



Town of Westerlo Newsletter



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Westerlo Farmers Market

We are excited to announce the Second Annual Westerlo Farmers Market. We are gearing up for a bigger year featuring local farmers, bakers, craft artisans, locally grown flowers and even a local distillery. We are so excited to bring these local farms and small businesses together every Thursday evening, from 4:00 pm-7:30 pm at the Town of Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park. The Farmers Market will run every Thursday night starting on June 1st, 2023 through the end of September. To get updates on the Farmers Market events and vendors, follow us on our Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/WesterloFarmersMarket.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please complete the 2023 Vendor Application Form and review our Market Rules which can be found on the Town's website. The Vendor Application Form and application fee can be mailed to Attn: Westerlo Farmers Market, Westerlo Town Hall, 933 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY 12193. For any questions regarding the 2023 Farmers Market, please contact Angela Carkner at WesterloFarmersMarket@gmail.com or call the Town Clerk's office at (518) 797-3111, opt 2. We are always looking for ways to improve the market and happy to listen to your ideas!

Attention First Responders!!!

The Town Board is considering a proposed local law regarding a real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to section 466-A of the real property tax law. There will be a public hearing on April 4th at 6 pm for anyone interested.

What does this mean? All that qualify, would potentially receive up to 10% off their property and school tax bills. Please note, it will not take effect until 2024!

You may review the proposed law on the [Town's website](#) or by visiting the Town Clerk's office.

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

Supervisor
Matt Kryzak

Confidential Administrator
Lisa DeGross
Ext. 1014

Monday- Friday 8:30 am – 4 pm
or by appointment

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Karla Weaver
Ext. 1011

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

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
Claire Marshall
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



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



From the Supervisor's Desk



Happy spring to all! Hopefully nice weather arrives soon. I am certain the Highway Department employees would appreciate the break from snow removal. On that note, I want to thank all the employees for the stellar job they do every day but especially during winter in the

great northeast. They certainly rose to the occasion during our March storm where residents reported 20" – 30" of snow. They worked tirelessly to maintain our roadways and keep our town residents safe during their travels. Thanks to all for a job well done.

I also want update everyone on a few current events. First and foremost, I would like to welcome Lisa DeGroff to the Town Supervisor's office. Lisa was recently appointed to the position of Confidential Administrator to the supervisor. Lisa brings with her over 30 years of experience in executive office management, human resources and financial oversight. Lisa also brings a wide range of grant writing experience and has been appointed to the position of Westerlo's grant writer. She is currently busy writing two separate grants. One will provide life-saving AEDs for our town buildings and the other is a Hudson River Valley Greenway grant that will cover up to 50% of the cost of the town law update and codification. Lisa is also busy managing the day-to-day operations of the Supervisor's office. Please feel free to stop in and say hello to Lisa.

On another positive note, I would like to report that the town is financially healthy and looking forward to investing in improvements for the town buildings, roadways, parks and expansion of broadband services in 2023. I am proud to report that for the 2023 budget we are able to stay below our 2% tax cap despite an inflation hike of 6.5% in 2022. In order to keep taxes reasonable for the 2023 budget, we managed to cut spending in a few locations and hold to a minimal 1.90% tax increase. Unfortunately, many towns were forced to raise taxes significantly due to unprecedented inflation rates experienced in 2022. Good financial management in Westerlo for fiscal year 2022 made it possible to provide raises to our town employees, pay off debt, invest in new highway equipment, continue improvements to town buildings, roads, and parks, while continuing to grow the towns fund balance. All unused funds from the previous fiscal year get deposited into the fund balance. The only way to grow a fund balance is to maintain operating costs below anticipated budget spending. Fortunately, all town officials and employees do a great job sticking to our budget and finding cost savings wherever possible. I would like to congratulate everyone on a job well done in 2022! Let's continue to be fiscally responsible and attempt to grow our fund balance for 2023.

Why am I so obsessed with building the fund balance? A healthy fund balance is a necessity in uncertain financial times. The benefit to maintaining and building a healthy fund balance is that we will eliminate the possibility of steep tax increases if inflation rates continue to rise. The fund balance can be used to fund or offset portions of the budget to eliminate the need for major tax increases, or the need to exceed the tax cap. In essence, we need to continue to be budget savvy, watch our spending and plan for economic uncertainty in order to not unintentionally overburden the tax payer. If only the state and federal government could grasp these concepts.....

Have a safe and happy spring! - 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

Local Law Review Committee

Meets 3rd Monday of the month @ 6 pm

Chairperson

Bill Hall

b.hall.pb@townofwesterlony.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 3rd Monday of March & October @ 6 pm

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

George Spahmer

g.spahmer.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.



On the Road with the Highway Department

Winter certainly ended on a heavy note for the highway department. Unfortunately, one of the Town's trucks was totaled during the big storm that left our Town with 2' – 3' of snow (don't worry, the driver is just fine!). With that said, the highway department acted quickly and borrowed a vehicle from the County and powered through to keep up with the heavy snow.

What this now means... In addition to needing to purchase one truck this year, which has been the plan from years past, we are now forced to start thinking about purchasing a second truck. Although costly, these trucks are a necessity but currently very difficult to obtain due to a shortage. Our Highway Superintendent luckily planned ahead and put aside \$200,000 in the 2022 budget and another \$200,000 in this year's budget for just this purpose. The hope is that with the money expected to be received from the claim of the totaled vehicle, we should be able to purchase two trucks without burdening taxpayers. These trucks are essential to maintain roads throughout the year and ultimately receive CHIPS money toward road improvements.

On a happier note, the park ice rink was flooded again for the winter season and was enjoyed by many. The ice rink has just been deconstructed as the highway department is now preparing for spring!

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!

