

City of Sherrill
Winter 2019 Newsletter
www.sherrillny.org



From the City Manager, Brandon M. Lovett

On behalf of the City of Sherrill employees and administration I'd like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy 2019. The progress made in the city in 2018 was remarkable. We saw the completion of the DPW garage renovation project and the construction of new parking and access to the DPW, Water and Power & Light properties. The CAC underwent some major improvements including a cosmetic face lift of the interior as well as a full renovation to the 2nd floor bathroom and bowling balcony. The Briggs & Stratton project is nearing completion and will be in full swing early in 2019. The ONX3 developer has transformed the former Oneida Limited property. His ideas are grand, and we are excited to see his vision continue to come into focus in 2019.

We are looking for 2019 summer concert series sponsors. If you are interested, please contact Sara Getman at the CAC. We will announce our 2019 concert lineup in the early spring. The fireworks weekend entertainment is confirmed, and we're looking forward to performances by Classified on Friday July 26 and Showtime on Saturday July 27.

To follow up on a successful 2018, we have our construction projects planned for 2019. Our annual road, sidewalk and curb program will focus on Ransom Ave from School Street to Betsinger Road, and Noto Drive. The City received a \$100,000 DASNY Infrastructure grant on behalf of Senator Joseph A. Griffo to start this work next summer. In addition to this funding, in 2018 the City was awarded grant funding from the Oneida County Youth Bureau for Summer Youth programming, the Arbor Day Foundation for tree plantings, the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance for a tree inventory and maintenance program, and a \$75,000 DASNY grant via Senator Griffo to fund a new plant generator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The City is anxiously awaiting news on several other grant applications we've made during the last few months. Announcements for the NYS Department of Transportation Alternatives Program should arrive soon. We also expect notifications from the NYSERDA LED Street Light grant and the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant applications in early 2019.

As we head into the New Year, our ongoing commitment to an accessible and transparent local government is a top priority. We are proud of our community-based approaches and involvement that steadily move the city forward. Feel free to contact me anytime to share your thoughts and ideas to continue to make Sherrill a great place to live.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year,

Brandon



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Police Department- Please note these numbers and use the correct one for efficient response.

Emergencies- 911

Dispatch- (315) 363-3200

Leave a message- (315) 363-6221

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Sherrill-Kenwood Fire Department News



Thank you to everyone who came to see Santa when he came to Sherrill!

Membership-The department is always looking for new members, especially junior members! If you're interested in Fire Fighting, EMS, or scene support and are 18 years of age or older for adult membership or 16 years old for junior membership, visit the fire station during our Wednesday Night Drill that starts at 6:50pm every week for information!

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives- Make sure all your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries are changed and change out detectors that are older than ten years old for new ones. These detectors provide your first notification of a fire or unsafe carbon monoxide levels in your home.

Safe Driving- Alcohol use impairs skills needed to drive a car safely. It slows reaction time and impairs judgment and coordination. Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 48 minutes. Don't drink and drive, and don't let others drink and drive.

Home Heating Safety- Make an "Adult Only Zone" and keep anything that may burn 3 or more feet away from heating elements like wood stoves, space heaters, furnaces, fireplaces etc. Turn off space heaters when leaving a room. Make sure the exhaust pipe from the furnace is clear of snow. Blocked pipes can lead to carbon monoxide buildup in the home. Never use an oven to heat your home.

Some will remember "The Storm of '94"- Remember to always dress for the weather and to always be prepared for a winter storm. Never use a generator indoors.

Assessor's News

March 1, 2019 is the deadline for filing certain property tax exemption applications with the Assessor's office. Many exemptions including the Senior Citizen's and Enhanced STAR exemptions do not automatically renew and require annual applications and proof of qualifying income.

The Senior Citizen's exemption, with far lower income limits than the Enhanced STAR exemption, is normally based on the previous year's income. You must provide proof of your previous year's income. Form SS 1099 is one of the documents, in addition to tax returns, often needed to prove your income level. Please bring in receipts for out-of-pocket unreimbursed medical and prescription expenses including dental, health insurance premium payments, eyeglasses, hearing aids and others as defined by the IRS. These are used to reduce your income.

*For Enhanced STAR the required age is 65 regardless of when you turn 65 during 2019 and 2017 income. **The State now requires all those eligible for Enhanced STAR, both new and currently enrolled homeowners, to register for Automatic Renewal.*** For more information see the brochure posted on the City's website. Applications for the Income Verification Program are available at the Assessor's office. This process cannot be used for any other income-related exemption including the Senior Citizen's exemption.

