



Town of Westerlo Newsletter



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The Ugly, the Bad and the Good

After years of hearing concerns from residents regarding the disrepair and blight of a home in the center of Town, the Westerlo Town Board and Code Enforcement Officer in cooperation with Albany County were able to proceed to demolish this abandoned residence. Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Pine, deemed the structure "unsafe" which allowed the Town to be able to navigate the numerous steps necessary to have the building torn down in March. Cristo Demolition and Paradigm Environmental were on-site for a week and finalized the project on March 15th.

Luckily, the Town of Westerlo will be reimbursed by Albany County for all costs associated with the demolition of this property.



The site is now completely cleared and looks like it's been that way for years! Thank you to all who were involved in this process. It looks so much better driving through town.

Future job openings...

The Town of Westerlo is always accepting new employment applications for future job openings! You can get an application by stopping by the Town Hall or by visiting the Town's website. Feel free to submit a resume along with your application. We are happy to keep your application on file and will call you if anything becomes available!



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



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

Supervisor
Matt Kryzak

Confidential Administrator
Lisa DeGross
Ext. 1014

Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 4 pm
or by appointment

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Karla Weaver
Ext. 1011

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Thursday 1 pm – 7 pm
or by appointment

Code Enforcement Officer
Jeff Pine
Ext. 1017 or cell (518) 410-5232
Thursday 5 pm – 7 pm

Town Assessor
Melanie Bunzey
Ext. 1016

Thursday 4:30 pm – 7 pm
or by appointment

Assessor/CEO Clerk
Claire Marshall
Ext. 1019

Monday – Wednesday 9 am – 2 pm
Thursday 2 pm – 7 pm

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

Winter Hours: Monday – Friday
7:30 am – 4 pm

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

Transfer Station
88 Annabelle Rd
Westerlo, NY 12193
(518) 797-3536

Saturday 8 am – 3:45 pm
Sunday 8 am – 11:45 am
Tuesday 8 am – 3:45 pm

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

All Town Offices are CLOSED on HOLIDAYS

From the Supervisor's Desk



Westerlo is off to a great start in 2024! I am pleased to report that the Town has collected property taxes to fund our 2024 budget. This means we are not starting the year behind and can proceed as planned with the approved budget.

In addition, with the approval of the Capital Projects Reserve Fund by the Town Board we are now able to allocate \$1.2 million toward the repair and improvement of our Town buildings. Staying ahead of maintenance and repair for major projects is important so that we can keep costs down by not having to address emergencies but rather take care of projects in advance.

In addition, I am pleased that our Town has such devoted and dedicated residents who continue to volunteer their time for the benefit of our residents. Our Local Law review committee is getting closer to presenting their recommendations to the Town Board. What this means is that after approval and recommendations by the Town Board our Local Laws can be updated to be relevant for our community, comply with state statutes, reduce redundancy, and once complete, be uploaded to a searchable website for all residents, contractors, and Town employees.

Our Museum Committee continues to plan events for the community. They have once again organized a Mother's Day Brunch and Town-wide Garage Sale. Furthermore, planning has begun to erect an additional building where the museum is located for storing the historical artifacts of our Town. The museum is now open the first Saturday of every month, April – November. Stop in and see our history!

The Westerlo Hometown Heroes Committee is in the process of producing the 2024 banners. I am hopeful that with schedules and weather permitting these banners will be displayed by Memorial Day. They have also set the dates for the annual Closing Ceremony, Saturday, November 2nd and the Veterans' Day Sunset Service, Monday November 11th. In addition, once the weather warms up, they will be weeding, mulching, and planting flowers in Veterans' Garden, located in the Veterans' Memorial Park. They always welcome volunteers!

Veteran services continue to be an area we are developing. We already began to offer residents an opportunity to meet with representatives from Albany County Veteran Services once a month. We have now added to this monthly program, offering coffee and pastries to Veterans' wishing to socialize with each other at this monthly event. In addition, we will be adding representatives from the VA whenever possible.

Speaking of volunteers, the Citizens Committee for Park Improvement has resumed meetings to address items to be repaired, replaced, updated, and added to both parks. They have planned for a community-

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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

William Bichteman

bickii@aol.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.



Sign up for the Town's e-newsletter at TownOfWesterloNY.com



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 tax collection period has ended for 2024. If you need to make a payment for delinquent taxes, please contact Albany County Department of Finance at (518) 447-7082.
- The Town of Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park is almost completely booked for weekends this summer. Call now to see what is available. South Westerlo park still has openings if anyone is interested.
- We are sad to report that Deputy Clerk Marta Pongo has resigned. We will miss her and wish her all the best with her new job! After advertising and interviewing, I am happy to report that a new Deputy has been hired and will start on April 18th. Can't wait for you all to meet her!

Code Enforcement Officer

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No one answered the quiz questions correctly to claim the \$10 Dunkin gift card. Too bad I guess no one likes Dunkin coffee.

What needs a permit? **Answers**

1. Re roofing without any structural work

____ Yes ____ no

No permit is required for a basic reroofing – If the roof needs new framing or any structural work a permit would then be needed.

2. In kind (same size as original)

replacement window and doors

____ Yes ____ no

No Permit would be required for in-kind, but Larger or smaller windows could trigger the need for a permit. A permit is needed if a Larger then original window is installed because it would involve new framing (header, etc.) . Smaller windows may reduce the required egress, light and vent required dimensions. The new windows cannot make the space less code compliant. If in doubt contact the building department.

3. Solid fuel heating appliance (wood, pellet)

____ Yes ____ no

Yes – Zoning section 7.20 A Any new or replacement solid fuel heating appliances along with their vents and chimneys do require a permit.

4. 300 sf Shed set on a gravel base

____ Yes ____ no

Yes – Zoning section 7.20 B (1) Any structure over 144 square feet requires a permit.

5. New siding

____ Yes ____ no

That would be a no.

6. Remodeling of kitchen or bathrooms in same location

No new plumbing or electrical

____ Yes ____ no

No – But only if no new plumbing or electrical work is done.

7. 36 inch deep portable swimming pool

____ Yes ____ no

Yes – Zoning section 7.20 B (3) Portable or not any pool designed to hold more than 24 inches of water will need a permit. The rules for pools can be challenging and expensive. Please call the building department if in doubt.

8. In kind furnace or boiler replacement

Same fuel source

____ Yes ____ no

No- If in same location

9. With a new fuel source

____ Yes ____ no

Yes – some items will need inspection. Fuel tank, fuel lines, chimney/venting changes, clearances, etc.

Fences - **No unless used for a swimming pool enclosure.**

TOWN OF WESTERLO
VOL. FIRE CO.