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 however, they're NOT accepted for NYS DEC transactions***

NEW INFORMATION

- **The Town of Westerlo can no longer accept tax payments for the 2023 year. Unpaid bills have since been turned over to Albany County Department of Taxation and Finance. Please reach out to them for the most up-to-date account information.**
- **Just a friendly reminder that every dog in town needs to be licensed**
- **2023 Transfer Station permits are required in order to dispose of your waste at the Transfer Station. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office, Transfer Station and online.**
- **We are sad to report that credit/debit cards fees have increased again for the second time this year. Please keep this in mind when paying with a credit/debit card. Unfortunately, the Town has no control over these fees.**
- **There are many events organized by the Town Clerk's office throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the Town Clerk's office!**
- **Contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in reserving the park. Days are filling up fast!**

Broadband Research Committee (BRC)

The BRC is in need of volunteers in assisting the Chair. If you are in need of internet, please consider helping. Anyone interested in joining should reach out to the Town Clerk's office.

The BRC normally meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 pm for anyone interested in attending, however meetings have temporarily paused as there is no new information to report at this time. Please see the website for cancellation notices.



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News from the Assessor

- A public hearing is scheduled for April 4th at 6 pm for the purpose of discussing proposed Local Law 1 of 2023 regarding providing real property exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to section 466-A of the real property tax law. Please see the Assessor for more information!
- Any property owner turning 65 years old this year may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. The March 1st exemption deadline does not apply in some instances. Contact the Assessor for more information!
- 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 2023 Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed on or about May 1, 2023. The current roll may be viewed on the Town's website.
- Grievance Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 4 pm to 8 pm in the Assessor's office at the Town Hall.
- Exemption applications received by the March 1st deadline are currently being processed. You will receive notice only if your application is denied.
- Reminder: Can your house #'s be seen? This is very important for emergency services!
- **If you need assistance, contact Claire Marshall, Clerk to the Assessor at (518) 797-3111 x 1019 Monday – Wednesday 8 am – 12 pm & Thursday 2 pm – 7 pm.**

Introducing the Local Law Review Committee

In February, the Town Board created a Local Law Review Committee which Planning Board Member Bill Hall will chair. The Town Board decided that Planning Board Chair Beau Loendorf, ZBA Chair George Spahmer and Member Guy Weidman, Town Board Member Lorraine Pecylak and resident Mary Ann Witt will join Mr. Hall as the other members of the committee. The purpose of the committee is to review all previously filed local laws for accuracy and provide suggested changes/updates to the Town Board.

Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 pm.

The first law being reviewed is the Zoning Law, Local Law 1 of 2020. This document is available for review on the town's website.

The community is encouraged to submit comments/suggestions/questions to:
WesterloLawReview@gmail.com

Dear Code Enforcement Officer

The spring season is here, please be sure to reach out to Mr. Pine for all of your building needs or questions. He can be reached during office hours on Thursday evening from 4:30 pm – 7 pm or other times on his cell (518) 410-5232.

Westerlo Hometown Heroes



The Westerlo Hometown Heroes closing ceremony will take place at the First Baptist Church on November 4th @ 2 pm.

Stay tuned for details on a veteran's service. Information will be posted on the Town's website and on the [Hometown Heroes Facebook page](#).

Resource Expo & Job Fair Saturday, April 22nd 9 am – 3 pm at the Marriott Hotel, 189 Wolf Rd., Albany. Only veterans, service members and their families are invited to this FREE expo.

Westerlo History

What Happened to the town of Indian Fields?

In the 1920's Albany had the 15th largest reported outbreak of Typhoid in the nation as they used the Hudson River as it's main drinking water source. The Albany Pump Station (now C.H. Evans Brewing Company) still stands as evidence of this! It was then governor Franklin D Roosevelt who approved legislation to allow the city to claim land to build both the Basic and Alcove Reservoirs. Both Reservoirs were created between 1928-1932 and, along with the Loudonville Reservoir, solved Albany's drinking water problem. However, this came at a price.

The surveyor's determined the location based on water sources (Hannacroix Creek and Basic Creek) and reasonable dam locations. Much of the land was farmland or forest, but at the bottom of one of these floodable valleys was the sweet little town of Indian Fields which was technically in Coeymans but bordered Westerlo. It had a post office, a general store run by the Greene's, the Indian Fields Hotel run by the Van Hoesen family, a tea room called the "Bluebird" and a store run by the Simpkins family, a blacksmith shop, a Methodist Church, two mills and even a school. There were about 75 residents and 25 or so buildings.

The City of Albany, through their attorneys, sent letters to each of the property owners in Indian Fields in 1928 that basically stated that they wanted to purchase the land or properties would be condemned and taken from them. The text of an actual letter is as follows:

May 29, 1928

Dear Sir:

The Board of Water Supply of the City of Albany is about to acquire 100.19 acres of your property located near Westerlo, NY for the purpose of maintaining a reservoir to be known as Basic Creek Reservoir. The said Board hereby offers you \$5,000.00 for the above-mentioned number of acres of your land for the above stated purpose. Will you kindly answer this offer on or before the 5th day of June 1928, otherwise the Board will consider the offer rejected and will proceed with condemnation proceedings to acquire the above-mentioned land.

Very truly yours, (Insert Attorney's Name)

Notice that the residents of Indian Fields were given 7 days to respond. The family that received this letter accepted the \$5,000 and moved out by October of that same year. We know of two home owners that actually moved their small homes to Westerlo! One of these houses is still in use and sits directly across the street from the location of the Chesterville Academy north of the Westerlo library! A few residents fought against the demolition of their homes but to no avail.

Once the buildings were vacated some were disassembled to recoup as much money as possible, others were used to house the contractors and workers for the project and then "razed" or burned. Ultimately every building was destroyed and the land was deforested to make way for the new reservoirs.

The total Alcove Reservoir project saw the destruction of 224 buildings and 72 parcels of land which were acquired totaling over 1,500 acres of land that needed to be cleared. Thankfully, the City of Albany took extra care to relocate 14 small cemeteries that were in the flood zone. Each body was exhumed, recorded, families notified and then moved to a large area east of Alcove Reservoir to the newly established "Indian Fields Cemetery" on Waterboard Rd. Such care was taken that even the unmarked graves were exhumed and the City of Albany provided a gravestone listing a letter and a number which can be cross-referenced to one of the 14 cemeteries moved. It's a beautiful little cemetery and might be the only remnant of what was once a sweet little town called "Indian Fields".

