



Town of Westerlo Newsletter



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Heroes' Way

Article submitted by Lisa Joslyn

On September 10, 2023, Andrew (Drew) Joslin, Jr. and the Westerlo Hometown Heroes Committee held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Heroes' Way. Heroes' Way is an Eagle Scout Project planned and executed by Drew and volunteers.

Drew is no stranger to community service. He grew up at the Westerlo Fire station as his dad was a firefighter and today serves as Fire Chief in our small, close-knit community. Drew joined as a junior firefighter as soon as Westerlo Fire instituted the program. He has been involved in Boy Scouts starting as a Tiger in the Cub Scout program. His future plans are to join the Air National Guard to serve his country.

Drew's idea formed from a means of honoring firefighters with a memorial at Westerlo Fire's Station 1, however, a lack of room and a plan to eventually move the station made Drew decide to approach the Town about adding a Firefighter Memorial to the town park. While attending the opening service at the Veterans' Memorial last November, a greater idea formed: the idea to honor all his heroes. Drew approached Supervisor Kryzak and Councilwoman Burnside in February with the idea. They were immediately on-board and asked Drew to present his project to the Town Board at the February 21st meeting. The Board unanimously approved the proposal and planning commenced.



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Supervisor
Matt Kryzak

Confidential Administrator
Lisa DeGross
Ext. 1014

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Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Karla Weaver
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7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Thursday 2 pm – 7 pm
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Jeff Pine
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Winter Hours: Monday – Friday
7:30 am – 4 pm

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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

All Town Offices are CLOSED on HOLIDAYS



Now that summer is behind us and we are full speed ahead into fall, I would like to take a few moments to highlight some of the Town's accomplishments since our last newsletter. It is with great pride that we

hosted our third annual Fall Festival on September 16th. It was great to see all of you again and celebrate the harvest together. Harvest season is deep rooted in the fabric of Westerlo, and our agricultural heritage is something to be honored and celebrated. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered. Thank you to Karla, Marta, Jaimee, and Kathy of the Town Clerks office for planning such a wonderful event. Thank you to the Westerlo Fire Company, Westerlo Heritage Museum, Westerlo Highway Department, and Westerlo Hometown Heroes for participating in the Fall Festival and making it a day to remember. It's fantastic to see so many town organizations involved in making Westerlo a great place to call home.

On Saturday, September 10th there was a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park for the new Heroes' Way project that was donated and constructed by Andrew R. Joslin, Jr. of Troop 42 of Greenville as part of his Eagle Scout Service Project. The project was designed and built by Andrew and his team of volunteers to give back and honor those who have given so much to our community and country through their service in our nation's military or as first responders. Heroes' Way is meant to shine a light on preventing veteran and first responder suicide. Statistics show that on average in the United States there are 22 veteran suicides per day. Police and Firefighters are more likely to die by suicide than in the line of duty, and in 2020, 116 police officers died by suicide, and 127 firefighters and EMT's died by suicide. The Town of Westerlo is grateful to be a participant in helping to raise awareness and prevent veteran and first responder suicide deaths. Thank you to Andrew R. Joslin, Jr. for such a wonderful gift to the people of Westerlo and to those in need of a place of respite and tranquility.

Since the last newsletter there have been so many Town improvement projects underway that it's almost impossible to speak at length about them all. Below you will see some of the high notes that are currently in process in Town.

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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

WesterloLawReview@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

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

The Highway Department is happy to report that they finally took ownership of the new truck on September 18th.

They have been working hard paving Woodstock Rd., Maple Ave, Beckman Rd., and Stone Gate Rd. They still need to complete the shoulders on all the roads that were paved and hope to have that completed in the next month or so. On October 11th, they will be instructed on how to put on and operate the plow and wing on the new trucks.

They have removed the trip hazard around the pavilion, old fencing materials from next to the concession stand and have made driveway improvements at the South Westerlo park. At the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park, the highway department removed split and deteriorating fencing, removed bushes from the tennis court and Rick Rupeka fixed the teeter totter. The stream Embankment project is well underway through the Soil & Water Grant.



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.

With the temperature getting lower, plus the cost of fuel going higher you may be looking at alternative heat sources for your home this winter. Solid fuel burning appliances (wood/pellet stoves) are a common option for homeowners. Just keep in mind that a building permit is required before they are installed. A permit will ensure that your appliance/chimney is installed properly and in compliance with the fire code and the manufacture specification. This is important not only for your safety but also for the safety of first responders. A properly installed solid fuel appliance can be a safe way to save on heating cost this winter.

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 Clerk's office is responsible for updating the website and has been working on posting all town laws for public view and hopes to have an Historian page soon.**
- **2024 Transfer Station permits will go on sale October 1st and are required to dispose of your waste at the Transfer Station. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office, Transfer Station and online.**
 - **The Town Clerk's office is working hard to make this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony even better than last year! We are always looking for suggestions and volunteers. There are also many other events organized by the Town Clerk's office throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out!**
- **Keep in mind, park reservations can only be reserved up to 1 year in advance. Make sure to call us soon if you would like to make a reservation for the 2024 season! Dates book up quickly. Applications and a list of fees can be found on our website.**
- **Just a reminder that Town of Westerlo Property Tax bills will be mailed out the first week of January and can be paid without penalty through January 31st. There is a 1% penalty if paid February 1st through February 29th and a 2% penalty if paid March 1st through April 1st. You can submit payment by mail, in person, or at the Bank of Greene County (Westerlo or Greenville branches only)! More tax information is available on the Town's website. If you have questions about back taxes, please contact Albany County Department of Finance. They will have the most up-to-date information.**
- **Below are a few photos from the 2023 Fall Festival!**



News from the Assessor

- 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 Final Assessment Roll was filed on July 1, 2023. It can be viewed on the Town's website.
- Exemption applications/renewals will be mailed and we will be getting ready to prepare for the 2024 property tax bills.
- 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.**

Schoharie County Harvest Fair

145 Fort Rd., Schoharie, NY 12157

Old Stone Fort Museum

When: October 14th from 10 am – 5 pm

Admission is FREE, donations accepted.

Food, vendors, quilts and more!

Local Law Review Committee

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 pm and are open to the public if anyone has input.

The Committee is still reviewing the Town's 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

Water Committee

Meetings are normally held the 1st Wednesday of March and September at 6 pm.



**THE WESTERLO FIRE
CO. AUXILIARY**



**Chicken & Rib
Dinner**

BBQ DELIGHTS IS COOKING!

Chicken or Ribs Dinners \$18.00
(includes Cole Slaw, Baked Potato,
Roll & a Cookie)

Half Chicken \$10.00

Thursday, October 5th
3:30pm until sold out!

South Westerlo Fire House – Station 2
CR 405 & Jennings Rd.

Design with PosterMyWish.com

The final project consists of a new trailhead kiosk that showcases the existing trail system map including crisis intervention information for Military Personnel, Veterans, and First Responders. Two new bridges were built, and three benches have been placed in spots that allow for tranquility and reflection. The military bench also provides a view of the setting sun as a reminder that while the day is done, there is tomorrow to live for.

Speakers at the event included Assemblyman Chris Tague, Inspector Praisner from the Albany County Sheriff's Office, Chief Joslin from Westerlo Fire, Steve Mataraza from Greenville American Legion Post 291, Scoutmaster Colin Tumej Boy Scout Troop 42, Westerlo Town Supervisor Matthew Kryzak and Drew.

At the ribbon cutting Drew spoke about "honoring those who serve their community and country; whether they fought in past wars, fly an F-16, protect citizens from harm, provide life-saving measures, put out fires or are the voice in the dark when someone needs help, this project is for you."

The journey has been long but rewarding. At last count, over 300 volunteer hours were put into this project. 162 of those hours came from employees, and their family members, of James H. Maloy, Inc. (a heavy/highway construction company located in Loudonville, NY, where Drew's mom Lisa works as the Corporate Health and Safety Manager). JH Maloy sponsored the 9/11 memorial bridge, and their field crews spent a Saturday building the bridge. Other volunteer hours were provided throughout the project by employees of Hannay Reels, members of Westerlo Fire and Berne Fire, and scouts from Troop 42.

September 10th was the end of the journey that took 6 months to complete. What started as a trail to honor veterans, became a trail of hope for heroes.

Park Committee

This summer has been busy for the Park Committee, a public committee led by our Town Planning Board Chairman, Beau Loendorf and Confidential Secretary Lisa DeGroff. Town Board Member Amie Burnside and Lorraine Pecylak, and Planning/Zoning Board Clerk Claire Marshall also serve as members. This committee has been meeting every few weeks over the past few months to focus on upgrading our town parks, which has been requested by many residents. Prior to approaching the Town Board with a plan, our committee visited both parks, the South Westerlo (Blaisdell White Memorial Park) and the Veterans Memorial Park to see what the urgent matters were and which were ones we could plan for in the upcoming years.

