – First Baptist Church of Westerlo – Vacation Bible School Registration and BBQ 4 pm – 6 pm

15th – BRC Mtg 7 pm

15th – Westerlo Baptist Church – Summer Family Worship on the Lawn

15th – 19th – First Baptist Church of Westerlo – Vacation Bible School

15th – 20th – Hilltowns Seniors Bus Trip to Ark Encounter Museum

16th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm

17th – Westerlo Car Club's Cruise in the Country (rain date 4th Wednesday) Call Bill for info @ (518) 423-4130

21st – Westerlo Baptist Church – Summer Family Worship on the Lawn

21st – 25th – Vacation Bible School – So. Westerlo Christian Church – Come early on the 21st to register!

22nd – ZBA Mtg 7 pm

23rd – Democrat Primary Election at Westerlo Town Hall 6 am – 9 pm

23rd – Hometown Heroes Mtg 7 pm

27th – Farmers' Market – Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park 8 am – 12 pm

27th – Blue Star Mothers Blue Jean Ball 6:30 pm @ American Legion Zaloga Post, Albany

28th – Oct 4th – Fall Soccer Program – More information in HFCO section!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September

- 1st – Bingo Night – Town Hall 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 3rd – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 6th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 8th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 8th – Farmers' Market – Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park 3 pm – 7 pm
- 9th – Mardi Gras Parade 6 pm
- 10th – Dress Parade 1 pm in Cairo
- 10th – Deadline for newsletter submissions
- 11th – Helderberg Heroes Project Veteran Care Packages Packing Event – More information on Veteran page and in HFCO section!
- 11th – Family Farm Day 11 am – 3 pm @ Stanton Dairy Farms 7 Biers Rd, Coeymans Hollow, NY 12046
- 13th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 17th – Westerlo Fall Festival 2 pm – 6 pm @ Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park
- 19th – BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 20th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 21st – Westerlo Car Club's Cruise in the Country (rain date 4th Wednesday) Call Bill for info @ (518) 423-4130
- 24th – Wheels at the Wing Car/Bike Show – 9 am – 1:30 pm Stratton Air Guard Base, Glenville
- 24th – Farmers' Market – Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park 8 am – 12 pm
- 24th – Free Fishing Day
- 26th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 27th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 7 pm

October

- 1st – BKW Alumni Banquet (Reservations required) 6 pm – Polish Community Center – More information in BKW Alumni section!
- 1st – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 4th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 6th – TWFC BBQ – South Westerlo Station 3:30 pm until sold out
- 6th – Bingo Night – Town Hall 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 11th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 13th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 17th – BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 18th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 24th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 25th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 7 pm
- 29th – Trunk or Treat – Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park 4 pm – 6 pm
- 29th – 30th – TWFC Haunted House 5 pm – 9 pm
- 29th – 31st – Early voting for General Election @ Berne Fire House all dates 9 am – 5 pm except Mon & Wed are 12 pm – 8 pm

November

- 1st – 6th – Early voting for General Election
- 2nd – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 3rd – Bingo Night – Town Hall 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 5th – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 5th – Westerlo Hometown Heroes Closing Ceremony
- 6th – Helderberg Heroes Project Veteran Care Packages Packing Event
- 7th – Albany County Honor a Veteran Ceremony 8:30 am – American Legion Zaloga Post, Albany
- 8th – General Election @ Westerlo Town Hall 6 am – 9 pm
- 8th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 10th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 10th – Albany Co. Honor a Distinguished Veteran 10 am – Crossgates Mall
- 11th – Free Fishing Day
- 15th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 21st – BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 22nd – Hometown Heroes Mtg 7 pm
- 28th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm

December

- 1st – Bingo Night – Town Hall 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 6th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 8th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 10th – Deadline for newsletter submissions
- 13th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 17th – Wreaths Across America Placement
- 19th – BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 20th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 26th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 27th – Hometown Heroes 7 pm

****Veterans & Friends Breakfast every Friday
8 am Gateway Diner, Albany****

If you would like to receive this newsletter by mail, please contact the Town Clerk at (518) 797-3111



This calendar will be updated in each newsletter. Please feel free to remove this page and post to your fridge!

Dates and times subject to change. Please visit the [Town's website](#), contact the Town Clerk's office or the event sponsor for cancellation or rescheduling information.