Written by Gayle Hannay, Westerlo Town Historian



Post 291 American Legion



Auxiliary

Community dinner open to everyone and available for eat in or take out every 2nd Friday of the month at the post located at 54 Maple Ave, Greenville from 4:30 pm -7 pm from September through April!

The legion will be holding a brief Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 28th at 9 am at the South Westerlo monument and coming to the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park's Veterans' Garden at 9:15 am for a short memorial service with a 21-gun salute and to play taps.

Greenville Post 291 is always looking for new members. Please contact Dave Raffo at draffo1@hotmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/ALpost291>



Museum News

40 years ago, in 1983, three young men from Westerlo Belgium arrived at the Westerlo Town Hall. They wanted to see Westerlo, USA. Since that encounter, a friendship developed between the two towns. An official fraternization was formed between Westerlo, NY and Westerlo, Belgium in 1988.

For a few days this July, there will be visitors in town from Westerlo, Belgium. So, to recognize this 35-year-old friendship, the Historical Society will have a presentation regarding this friendship on July 6th at 7 pm. Come and meet some of our friends from across the pond!



Thank you everyone who came to the Winter Festival on a bitter cold day! Skating, a scavenger hunt and crafts were enjoyed by all who braved the weather and attended. Also, a big thank you to all who helped!

Plans are being made to construct a building behind the Museum to house large items such as the band wagon, the mail wagon and a horse drawn sled. Donations to the Museum building fund would be appreciated. Checks may be made out to the 'Westerlo Heritage Museum' and either mailed or dropped off to the Town Clerk's office at 933 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY 12193.

The next fundraisers for the Museum are a Brunch for Mom on Sunday, May 7, 2023 10 am – 1 pm and Town of Westerlo Garage Sale Days on Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 8 am – 3 pm at the park and 8:30 – 3:30 pm at each site. Lucky for us, the new florist shop in town "Flowers and Stuff" will be graciously donating centerpieces for the tables for the Brunch for Mom event and will also have arrangements for sale for you to purchase for your loved ones. Don't miss it!

What's Hot with The Westerlo Fire Company

We want to thank everyone for supporting our pancake breakfasts! It is great to see everyone together and enjoying the community friendship. Our last one for this spring will be on April 22nd from 8 am – 11 am and hope to see you there!

We want to thank two very generous, amazing people who personally paid for our breakfast shopping and even donated items for a raffle for the February and March breakfasts! A huge shout out to Matt Kryzak and Chris Smith!

As always, we are looking for new volunteers! Remember there are many positions other than "fighting fire". We have three Battalions namely the Firefighters, Auxiliary and Fire Police. We also have Associate members who can help with fundraisers and join us for various events so we can always use volunteers!

Once again, thank you everyone who drops your refundable cans and bottles off near the Fire House in Westerlo on 143 on the side over by the garage. We have two very dedicated volunteer members who are always helping sort and return them for the Company, Ricky and Rachael Haley!

April Pancake Breakfast!



TWFD -Woodman's Hall-Westerlo

Sat April 22, 2023

8-11 AM

Donation

Join us for Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, juice, milk or coffee & Most important-

Friendship

Your choice- any or all! Free Refills!



Donations to support
The Westerlo Heritage Museum Building Fund

Brunch **for Mom**

Sunday, May 7th
10AM - 1PM

Buffet style | Drinks | Coffee

Westerlo Town Hall
933 CR 401
Westerlo, NY 12193

www.townofwesterlony.com

Upcoming Voting Information

The Primary Election is on June 27th from 6 am – 9 pm. Early voting will take place from June 17th – June 25th; times can be found on the calendar page! This Primary will include local town government!
Early voting locations can be found on Albany County Board of Elections website. The closest location is the Berne Volunteer Fire Company located at 30 Canaday Hill Rd., Berne, NY 12023.

Hilltowns Community Resource Center

\$\$ IT'S INCOME TAX SEASON! \$\$

Haven't filed your income taxes yet? The IRS tax filing deadline is April 18, 2023!

DID YOU KNOW, Catholic Charities Tri-County Services has a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program?

VITA is a national program where IRS-trained and Certified Volunteers help eligible taxpayers file their federal and state income tax returns for **FREE**.

If your household income is less than \$60,000 you may be eligible for this service.

To **learn more** and **schedule** an appointment at a VITA site near you simply call **2-1-1**. More info at <https://www.Unitedwaygcr.org/cash>

*** Save the Date ***

Monday, May 2nd

Join us on May 2nd for a **one-day virtual giving event**, hosted by Catholic Charities Tri-County Services.

A Place at the Table is an event that showcases what we do to fulfill our communities' needs and how Catholic Charities is making a difference. Our neighbors are more in need than ever. They come to us because they are hungry and struggling to meet life's challenges. **A Place at the Table** benefits the *Five Outreach Programs* of Catholic Charities Tri-County Services so that we are then able to help the people in our community who need it most!

Interested in learning more or sponsoring this event please go to our A Place at the Table webpage: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/Table23> or text Table23 to 71777 or call us at (518) 512-3577

Change to Board of Elections Voting Districts

District 3 has been eliminated in the Town of Westerlo! Anyone who was previously in District 3, visit the following website to see which district you have been moved to:
<https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

You can also contact Albany County Board of Elections directly at (518) 487-5060

Food Pantry Information



Hilltown Community Resource Center

Hours: Monday – Friday 10 am – 4 pm. Pantries are by appointment only!
New location: 562 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 or Carrie Stewart Needham (518) 273-1568 or Kav Mann (518) 944-4588

Rock Road Community Storehouse

Hours: Wednesdays & Saturdays 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 & 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!)



Read Up on the Library

Adult Programs

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

The Westerlo Public Library has a Book Club. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 4 pm (please note new time) in the library. Copies of the current book are available at the circulation desk.

April Programs on the schedule are:

Medicare – April 5th at 1 pm (in person)

Advance Care Planning – April 12th at 1 pm (virtual in the Library)

Lowering Prescription Drug Costs – April 19th at 1 pm (virtual in the Library)

Identity Theft Prevention – April 26th at 1 pm (virtual in the Library)

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!