After coordinating between the committee, Town Board, and Highway Department, a list of action steps were created. Over fifteen of those actions were completed in the last six weeks. The Highway Department has been a huge help in the removal of old material, fixing potential hazards, and the clearing of many areas.

The future of our parks is to create a place where residents want to come spend time, create memories with their loved ones, and feel safe while using the areas. Our committee is planning to host a few "Community Clean Up Days", with the goal of painting picnic tables and dugouts, as well as fixing all the broken wire around the baseball fields. In part of this committee's plan, to get us started, we were granted \$25,000 to buy some new playground equipment, recycle bins, nets for the basketball hoops, and much more.

While there has been a lot of amazing work completed so far, we still have a lot to do and are looking for community members to get involved. Projects like new bleachers, a soccer field, a dog park, and a walking trail, are all in the plans for the future. Anyone interested in joining the committee should reach out to Beau or Lisa for the next meeting date and time. And as summer turns into fall, we would like to invite everyone to stop by and see the new parks, and if you see something that should be updated or fixed, please let us know.

-Beau Loendorf

The Park Committee is looking for sponsors for the dog park and walking trail. If anyone is interested, please reach out to the Supervisor's office at (518) 797-3111 x 1014

- Bids have been received for the Broadband Grant and it looks like we will currently be able to supply 301 new homes with high-speed internet access. Over 37.63 miles of new cable being run for a total grant cost of \$1,687,500.00.
- There are current capital improvement projects in process at both the Town Hall and Highway Department. We are looking to set aside 1.2 million of the current 2.4 million fund balance to be used for capital improvement projects for Town facilities over the next 4 years.
- The multiyear financial plan and multiyear capital improvement plans are essentially a financial roadmap for financial and building improvements over the next four years.
- We are looking to transfer 3 acres of vacant land that sits behind Town Hall to the Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company so that in the future they can build a new Fire Station to serve the Town of Westerlo. The transfer of land is a tax benefit for residents.
- The Town has also received a few grants for projects and initiatives. Some of those projects include making our Local Laws current and searchable on an online platform and to restore and improve the Basic Creek along Veterans Memorial Park.
- A Senior Lunch and Learn series was initiated by the Supervisor's Office, in partnership with the Hilltowns' Community Resource Center. The programs address topics of interest for seniors in our community and provide a free lunch. In addition, seniors have an opportunity to socialize with their neighbors.

These are just a few of the many highlight's residents of Westerlo can be proud of. As always, I am available to speak with our residents. Do not hesitate to reach out to me. Have a wonderful fall.

-Supervisor Matthew Kryzak



Museum News



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Yard Sale Days either by selling or buying!! Kudos to the Historical Society for the bake sale and donating the profits to the Museum's building fund.

On the evening of July 6th there was a celebration of the 35 years of friendship between Westerlo and six friends from Westerlo Belgium. Hopefully you stopped by and were able to enjoy the display at the Fall Festival regarding this friendship.

Some discoveries have been made as treasures that were stored upstairs in the library are being sorted through. These include a booklet on the history of the Westerlo Reformed Church, ration books from WWII, a Soldier's Handbook – Basic Field Manual from 1940 and letters from soldiers' home during the war.

There are now Westerlo Heritage Museum t-shirts for sale for \$20.00 to support the Museum's building fund. Also for sale are beautiful hand painted ornaments of the museum for \$12.00. They are available when the museum is open or at the Town Hall. Also, for sale are aprons with the Town seals of both Westerlos for \$10.00.

Hopefully you are enjoying the fall wreaths that have been hung on signs throughout the town. The next activity the Museum will be involved in is Wreaths Across America in December. On Saturday, December 17th, wreaths will be laid on the graves of all the veterans buried in the 3 cemeteries in Town. After that, the Museum will hold it's Third Annual Winter Festival in the new year; date to be announced soon.

Westerlo History

PATRIOTS OF WESTERLO

As town historian I have been working to obtain a grant to place an historical marker in front of the Veterans section of Westerlo Rural Cemetery. It turns out that there are a few too many loop holes to jump through in order to accomplish this (proof of every single veteran's participation in war was the most difficult). I was interested in doing this project because I was surprised to see how many veterans we had sent to war in our small rural community. Here is how Westerlo was represented in US War engagements:

Revolution	41 men
Civil War	150 men
War of 1812	26 men
WW I	21 men
WW II	103 men, 2 women

I apologize for only covering wars through WW II but that is what I researched for the grant. Think of Westerlo during the Civil War. We might have had a population a little bigger than what it is today but not substantially bigger. We sent 150 men to serve in the Union Army... and not all of them came home. In World War II we sent 105 men and women. We don't feel the true gravity of this sacrifice now as we felt it in numbers then. Every individual needs to be recognized for their sacrifice.

It should also be noted that we have 3 veteran's sections in our maintained cemeteries (Westerlo Rural, Westerlo Central and Hannacroix). This happened in the 1930's as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's reforms. People were hired in 1933-1934 to move bodies of veterans and their wives from no longer maintained cemeteries into maintained cemeteries. This ensured their visibility so that we as a town could better honor them. There are still veterans interspersed within each cemetery, but these added sections were the bodies that were relocated. It should also be noted that we have veterans in non-maintained cemeteries as well because it was the families of our veterans who made the final choice for relocation. I found a newspaper article that stated that Westerlo was one of the first towns to complete this task! Well done, Westerlo!

We might still pursue this important signage without the grant so that the world will know of the sacrifices that our little town made for the war effort, but for now I will simply write about it. If anyone would like to make a donation to the town to make this happen please contact me, Gayle Hannay, at

townhistorian@townofwesterlony.com.

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!

Broadband Research Committee (BRC)

The Town of Westerlo has received Bids for the Broadband Grant. At the September 19th Town Board meeting, the Town Board awarded the project to Mid-Hudson Cable as they will be able to provide high-speed internet service to 301 homes. The total grant cost is \$1,687,500 and will cover over 37.63 miles of cable throughout town at no cost to the taxpayer.

The BRC is looking for volunteers to assist the Chair. Anyone interested in joining should contact the Town Clerk's office or email:

tow.brc.chair@gmail.com

Town of Westerlo's Third Annual Fall Festival

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The Town of Westerlo held its Third Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 16th. This event was organized by the Town Clerk's office with the help of many generous donors and volunteers. There were lots of craft and food vendors, as well as lots of fun and educational activities such as a face painter, amazing reptiles' courtesy of Reptile Adventure, Five Rivers, Albany County Sheriff's rock wall and a much-loved tractor pulled hayride thanks to Golden Acres Charolais Farm. The Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co. served food and the Good Humor ice cream truck was there. We were lucky to have Medusa Moonshine again for live music, they were amazing as usual! We had lots of fun games and prizes for kids, pumpkin painting, a pie contest, candy corn guessing game, a 50/50 raffle, caramel apples, nachos, cider and donuts from Boehm's Farm and a photo booth again this year. So many people came out from Westerlo and surrounding towns and we are so grateful to you for making this event a success year after year. Thank you to everyone who donated. All donations go toward future town events!

I would personally like to take a moment to praise the Westerlo Highway Department (specifically, Josh Austin, Rick Rupeka, Salvatore Spinnato and Jody Ostrander) and Deputy Town Clerk's (Marta Pongo, Jaimee Motschmann and Kathy Spinnato). This event would not have happened without all these fantastic employees! Also, a special thanks to Supervisor Matthew Kryzak and his wife Becky, Town Board Members Josh Beers and Lorraine Pecylak, Clerk to the Assessor Claire Marshall & daughter Mary, Confidential Administrator Lisa DeGross, Museum Director Mary Jane Araldi, Planning Board Member Gerry Boone and wife & Library Trustee Laura Tenney of Golden Acres Charolais Farm, Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co. & Westerlo Fire Police, Albany County Sheriff's, American Heritage Girls Troop 0518 (the girls were just amazing!), Boomhower Farms, previous Town Board Member Joe Boone & wife Taffey, residents Ken & Jen Starr, Don Morin and Sharon & Ken Weaver. Lastly, a big thanks to all the vendors for taking the time to make this event so great!

Mark your calendars, the Fourth Annual Fall Festival will be September 21, 2024!

-Town Clerk Karla Weaver



Photos: (left) Reptiles from Reptile Adventure, (middle) Golden Acres Charolais Farm Hay Rides, (right) Medusa Moonshine Band

The Town of Westerlo Farmer's Market is finished for the season. A sincere thanks to all who stopped by to support our local farmers and vendors this year. It was a success because of the support of the community.

Next year, the Farmers Market hopes to bring live music and food vendors in. Starting on January 1st, we will be accepting applications for our 2024 market season. The hours will be changing from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm and will run from June – September at the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park.

Anyone wishing to become a vendor should reach out to the Town Clerk's office or can email us at westerlofarmersmarket@gmail.com

Follow our **Westerlo Farmers Market** page on Facebook for seasonal updates and vendor products!

Westerlo Hometown Heroes Committee Has Been Busy.