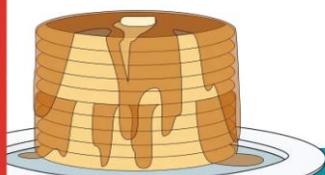
presents:

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



**SATURDAY
April
27th**

8-11 am



**Woodman's Hall
Westerlo**

News from the Assessor

- March 1st was the property and school tax exemption deadline for new and renewal applications. They will be examined for eligibility in the coming weeks. Updates to our system will begin in preparation for the May 1st tentative roll deadline. A notice will be placed on the Town's website, in a local newspaper, and on the Clerk's bulletin board at the Town Hall regarding the filing of the 2024 tentative roll and information regarding this year's Board of Assessment Review grievance hearings that are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, from 4 pm to 8 pm in the Assessor's office. This is pending the public hearing regarding proposed local law No 1 of 2024 on April 16th.
- 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.
- Reminder: Can your house #'s be seen? This is very important for emergency services!
- Please keep us informed of any address change you may have. As always, please contact this office at 518-797-3111, ext. 1016 with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your assessment or otherwise.
- **If you need assistance, contact Claire Marshall, Clerk to the Assessor at (518) 797-3111 x 1019**
New office hours:
Monday & Tuesday 9 am – 12 pm & Thursday 2 pm – 7 pm through May 2024.

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. See website for updates.

Transfer Station

Transfer station applications for 2024 are now on sale for \$25 for the year. Permits are required for all town residents and seasonal residents. Permits are not available to vacant landowners. To apply, pick up an application at the Transfer Station, Town Clerk's Office or print one from our website! If you need one mailed, please call us at (518) 797-3111 opt. 2.

A new Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator has been hired and will be starting April 15th. Stop by the transfer station to say hi and to welcome him!



On the Road with the Highway Department

Winter went out with a bang again this year with lots of rain, ice, and snow but we luckily got through it without any issues.

Next up, spring clean-up. The Town is also applying for two stream bank erosion grants for Tan Hollow Rd. and the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park through Albany Soil and Water.



wide Clean Up day on June 1st. We hope you will join all of us in participating in projects in both parks. For planning, please contact Beau Loendorf if you plan to help. (BeauLoendorf@Gmail.com)

We are also excited to resume our Senior Lunch and Learn series. The programs and meals will resume in May and continue through October. These monthly events are educational and provide guests with a complimentary lunch and an opportunity to socialize with their peers. My office is also working with Albany County to expand senior services in Westerlo. Stay tuned for updates.

Our library has planned exciting events for the spring and summer. Of particular note, is a Red Cross sponsored Blood Drive to be held on Thursday, June 27th at Westerlo Town Hall. For more information on scheduling an appointment please contact the Library. In addition, they have organized a Disaster Preparedness training with the New York Air National Guard, a book sale during the Town Wide Garage Sale and will host a Summer Program Kick Off. Check out their website for details and more scheduled programs.

The Town of Westerlo is made great by its volunteers and employees. A lot of what Westerlo has to offer would not be possible without those who continue to step up and invest in their community and its future. This is a Town I am proud to represent. As always, if you want more information about any of our programs or have questions, do not hesitate to contact my office.

-Supervisor Matthew Kryzak



VETERANS SERVICES

Sponsored by Albany County
Veteran Service Bureau and The Town of Westerlo

Third Wednesday of the month.
9:00 am - 11:30 am

Westerlo Town Hall 933 County Route 401
Westerlo

**Stop in & see what Albany County
can do to help veterans and their
families.**

Providing information and services to veterans living in
Albany County.

Assistance with state and federal entitlements such as:

- * Medical Care
- * Disability and Compensation and Pension
- * Education benefits
- * Burial assistance and VA Home Loans
- * Help with getting copies of veterans' medical & personnel records, including Certificates of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214)

Other assistance and resources include:

- * VA Claims
- * Obtaining documents
- * Determining eligibility for services
- * Veteran Events
- * Veteran Organizations
- * Newsletter
- * Honor a Veteran
- * Return the Favor Discounts and Crisis Services

And more!



**MORE INFO: Albany County Veteran Service Bureau 518-447-7710
Town of Westerlo 518-797-3111 ext. 1014**

Westerlo Has One of the Top Five Women

Capital Region Independent Media recently announced that Confidential Administrator, Lisa DeGroff received nominations and a successive win of The Top Five Award.

Nominations were accepted in four categories, Women, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous & People of Color, Youth and Businesses) for being the Top Changemakers in the community. The award honors people who live and work or were raised in Albany, Columbia and Greene Counties and their contributions to the community.

A celebratory dinner and awards ceremony will be held at the end of April at The Wire Event Center in Coxsackie.

Congratulations Lisa.





We are moving forward with the plans for the building behind the museum to store large items such as the band wagon, a horse drawn sleigh and the mail wagon which are being stored at various locations. We have approached the Town Board for assistance for an easement with the Fire Company to get supplies to the site. Also, we need a variance. Stay tuned for the progress.

Thank you to all who supported the museum by buying food at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th. A special thank you to Councilman Joshua Beers, Deputy Town Clerk Jaimee Motschmann, Highway Employee Joshua Austin and Elise Mahan (wife of Councilman Peter Mahan) for volunteering.

Please continue to support us at the Brunch for Mom on Sunday, May 5th and the Townwide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 8th.

All proceeds from the above events go toward the new building.

As things are being archived, many interesting items have been found, such as an article regarding the Town's response to the blizzard of 1958, letters home from local men serving in WWII, etc.

The museum was closed for the winter but is reopening this month. The museum is open the first Saturday of the month from 9 am – 11 am and by appointment. Please visit and learn more about our town.

Farmers Market

The Town of Westerlo Farmer's Market will once again be held at the Westerlo Veterans Memorial Park on Thursday nights starting June 6th and will run through September 26th. There will **not** be a market on Thursday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

The market will have new hours this year! Please stop by from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm to support your local vendors.

Things to look forward to:
We are hoping to have live music and food vendors throughout the season this year. If you know anyone interested, please let us know.

Farmers Market applications are available now!

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

Visit us on Facebook!

Town of Westerlo Farmers Market

Town of Westerlo Heritage Museum's 17th Annual Garage Sale Day

Dormansville, South Westerlo, Westerlo

Saturday, June 8th, 2024
8:30 am-3:30 pm

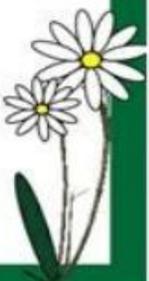
Maps and directions will be available at the Westerlo Town Hall, 933 CR 401, Westerlo after 8:00 am.

Refreshments, Bake Sale and Restrooms are also available at this location.

If you would like to participate, please complete the registration form at the back of this newsletter or stop by the Town Clerk's office or visit the Town's website www.townofwesterlony.com.

Come join us!

Thank you for your support!



Westerlo History

Spring 2024 Westerlo History Article on ANCESTRY.COM
Genealogy holds LOTS of data concerning who we are, where we came from, and who helped forge that path. The study of our personal past is fascinating, often inspiring, sometimes heartbreaking yet most of it is within a few keystrokes right at the Westerlo Library! Our library received a grant last year and purchased a one-year subscription (US and International) of ANCESTRY.COM. They also have multiple laptops that can be used at the library during open hours. Feel free to bring your own laptop so you can download your findings. The library offers free WIFI which reaches all the way out to the parking lot! This is your chance to do some family research without having to pay for online services! Luckily, the town library has secured another grant to pay for one more year of Ancestry.com! This is great news!!