Gallery Space The library has Gallery space that exhibits a local artist every two months.

Technology

Have questions about technology? We can help! If we don't have the answers, we can find them for you.

The Library has 24/7 WiFi that is available outside. There are charging stations (USB and regular plugs) available around the patio.

There are computers available for use in the Library.

Youth Programs

Lego Club is Mondays at 3:30 pm – 5 pm.

Storytime is Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Homework Club and STEM activities are Thursdays at 3:30 pm – 5 pm.

Westerlo Library Community Room

The Westerlo Library has a lovely community room for use by groups for meetings. Stop by for an application for use, or email director@westerlolibrary.org, for more information.

2023 Trustee Meetings – 7 pm in the Hannay Community Room

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS FOR 2023

MAY

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

JUNE

Monday, June 19 – Juneteenth

JULY

Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

OCTOBER

Monday, October 9 – Indigenous Peoples' Day

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 11 – Veterans Day

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day



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

Amy Powarzynski

Library Manager

director@WesterloLibrary.org

Westerlo Rural Cemetery - Route 143

We are ecstatic to announce we were finally able to track down the original incorporation paperwork which allows us to move our perpetual funds to hopefully help with the interest. Years ago, that was how we paid for mowing but over the last four years we have not made any money whatsoever. Without the incorporation paperwork, we could not move perpetual fund money. In addition, we can now apply for our own tax-exempt status which will help with purchases.

The Westerlo Rural Cemetery will be doing spring **cleanup on Saturday April 15th at 10 am** (unless we get another three feet of snow!!). Please bring what you can (rakes, shovels, pickup's, wagons, wheelbarrow and of course gloves) to help take it away! Many hands make light work and last year was fantastic as we were done in about three hours! (Rain/snow date April 16th at 10 am). If you can't make it those days and want to do a little work, just come over, rake and put in piles for us to pick up! We do this very early in the spring before the grass gets a good start as it's much easier to rake. Most of the work is needed on the West side by the older stones because of all the trees.

Anyone traveling a distance to help can now visit HillBelly's, the new restaurant in Westerlo. It's located on SR 143 across from the fire house. Feel free to grab a coffee and breakfast sandwich to eat in or take out on your way to help or before you head home.

We had a lot of limbs down this winter and we've already removed some of the big ones when the weather was mild, but there are a lot of small limbs all throughout the cemetery that still need to be cleaned up.

Anyone who has expressed an interest in purchasing a plot can meet us that afternoon to see what is available or may call Betty to set up a different time to meet at (518) 275-2935. Due to her spam blocker, please leave a message and she will call you back ASAP!

Some folks last year indicated they would love to help but physically cannot do the work, instead offering to send a donation. Donations are always welcome to help with expenses and should be sent to:

Westerlo Rural Cemetery
PO Box 29
Westerlo, NY 12193

If you would like a receipt for your taxes, please enclose a self-address stamped envelope.



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

Hannacroix Rural Cemetery Route 411

The Hannacroix Cemetery is located on Rt 411 in Dormansville/Westerlo.

A special thanks to all who have contributed to the cemetery in the past. We are now starting to collect for the 2023 mowing season. 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.

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

TOWNWIDE



*Refreshments,
bake sale and
maps available
at the park!*

*Cost is \$20
per family*

GARAGE SALE

*Complete
registration form
at the back
of this
newsletter!*

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

FROM 8AM - 3PM WESTERLO, NEW YORK

**CALL (518) 797-3111 opt 2
for more info!**

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 duty 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.
- 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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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

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

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

See calendar page for a list of Veteran events!

Help, Options, Prevention & Education (HOPE) App

Albany County's suicide and warning prevention app for your smartphone. This is a great source of information if you need help or if you know someone that does. It provides warning signs, what to say, help for Veterans, teens/young adults and adults by providing resources, contacts and assessments. Available through iTunes and Google Play!

Return the F.A.V.O.R. Discount for Veterans

Return the F.A.V.O.R. (Find & Assist Veterans of Record) is a merchant discount program for eligible Albany Co. Veterans. The program provides veterans with discounts on services or purchases at participating merchants. To enroll, bring your DD-214 to the Albany Co. Veteran Services Bureau Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm. Download the application at

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



VETERAN INFORMATION

Pact Act

The VA is ready to implement the PACT Act and deliver for toxic-exposed Veterans and their survivors. If you think you might be eligible for PACT Act benefits, here's what you need to know:

- You can apply for PACT Act benefits now by filing a claim.
- As President Biden announced at the bill signing, all 23 presumptive conditions in the PACT Act are eligible for benefits effective August 10th.
- You can learn more about the PACT Act by visiting VA.gov/PACT or by calling 1-800-MyVA411.

Veterans Miracle Center

The Veterans Miracle Center is a special place for Veterans and active-duty military personnel, as well as their immediate families, who are in need to receive daily life necessities absolutely free.

10 Interstate Ave.
Albany, NY 12205
(518) 486-8398

www.VMCAlbany.org

Hours: Mon – Fri 9 am – 5 pm

By appointment only

Patriot Guard Riders New York

PGRNY is a diverse group of patriots who come together to show respect and support to US service members, veterans, first responders who die in the line of duty, and their families by standing flag lines and providing escorts at memorial services, only at the request of the family. They also stand flag lines for other events honoring veterans and military personnel by request.

PO Box 637
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
(585) 866-1747

<https://pgrny.org>

Reoccurring Veteran related events:

Mon-Fri 9 am – 3 pm Covid Vaccine Clinic (Walk-In)

Albany Co. Dept. of Health

Mon-Fri 9 am – 3:30 pm Covid Vaccine Clinic (By Appt.)

Albany Stratton VAMC

Every Tuesday 9 am – 11 am Veteran Services Remote Site

Veterans Miracle Center, Albany

Every Friday 9 am – noon Art4Vets @ Am. Legion Zaloga Post, Albany

Every Friday 8 am Veterans & Friends Breakfast

Gateway Diner, Albany

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>

Access Disability Claim Decisions online!