If you purchased a residence in Sherrill *prior to May 1, 2014* and have *not* previously applied for the Basic STAR exemption, you may qualify for this significant property tax exemption designed to lower your school tax bill. The residence must be your primary residence to qualify for Basic STAR. Renewal to continue the Basic Star exemption is NOT necessary. *For more information about important STAR changes visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm>

Please contact Bob Comis, Assessor for the City of Sherrill, (315) 264-6362, with questions.

Bob has set the following dates and times to process exemptions at City Hall by the March 1 deadline: January 16, 9am-12pm for Enhanced STAR; All exemptions, February 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 19, 26-28 & March 1, 9am-12pm; any changes to this schedule will be posted at www.sherrillny.org. An appointment, if more convenient, can be scheduled by contacting Bob. Property owners who are considering construction are welcome to meet with Bob to discuss the potential change to your City assessed value.

The Town of Vernon Assessor's Office, located in the Vernon Town Hall next to the elementary school, welcomes inquiries from all town property owners, residents, and taxpayers. Sherrill residents can receive some of the same services that they receive from the Sherrill Assessor's Office at the Vernon Assessor's office, including assistance relating to exemption applications. The Vernon Assessor's hours are Monday & Thursday, 9am-2pm through February. Frank Laguzza, (315) 829-2587, is the Chairman of the Town of Vernon Board of Assessors.

Sherrill Recreation News

Call or stop by the Community Activity Center, 139 East Hamilton Ave, (315) 363-6525 for more information about programs and events.



Ice Skating- The skating rink at Reilly-Mumford Park will be open as weather permits. If you see the STOP sign the ice is not fit to skate on and the rink is closed. Skating with hockey sticks and puck passing can be done when the rink is not crowded but games are not allowed when there are other skaters. All skating is at your own risk. The Rotary building will generally be open 4-8pm Monday-Friday and 2-8pm Saturdays, Sundays & when school is closed. If you have skates you'd like to donate for use at the rink contact Sara Getman (315) 363-6525.

Ongoing Activities at the Community Activity Center



Walking- weekday mornings in the gym, 8-9am.



Kids Time- Children ages 5 and younger who are supervised by an adult can enjoy indoor play in the gym weekdays, 10am-12pm. There are some toys, a small bounce house and roller coaster available to enjoy! Kids time may be cancelled occasionally due to special events. Call for updates.



Bone Builders, Mondays, 9am-Strength Training for the Older Adult, Contact Polly, (315) 853-6258, \$1.50/class.



Community Fine Arts Guild, Tuesdays, 9am-12pm

Join other artists to paint, share ideas, and for critique. Check out their work displayed upstairs!

Office for Aging and Continuing Care

Oneida County Office for the Aging, first Wednesday of the month, 11am-

A representative is available to provide people ages 60 and over, or those with disabilities, with services. Call (315) 768-3623 for details.



Craft & Chat, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays, 11am-2pm- Join this group to create any craft.



Dog Socialization, Thursdays, 6-7pm- These are free classes from 6-7pm for anyone who wants to bring their dog. Contact Debbie Martin, (315) 829-3454.

Birthdays, Parties and Private Events- The gym & upstairs at the CAC are available to rent for private events including baby showers, graduation parties, etc. For details visit www.sherrillny.org/recreation/cac/.



Cornhole League- Wednesdays, 6-7pm starting January 16, 8 weeks regular season play, week 9 single elimination tournament, \$40/teams of 2, must be 21 or older, Visit www.sherrillny.org for more information.



Open Bowling Hours at the CAC- Wednesdays 10am-12pm, Fridays 6-10pm, Saturdays 12-5pm, Sundays 12-5pm *Hours may change and the CAC is also open during some school vacations and holidays. Call for updates. \$3.25/game & \$1/shoes

Spring Bowling Leagues- Call for information about adult and student spring bowling leagues, April-June.



Open Gym Time at the CAC- Residents can enjoy free family open gym time Mondays & Tuesdays from 5-6pm. The gym can also be used other times it's not in use for other events for basketball etc., \$3/person/hour, kids 14 & under must be supervised.



Billiards- Tables can be used by anyone 16 or older, \$2/half-hour, Call for details about leagues.