What is ANCESTRY.COM? It's the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world! It houses over 30 BILLION records of US and International origin and over 100 million family trees! 30 BILLION RECORDS, 100 million trees (That bears repeating)!! A sampling of data includes census records, birth, marriage and death records, military records (draft, enlistment, casualties, and prisoner rolls), church records, cemetery records, immigration records, ship manifests, land records, court records, wills and probate, newspaper articles, even pictures and maps! I'm warning you, it's addictive! AND it's at the Westerlo Library for your FREE use!

To promote more use of it I have started running basic Ancestry.com classes at the library once a month. The purpose of these classes is to show everyone where and how to start so that they can utilize this resource on their own and uncover their family histories for themselves. It truly is like a treasure hunt on a computer! You can even download documents onto your own laptops or bring a USB drive if you're borrowing a library laptop!

So, come to the library and try Ancestry.com! It's also a fun way of getting to know other people in town! It's absolutely FREE for another year. I think you'll be amazed at what treasures you can find on your family! I've traced my bloodline back to the 1300's!! It also prompted a family trip to Scotland this past September to locate the Hannay ancestral home built in 1090!

Gayle Hannay



SNOWMOBILING COMMUNITY

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

Help Wanted: Secretary Position
Contact Gerry (518) 330-7373 if interested.

To view their newsletter, visit:
<https://www.frontiersno.com/images/pdf/2023/frontier%20Sep23.pdf>



Town of Westerlo's Third Annual Easter Event

The Third Annual Easter Event was Saturday, March 30th at Town Hall. This Town of Westerlo event was a huge success with standing room only. People came out from all over to take photos with their families and the Easter Bunny as well as take part in the annual egg hunt. There were lots of activities for kids, a Peter Rabbit movie played on the projector, live bunnies for kids to pet, a talented balloon twister and the Museum sold food to raise money for their building fund.

All in all, I received a ton of positive feedback such as how the egg hunt was fair as we limit the number of eggs per kid, so no kids miss out. Visitors also expressed how great it was that we print photos of their kids and the Easter Bunny for them to take home. It was extremely busy over the course of the two hours and looking back, I am speechless as to the turnout and how much fun everyone was having. All of us at the Town Hall work so hard every day and to be a part of something like this, is just so rewarding. It's our absolute pleasure to bring the Easter, Christmas and Fall Festival to you year after year.

I would like to personally thank my staff Marta Pongo, Jaimee Motschmann and Kathleen Spinnato for their hard work planning, organizing, stuffing eggs, setting up and tearing down. Thank you to all the fabulous volunteers, especially Highway employees Joshua Austin and Dave Pecylak and Dave's wife and kids, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Pine, Deputy Town Clerk Kathleen Spinnato's husband Sal, Councilman Mahan's wife Elise, Councilman Beers' son Brandon, and my sister-in-law Jessica. I would like to specifically show appreciation for Town Board Members Peter Mahan and Joshua Beers who helped with all the heavy lifting ahead of the event and for their hard work in the kitchen and in the photo area on Saturday. I can always count on them to lend me a hand. You guys are incredible! A special thanks to Museum Director Mary Jane Araldi, Clerk to the Boards Claire Marshall and Claire's daughter Mary who were my right hand throughout the entire process. They say it takes a village and I can guarantee, without all of you, this wouldn't have been possible. You are all appreciated.

- Karla Weaver, Town Clerk

WIC is here for you!

Did you know WIC offers the following?

Healthy Food & Nutrition Tips:

We help you feed your children nutritional meals. We provide:

- Monthly benefit packages available through an electronic debit card (e-WIC) to purchase healthy foods
- Tips on how to shop for healthy food, how to cook it and how to encourage your children to eat it
- A larger food package if you breastfeed exclusively, to help you stay healthier

A Community of support

We offer a network of experts and peers for education and guidance:

- Nutritionists to help you and your children eat well
- Breastfeeding specialists to help you breastfeed successfully
- Other moms for sharing experiences and for moral support

Referrals

We introduce you to care beyond WIC, including:

- Healthcare professionals such as pediatricians and dentists
- Immunization services
- Other social services

Call (518) 432-4033 for more information.



Westerlo Historical Society

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

**New members
welcome!**

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 7 am – 9 am & Saturdays 9 am – 11 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

Happy Spring! The Hilltown Community Resource Center has been busy. Food pantries are up 30% this winter which is no surprise with the cost of food and necessities.

We are planning a lot of fun activities this summer, keep an eye open for flyers with dates distributed through the community. If your child is in need of a backpack of food during the summer break from school feel free to call us. We start the distribution the week of July 4th.

Our amazing Helderberg Kiwanis Club is hosting a summer FREE clothing store at the Modern Woodmans Hall. Watch for advertising!

Our office number is (518) 966-7380 or email me: marybethp@cocalbany.org anytime with questions, or for information regarding the food pantry, etc.



From the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation Hunting and Trapping Newsletter

All first-time hunters planning to go afield this upcoming spring turkey season must first complete a mandatory hunter education course before they can purchase a hunting license. In-person, instructor-led hunter education courses are being offered throughout NYS this month. Classes fill quickly, so do not delay in registering for a course. All classes are free of charge.

To register for a course, visit:

https://register-ed.com/programs/new_york/165

933 CR 401, Westerlo Town Hall

SUNDAY 5TH MAY, 2024
11 AM - 1 PM

Donation Brunch to Honor Mothers

Enjoy a hot buffet, coffee, tea and hot chocolate

All donations will support
The Westerlo Heritage Museum Building Fund

For your convenience, local florist "Flowers and Stuff" will be here to take your Mother's Day flower orders! Be sure to support this great local business.



Westerlo Library
604 NY 143
Westerlo, NY 12193

Hours:

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

For more information call:

(518) 797-3415

Amy Powarzynski
Library Manager

director@WesterloLibrary.org

2024 Trustee Meetings – 7 pm in the Hannay Community Room

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Monday, June 12, 2024

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

ANCESTRY.COM

We have Ancestry for use in the library, either on your own device or one of the library laptops. This includes Ancestry International. Stop by and get started on your family tree!

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS FOR 2024

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 19 – Juneteenth

Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

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.

Gallery Space

The library has Gallery space that exhibits a local artist every two months. In April BKW students will exhibit their work.

Technology

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

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

Youth Programs

Lego and STEAM – Mondays 3:30 pm – 5 pm

Storytime – Wednesdays 10:30 am

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

Upcoming Programs

April 22, 6-7 pm- Earth Day Seed Starting

May 11, 9 am-2 pm- Mother's Day Weekend Bake Sale

May 18, 10:30 am- Disaster Preparedness with New York Air National Guard

June 8-Book Sale during Town Wide Garage Sale

Special Collection

Need a fishing pole? You can borrow, for a two-week loan period, a fishing pole with reel, line, hooks, bobber and sinkers. NYS DEC has provided the fishing poles, and they are available at other libraries in the system too.