Westerlo Hometown Heroes

It has been a busy season for The Westerlo Hometown Heroes Committee! We started off this spring by spreading mulch and planting perennials in Veterans' Garden located in Westerlo Veterans' Memorial Park. Over the summer we attempted to keep up with the weeding in between all the rain and planted some trees to line each side of the Garden. Our first batch of engraved pavers have been delivered and we are waiting for a dry spell to properly place them. Our committee would like to, once again, thank all our sponsors and donors for their contributions to Veterans' Garden. Without their generosity this project would not have been possible and because of their gifts, Veterans' Garden cost the taxpayers nothing!

The committee has also partnered with Life Scout Drew Joslin and his project to create Heroes' Way in Veterans' Memorial Park. It is because of dedicated, committed volunteers like Drew, that Westerlo is such a spectacular place to live. Our committee and Drew would like to thank the community who attended and participated in the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Heroes' Way on September 10th.

The committee was also a part of Westerlo's Fall Festival in September. Representatives staffed a table and displayed images of all banners from previous years, information about our program and engraved paver order forms were available. We enjoyed the time spent speaking with community veterans and their families.

Our Hometown Heroes Committee is also actively planning our annual Banner Closing Ceremony. The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th at 2 pm at the First Baptist Church of Westerlo. The event pays tribute to all new banner recipients for 2023 and honors all our veterans and first responders. The event will include the elite drill team, Shock Platoon, from Norwich University, guest speakers and refreshments. The entire community is invited to join us for this moving and honoring event, free of charge.

Lastly, we are also planning our first Veterans' Day Service on Saturday, November 11th at 4:30 pm. The service will be a unique sunset ceremony honoring all who have and are currently serving in our country's Armed Forces. The sunset service will be held in Veterans' Garden at Westerlo Veterans' Memorial Park and is also open to the public. There will be refreshments available for purchase.

Our committee has been working hard to recognize and honor all who have committed to making sacrifices for their country and community. We hope we will see you all at our events in November. If you would like to request a banner or sponsor form, a paver order form or have questions, please contact us!

Amie Burnside, Chairperson, (518) 396-8787, Lisa DeGroff – (518) 396-0350 WesterloHometownHeroes@gmail.com.

Dates to Remember:

November 4th – Westerlo Hometown Heroes Banner Closing Ceremony

November 11th – Veterans' Day Sunset Service



SAVE THE DATE
WESTERLO HOMETOWN
HEROES CLOSING CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 4TH

2PM
 First Baptist Church of Westerlo
 618 State Route 143, Westerlo, NY



SNOWMOBILING COMMUNITY

Trails open January 1st!

Trail Coordinator: Robert Korosec
 (518) 624-3849 x 102

Club Officers

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

Trail Boss Contacts

Matt Lord	Thacher Park	(518) 334-8214
Brian Buchardt	East Berne	(518) 872-1878
Tom Goodman		(518) 649-3320
Don Bauer	Warner Lake	(518) 337-1985
Zach Simeon	Knox	(518) 860-2325
Justin Bates		(518) 698-3994
Skip Murrell	Township	(518) 867-1235
Vacant	Wright	
Rob Howard		(518) 859-0091
Bob Tanner		(518) 242-9745
Casey LeClair	Duanesburg	
Bryan Schaeffer		(518) 852-3473
Eric Dubb		(518) 545-6666
Tom Rullson	Esperance	(518) 875-9229
Lance Martineau		(518) 895-5404
Laudy Hoyenga	Sloansville	(518) 868-2092
Mark VanWoeart	Mariaville	(518) 376-0063
Josh Nellis		(518) 410-8950
Yancey Zimmer	Charleston	(518) 657-9588
Chris Teahen		(518) 577-1355
Scott Claus		(518) 848-0524

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. Or, to view their newsletter, visit:

<https://www.frontiersno.com/images/pdf/2023/frontier%20Sep23.pdf>



SAVE THE DATE

WESTERLO HOMETOWN
HEROES SUNSET SERVICE

NOVEMBER 11TH

4:30PM
 Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park
 950 CR 401, Westerlo, NY



Chicken & Rib BBQ @ So. Westerlo Fire House

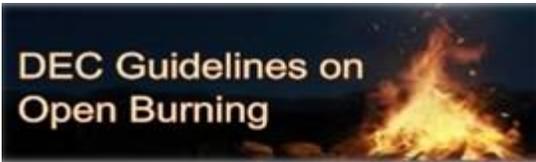
Thursday, October 5th 3:30 pm until
sold out

Where: So. Westerlo Fire House Station
2 (CR 405 & Jennings Rd.)

Cost:
Chicken & Rib Dinner : \$18.00
(includes: Cole Slaw, Baked Potato, Roll
& a cookie!)
Half Chicken: \$10.00

Roast Beef Dinner @ Berne Fire Station

The Berne Fire Co. will be having their
Annual Fall Roast Beef Dinner on
Sunday, October 15th. The dinner will be
held at the Berne Fire Station located at
30 Canaday Hill Rd. (County Rt. 9) in
Berne. The Dinner starts at 12 pm until
4 pm or sold out. Menu includes Roast
Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, cabbage
salad, vegetables, homemade
applesauce, and pie.



When you plan a fire, always check for fire
danger in your area on DEC's online map.
([https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/68329.ht
ml](https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/68329.html) the map is updated every week). Also,
local governments may have stricter rules
than NYS; your fire department will have
information about local burning laws.



**Please note:
Burning trash is illegal**



Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co. Inc.

HAUNTED HOUSE

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Admission
\$5.00
Kids 10 and under
FREE

Oct. 28th 2023 5:00-8:30 p.m
Oct. 29th 2023 5:00-8:00 p.m

Woodmans Hall, CR 401, Westerlo, NY

**ENTER IF YOU
DARE!**

Not Intended for Small children

Refreshments will be provided by the TWVFC Auxiliary
All Proceeds to go towards a New Firehouse!

Westerlo Cemetery is also hosting a
TRUNK OR TREAT on
Saturday Oct 28th
At the Westerlo Town Park up the street!

Prohibitions

Open burning is prohibited in NYS, with several exceptions:

- Campfires or any other outdoor fires less than 3' in height and 4' in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed. Disposal of flags or religious items in a small sized fire is allowed, if it is not otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.
- Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.

Upcoming Voting Information

The General Election is November 7th from 6 am – 9 pm at the Town Hall. Local positions include: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent, two Town Council positions and Town Justice. Early voting will be from Oct. 28th – Nov. 5th (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 9 am – 5 pm, Mondays & Wednesdays noon – 8 pm).

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.

Change to Board of Elections Voting Districts

For those of you that have not heard, 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 – 12:00 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!)

Hilltown Community Resource Center

The Hilltown Community Resource Center has started sign up for Thanksgiving Basket. If anyone is in need of help with Thanksgiving Dinner, please call the pantry to sign up.

We are working on our Annual Free Clothing Store. Look for postings around town and on Facebook.

October 30th Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region will be rolling out their brand-new Mobile Resource Center and will be bringing their RV to our office to share all the wonderful family support services they have to provide to our community. We will also be having a harvest luncheon the same day to welcome everyone.





Read Up on the Library

Annular Solar Eclipse

On October 14th from 12 pm – 2 pm there will be an Annular Solar Eclipse (about 20% coverage). We will be collecting surface temperature and cloud data for NASA using the GLOBE app. There are eclipse glasses available in the library.

April 8, 2024, will bring a total eclipse. Stay tuned for more information!

Youth Programs resuming with the school year

Legos and STEAM are Mondays at 3:30 pm – 5 pm

Storytime is Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Homework Help and STEAM activities are Thursdays at 3:30 pm – 5 pm

Adult Programs

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

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

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 gives 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!



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

Gallery Space

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

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.

ANCESTRY.COM

We are happy to report that we have renewed our subscription with Ancestry.com!

Please feel free to stop by the library during regular hours and use any computer. If you need assistance, just ask a staff member, all are trained and happy to assist!

2023 Trustee Meetings – 7 pm in the Hannay Community Room

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

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.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS FOR 2023

OCTOBER

Monday, October 9 – Indigenous Peoples' Day

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 11 – Veterans Day

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

TRUNK N TREAT

5th Annual Ruth Savino Trunk N TREAT

WESTERLO TOWN PARK

Saturday, October 28th
4 pm – 6 pm

Vehicles can set up any time after 2 pm.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN DECORATING
A TRUNK AND HANDING OUT CANDY
OR BRINGING THE KIDDIES!

PRIZES FOR BEST
DECORATED VEHICLE!!
(VOTED BY PUBLIC)

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE BY @FIRST BITE.

Rain or moon shine!

This is to benefit the
Westerlo Rural Cemetery and to
safely get the kids off the dark
roadways on Halloween.

Thanks to the
Town of Westerlo for use of the park.



Westerlo Cemetery Info

Westerlo Rural Cemetery State Route 143

The Westerlo Rural Cemetery is located
at 771 SR 143 in Westerlo.