Veterans can now access their disability benefit claim decisions on VA.gov instead of waiting for a mailed copy to be delivered.

To access your decision letters, veterans can login to

www.VA.gov and check the status of their claim!

YETI DISCOUNTS

Yeti offers special pricing for military members and veterans, first responders, nurses and government employees with the ID.me network. Learn more at

www.yeti.com/id-me.html

Honor a deceased Veteran!

Each month Albany County honors a deceased Veteran with a ceremony at various locations throughout the County. Anyone may submit a nomination form and resume for consideration.

Visit www.albanycounty.com/veterans or call (518) 447-7710 for more info!

FREE Tax Filing for Active Duty and Reservists!

Enlisted active duty and reservists can file their federal and state taxes for free with TurboTax.

Greenville Central School District

Upcoming Events:



Saturday, April 1st HS Musical 7 pm
Sunday, April 2nd HS Musical 2 pm
Wednesday, April 5th ½ Musical "Nuts" 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 6th ½ Musical "Nuts" 6:30 pm
April 10th – April 14th Spring Recess
Friday, May 5th 5th Grade Musical 7 pm
Thursday, May 11th ES Spring Concert 6:20 pm & 7 pm
Tuesday, May 16th HS Spring Concert 7 pm
Tuesday, May 23rd MS Spring Concert 7 pm
Saturday, June 10th Junior Prom
Tuesday, June 13th 6th Grade Parent Night 7:30 pm
June 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd Regents Exams
Thursday, June 22nd ES Last day of school
Friday, June 23rd Graduation Rehearsal 10 am & 6 pm
HS Graduation

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/>

BKW "Parent Square"

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/>

Berne Public Library Programs

All programs below are free of charge unless otherwise stated.

Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 am for pre-school children and their caregivers

Book Club for Adults

First Sunday of the month at 7 pm

Knit Wits

Third Sunday of the month at 7 pm for knitting or crocheting

The Berne Public Library is located at
1763 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY 12023

Phone: (518) 872-1246

Hours are as follows:

Monday 2 pm – 8 pm

Tuesday 10 am – 8 pm

Wednesday 12 pm – 8 pm

Thursday 2 pm – 8 pm

Friday 2 pm – 6 pm

Saturday 9 am – 3 pm

Sunday Closed



"Berne Public Library"

<https://www.bernepubliclibrary.org/>



BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 1st Secondary School Musical 7 pm

Sunday, April 2nd Secondary School Musical 3 pm

Friday, April 28th & Saturday, April 29th All-Star Music Festival

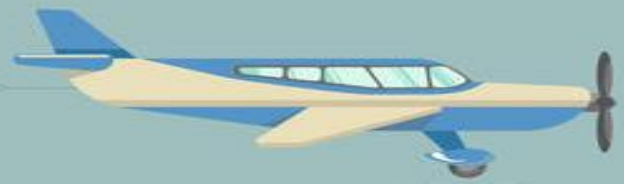
Monday, May 29th Memorial Day Parade

Thursday, June 1st Secondary School Spring Concert 7 pm

Thursday, June 8th Elementary School Spring Concert 7 pm

Saturday, June 24th BKW Graduation Ceremony 10:30 am – 12 pm at The Egg, Agency Building 1, S Mall Arterial, Albany, NY 12203

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 recently moved from behind the Reformed Church to 562 SR 143.

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



<https://www.facebook.com/Hilltowns>

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, doorknob 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

Division on Addictions

Division On Addictions is an organization that helps vulnerable NY residents who are addicted to drugs or alcohol locate proper treatment options. Alcoholism and drug addiction are terrible crises affecting all ages in our communities – from teenagers to senior citizens.

Finding treatment facilities that are able to understand the underlying causes of the addiction, and that are able to cure an individual so as to prevent any relapse, is often a very hard task. This is where we come in. We help those in greatest need to find addiction treatment options that are the best for each individual situation. Our services are 100% free.

For more information, please visit their website at

<https://www.divisiononaddiction.org/>

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

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're not full.

Drop off to the tool rental area of the store!

NYS law requires numerous service and retail locations to accept used motor oil from households for recycling. They must accept up to 5 gallons per day at no charge. Call your service location to confirm!



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Food Drive



Helderberg Family & Community Organization is sponsoring a Food Drive to benefit:
Hugs for the Hilltowns (Helderberg Lutheran Church); Rock Road Chapel Holiday Outreach Program (Knox); Hilltowns Community Resource Center (Westerlo); and The Little Free Food Pantries (in Berne and Knox)

Drop Off: March 20—April 8, 2023 (Normal Business Hours)

Altamont Country Values-Agway, 106 Prospect Street, Altamont

Berne Public Library, 1763 Helderberg Trail, Berne

Fox Creek Market, 1634 Helderberg Trail, Berne

Helderberg True Value, 856 Helderberg Trail, East Berne

Westerlo Public Library, 604 State Route 143, Westerlo



Monetary Donations

Checks may be made out to HFCO; *please put food drive on the memo line*. All donations will be used, in their entirety, to support the food pantries. *Mail to: HFCO, PO Box #115 Knox, NY 12107*

Requested Items

Rock Road Chapel Easter Outreach	Hugs for the Hilltowns	Hilltowns Community Resource Center
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applesauce Boxed or Packaged Potatoes Quick Bread Baking Mixes Stuffing Mixes Canned Corn Pie Crust Canned Pie Filling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applesauce Macaroni & Cheese Tuna Cereal 	<p>Any non-perishable food item or personal care product</p> <p>The Little Free Food Pantries Any non-perishable food item</p>



Food Pantry Information

Hilltowns Community Resource Center

Location 566 NY 143, Westerlo NY	Hours Monday—Friday, 10 AM—4 PM	Contact Mary Beth Petersen, 518-966-7380
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Hugs for the Hilltowns

Location In the basement of the Helderberg Lutheran Church	Hours Friday from 9 AM—12 PM; Delivery available	Contact Jean Guarino, 631-626-5191 Kay Mann, 518-944-4588
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Rock Road Community Storehouse

Location Rock Road Chapel, 96 Rock Road Berne NY	Hours Wednesday 7 AM — 9 AM; Saturday 9 AM—11 AM	Contact Martha Davis, 518 -221-2479
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The Little Free Food Pantries

Location Behind the Helderberg Lutheran Church & At the Knox Town Hall	Hours 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	Contact Berne: Jean Guarino, 631- 626 -5191 Knox: Mary Ellen Gillis, 518 -872- 1899
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Senior Happenings

Hilltown Senior Citizen

Have you signed up with the seniors yet? We meet the second Saturday of each month at the Community and Senior Services Center at 1360 Helderberg Trail in Berne. At which time we share a covered dish and go over events and news that may be of interest to the senior crowd. We usually have a speaker each month unless we are holding a special event like we did at Christmas when we had a lot of laughs and enjoyed a buffet from the Babbling Brook!