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!

Adult Programs

Coffee with Neighbors – Wednesdays 12 pm – Come to the library to meet and chat with your Westerlo neighbors.

Fiber Arts Group – 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month 12 pm – 2 pm

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

Book Club – 2nd Wednesday of the month 4:30 pm. Copies of the current book are available at the circulation desk.

May Book – *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton

June Book – *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

WESTERLO RURAL CEMETERY'S

SPRING CLEANUP

APRIL 13TH 10AM

771 SR 143, Westerlo

Rain date April 20th!



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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



Cemeteries in Albany County

Visit https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery-browse/USA/New-York/Albany-County/Westerlo?id=city_105189 to search Westerlo Cemeteries

Cemetery Records In Greene County

There is a wealth of information to be found in the old cemeteries that are located throughout Greene County. Many Westerlo residents may have family buried in Greene County and may find information about their ancestors by visiting this website:

https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nygreen2/cemetery_records_greene.htm

Westerlo Central Cemetery Route 401

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

Dennis Boomhower, President:
(518) 488-2285

Diane Carl, Treasurer/Secretary:
(518) 527-7850

Hannacroix Rural Cemetery Route 411

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

A special thanks to all who have contributed to the cemetery in the past. Whether you have a loved one buried there or would just like to give a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. We need your help to keep the cemetery maintained. Contributions can be sent to:

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

Many thanks to all who have helped in the past.

Cemetery Contact Information

Westerlo Rural Cemetery

Betty Filkins
(518) 275-2935

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Hannacroix Rural Cemetery

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(518) 928-3428

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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@HelderberaFCO.com



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Albany County Veteran Services Bureau



Albany County Veterans Service Bureau can help veterans with many items such as medical care, disability, and compensation, pensions, education benefits, burial assistance, VA home loans, job referrals, return the favor card and more!

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Albany County Veterans Service Bureau
Attn: Ken Secor, Director
New Address: Shaker Place
100 Heritage Ln.
Albany, NY 12211

Phone: (518) 447-7710

Email: kenneth.secor@albanycountyny.com

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!

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

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

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!



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 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.VMCAlbany.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*



Westerlo Hometown Heroes Banner Committee

SAVE THESE DATES!

November 2, 2024 - 2pm
Westerlo Hometown Heroes Banner Closing Ceremony

November 11, 2024 - Sunset
Veterans Day Sunset Service

HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED AND ARE CURRENTLY SERVING

Visit our Facebook page - Westerlo Hometown Heroes
Contact us with any questions - WesterloHometownHeroes@gmail.com
Amie - 518-396-8787 or Lisa 518-396-0350

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Starting
May 15th



FOR A CUP OF

Coffee and Pastries

WITH YOUR FELLOW VETERANS



Sponsored by Albany County Veteran Service Bureau
Coffee Cafe at The Westerlo Town Hall
933 County Route 401 Westerlo
The third Wednesday of every month.
9:00 am - 11:30 am

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



Respectful Flag Disposal Information

There are flag disposal locations throughout New York State. Did you know the local Veterans of Foreign Wars or VFW Posts, American Legion locations, and Boy and Girl Scout organizations will accept your tattered and worn American Flags? Many locations have bins inside their posts.

The closest location to dispose of a flag is the American Legion Post 291.

54 Maple Ave, Greenville, NY 12083

Albany County Parks and Recreation Upcoming Programs for Youth

Programs are FREE to all children and teens residing in Albany County!

Are you interested in chess, baseball, basketball, comic books, or karate just to name a few? There is something available for everyone!

For a complete list of programs, more information and to sign up, please visit albanycounty.recdesk.com/community/page?pagelid=33150

Albany Tulip Festival

Albany Tulip Festival is one of the most popular annual events in Albany that typically draws tens of thousands of people to Washington Park each year. The 2024 Albany Tulip Festival will take place over Mother's Day weekend on May 11th and 12th from 11 am – 6 pm and feature all your favorite traditions, events, and activities.

This is a free event which includes musical performances, street scrubbing on State St., Coronation of the Tulip Queen, vendors, children's activities, after the festival tulip bulb and dig sale, and more!

No alcohol, tobacco, glass containers, recording of performances or pets allowed.

Strawberry & Wine Festival

Just-picked strawberries, local wines, live entertainment, and the sights, smells, and sound of early springtime. This is the 3rd year for this popular event which will be held at the Joseph L Bruno Stadium in Troy on June 15th and 16th.

Nearby Cruises

Dutch Apple Cruises & Tours

Explore the Capital Region by land and by water with Dutch Apple Cruises! Located in the beautiful and historic capital of New York State. Cruise along the Hudson and ride the trolley through Albany. You can even book a private rental! For more information or to book a cruise, call (518) 463-0220 or email info@dutchapplecruises.com

Lake George Waterfront

Book a one hour narrated cruise around beautiful Lake George. Discover the local history of the Revolutionary and French & Indian Wars. See the multi-million-dollar mansions and learn the history behind them. Sunset cruises are also available. To book, call (518) 668-4644 or visit igwaterfront.com/cruises/

John Boyd Thacher State Park & Thompson's Lake

1 Hailes Cave Rd., Voorheesville, NY 12186

John Boyd Thacher State Park – The climbing area is open as of March 30th. Climbing permits are required and can be obtained online or in the office.

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

Thompson's Lake

Nearby, the Emma Treadwell Thatcher Nature Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 am – 4 pm and offers educational programs. For more information, visit parks.ny.gov/environment/nature-centers/8/details.aspx (87 Nature Center Way, Voorheesville, NY 12186)

Mini Horse Mania!

Mini Horse Mania is a FREE IN-PERSON event on April 20th from 10:30 am – 12 pm

Where: Fasny Museum of Firefighting
117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, NY 12534

All activities are free and will be outdoors. Tents will be used in the event of rain!

Free admission to the Museum will also be offered to all who attend this special event. Reservations are NOT required.

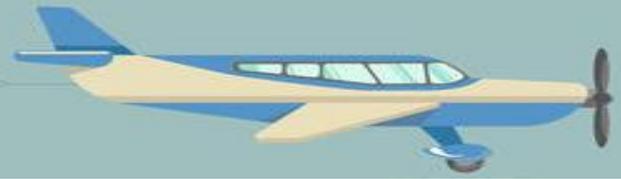
Great Local Parks and Preserves to Visit!

Albany Pine Bush – This local park was formed between 12,000 and 15,000 years ago after the drainage of a large glacial lake. This lake stretched all the way from Glens Falls down to Newburgh. It consists of roughly 18 miles of trails used for hiking, jogging, mountain biking and birding and is home to a vast array of plant and animal life.