If you need to contact someone at the
Westerlo Rural Cemetery, please call:
Betty Filkins, President:
(518) 275-2935

Email: BettyFilkins@protonmail.com



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

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

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. 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.

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



HELDERBERG
FAMILY + COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATION

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 www.albanycounty.com/departments/veterans-service-bureau

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

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!

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!



VETERAN INFORMATION

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>

VA Burial Benefits & Memorial Items

VA burial benefits can help service members, Veterans and their family members plan and pay for a burial or memorial service in a VA national cemetery. Family members can also order memorial items to honor the service of a Veteran. Find out how to apply for burial benefits you've earned, and how to plan for a burial in advance or at time of need.

Call the National Cemetery Office
(800) 535-1117
or visit

www.va.gov/burials-memorials/

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 www.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 of receiving daily life necessities absolutely free.

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

www.VMCAAlbany.org

Hours: Mon – Fri 9 am – 5 pm
By appointment only

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>

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!

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

FREE Request for Honors

Honor guard detail is available for free for the burial of an eligible veteran. Families should make requests to the funeral director. This service is provided to veterans with an Honorable Discharge.

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*

FreshConnect Checks

In collaboration with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Veterans Benefits Advisors with the New York State Department of Veterans' Services are offering FreshConnect checks to Active-Duty members, Veterans and their immediate family members, as well as un-remarried surviving spouses of Veterans.

- New York State employees who are Veterans and their immediate family members are eligible to receive FreshConnect checks
- Recipients will receive a booklet of FreshConnect checks worth a total of \$50 to be used for fresh produce and other food items at participating farmers markets throughout New York State.
- Veterans Benefits Advisors distribute FreshConnect checks on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the state of New York.
- The FreshConnect "season" generally begins in July and runs until December.
- Only one booklet of checks per household.
- If you would like FreshConnect checks, contact our office at (518) 447-7713.

Albany County Veterans Peer Support Program (ACVPSP)

This program was started last year with the mission of helping Military members transition to civilian life and help with Veterans physical and mental wellbeing. Below are some of their programs that are FREE to all Veterans:

- Sweat with a Vet Hot Yoga Sessions:
 - Free yoga sessions for Veterans. Move at your own pace, no prior experience required. Register at www.thehotyogaspot.com/sweat-with-vets
 - Classes: Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at Hot Yoga Spot (Latham), Crossroads Center, 7 Johnson Rd., Latham, NY 12210 and Thursdays at 6 pm at Hot Yoga Spot (Albany), Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203 (518) 219-8112
- Walking Club – Wednesday mornings 9 am at the Colonie Crossings. There are walkers of all abilities so you can get some exercise and have a good conversation with fellow Veterans and their families. There is no cost for this.
- Cornhole League – Wednesday evenings 7 pm at the Weininger VFW Post #8692 building located at 140 VFW Dr., Albany, NY 12205. Players of all abilities welcome. If you can't make every week, you can attend when you can and be a substitute player. There is no cost for this.
- Veterans Mental Health First Aid Course – this course teaches how to identify, understand, and respond to the signs of mental health and substance abuse challenges among Veterans. A course will be planned later in the year. Be on the lookout at www.AlbanyCounty.com/veterans or call (518) 447-7710 for more information.

Discounts and Free Stuff

NY Lifetime Liberty Pass: Free vehicle entry to state parks and DEC-operated day-use areas, as well as numerous state boat launch sites, historic sites, arboretums, and park preserves; free golf at 28 State Park golf courses; free swimming pool entrance at 36 State Park pools, and discounted camping and cabin rentals at all 119 State Park & DEC campgrounds.

Veterans, Gold Star Families Lifetime National Parks Pass: Free entrance to national parks for Veterans and their families. The pass gives free access to about 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands.

Intrepid Museum: Free admission for active military and Veterans. 20% off on individual, Dual and Family memberships. Special programs also available.

For more information, contact Albany County Veterans Service Bureau at (518) 447-7710

TOWN OF WESTERLO PRESENTS

Christmas

Tree Lighting

Ceremony

Celebrate The Holidays With Us!

**Friday, December 1
@ 4pm-6pm**

-Meet Santa-
-Arts, crafts and more!
Proceeds from sale of
food will sponsor
Westerlo families in
need this holiday
season

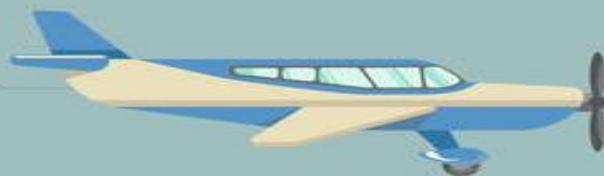
Please feel free to bring new unwrapped
toys for less fortunate children age 12
and under for our toy drive.

Westerlo Town Hall

933 CR 401, Westerlo NY 12193

For more information call Town Clerk's office
518-797-3111 x 2

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. There is a beautiful new sign in the front of the building.

Feel free to call them at (518) 966-7380 or stop by. 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

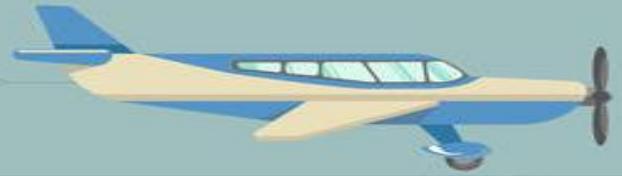
Disposal of Used Motor Oil

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!

HELPFUL RESOURCES



RABIES CLINIC

IT'S THE LAW!

Saturday, October 7, 2023

10:00am – 1:00pm

Berne Highway Garage

1811 Helderberg Trail

Berne, New York 12023

Registration Deadline: 10/4/23

► Suggested donation is \$8.00 per animal.

► A record of prior vaccination is required for a three year immunization certification. If no record is presented, a one year vaccination certification will be issued.

► Animals MUST be at least 3 months old to receive vaccination.

► Distemper Vaccines will also be available at no cost supplied by the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.

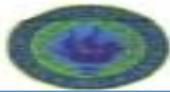
► Walk-ins welcome, pre-registration preferred.

► All pets must be on a NON-RETRACTABLE fixed leash with a well-fitting collar or harness or in carriers.

► Please clean up after your pet.

► Do not bring your animal if they are ill.

Arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.



Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

ALBANY COUNTY
Cares about our health

Turn in your old electronics for a Walmart eGift Card!

Walmart offers a Gadget to Gift Card exchange.

You can visit

<https://walmart.cexchange.com/online/home/index.rails>

to see what your electronic device may be worth.

You will need to ship the device to them, free of charge, and will receive an eGift card in exchange after the product is evaluated. The gift card can be used at either Walmart.com or SamsClub.com.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Consider becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister. Bigs serve as supportive, positive role models and mentors to our youth.

Kids are usually aged 6 and up.

To become a Big Brother or Big Sister, you can register at

<https://bbbscr.org/home-page/get-involved/volunteer-inquiry/>

Want to enroll a child? Age requirement to enroll is 6 – 14 years. For more information and to enroll, visit

<https://bbbscr.org/home-page/enroll-a-child/>



Hours: Wednesday & Saturday

9 am – 1 pm.

Location: 112 Church Road, Berne



Attention Community Members
Help Us Save Lives!!

FREE Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Jointly sponsored by

The ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

The ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

and

PROJECT SAFE POINT

6/6/23

8/1/23

9/5/23

10/3/23

11/7/23

12/5/23

First Tuesday each Month @ 11:00 am
175 Green Street – Lower Level
Albany County Health & Mental Health Building

- Training is open to anyone and does not require RSVP
- Learn the signs and symptoms of Opioid Overdose
- Learn how to use Naloxone (Narcan) to respond to an overdose

For More Information Contact Anthony Dyer at 518-449-3581 Ext 112 or Anthonyd@cclbany.org

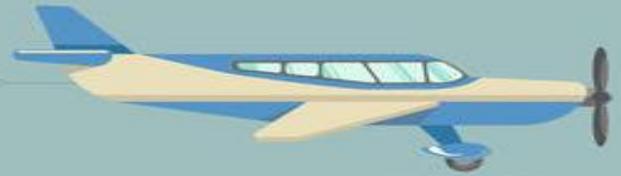


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Cares about our mental health

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HELPFUL RESOURCES



Single Point of Entry (SPOE)

Serving Women, Teen Girls, Children and Families.

The Single Point of Entry (SPOE) is a way for women, teen girls, children and families to connect with programs available through Albany County and community agencies. The SPOE serves as a point of information for families in need of help. Community agencies may also access the SPOE for information and resource connections.

An operator is available to offer assistance and support in areas including:

Health Insurance	Child Development
Pregnancy Support	Breast Feeding
Health Care	Parent Education
Domestic Violence	Addiction Support
Supportive Counseling	Healthy Relationships
Nutrition Education	Social Services

To speak with a SPOE operator, please call (518) 447-7777, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

A confidential Referral Form may be electronically completed and confidentially faxed to (518) 447-2515. Forms are available on the Albany County website.