Trips we are considering for 2023 are:

- Pennsylvania Sights and Sound Theater - Moses – Lancaster – May 16th – 18th
- Lake Placid – June 22nd
- Boothbay Harbor in Maine (3 days) in July!
- MacHaydn Theatre – in August!
- Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore (14 days)
- Lake George Dinner Theatre – in October!
- Sight and Sound Christmas Show Lancaster – in November!

There will be a few one-day trips as well!

Come sign up and see what might interest you!

Lunches are served for seniors every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Doors open at 11 am. Please call (518) 937-5963 the day before by 11 am to reserve a lunch!

We are concerned they will stop the service for the Hilltowns if we don't have enough folks to come and enjoy a free lunch so please sign up!



Hours: Wednesday & Saturday
9 am – 1 pm.
Location: 112 Church Road, Berne

Hilltown Senior Citizen's Continued...

Lancaster, PA Trip May 16th – 18th
3 day/2 night package includes:

- Deluxe Roundtrip Transportation
- Delicious breakfast daily at your hotel (2)
- Delicious Full Dinners with Entertainment to include:
 - Performance of 'Moses' at the Beautiful Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre Followed by Full course dinner at Miller Smorgasbord.
 - All new dinner/show at the new Magic & Wonder Theatre featuring the new show 'Mystery Magic'
- 'AMISH EXPERIENCE' The Combo Ticket combines the Amish Experience Theatre five-screen, special effect film 'Jacob's Choice' with admission to the guided Amish County House and One-Room School Tour
- Visit to Bird in Hand Farmers Market for unique shopping and 'tasty sampling'
- Visit and shopping and quaint Kitchen Kettle Village
- Visit and gambling at the new 'Wind Creek Casino' en route home with best available bonus

ALL OF THE ABOVE FOR THE FOLLOWING RATES:

Member Rate \$ 475.00 per person double
Non-Member Rate \$ 481.00 per person double

Member Rate \$ 430.00 per person triple
Non-Member Rate \$ 436.00 per person triple

Member Rate \$ 664.00 per person single
Non-Member Rate \$ 670.00 per person single

\$50.00 per person first deposit required with reservation
Payment in full required by: April 8, 2023

FOR INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

MARYJANE ARALDI mjaraldi@msn.com

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!



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

Senior Happenings

There're two new businesses in town!

Welcome to Hillbelly's

We at Hillbelly's want to provide a place with a warm and positive environment where you can get good food and drinks along with grocery products as a bonus. We love seeing our customers so excited for this establishment. Our goal is to keep our customers happy and smiling whether you're sitting down eating with a family member or simply drinking a coffee with your neighbor. We wish to thank the community for their patience and support.

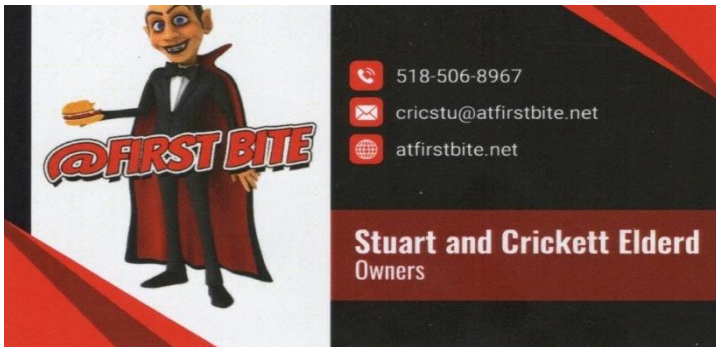
Hillbelly's is open seven days a week! There are takeout hours as well.

Visit Hillbelly's on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1238666726719544>

New food truck at the park!

@ First Bite is a new food truck in town! Keep a look out, it will be parked at the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park near the ball field.



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 or <https://www.albanycounty.com/departments/aging>

If you would like to receive this newsletter by mail, please contact the Town Clerk at (518) 797-3111, opt. 2



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

Monday – Wednesday & Saturday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday & Friday 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:

<https://www.schoharieseniors.com/community-center>

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.

Upcoming Town Events & Items of Interest

- The Westerlo Fire Co. has an upcoming breakfast on Saturday, April 22nd from 8 am – 11 am at Woodman's Hall.
- Take advantage of the library's spice of the month. Comes with three recipes! They also have a book club! See Library page for more information!
- If you are 65 or older, you may qualify for the Enhanced STAR exemption. Contact the Town Assessor to inquire!
- The Town of Westerlo Heritage Museum's 16th Garage Sale Day is June 10th. For more info see last page of the newsletter.
- The Town of Westerlo Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 16th 3 pm – 7 pm!



Westerlo Baptist Church

Upcoming dates/events:



April 5th – StocKar Pinewood Derby Races 7 pm

Welcome Race Fans!



April 7th – Good Friday Community Service 7 pm

All are welcome!

(4 local churches will be participating)

April 8th – Community Easter Egg Hunt 9 am – 10:30 am (Pre-K-5th grade)

Admission is free. Bring your basket and join the fun! Pre-Register @ (518) 797-3927

April 9th – Easter Surprise Service 7 am @ Westerlo Town Park

April 9th – Easter Worship Service 9:30 am “HE IS RISEN!”