Youth Center- Youth Center at the CAC for VVS students is open through March on Mondays & Tuesdays from 6-9pm for students in grades 4-6 and Fridays & Saturdays from 6:30-10pm for students in grades 7-12.



February Break Activities & Additional Open Bowling Hours- The CAC will be open for bowling Monday-Wednesday, February 18-20 12-5pm, Thursday February 21 12-4pm, Friday February 22 12-10pm, Saturday February 23 1-5pm and Sunday February 24 12-5pm. *From 12-2pm each day and 1-3pm Saturday kids 14 & under bowl free and everyone else pays \$5 for two games and shoes (limit 2 games).

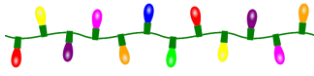


Tuesday & Wednesday February 19 & 20- Sports & Crafts, CAC Gym, 10am-12pm- for K-6th grade kids who live in Sherrill or attend McAllister school, *Registration is required. Forms will be sent home at school or available at www.sherrillny.org.



Thursday & Friday February 21 & 22- Free Family Open Gym Time, 9am-12pm- Come use the gym! Kids 14 & under must be supervised.

Congratulations to the Holiday Light Contest Winners!



Thank you to everyone who shared the holiday spirit by participating in our holiday light contest!

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Egan Family, 324 Betsinger Road

Smith Family, 153 Cottage Place

King Family, 139 Park Terrace

Waterman's Martial Arts at the CAC



Waterman's Martial Arts offers classes, workshops and private instruction at the Sherrill CAC and in Hamilton. Instruction focuses on developing self-discipline, confidence, and fitness. Heath Waterman has over twenty years of experience predominantly in Shotokan Karate, but also in Capoeira, small circle Jujitsu and self-defense, and he continues to increase his knowledge. All programs can be adapted for all age groups and individual abilities. Classes are held year-round and new students are always welcome. There will be some additional offerings at the CAC in 2019! Visit <https://www.wmacny.com/> for information.

AYSO Soccer



On-line registration is open for the spring 2019 season which begins in late April and runs through June with games Sunday afternoons. Players born January 1, 2005-April 28, 2015 are eligible to participate. Early registration through February 9 is \$42.50 for players that played in the Fall 2018 season and \$60 for all others. The fee will increase \$10 after February 9. Visit www.840ayso.org to register. Coach and referee training will be provided in April. If you're interested in coaching or refereeing or have questions, please contact Jim Ripper at rc@840ayso.org or visit www.facebook.com/oneida840ayso.

VVS Little League



Online registration starts in January. Visit [facebook.com/vvslittleleague](https://www.facebook.com/vvslittleleague) for updates.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming spring events!

Visit www.sherrillny.org for details.

CAC Bowling Tournament- March 21-23

Spring Craft Show- April 6, 9am-3pm

Easter Egg Hunt- April 19, 10am

Arbor Day- April 26, time TBA

VVS Education Foundation Sale- April 27, 9am-1pm

Garden Club Plant Sale- May 18

Summer Employment

If you're interested in working for the Summer Playground Program, Swimming Pool or at the Department of Public Works please stop by City Hall to fill out an application or download one from www.sherrillny.org/employment.

Oneida Community Mansion House News



Visit this winter for self-guided tours Monday through Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 12-5pm. To schedule a guided tour and for information about facility rental, overnight lodging, trails and the gift shop, please call (315) 363-0745. Members and overnight guests are welcome to enjoy use of the Community Library and Lounge anytime during business hours. Please consult the website, www.oneidacommunity.org, for upcoming programs, special tours and events.

Also look for some new Sherrill history displays coming soon at the CAC! The City of Sherrill worked with the Oneida Community Mansion House to develop some panels with photographs and information about Sherrill history that will be displayed at the CAC.





Sherrill-Kenwood Library News

Please visit www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org or our Facebook page or call (315) 363-5980 for more information about services, programs and events.

New Hours

Monday-Thursday 11am-7pm

Friday 11am-6pm

Saturday 10am-2pm, Memorial-Labor Day
The library is closed Sundays and legal holidays. Please check the website or Facebook page for any additional closings. Weather closings are also announced on channels 2,9 & 10.



Toddler Tuesdays, 11-11:45am- Join us for stories, songs, crafts, wiggles and giggles.

Story Times & Crafts, Saturdays at 11am-

January 19- Snow Stories, February 2- Valentine's Day, March 9- Build your own leprechaun trap!



Mahjong- A group plays Wednesdays at 1:30pm. All are welcome to join!