<https://www.albanycounty.com/home/showpublisheiddocument/8898/637602600712630000>

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Emergency HEAP can often help people who are confronted with heat-related emergencies, such as a lack of fuel, a utility shut-off, or inoperable/unsafe heating equipment.

Check HEAP income limits at:

<https://www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

Applicants who have no power or less than ¼ tank of fuel should appear at the DSS office at 162 Washington Ave. between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.

You can find more information & apply for HEAP at:

<https://www.ny.gov/services/apply-heating-and-cooling-assistance-heap>

Catholic Charities Hilltowns and Trinity Alliance Mobile Resource Centers presents

Harvest & Health Festival



Learn about Trinity's Family Focused, Health & Wellness, Community Based Support Services

Luncheon: Hot Soups, Chili, Cider, Pies & More

Monday, October 30 11 - 2

566 NY-143, Westerlo, NY 12193 518-966-7380

United Tenants of Albany, Inc. (UTA)

UTA's Emergency Financial Assistance service assists tenants at-risk of homelessness by directly addressing arrears, utility delinquency, security deposits and/or 1st months' rent costs to prevent displacement. This service, in combination with crisis intervention and case management, allows low to middle income tenants in Albany County who are imminently at-risk of eviction and homelessness to stabilize their housing situations, and to avoid the traumatizing loss of their home.

UTA is restricted to provide financial assistance to tenants within Albany County who meet the income limits of 20-80% of the area median income.

Need housing assistance? All requests for assistance are handled through the Housing Hotline. Tenants seeking assistance can reach out to at (518) 436-8997 x 3. A housing counselor will return your calls in the order they are received. You may also send a request to hotline@unitedtenantsalbany.org.

Visit www.utalbany.org for more information.

Be Safe During Hunting Season

Big game season begins November 21st throughout much of the southern part of NYS. Big game hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ after sunset.

It is recommended that all outdoor enthusiasts- hunters and non-hunters alike wear blaze orange, blaze pink, or another bright color.

During trapping season, beware of traps set for furbearers as they can also capture dogs that are not under control.

Be seen, stay safe, and show respect during fall and winter hunting seasons.

How to help prevent the Flu...

- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and over ideally before the end of October. This is the first and most important step in preventing against the four flu viruses. This helps reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalization, and deaths on the health care system each year.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
 - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with viruses that cause flu.
- For flu, CDC recommends that people stay home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessities. Fever should be gone without the need to use a fever-reducing medicine.

If you come down with the flu, antiviral drugs can be used to treat your illness. Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. They are prescription medicines and can only be prescribed by a doctor. They can make flu illness milder, shorten the time you are sick, and may also prevent serious flu complications. Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting or diarrhea.

This information is from the CDC website

Town of Westerlo Proposed Budget Calendar

10/3/23 – Town Board Workshop Meeting – First Budget Workshop

10/17/23 – Regular Town Board Meeting – Move Tentative Budget to Preliminary & Schedule 2 Public Hearings on the 2024 Town of Westerlo Preliminary Budget & 2024 Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co. budget for 11/8/23

11/8/23 – Town Board Workshop Meeting & 2 Public Hearings on the 2024 Town of Westerlo Preliminary Budget & 2024 Town of Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co. budget. The Town Board hopes to be able to adopt the budget this evening.

Please be advised, this calendar is subject to change. Additional meetings may be necessary

COVID-19 information

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- If you are exposed to the virus, wear a mask as soon as you were exposed. You can still develop the virus up to 10 days after exposure. Do not go places where you are unable to wear a mask. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.
- If you develop symptoms, isolate, get tested and stay home until you know the result.
- If you receive a positive test, you are most likely infectious during the first 5 days. Wear a mask if you must be around others, do not travel, remain home, and separate yourself from others as much as possible, try to ventilate home, don't share personal household items with others, monitor symptoms and seek emergency medical care immediately if you experience trouble breathing.
- Please note that loss of taste and smell can persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.
- You may end isolation after day 5 if symptoms are improving. If symptoms are not improving, continue isolation until your symptoms are improving or you are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

This information is from the CDC website

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OAK HILL / DURMAN VINTAGE
SHOW

VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE
SHOW AND SWAP MEET

WITH MYSTERY LAKE TRAIL RIDERS @
SYCAMORE COUNTRY CLUB
NOVEMBER 11, 2023
38 TOMPKINS Rd. RAVENA, NY 12143



GATES OPEN @7AM, REGISTRATION 8-11AM
BREAKFAST TILL 11 AM FOOD AVAILABLE
ALL DAY

\$5.00 PER SLED/ 4 OR MORE \$20.00
VENDERS/SWAP \$20.00 SPECTATORS \$3.00
CONTACT /INFO : SHAWN MAYO
518-469-9463

John Boyd Thacher State Park &
Thompson's Lake

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1 Hailes Cave Rd., Voorheesville, NY 12186

John Boyd Thacher State Park – This is a winter day trip destination for adventure seekers. Throughout the frosty months, explorers can cross-country ski, snowshoe, hike, mountain bike and snowmobile on designated trails through snow-covered forests and past icy waterfalls.

68 Thompsom's Lake Rd & Rte 157, East Berne 12159

Thompson's Lake – During the winter, visitors can cross-country ski and ice fish.

Nearby, the Emma Treadwell Thatcher Nature Center offers snowshoe rentals, subject to availability.
(87 Nature Center Way, Voorheesville, NY 12186)

TOWN OF WESTERLO'S

CHRISTMAS

TOY
DRIEVE

Let's Help Local Kids

DONATE UNUSED AND UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR
CHILDREN AGE 12 AND UNDER THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON. DROP OFF BEFORE:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

**DROP-OFF LOCATION:
WESTERLO TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - 933 CR 401 WESTERLO**

**FEEL FREE TO MAKE A CASH OR CHECK DONATION SO WE
CAN SHOP FOR YOU! CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO
"TOWN OF WESTERLO"**

Nearby Library Information



Berne Public Library Programs

Manager/Director: Kathy Stemple

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/>

**Greenville
Public
Library**



Greenville Public Library

Director: Barbara Flach

**The Greenville Public Library is located at
11177 SR 32, Greenville, NY 12083**

Phone: (518) 966-8205

Hours are as follows:

Monday 9 am – 5 pm
Tuesday 9 am – 6 pm
Wednesday 9 am – 5 pm
Thursday 9 am – 6 pm
Friday 12 pm – 5 pm
Saturday 9 am – 12 pm
Sunday Closed



"Greenville Public Library, Greenville NY"

<http://greenville.lib.ny.us>

Greenville Public Library Seed Library

Our Seed Library is Now Closed Until Spring 2024



- It's getting close to harvest time! Save seeds from your harvest and consider returning some to the Seed Library at the end of the growing season.
- If you have leftover commercially-purchased seeds that you would like to donate, we will gladly accept them. Please donate these in their original packaging if possible. Donations of seeds are welcome at any time
- Donated seeds make our seed library possible!

Thank You!

Westerlo Public Library Information & Upcoming Programs

**Westerlo Library
Citizen Scientist
Eclipse Program
October 14, 2023
12 pm-2 pm
at the Library**



**Pick up your eclipse glasses
Make scientific
observations for NASA
using guides from NASA**

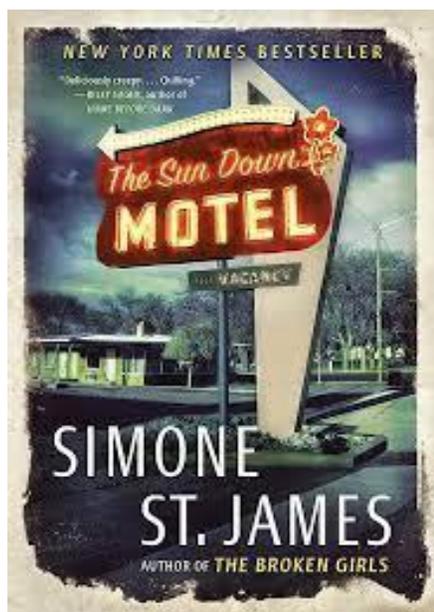
**LEGO and STEAM
after school
at Westerlo Public Library**



**Mondays 3:30-5 pm
Contact Miss Lee at
youth@westerlolibrary.org
to register**

Book Club

The book club meets the third Thursday of every month. October 19th at 4 pm is the next date to discuss "The Sun Down Motel" by Simone St. James. Copies are available at the circulation desk.



No fees for overdue books! We won't fine you anything! We won't even give you the stink eye!



WHAT WILL THEY DO? ARE THEY GOING TO INTERROGATE ME AND BEAT ME UP?? ARE THEY GOING TO BREAK MY KNEES?? WILL I HAVE TO SIGN SOME CONFESSION???



THE WAY SOME OF THOSE LIBRARIANS LOOK AT YOU, I NATURALLY ASSUMED THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE MORE DIRE.