Tawasentha Park – located at 188 SR 146, Guilderland

Washington Park – located a few blocks away from the Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany, between Central Ave and Madison Ave. Free admission. Open from May – October from sunrise to 11 pm and November – April from sunrise to 10 pm. This is a dog friendly park.

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

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

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/>

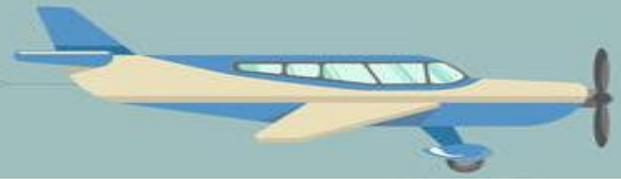
Disposal of Used Motor Oil

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



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/showpublicdocument/8898/637602600712630000>

Turn in your old electronics for a Walmart eGift Card!

Walmart offers a Gadget to Gift Card exchange. You can visit 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 www.bbbscr.org/home-page/get-involved/

Want to enroll a child? Age requirement to enroll is 6 – 14 years.

For more information and to enroll, visit www.bbbscr.org/home-page/enroll-a-child/



P.A.T.S. is now open!
Wednesdays & Saturdays
9 am – 1 pm

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:

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>

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.utableban.org for more information.



Earth Day **SEED STARTING PROGRAM**

**Monday, April 22, 2024
6 pm**

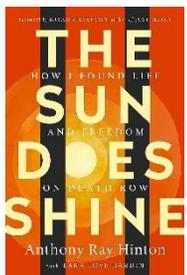
Get a jump start on vegetable plants
Seeds, soil and containers provided.
Bring some of your favorite seeds to share if you
have them.

**WESTERLO PUBLIC LIBRARY
604 STATE ROUTE 143
WESTERLO
(518)797-3415 for more info**

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
Wednesday of every month at
4:30 pm. Copies are available at
the circulation desk.

Museum Passes

The Westerlo Library has museum passes to check
out!

We have a pass for one free adult admission to The
Clark Art Institute, a Family Pass to the Destroyer
Escort Museum (2 adults, 2 children), a Family Pass
to the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art (2
adults, 4 children), An Empire Pass (for parking in NY
State parks) and a pass for a 50% on museum
admission for the Museum of Innovation and
Science (2 adults, 4 children). Please call ahead to
reserve passes (518) 797-3415.



Coffee with neighbors

Join your neighbors at the
Library for a warm beverage
and conversation

**Wednesdays noon-2 pm
Westerlo Public Library
604 State Route 143
Westerlo**



Continued...



American Red Cross

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Westerlo Library Blooddrive

Westerlo Town Hall – Meeting Room

933 County Route 401, Westerlo

June 27, 2024

12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Contact information: Amy Powarzynski
518-797-3415, director@westerlolibrary.org

Borrow large print books now!

Is it hard for you to see small print? Did you know that the library has large print books available for you to sign out?

Stop by the circulation desk for assistance!

Homebound Delivery!

Homebound delivery is a free library delivery service provided to the residents of the Town of Westerlo who are unable to visit the library. If you think this service might be right for you, or a friend or family member, please call (or visit) the library during regular business hours.

Color Print/Copy Machine

Do you need something printed or copied? Our machine can be accessed wirelessly from your own devices. Prints/copies are \$0.20 per page.

Fax Machine Service

Our fax machine is available for public use both for sending and receiving faxes. Charges are generally \$0.20 per page.

Resumes & Cover Letters

The library has access to Cypress Resume Builder. Cypress can be accessed on the public computers at the library or on your home computer.

Visit the Westerlo Public Library's website to read the quick guide on how to access Cypress Resume.

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 April spice is Fennel!

Storytime

Join Miss Lee for stories, music, movement and play on Wednesday's at 10:30 am.

Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale

If you can help out, please call (518) 797-3415, email director@westerlolibrary.org or sign up at the library.

Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale

May 11, 2024
9 am - 2 pm

Westerlo Public Library
604 State Route 143
Westerlo

Donations

To donate books and other materials to the library please call (518) 966-8205.

While they welcome donations, they don't always have the room to store them before their next sale so it is always best to call before dropping items off.

The library is always seeking financial donations to help provide the best possible service to the community. Checks can be made out to "Your Public Library" and mailed to the Greenville Public Library at PO Box 8 North Street, Greenville, NY 12083 or in person along with a donation form which is available on their website.

2024 Seed Library Now Open

With spring just around the corner, it's time to start planning this year's garden! We are pleased to be able to offer our 3rd annual seed library to our community! Our seed library provides a way to start growing food and flowers for free, simply stop by and check out the seeds that you would like. We are offering a wide variety of seeds including vegetables, herbs, and flowers! We would like to thank everyone who donated seeds making our seed library possible!

How does it work?

- The seed library is housed in an old library card catalog
- Patrons may visit the library and select up to 5 packets of seeds per visit
- Seeds are arranged in alphabetical order
- Check out your seeds at the Circulation Desk
- Grow your plants and enjoy the harvest
- Save seeds from your harvest and consider returning some to the seed library at the end of the growing season

Our seed library is about....

- Encouraging our community to dig in and garden
- Reconnecting our community to the traditions of growing tasty, healthy food
- Creating a free and reliable local seed collection at our library for the community

Do you have any seeds you want to share?

- We're accepting donations of seeds for flowers, vegetables and herbs that are less than 3 years

Toddler Time with Samantha Hudock

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

April 2024							May 2024							June 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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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

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>



Need help with your resume, preparing for an interview or with a job search? Get assistance with test preparation for High School Equivalency Test, U.S. citizenship preparation, writing assistance and study tools for math, reading and writing. Visit the Greenville Public Library's website. On the home page click on this picture. You can login with your library card information to receive help with all of the above and more!



Universal Class brings libraries lifelong learning courses in over 30 subject areas, many of which offer continuing education units. More than 500 courses are available, and all are designed and led by professional instructors to build deeper understanding and mastery of subject matter. Universal Class includes videos, assignments, quizzes, tests, and options for social media interaction with other learners. You can take multiple classes and learn at your own pace. A huge range of courses are available such as Digital Photography, Babysitting 101, Exercise and Fitness, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Music, Home and Garden Care, Cooking, Computers and Technology, Health and Medicine, Homeschooling, Job Assistance, Law and Legal, Parenting and Family, Pet and Animal Care, plus hundreds more. To learn more, visit the Greenville Public Library's website. On the home page click on this picture and then click on the link below this information.

Transparent Language Online

Begins July 1st and provides rich, interactive learning materials in over 120 languages, with additional resources such as: a learning approach that uses all 4 core language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing/typing.

For more information, please visit the library's website or call (518) 966-8205.



Yoga Run Club

Back for a 3rd year for more good times!