Speaker: Pastor R. Scott Boger, Senior Pastor

618 SR 143, Westerlo, NY 12193

Sunday Worship Service – 9:30 am

Sunday School 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/westerlobaptist>

Dormansville United Methodist Church

21 CR 312, Westerlo, NY 12193

Contact Betty-Jean Mueller

Cell: (845) 532-0057

Services are 8:45 am – 10 am Sundays!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064440321>

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!

Saint John the Baptist

4987 Rt 81

Greenville, NY 12193

(518) 943-3150

Masses are back on normal schedule at 9 am on Sundays!

Visit <http://www.sholk.weebly.com> for mass updates for Holy week schedule.

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064837502467>

Chicken and Rib BBQ

Provided by Barbeque Delights

Thursday, April 20th

3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.


or until sold out

at

The Westerlo Reformed Church

564 State Route 143, Westerlo

Across the road from Hannay Reels

 Drive through

Chicken dinners \$15

Rib dinners \$16

Thank you for your support!

South Westerlo Congregational Christian Church

Services begin at 10:30 am on
Sundays!

Our Sunday begins with Sunday
School hour 9:20 am - 10:20 am and
our worship service begins at 10:30
am. Our worship service can be seen
on Facebook by searching:

South Westerlo Christian Church

[https://www.facebook.com/South
WesterloChristianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SouthWesterloChristianChurch)

Sunday night youth group
5:30 pm – 8 pm

Our Senior lunch is every 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the month starting at
11 am with appetizers and
lunch is at 12 noon.

Our Ladies Bible Study every
Wednesday starts at 1 pm (Becoming
spiritually mature 10 weeks series
started 3/7/23)

Our Trail Life USA ministry for boys
and American Heritage Girls for girls
every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the
month from 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Our men's breakfast and devotional
is every 1st Saturday of the month
8 am – 9 am

Our men's Bible study every Saturday
morning except for the 1st Saturday
of the month 8 am – 9 am
(Finding Jesus in every book of the
Bible)

April 6th Maundy Thursday covered
dish dinner 6:30 pm followed by the
Passion of Christ movie.

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

[https://www.facebook.com/SouthW
esterloChristianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SouthWesterloChristianChurch)

The Town of Westerlo will continue to collect toiletry items for the Hilltown Community Resource Center this quarter as they did not receive many of the items needed during the first quarter. The many people who utilize the Resource Center will greatly appreciate your generosity as these items are expensive so please consider picking some of these items up to donate.

See flyer below for more details and a list of items that are so desperately needed!

New, unused items should be dropped off at the Town Hall. There is a bin in the meeting room in front of the bench. See flyer within the newsletter for more information.



SNOWMOBILING COMMUNITY

Trails open January 1st!

Club Officers

President Gerry Lenseth	(518) 330-7373
Vice Pres Mary Ann Nickloy	(518) 895-2595
Treasurer Tammy Saddlemire	(518) 872-2125
Secretary Your Name Here	(518) 555-2368

Trail Boss Contacts

Brian Buchardt	East Berne	(518) 872-1878
Don Bauer	Warner Lake	(518) 337-1985
Zach Simeon	Knox	(518) 860-2325
Skip Murrell	Township	(518) 867-1235
Joel Church	Wright	(518) 895-5451
Casey LeClair	Duanesburg	
Tom Rulison	Esperance	(518) 875-9229
Laudy Hoyenga	Sloansville	(518) 868-2092
Mark VanWoeart	Mariaville	(518) 376-0063
Scott Claus	Burtonsville	(518) 848-0524
Yancey Zimmer	Charleston	(518) 657-9588

Want to help?

The Frontier Sno-Riders are looking for a volunteer to take on the Secretary office. Please contact Gerry Lenseth at (518) 330-7373 for more information.

Board of Assessment Review

Grievance day is Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Westerlo Town Hall. You can always reach out the Assessor earlier though.

If you need more information, please contact the Assessor's office in advance.

(518) 797-3111 x 1016



TOWN OF WESTERLO

TOILETRIES DRIVE

FOR HILLTOWN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

WE NEED:

Shampoos
Conditioners
Bar Soaps
Toothpaste/toothbrushes/
dental floss
Deodorants
Pocket-sized kleenex
Disposable wipes
Toilet paper
Razors
Shower gels
Hair brushes/combs
Sanitary items for women



WESTERLO TOWN HALL

Please contact the Town Clerk's office for more information 518-797-3111 x 2

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:

June 1, 2023

For July 2023 Newsletter

September 1, 2023

For October 2023 Newsletter

December 1, 2023

For January 2024 Newsletter

March 1, 2024

For April 2024 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.

****The newsletter is usually posted the first week of the month but may be delayed****

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](#)

[Heiderberg Family Community Organization- HFCO](#)

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Stay up to date with the latest news and meeting
announcements by visiting the Town website

www.townofwesterlony.com



933 County Route 401

Westerlo, NY 12193

Phone: (518) 797-3111

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2023

April

- 1st – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 1st – Secondary School Musical 7 pm @ BKW
- 2nd – Secondary School Musical 3 pm @ BKW
- 2nd – Westerlo Baptist Church Palm Sunday Service @ 9:30 am
- 4th – Public Hearing & Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 5th – StocKar Pinewood Derby Races 7 pm @ Westerlo Baptist Church
- 7th – Westerlo Baptist Church Good Friday Service @ 7 pm
- 8th – Westerlo Baptist Church Community Easter Egg Hunt 9 am – 10:30 am (see flyer for details on the Church page)
- 9th – Westerlo Baptist Church Easter Sunrise Service 7 am @ Westerlo Town Park
- 9th – Westerlo Baptist Church Easter Sunday Worship 9:30 am
- 11th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 12th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 13th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 14th – Greenville Legion Post 291 Dinner 4:30 pm – 7 pm @ 54 Maple Ave, Greenville
- 17th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 17th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 18th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 22nd – TWFD Breakfast 8 am – 11 am @ Woodman's Hall
- 22nd – Resource Expo & Job Fair 9 am – 3 pm (see info at bottom of Assessor's page!)
- 24th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 25th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 28th – All-Star Music Festival @ BKW
- 29th – All-Star Music Festival @ BKW

May

- 2nd – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 2nd – Catholic Charities A Place at the Table virtual event (see Hilltown Community Resource page for more info!)
- 6th – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 7th – Brunch for Mom @ Town Hall 10 am – 1 pm
- 9th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 10th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 11th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 13th – Mother's Day Bake Sale 9 am – 2 pm @ Library
- 15th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 15th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 16th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 16th – 18th – Hilltown Senior trip Sights & Sound Theatre
- 22nd – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 23rd – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 23rd – Grievance Day 4 pm – 8 pm
- 28th – Greenville American Legion Memorial Ceremony 9 am @ So. Westerlo monument and 9:15 am at Veterans' Garden
- 29th – Berne Memorial Day Parade
- 29th – Greenville Memorial Day Parade

Coming soon...