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WESTERLO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fun and Fiber Crafting Group

Public-spirited resident of Westerlo to serve five-year term on Board of Library Trustees.

The Westerlo Library needs Board members who have a deep appreciation for library services, who are committed to the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community.

- Interested applicants must live in the Town of Westerlo and cannot be employed by or do business with the Library.
- Applicants must be available to meet one evening each month.
- Letters of interest should indicate why you wish to serve, your previous library involvement, and any specific qualifications and/or experience you have that would be of benefit to the Library and the Board of Trustees.

This vacancy will be filled by appointment of the Town Board.

Send letters of interest to: Board of Trustees
P.O. Box 267
Westerlo, New York 12193

Westerlo Public Library STEAM and Homework Help After School Starting September 14



**Thursdays
3:30-5 pm**

**Contact Miss Lee at
youth@westerlolibrary.org
to register**



**Join us
the 2nd and 4th Saturdays
starting September 9th, 2023
Noon-2 pm
with your portable projects**

Art Exhibit

Barbara McGeachen of Rensselaerville will be exhibiting in the Hannay Community Room of the Library.



Spice of the Month

Every month, the library has a spice take and make. Stop by the library to pick up a sample of the spice, along with 3 recipes.



The Greenville Public Library will be collecting canned goods, dry goods and toiletry/personal hygiene products between September 21 – October 21. Items can be dropped off any time the library is open. Your donations will be given to the local Food Pantry.

The Greenville Public Library along with all of the other Greene County Libraries will be collecting items for their local food pantries. Thank you for helping!



Welcome to Toddler Time!

I am so excited to be spending Tuesday mornings with you and your child!

We will have lots of fun with stories, songs, and more.

The following Tuesday dates in red are the days we will be meeting.

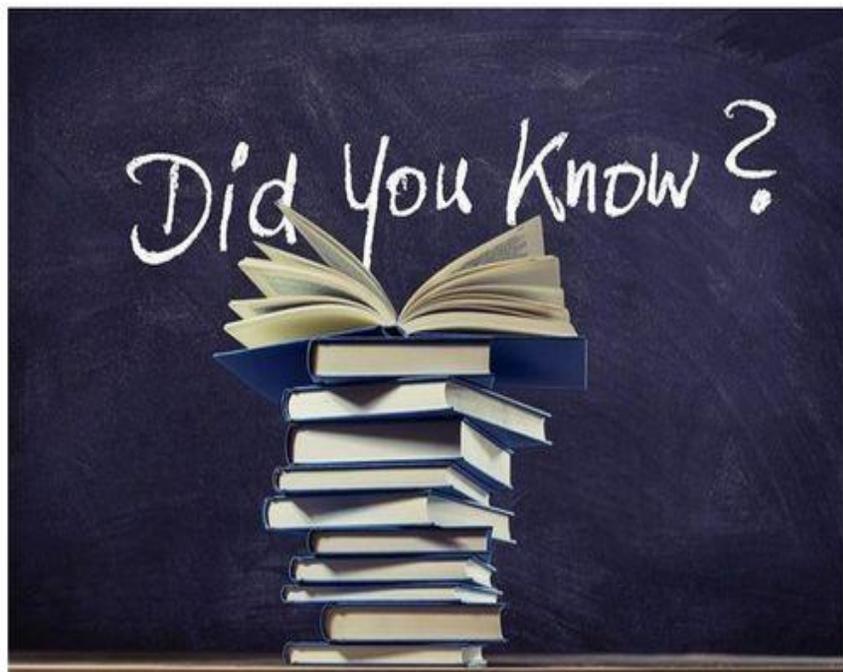
If Greenville Schools are closed due to weather or running on a 2-hour delay, we will not meet.

Health & Safety Policy: Please do not bring your child to group if he/she has been ill with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, flu like symptoms, pink eye, unexplained rash or skin infection, croup, any childhood contagious diseases. Children should not attend if they have exhibited any of the symptoms within 24 hours of group. Children must be fever free without the use of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hours prior to coming to group.

THANK YOU!!!

Looking forward to a great year!

If you have any questions, please call the Greenville Library 518-966-8205



Just Bring It Back! No More Late Fees

Starts September 1, 2023

The Greenville Public Library has eliminated fines for most overdue materials, except for special collections such as Museum Passes and American Girl Dolls. Items checked-out at other libraries may continue to be subject to overdue fines.

Patrons will still be responsible for returning library materials and for payment of lost and damaged items. Once fees have reached \$10 or more, the patron will not be able to borrow any more materials until it is paid down.

Patrons with overdue materials will still receive a printed reminder listing overdue items. Unreturned materials will continue to be billed to the borrowing patron.

Toddler Time with Samantha Hudock

Tuesdays 10:00-10:45am
Infants~Toddlers~Preschoolers
Just Drop In!

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You Are Invited to Attend a Zoom Webinar



Are you currently enrolled in Medicare? Will you be turning 65 over the next year or two? Learn about eligibility, how and when to enroll, when you can make changes, and the insurance options available to you. Review and compare what services are covered/not covered under Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Detail the costs associated with medical and drug insurance. Explore and evaluate Original Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make more well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means for you! This is an educational event.

Please register in advance with your first name only. Choice of three dates:

Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:00 to 8:00 PM Eastern Time: <https://bit.ly/42RW1ZR>

Thursday, October 12, 2023, 6:00 to 8:00 PM Eastern Time: <https://bit.ly/4445tKQ>

Saturday, October 28, 2023, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Eastern Time: <https://bit.ly/3CFZPmd>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. There is no obligation or cost to attend.

Lego Fun!



Ages 3 & Up 3:00 – 4:00

September 26	February 13, 27
October 10, 24	March 12, 26
November 7, 21	April 9, 23
December 5, 19	May 7, 21
January 2, 16, 30	June 4

Do you love to imagine and build? Do you enjoy the rush of satisfaction when you find the perfect piece in a pile of colorful plastic bricks? Do you love the satisfying snap of a well placed Lego? Do you feel little pain when you step on a scattered Lego brick? If you answered yes to these questions then this program is meant for you! Bring your imagination, we'll provide the Legos! **Just Drop In!**

Great Fall/Winter Activities!

Albany Pine Bush Preserve

Located at 195 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205
Phone: (518) 456-0655

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve is open year-round with free admission and is an excellent place to go cross-country skinning in Albany. It features approximately 20 miles of multi-use trails that are marked and considered easy to moderate. Although trails aren't groomed, many skiers use the preserve. Snowshoers are also welcome, but they should stay to the sides of the ski tracks as a courtesy to other visitors.

Upcoming special activities that we think you might like:

October 14th – Meet Smokey Bear and friends from 10 am – 2 pm. Perfect for all ages. Smokey will teach about prescribed fire and wildlife prevention. There will be games, interactive exhibits, fire trucks and equipment to see and try out, and Smokey goody bags for visitors to take home.

October 16th – Learn more about the Albany Pine Bush by using microscopes to get an up-close look at some of the things that make this such a unique place. Suitable for ages 8+. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

November 6th – Join us to learn more about hunting at Albany Pine Bush and gain a greater understanding of the importance of these resources and their management. Ideal for ages 11+. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

November 16th – Place of Pitch Pines – For countless generations, local Native people relied on the once extensive inland pine barrens known today as the Pine Bush for food, medicines, and other purposes. Join us for a presentation at the Albany Pine Bush Preserve to imagine what this nearly vanished world was like five centuries ago. This program will be offered in a hybrid format. Participants can join either in person or remotely. Visit the website below, view calendar and click on join the zoom webinar. Suitable for adults.

To research other available activities, please visit their website and view their calendar at: www.albanypinebush.org

Yoga Under the Stars

34 Pine Hollow Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

Friday, October 6th @ 6:30 pm – Join us in Magnolia Field for a restorative vinyasa flow yoga session while taking in the beauty of the Arboretum at night.

Saturday, October 7th – 9:30 – Yoga & Hike

Hike to 4 different areas of the arboretum. This is a great way to tour the arboretum and practice slow movement, vinyasa flow, stretching and meditation.

Registration required. This is FREE courtesy of CDPHP.
Donations are welcome.

The Upstate Classic

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The Upstate Classic is professionally produced by ARE Event Productions and offers a 5K and Half Marathon as well as kid's races (Half Mile and One Mile). The event is staged from the spacious Altamont Fairgrounds and entreats you to an absolutely gorgeous course at the base of the Helderberg Escarpment around rural Guilderland.

Event: November 19th

8:30 am – Kids Races

9 am – 13.1M Starts

9:10 am – 5K

You can get a better feel for the event by checking out last year's Participation Handbook at:

<https://www.upstateclassic.com/#about> (click on event

Pine Hollow Arboretum

34 Pine Hollow Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

Pine Hollow Arboretum located in Slingerlands, is a winter wonderland. Spend the day exploring the wintery trails with the winter Tracking & Activity Guide! Learn how to track wildlife such as white tail deer, red foxes, Eastern gray squirrels coyotes and a variety of birds. The guide also provides details on how to identify trees and plants commonly found in the arboretum. Pick up the guide at the kiosk, along with binoculars and magnifying glasses.