Every Monday from 6-7:30pm

Meet at the Pavilion in the Greenville Town Park

Starting April 8



**May 7, 21
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!**

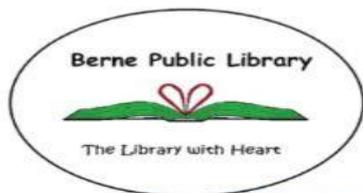
Become a Friend of the Library

Join the Friends of the Library! The library needs the support of the friends to help maintain its high standards. There are many opportunities to help by volunteering.

Friends' membership dues buy books, materials, computers and help bring programs to its patrons and the public.

Friends have fun – Luncheons, Outings, Book Clubs, After-school activities, Children's Programs, and Workshops.

Help the Library by becoming a Friend. Visit their website to complete the form and to see membership levels.



Berne Public Library April 2024 Newsletter

www.bernepubliclibrary.org

Phone - 518-872-1246

Email - director@bernepubliclibrary.org

All programs are free, open to the public, and held in the community room of the library unless otherwise noted.



**Tuesdays
10:30 a.m.**

for children ages 1 to 5 years

- April 2 — Chickens and eggs
- April 9 — Moon
- April 16 — Hello/Goodbye
- April 23 — Wiggles
- April 30 — Who Lives Here?



Special Events



**Open Mic, Fri., April 5
@ 6-8 pm.**

All talents welcome! Don't be shy.

Register at the library.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

- Friends Of the Library - Wed., April 3 @ 7 pm
- Book Club - Sun., April 7 @ 5pm
- Library Bd. of Trustees mtg. Thurs., April 11 @ 6:30 pm
- Journeys on the Page - Fri., April 12 @ 7:00 pm
- Anime Club - Tues, April 9 and 23 at 2:45 pm

Homeschool Hangout

Wed., April 10 and 24
at 11 am.



Adult Craft Night

Spring Basket
Mon., Apr. 22 @ 6:30 pm
Please sign-up



**Beer Brewing Program by
Helderberg Mountain
Brewing Company
Tues., April 30 @ 6:30 pm**



**Solar Program, Sat.,
April 6 @ 2-3pm**

"Hiding the Sun" by
John Freer

**Total Eclipse Party, Mon.,
April 8 @ 3:15—4:15pm**
Families watch the eclipse.



**Understanding Dementia,
Thurs., April 18 @ 2pm.**

Presented by the Alzheimer's
Corp.

Pick up your free solar
glasses while they last.



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

Phone: (518) 872-1246

Hours are as follows:

- Monday 2 pm – 8 pm
- Tuesday 10 am – 8 pm
- Wednesday 12 pm – 8 pm
- Thursday 2 pm – 8 pm
- Friday 2 pm – 6 pm
- Saturday 9 am – 3 pm
- Sunday Closed



"Berne Public Library"

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

Berne 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

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:

April 17th @ 6:30 pm – Woodcock Walk (for ages 8+): Walk through the Pine Bush to watch the elaborate flight displays of the American Woodcock. The woodcock is a chunky little bird with a short neck, long bill and big eyes set high in a large head. Males perform amazing flight displays at dusk in the spring. Start inside with a presentation and continue outside for a .9 mile hike. This program meets inside the Discovery Center. *Suggested donation: \$5.00, please register online.*

April 23rd @ 7:30 pm – Full Moon Hike at Blueberry Hill West (for tweens, teens, and adults): Enjoy the Pine Bush at night under a full moon. Meet at the Blueberry Hill West trailhead (#5). *Suggested donation: \$5.00, please register online.*

May 10th @ 4 pm – Nature Night Out (for all ages): This is a series of evening events that invite everyone to drop everything and get into nature. The Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center will extend operations until 7:30 pm on each of these days, capitalizing on those longer sunlit hours. Visitors can enjoy live music while feasting on a meal from food truck vendors, go on a StoryWalk adventure along the trail and learn about the natural & cultural history of the Pine Bush with interactive Discovery Center exhibits.

May 18th @ 10 am – 12 pm – Native Plant Sale: Looking for native pine barrens plants for your home landscape? Stop by the Discovery Center and purchase native pine barrens plants from the Schenectady County Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and the students of Farnsworth Middle School. Purchases will support the work of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and the Butterfly Station at Farnsworth Middle School.

May 25th @ 6:30 pm – Drop-In Bird Banding Observation: See wild birds up close and personal as Albany Pine Bush scientists capture them and fit them with uniquely coded leg-bands. Bands are provided by the US Geological Society to licensed bird banders so scientists can identify individuals; this allows us to study how long birds live, where they breed and when and where they migrate. While in-hand, the banders carefully take measurements that can indicate a bird's health, age, and breeding condition. This information is used to evaluate the health of bird populations and the habitats they rely on during the breeding and non-breeding season. Tracking the distribution and abundance of species that specialize on our fire-dependent inland pitch pine-scrub oak barrens can also help guide the management and restoration of this globally rare habitat.

June 5th @ 6:30 pm – Community Science: FrogWatch Volunteer Training (for tweens, teens, and adults - children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult): this is an online training. Register online. This will provide an introduction to FrogWatch, a community science program of the Akron Zoo. Volunteers will then train to become certified FrogWatchers. through August. Listen to and report frogs & toads calling in the APBP study area. Forms must be completed online.

June 26th @ 7 pm – Community Science: National Butterfly Count Volunteer Training (for adults): this is an online training. Register online. Learn what butterflies can be found in the APBP & how you can participate in the 2024 National Butterfly count. Volunteers will spend a day working together with a leader to document & record butterflies in the preserve. This event will occur entirely online.

Hilltown Senior Citizen

Meetings are held 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.

Upcoming Trips for 2024 are:

- Landcaster is planned for May to see Daniel at the Sight and Sound theater and shopping of course!
- Mac-Haydn Theatre in June to see Sister Act!
- Overnight trip to Thousand Islands and Boldt Castle in July.
- Trip to the Log Cabin in Massachusetts to see a Rock and Roll Show.
- Overnight trip to Lake Placid in September.
- Lake George Dinner Theatre in October.

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!

Caregiver Support Programs

Caregiver support programs assist informal caregivers – spouses, adult children, other family members, friends and neighbors in their efforts to care for older persons who need help with everyday tasks such as:

- Information, Assistance, and Referral
- Counseling and Support Groups
 - Caregiver Training
 - Transportation
- Personal Emergency Response Systems*
 - Short-Term Respite*

*These services require an in-home assessment to determine eligibility

Contact NY Connects: (518) 447-7177

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

THE ACCESS TO HOME PROGRAM

The Access to Home Program provides funding to make the home accessible, including ramps, widening doors and alterations that enable Albany County residents with disabilities to remain or return to their own home, rather than enter or remain in more costly and restrictive institutional settings.

For more information, contact:

Albany Community Action Partnership's Access to Home

**333 Sheridan Avenue (518) 463-3175, ext. 2.
Albany, NY 12206**

Silver Sneakers

The Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness program is an insurance benefit included in more than 65 Medicare health plans. Through SilverSneakers, health plans and group retirement plans provide a gym membership to their insured, usually at no additional cost.