Tips from the vet!

June

- 1st – Secondary School Spring Concert 7 pm @ BKW
- 3rd – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 6th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 8th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 10th – Museum's Garage Sale Day
- 13th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 14th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 17th & 18th – Primary Early Voting 9 am – 5 pm (find where to vote on BOE's website!)
- 19th – Primary Early Voting 12 pm – 8 pm (find where to vote on BOE's website!)
- 19th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm both CANCELLED!
- 19th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 20th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 20th – Primary Early Voting 9 am – 5 pm (find where to vote on BOE's website!)
- 21st – Primary Early Voting 12 pm – 8 pm (find where to vote on BOE's website!)
- 22nd – Hilltown Seniors Lake Placid trip
- 22nd – 25th – Primary Early Voting 9 am – 5 pm (find where to vote on BOE's website!)
- 24th – BKW Graduation Ceremony 10:30 am – 12 pm @ the Egg
- 26th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm

July

- 1st – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 5th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 5th – 7th & 10th – 11th – HFCO Learn to swim program 4:30 pm – 7 pm for students k – grade 6 @ Knox Town Park. Apply at BKW!
- 6th – Historical Society Presentation "Save the date!"
- 11th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 12th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 13th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 17th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 17th – 21st – HFCO Summer Soccer Camp 6 pm – 6:45 pm students pre-K – 1st grade, 6 pm – 7:45 pm grades 2 – 12 @ Knox Town Park. Apply at BKW!
- 18th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 24th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 25th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 31st – HFCO Summer Art Camp grades

Yoga classes every Tuesday at the Greenville Legion @ 7 pm. Contact Tina (631) 374-0928

Greenville American Legion Post 291 meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2023

August

- 1st – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 1st – 4th – HFCO Summer Art Camp grades 3 – 8 @ Knox Town Park. Apply at BKW!
- 5th – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 8th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 9th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 10th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 15th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 21st – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 22nd – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 27th – Wheels of Time Car Show
- 28th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm

September

- 5th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 8th – Greenville Legion Post 291 Dinner 4:30 pm – 7 pm @ 54 Maple Ave, Greenville
- 12th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 13th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 14th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 16th – Fall Festival @ Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park 3 pm – 7 pm “Save the date!”
- 18th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 18th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Reformed Church
- 19th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 23rd – Greenville Day
- 25th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 26th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm

October

- 3rd – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 7th – BKW Alumni Banquet @ Italian American Community Center
- 10th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 11th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 12th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 13th – Greenville Legion Post 291 Dinner 4:30 pm – 7 pm @ 54 Maple Ave, Greenville
- 16th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 16th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 17th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 19th – Learn the signs of identity theft 11 am @ Library
- 23rd – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 24th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm

November

- 4th – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 4th – Hometown Heroes Closing Ceremony 2 pm
- 7th – General Election @ Westerlo Town Hall 6 am – 9 pm
- 8th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm (Wednesday)
- 9th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 10th – Greenville Legion Post 291 Dinner 4:30 pm – 7 pm @ 54 Maple Ave, Greenville
- 14th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 20th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 20th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 21st – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 27th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 28th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm

December

- 5th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 8th – Greenville Legion Post 291 Dinner 4:30 pm – 7 pm @ 54 Maple Ave, Greenville
- 12th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 13th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 14th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 18th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 18th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 19th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 25th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm cancelled – may be rescheduled
- 26th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm

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.



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Fall
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FREE ENTRY

3 PM - 7 PM

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LIVE MUSIC * VENDORS
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518-797-3111 x 2

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Town of Westerlo Heritage Museum's 16th
(Dormsansville, Westerlo, South Westerlo)

Garage Sale
Saturday, June 10, 2023
8:00 AM- 3:00 PM



If you would like to be part of the Town of Westerlo Museum's 16th Town Wide Garage Sale, now is the time to sign up! Garage/Yard sales will be held on your own property/location for this event. Space will also be available at the Westerlo Town Park Pavilion.

The Westerlo Museum Board is sponsoring this event to raise monies for the Westerlo Heritage Museum's building fund.

We will advertise in local and some capital district newspapers and other media. **YOUR SALE WILL BE MARKED ON A MAP WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 8 AM THE MORNING OF THE SALE AT THE WESTERLO TOWN PARK.**

We will be selling food and baked goods at the park; therefore, we kindly request that you not sell food at your site.

Please have your site open from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. The cost to you is only \$20.00 per family.

Please make checks payable to **Westerlo Heritage Museum** and mail with the return portion as indicated below to:

Town of Westerlo Heritage Museum
933 County Route 401
Westerlo, NY 12193

Registration forms should be received or postmarked no later than June 1, 2023. The sooner the better. This allows enough time for you to receive your garage sale number represented on the map and instructions for the day of the sale.

Refreshments, bake sale and sale of maps will be available the day of the event at the Westerlo Town Park Pavilion located at 950 County Route 401 starting at 8 am.

Please feel free to contact the Town Clerk's office with any questions:
518-797-3111 option 2 or townclerk@townofwesterlony.com



Please print clearly and return this portion to the above address. Please maintain the above for your records.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Address of location if different from the Mailing address: _____

Information (Approximate miles from Westerlo Town Park, Color of House, etc.): _____

Are you going to be open on Sunday* (circle one): YES or NO *It will be advertised on the map if you are.

Description of items being sold: _____