There is a suggested donation of \$5.



The poster features a circular logo for Pine Hollow Arboretum with the tagline 'Trees in a Natural Environment'. The main title 'AUTUMN IN THE ARBORETUM' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the subtitle 'A Fundraiser to Support the Pine Hollow Arboretum' is written in a smaller, orange font. The central illustration includes a yellow acoustic guitar, a large orange pumpkin, a glass bottle of cider with a red apple on the label, a black crow, and a tree with vibrant autumn foliage. The background is a light orange color.

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED FALL DAY!
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- LIVE MUSIC
- BIRDS OF PREY EXHIBIT BY WHISPERING WILLOW WILDCARE
- CRAFTS
- PUMPKIN PAINTING
- CIDER BELLY DONUTS
- SMORE'S STATION
- HOT CIDER
- PHOTO STATION

AND MUCH MORE!

TICKETS

OCTOBER 21
11AM TO 3PM

THE PINE HOLLOW ARBORETUM
34 PINE HOLLOW RD.
SLINGERLANDS, NY 12159

pinehollowarb@gmail.com
518-992-2033

Halloween Hazards For Dogs

By Dr. Rebecca Kryzak:

Who doesn't like a good chocolate bar on Halloween? The answer is your dog. Chocolate toxicity is a leading cause of veterinary emergency room visits around Halloween. The severity of the toxicity depends on how much the dog eats and the type of chocolate. Early symptoms of a chocolate toxicity include vomiting, diarrhea, panting, restlessness, excessive urination, and racing heart rate. Symptoms such as seizures, heart failure and muscle tremors can occur in severe cases. If you suspect your dog has sneaked candy from your Halloween stash that includes chocolate, it is important to seek out veterinary attention immediately.

Another Halloween hazard to our curious pups are Halloween decorations. It is important to keep silly string, electrical cords, corncobs, spider web cotton and pieces of costumes out of reach of our pets. If ingested, these items can cause gastrointestinal blockages that may require surgery or other veterinary emergency intervention. If you find evidence that your dog may have chewed these items or has eaten parts of them and he or she has vomiting, diarrhea and/or abdominal pain, please call your veterinarian immediately.

The third Halloween hazard to dogs are trick or treaters. Many dogs are not comfortable with masks and humans in disguise. This situation may cause anxiety in dogs and even the most gentle of dogs may bite out of fear. A door constantly opening and closing can increase the chances of a runaway dog and a dog being hit by a car. It is best to keep dogs out of this situation altogether to prevent dog bites and other dangerous scenarios. Before trick or treaters arrive, it may be prudent to keep your furry friends in a separate area or room and eliminate any potential negative experiences.

In short, to enjoy your Halloween outside of the veterinary hospital, follow these simple tips!

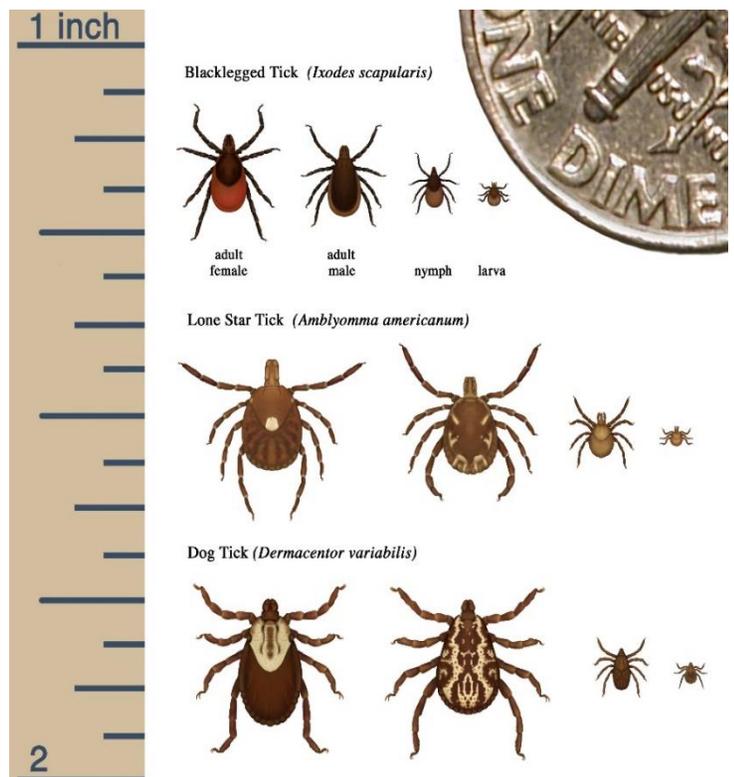
If you have a veterinary emergency this Halloween, please visit Capital District Veterinary Referral Hospital at 222 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham, NY 12110 (518) 785-1094

In the last newsletter, our local veterinarian wrote an article about ticks. Here is some more information that has since been provided to us that we thought you might like to learn.

If you find a tick attached to your skin, simply remove the tick as soon as possible. There are several tick removal devices on the market, but a plain set of fine-tipped tweezers works very well.

How to remove a tick

1. Use clean, fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you cannot remove the mouth easily with tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.
3. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.
4. Never crush a tick with your fingers. Dispose of a live tick by
 - Putting it in alcohol,
 - Placing it in a sealed bag/container,
 - Wrapping it tightly in tape, or
 - Flushing it down the toilet.



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:

- 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!

Hilltown Senior Summer News!

The Hilltown Seniors are now up to 93 members and counting! Wow, what a great group of fun seniors who enjoy good food, great trips and all the fun that await them each month when they arrive at the senior center.

Our trip leader, Mary Jane Araldi is doing a fantastic job in organizing our day and over-night trips. Many thanks go out to her in this new endeavor.

We are excited to say that this month we are celebrating our anniversary and another year to celebrate and enjoy the many things life has to offer. With that being said, we look forward to next year when we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary! WOW!! Be sure to read about what we will be planning and perhaps you might like to join in on the fun that awaits! So, put on your sun glasses, pick up a good book, eat some chicken BBQ and feel excited about the warm days ahead!

YOUR PRESIDENT – ALYCE GIBBS

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

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!

Be Aware of Gift Card Scams!

Gift card scams can take many forms, but are often phone calls and emails targeting consumers, particularly the elderly, stating that they owe money and payment is required by gift card. Please never give money over the phone or email. Call us and we can provide you more information!

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

Lunch and Learn for Seniors



Westerlo Town Hall

933 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY 12193

Time for all programs - 12 Noon

-Lunch will be provided by the Town of Westerlo with the assistance of the Resource Center-

August 24, 2023 | 12 Noon | Bountiful Harvest and Bountiful Beans

*Presented by Karen Roberts Mort, MS, Nutrition Educator
Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County*

Recipes and handouts on the benefits of adding more fiber to your diet will be provided along with a food demonstration and tastings!

September 28, 2023 | 12 Noon | Scam Prevention for Seniors

Presented by the Albany County Sheriff's Department

October 26, 2023 | 12 Noon | Fire Prevention and Home Safety

*Presented by Westerlo Volunteer Fire Company and
Joanna Patterson, Energy Educator
Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County*

November 16, 2023 | 12 Noon | Eating Healthy for the Holidays

*Presented by Karen Roberts Mort, MS, Nutrition Educator,
Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County*

Food demonstration, taste testing and recipe sharing will take place.

RSVP appreciated for meal count but not required:

Marybeth Peterson, Program Coordinator
The Hilltowns Community Resource Center
518-966-7380 | marybeth@ccalbany.org



Senior Lunch & Learn

Please be advised, there will **not** be a senior lunch & learn during the months of December, January, or February. Lunches will resume in either March or April. More information should be available by the time the next newsletter comes out in January.

Please see above flyer for more information on this great program run by The Town of Westerlo and the Resource Center!

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

- Take advantage of the Westerlo Library's spice of the month. Comes with three recipes! For anyone interested, please consider joining their book club! Join Hoopla for FREE to access audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music everywhere you have a computer, phone, TV and even your car! They also have an Ancestry.com account where you can search your family tree for FREE! See the Library page for more information on all of these great things!
- Are you a Greenville Public Library card holder? Do you like magazines? Card holders have access to over 3,200 popular digital magazines to download with the OverDrive website or the Libby app. Contact the library for more info!
- If you are 65 or older, you may qualify for the Enhanced STAR exemption. Contact the Town Assessor to inquire!