For more information and to check eligibility: visit tools.silversneakers.com

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!



Home Delivered Meals

The Home-Delivered Meal program provides balanced meals to eligible adults aged 60 or older, and spouse regardless of age, delivered right to their home. The home-delivered meal service may be temporary or long term.

The home-delivered program gives priority to the following target groups who have the greatest economic and social needs: minorities, low-income, frail, and vulnerable elderly aged 60 and older.

- Is incapacitated due to accident, illness, or frailty.
- Lacks support of family, friends, or neighbors; and
- Is unable to prepare meals due to a lack of inadequacy of facilities, such as refrigeration, stove, etc., inability to shop, cook or prepare meals safely, or lack of knowledge or skills.

Our registered dietitian ensures that all meals comply with the Older Americans Act and Nutrition Program Standards. Each balanced meal provides essential nutrients with focus on whole grains, fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, and low-fat dairy. Meals are also limited in sodium, saturated fats, and added sugars. Please be advised that therapeutic/special diets and modified consistencies are not accommodated through this program. Persons that have a known significant food allergy are unable to participate in this program.

The home-delivered meal program provides an opportunity for suggested voluntary contribution toward the service which helps expand services.

For more info call: Albany County NY Connects at:
(518) 447-7177

Referrals can be made by family, friends, or community agencies.

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.

More Senior Housing Local Options

Assisted Living

Terrace at Beverwyck – Full Service Assisted Living Community located in Slingerlands, NY with 41 private one and two bedroom senior apartments. Also offers Short-term Respite Care. For more information, call (518) 280-8385

Teresian House – Long term care available on Washington Ave. Ext., Albany. For more information, call (518) 724-2703

Independent Living

Beverwyck – Located on 80 beautiful acres in Slingerlands, NY with 177 one and two bedroom senior apartments as well as 29 two bedroom cottages. For more information call (518) 280-8385

Glenmont Abbey Village – One and two bedroom apartments with amenities located in Glenmont, NY.

There are many other alternatives available locally. For a Housing Directory, visit albanyguardiansociety.org

IN-HOME CONTACT & SUPPORT

Programs are for seniors who are able to stay in their home unassisted but feel isolated or lack adequate support systems. The programs give seniors a sense of security in knowing that someone will check on their safety or will assist them with weekly grocery shopping.

Friendly Visitor and Shopping Assistance Program

Senior Services of Albany: (518) 465-3322

Volunteers are matched with Albany County seniors to provide weekly socialization and shopping assistance to those who are generally homebound, isolated, and lack adequate support systems to obtain those services.

Friendly Visitor, Telephone Assurance, Shopping Assistance, Transportation to Appointments, Meal Preparation, Assistance with Paperwork, Yard Work, and More

Community Caregivers: (518) 456-2898

Community Caregivers is a volunteer organization which also assists seniors in the towns of: Altamont, Guilderland, Bethlehem, Voorheesville, Berne, Knox, and New Scotland.

Helderberg Family & Community Org.

The HFCO welcomes caring adults to share their hobbies and talents with our community's children. If you are interested in volunteering to present a workshop, please contact HFCO at connect@helderbergco.com or call Maryellen Gillis at (518) 872-1899

FREE ZOOM CLASSES FOR SENIORS THROUGH ALBANY GUARDIAN SOCIETY

- 4/25/24 – Effectively using your iPhone 10 am – 11:30 am
- 5/7/24 – Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST):
The How & the Why 10 am – 11:30 am
- 6/5/24 – Basic Computer Skills 1:30 pm – 3 pm
- 6/24/24 – Emergency Preparedness for Pets 1:30 pm – 3 pm

There are many more zoom classes available for seniors!

Please visit the below website for more information and to join these classes for FREE!

Questions: (518) 434-2140 Website: albanyguardiansociety.org/classes/

Health Insurance Information and Counseling (HIICAP)

Through seminars, one-on-one counseling sessions, and the Information & Assistance Line; the Department's HIICAP program provides unbiased information, education, and counseling regarding Medicare (including Part D), New York State EPIC, Long Term Care insurance, and other insurance issues. Trained HIICAP staff and volunteers can help you:

- Compare private insurance plans that will best fit your needs
- Find ways to help you afford coverage and to fill Medicare's gaps
- Understand what the 1% per month penalty for late enrollment means for you
- Solve issues and problems with your current plan

If you would like to access a one-on-one counseling session, contact (518) 447-7177.

Looking for Housing?

Housing options for Senior Adult Housing and care facilities in Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties, can be found by visiting:

albanyguardiansociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2020_housing-directory.pdf.

You can also search statewide for senior and disabled housing by visiting: hcr.ny.gov

If you are a senior who does not need 24-hour skilled nursing and want to remain in your home, and are looking for alternatives to a Nursing Home in Albany County, visit:

albanycounty.com/departments/aging/alternatives-to-a-nursing-home

Legal Counseling and Assistance

The program is staffed by the **Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Inc.** The attorney provides advice and representation and/or referrals as appropriate to Albany County seniors age 60+. The attorney may assist on a variety of legal topics including: Social Security, SSI, Pensions, Medicare, Nursing or Adult Home Issues, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Utilities/HEAP, Tenants Issues, Home Repair & Consumer Fraud, Grandparents' Rights, Financial Abuse, and Elder Abuse.

Group presentations are given at Albany County senior centers and congregate sites; topics include: wills, powers of attorney, health care proxies, and estate matters. (The attorney does not provide direct representation on these issues.)

Appointments

The attorney makes monthly visits to senior and community centers. Call the site for an appointment. **Town of Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services**, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, (518) 439-4955

- **Cohoes Senior Citizens Multi-Service Center**, 10 Cayuga Plaza, Cohoes, (518) 235-2420
- **Town of Colonie Senior Resources Department**, 12 Metro Park Road, Suite 103, Colonie, (518) 459-5051
- **Town of Guilderland Senior Citizens Services**, Guilderland Town Hall, Rt. 20, Guilderland (518) 356-1980
- **Senior Services of Albany**, Westview Center, 680 Central Ave. Albany, (518) 482-2120
- **Senior Projects of Ravena**, 9 Bruno Ave. Ravena, (518) 756-8593
- **Whitney Young Jr. Health Center**, Lark & Arbor Dr. Albany, (518) 465-4771, ext. 4496

Telephone Intake

The telephone intake slots are limited and are first-come first-serve; call **(518) 462-6765 or 1(800) 462-2922**.

The best times to reach intake staff are between 11:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. (Those who are not homebound are encouraged to sign up at one of the community sites.)

All Albany County seniors are encouraged to take advantage of this program, especially those who: are victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation; or physically isolated; proposed for or under guardianship; reside in nursing or adult homes or assisted living; have chronic health problems; or problems accessing health care; homeless or threatened with homelessness; live on a subsistence income; or limited English proficiency; are proposed for or under guardianship.

2024 Lunch & Learn Series
Presented by
The Town of Westerlo and Hilltowns Community Resource Center

Thursdays ~ 11:30 am
Westerlo Town Hall
933 County Route 401, Westerlo

April 25th - Organizing, DeCluttering & Downsizing
May 16th - Gardening Basics 101
June 20th - Easy Low Calorie Recipes
July 18th, Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning
August 15th - Veteran Suicide Prevention
September 19th - To Be Determined
October 24th Navigating Medicare Enrollment

Complimentary lunch served following the program.

RSVP's REQUIRED
RSVP's will be required this year to adequately plan for the quantity of food needed. Watch individual flyers for details.
Marybeth - Call - 518-966-7380 or
Email - Marybeth@CCAlbany.org

Westerlo Baptist Church

618 SR 143, Westerlo, NY 12193

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sundays – 10:30 am
(through June 2nd)

Fellowship

following the morning worship service
10:45 am – 11:10 am
Everyone is invited for coffee & fellowship
Location: Gymnasium

Sunday School

9:20 am – 10:20 am
(through June 2nd)

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

Senior Lunches

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month
11 am snacks, 12 noon lunch
For those 60+ (All year round!)

Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays – 7 pm – 8 pm
Location: Sanctuary

Co-Ed Adult Volleyball

Thursdays – 7 pm – 9 pm

Pursuit Youth Group

(grades 6 – 12)
Fridays – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Ladies Bible Studies

Wednesdays 1 pm – 2:30 pm
Location: Room #'s 9 – 11

Men's Bible Studies

Saturday's 9 am – 9 am except the 1st Saturday of the month until 1st of June, then during the summer every Saturday. We are studying what the Bible says about end-times events.

Vacation Bible School

August 18th – 22nd 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
for kindergarden-12th grade

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*



Westerlo Reformed Church's

Barbecue Delight's Chicken & Rib Dinner



3:30 pm until sold out!

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th
564 SR 143, Westerlo

Chicken dinners \$15
Rib dinners \$16



South Westerlo Congregational Christian Church

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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 will resume in March. Until then, 9 am mass will be held at the Shrine in East Durham.

Visit sholk.weebly.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!

Newsletter Information

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

June 1, 2024

For July 2024 Newsletter

September 1, 2024

For October 2024 Newsletter

December 1, 2024

For January 2025 Newsletter

March 1, 2025

For April 2025 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 – Joshua Ostrander

Email: JOstrander@NYcourts.gov

Court Clerk – Jaimee Motschmann

Email: Jmotschmann@NYcourts.gov%20

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

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Town of Westerlo Government News
Westerlo Hwy Dept
Westerlo Public Library
Westerlo Heritage Museum
Westerlo Farmers Market
Westerlo Hometown Heroes
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

www.townofwesterlony.com



**933 County Route 401
Westerlo, NY 12193
Phone: (518) 797-3111**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2024

April

- 16th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 17th – Veteran Services w/ coffee & pastries @ Town Hall 9 am – 11:30 am
- 18th – Westerlo Reformed Church's Chicken & Rib BBQ 3:30 pm until sold out
- 22nd – Earth Day Seed Starting @ Library – 6 pm – 7 pm
- 23rd – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 25th – Senior Lunch and Learn @ Town Hall – 11:30 am
- 27th – TWFD Breakfast 8 am – 11 am @ Woodman's Hall
- 29th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm

May

- 7th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 4th – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 5th – Museum's Brunch for Mothers 11am – 1 pm
- 8th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 8th – Book Club @ Library – 4:30 pm
- 9th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 11th – Mother's Day Bake Sale @ Library 9 am – 2 pm
- 14th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 14th – Burn Ban ends
- 15th – Veteran Services w/ coffee & pastries @ Town Hall 9 am – 11:30 am
- 16th – Senior Lunch and Learn @ Town Hall – 11:30 am
- 18th – Disaster Preparedness with New York Air National Guard @ Library – 10:30 am
- 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
- 29th – Grievance Day 4 pm -8 pm

June

- 1st – Park Cleanup day – 9 am – 3 pm
- 1st – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 4th – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 6th – Farmers Market @ Vet. Memorial Park 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 8th – Museum Town Wide Garage Sale 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- 8th – Library Book Sale

Reminder: Senior Lunch and Learn!

The next lunch is on April 25th at 11:30 am.
Please RSVP.

For more information, see flyer on page 27 of this newsletter or call Marybeth at (518) 966-7380

June Continued

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- 18th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
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- 20th – Farmers Market @ Vet. Memorial Park 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 20th – Senior Lunch and Learn @ Town Hall – 11:30 am
- 24th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm
- 25th – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 27th – Farmers Market @ Vet. Memorial Park 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

July

- 2nd – Town Board Workshop Mtg 6 pm
- 4th – Farmers Market Cancelled
- 6th – Westerlo Museum open 9 am – 11 am
- 9th – Planning Board Mtg 7 pm
- 10th – Library Trustee Mtg 7 pm @ Hannay Community Room
- 10th – Book Club @ Library – 4:30 pm
- 11th – Museum Board Mtg 6 pm
- 11th – Farmers Market @ Vet. Memorial Park 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 15th – Historical Society Mtg 7 pm @ Westerlo Reformed Church
- 16th – Town Board Mtg 6 pm
- 17th – Veteran Services w/ coffee & pastries @ Town Hall 9 am – 11:30 am
- 18th – Farmers Market @ Vet. Memorial Park 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 18th – Senior Lunch and Learn @ Town Hall – 11:30 am
- 22nd – LLRC Mtg 6 pm & BRC Mtg 7 pm
- 23rd – Hometown Heroes Mtg 6 pm
- 25th – Farmers Market @ Vet. Memorial Park 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- 29th – ZBA Mtg 7 pm

New Business in Town!

Welcome Hometown Deli!
Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner
7 days a week from 5 am – 9 pm!

Get your food, gas, and lottery tickets on your way to or from work.
Stop by and support this much needed new local business!

585 SR 143, Westerlo
(518) 797-3025





Town of Westerlo Heritage Museum's 17th

(Dormansville, Westerlo, South Westerlo)

Garage Sale
Saturday, June 8, 2024
8:00 AM- 3:00 PM



If you would like to be part of the Town of Westerlo Museum's 17th Town Wide Garage Sale, now is the time to sign up! Garage/Yard sales will be held on your own property/location for this event. Space will also be available at the Westerlo Town Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registration forms should be received or postmarked no later than May 30th, 2024. The sooner the better. This allows enough time for you to receive your garage sale number represented on the map and instructions for the day of the sale.

Your garage sale number will be emailed to you a day or two before the event.

Refreshments, Bake Sale and Sale of Maps will be available the day of the event at the Westerlo Town Hall 933 County Route 401 starting at 8 am.

Please feel free to contact the Town Clerk's office with any questions:

518-797-3111 option 2 or townclerk@townofwesterlony.com



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

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Address of location if different from the Mailing address:

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

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

Description of items being sold: _____