Westerlo Baptist Church

618 SR 143, Westerlo, NY 12193

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sundays – 9:30 am

Fellowship

following the morning worship service

10:45 am – 11:10 am

Everyone is invited for coffee & fellowship

Location: Gymnasium

Sunday School

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

(for all ages)

Special Evening Service

1st Sundays of the Month – 6:30 pm

Hymn Sing, fellowship & refreshments

Men's Basketball

Mondays – 7 pm – 9 pm

Location: Gymnasium

Kids Club

Pioneer Clubs & Stockade for boys (ages 4 yrs- 6th grade)

& girls 4 yrs- 12th grade)

Wednesdays – 6:40 pm- 8:15 pm



Sunday SCHOOL

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD

Growing in Faith Together

For All Ages - 11:15am-12:15pm

Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays – 7 pm – 8 pm

Location: Sanctuary

Co-Ed Adult Volleyball (Starts Oct. 12th)

(grades 6 – 12)

Thursdays – 7 pm – 9 pm

Pursuit Youth Group

Fridays – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Operation Christmas Child Shoe-Box Packing Day

November 4th – 9 am – 11 am

Accepting small donations that fit in a shoebox
(e.g., toys, school supplies, etc.)

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22nd – 7 pm

Ladies Bible Studies

Mondays 9:45 am – noon

Tuesdays 2 pm – 4 pm

Thursdays 7 pm – 9 pm



SIGN UP NOW FOR Sonshine Christian Pre-school

618 SR 143 Westerlo, NY 12193

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!



3 + 4-year-olds: (Tues. Wed. & Thurs.) 9am-Noon

First Baptist Church of Westerlo's Sonshine 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 Three and four 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 9am to 12 noon. We have an Outdoor Playground & Indoor Gym Space for use all-year round! And, our child/teacher ratio allows preschoolers to receive individual attention.

\$125 per month Space is limited, so apply today! ☺

Call the church office at 518-797-3927
for our detailed information packet





WELCOME TO CLUBS!!!!

Join the Adventure Every Wednesday Night at Pioneer Clubs & Christian Service Brigade! ★

Dear Kids of the Community,

Are you ready for a year filled with thrilling adventures, learning, and making lifelong friends? We're thrilled to invite girls (Preschool through 12th grade) and boys (Preschool through 6th grade) to join us for our weekly Pioneer Clubs & Christian Service Brigade Wednesday night program. Get ready for a journey of growth, discovery, and endless fun!

Weekly Activities Include:

- 🎮 **Recreation Time:** Engage in exciting games and activities that will keep you entertained and active.
- 🍌 **Snacks:** Recharge with delicious snacks that will fuel your energy for the evening's adventures.
- 🎨 **Crafts:** Express your creativity through hands-on crafts that let you bring your imagination to life.
- 📖 **Bible Time:** Explore inspiring stories and lessons that will help you develop important values and faith.

Club Nights:

- **Date:** Every Wednesday, starting September 27th
- **Time:** 6:40pm - 8:15pm

Westerlo Baptist 618 State Route 143
(518)797-3927



REGISTER HERE



Sept.27th, 2023
KICK OFF NIGHT

[click here to register online](#)

Pioneer Clubs will begin this fall with our traditional Kick-Off event: Campfire & Singing on September 27th at 6:40pm- 8:15pm!

Weekly Activities Include:

Recreation Time Snacks Crafts Bible Time

Runs Sept.27 through March 20th



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/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 for 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)

282 CR 405, So. Westerlo, NY 12083

Pastor Will Balta (518) 966-5094

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

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>



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 sholkweebly.com for mass updates for Holy week schedule.



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!

Thrift store: open Tuesday's and Friday's 10 am – 2 pm from June – September

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

See the "Mark Your Calendar Page" for upcoming events! Check the Town website for updates!

Got Teens?

Every Friday Night is Youth Group

When: *Friday Nights 6:30-8:30*

Where: *Westerlo Baptist in the Gym and Youth Room*

What: *Games, Friends, Bible Study, Music, & Snacks*

Why: *To Pursue God and His Will for our Lives*



Post 291 American Legion
Auxiliary



Community Spaghetti 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!

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/alr291>

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!

Westerlo Rural Cemetery

Trunk or Treat

October 28

Please join us - decorate your car and
get in on the fun!! (Rain or Shine)

NO SIGN UP NECESSARY - JUST SHOW UP

Westerlo town park - set up anytime after 2:00

Prizes for best decorated vehicles!
(By public vote)

The more people who participate and hand out
candy, the better we can sustain this SAFE event
for the kids, year after year.

If anyone is looking for a great band to book for a party, this is the band the Town hires for the Fall Festival every year. They are always a crowd favorite! Check them out and if you haven't seen them live, look for them on YouTube or stop by one of their shows!



Moonshine Mule

Bluegrass Band

Playing old favorites, original
songs, & a bit of country

Moonshine Mule contact Paul
Kelly 518-653-4847

Kellypr403@gmail.com

Like them on Facebook & YouTube!

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:

December 1, 2023

For January 2024 Newsletter

March 1, 2024

For April 2024 Newsletter

June 1, 2024

For July 2024 Newsletter

September 1, 2024

For October 2023 Newsletter

For newsletter comments, suggestions, and submissions contact:

The Town Clerk's office @ (518) 797-3111 opt 2
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

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[Westerlo Rural Cemetery](#)

[Official BKW Alumni Page](#)

[Helderberg Family Community Organization- HFCO](#)

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



933 County Route 401

Westerlo, NY 12193

Phone: (518) 797-3111

October

- 1st – Transfer Station Permits for 2024 go on sale
- 2nd – LLRC Mtg 6 pm rescheduled from 9/18
- 2nd – Greenville Library Zoom webinar Medicare 101 6 pm – 8 pm
- 3rd – Town Board Workshop Mtg & Public Hearing (on demolition of the Freese House) 6 pm
- 3rd – Free Opioid prevention training (see flyer on pg 20)
- 5th – TWFC Chicken and Rib BBQ 3:30 pm
- 6th – Yoga session (see info on pg 29)
- 6th – BKW Alumni Banquet @ Italian American Community Center
- 7th – Rabies Clinic (see flyer on pg 20)
- 7th – Yoga & Hike (see info on pg 29)
- 10th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 11th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 12th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 12th – Greenville Library Zoom webinar Medicare 101 6 pm – 8 pm
- 13th – Greenville Legion Post 291 Dinner 4:30 pm – 7 pm @ 54 Maple Ave, Greenville
- 14th – Meet Smokey the Bear and friends (see info on pg 29)
- 14th – Schoharie County Harvest Fair (see info on pg 4)
- 15th – Roast Beef Dinner 12 pm – 4 pm or until sold out @ Berne Fire Station (30 Canaday Hill Rd)
- 16th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 16th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 16th – Learn about Albany Pine Bush (see info on pg 29)
- 17th – Town Board Mtg & Public Hearing on Budget 6 pm
- 18th – Water Committee Mtg 6 pm
- 19th – Learn the signs of identity theft 11 am @ Library
- 21st – Autumn in the Arboretum (see flyer on pg 29)
- 23rd – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 24th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 26th – Senior Lunch and Learn 12 pm @ Westerlo Town Hall (see flyer on pg 32)
- 28th – TWFC 5th Annual Trunk N Treat 4 pm – 6 pm (See Flyer on pg 26)
- 28th – Greenville Library Zoom webinar Medicare 101 10 am – noon
- 28th & 29th – TWFC Haunted House (see flyer on pg 11)
- 30th – Harvest & Health Festival 11 am – 2 pm (see flyer on pg 19)

November

- 4th – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 4th – Hometown Heroes Closing Ceremony 2 pm @ First Baptist Church
- 6th – Hunting in Albany Pine Bush (see info on pg 29)
- 7th – General Election @ Westerlo Town Hall 6 am – 9 pm
- 7th – Free Opioid prevention training (see flyer on pg 20)
- 8th – Two Public Hearings (on Budget) & Special Town Board Mtg 6 pm (Wednesday)
- 9th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm

November Continued...

- 10th – Greenville Legion Post 291 Dinner 4:30 pm – 7 pm @ 54 Maple Ave, Greenville
- 11th – Hometown Heroes Sunset Service 4:30 pm @ Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park
- 14th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 16th – Senior Lunch and Learn 12 pm @ Westerlo Town Hall (see flyer on pg 32)
- 16th – Place of Pitch Pines (see info on pg 29)
- 19th – The Upstate Classic (see info on pg 29)
- 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

- 1st – Town of Westerlo's 3rd Annual Tree Lighting 4 pm – 6 pm
- 5th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 5th – Free Opioid prevention training (see flyer on pg 20)
- 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
- 14th – Toy Drive deadline to Town Clerk's office
- 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
- 26th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm

January

- 1st – Town of Westerlo's 3rd Annual Tree Lighting 4 pm – 6 pm (see flyer on pg 23)
- 1st – Applications go on sale for the 2024 Farmers Market season
- 2nd – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 9th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 10th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 11th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 12th – Greenville Legion Post 291 Dinner 4:30 pm – 7 pm @ 54 Maple Ave, Greenville
- 15th – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 15th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 16th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 22nd – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 23rd – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 31st – Last day to pay Town of Westerlo Property taxes without penalty

BKW & Greenville School Vacations

Winter Recess: December 25th – January 1st
Spring Recess: April 1st – April 5th