Monday Movie Matinees- 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 1:30pm- check at the library for upcoming titles.

Art classes are offered at the library by Judy Bond, Laura Diddle and Linda Evans. Space is available in Judy Bond's oil painting class Fridays at 11am and in Laura Diddle's 8-week, Thursday evening class starting January 31 at 6:30pm. Call the library for details or to sign up.



Great American Baking Show- Star baker and Sherrill resident Andrea Maranville will share her experience Wednesday January 23 at 6pm.



Toxin Free Homes- Learn more Saturday January 26 at 10:30am with Kaylee Sierson.



Friends of the Library- The friends group is very active, and the library is grateful for their support! Meetings will be held Thursdays January 24, March 28 & May 23. Please check the website for times. All are welcome.

Library Board of Trustees- The board meets Tuesdays at 5:15 on January 15, February 19 and March 19.

Upcoming Book Discussions, Wednesdays at 4:30pm-

February 6- The River King by Alice Hoffman, April 3- The House Girl by Tara Conklin

Book Folding, Saturday February 9, 10am- Cathi Brewer will host a workshop. Preregistration is required. Space is limited to 15 people. A nominal fee will be charged.

Our **Community Art Wall** will feature work by artists from Holy Cross Academy in January, Mary Thompson's Homeschool Art classes in February, VVS Schools in March and Stockbridge Valley Schools in April. Please contact us if you'd like to share your talent with us.

February Break Winter Recess Activities



Tuesday February 19- Join us for mason jar crafts for kids & teens 11:30am-12:30pm & 3-4pm. Preregistration required.

Wednesday February 20- Messy Art Mania! at 1pm

Thursday February 21- 3rd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover at 6pm



Friday February 22- Lego Day 11am-6pm

Tales from the Dry Docks: Mules, Boats & Blacksmiths-

Saturday March 2, 11am- by Mike Allen, Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum's resident blacksmith

Foster Care- Fostering Futures will share information about foster care and the various ways you can help Wednesday March 13 from 1-4pm.

Spring Trout & Strawberry Pancakes, Tuesday March 26

at 6:30pm- Jay O'Hern, outdoor and Adirondack author, will present his tale.

Memorial Quilt Raffle- A raffle in memory of Linda Adams will be held in April.



Pysanky Ukrainian Egg Decorating, Saturday

March 30 at 10am- Space is limited, preregistration is required. There is a \$25 fee.



Fancy Nancy Tea Party, Saturday April 6, 11am-

Preregistration required.



"Spring" for Books Thursday May 16-

Mark your calendar for our 4th annual event! Help us add 100 books to our collection and enjoy fun activities and great food!



ONLY 50 SEATS AVAILABLE!

Painting design will be released right after Christmas!

Saturday, January 26th at 5:30pm

\$40 per person

Upstairs at the CAC in Sherrill

139 E Hamilton Ave, Sherrill, NY 13461

Includes: appetizers and ALL supplies to create your 16"x20" masterpiece!

Purse BINGO, Saturday February 9 at the CAC

Enjoy a fun night out with a chance to win a designer purse! Doors open at 3pm, BINGO starts at 5pm! Extra cards, games, basket raffles, 50/50, food and beverages will be available. Tickets- \$30

Proceeds from both events will benefit the Sherrill Silversmiths. Register by calling or texting Alycia Colclough (315) 264-2868. Payment is required to register and will be accepted via PayPal, check or cash.

Sherrill Silversmiths Housing



The Silversmiths are Sherrill's collegiate baseball team. Players come to Sherrill from colleges all over the United States for 7 weeks in June and July. The team plays almost every day and home games are at Noyes Park. Players need host homes where they can sleep, shower and do laundry. They provide their own food. The players play a lot of baseball so they basically come home to sleep. Hosts are given a small stipend to help with expenses. "As empty nesters we were happy to share our home and family with a Silversmith. It was a positive experience for us, our children and grandchildren. It's a good way to give back to the community." -Diane Crumb "I have been involved with the Silversmiths for many years. They are a great group of guys that love baseball and when they get here they love Sherrill. Visit [facebook.com/smitiesbaseball](https://www.facebook.com/smitiesbaseball) for more information. I hope you will help make Sherrill a welcoming place for players."-Vicki Andrews Please email Vicki with questions, vandrews@marykay.com

Plymouth Alliance Church News



Every Sunday- Sunday School Classes for ages 2-adult-9:15am, Worship Service- 10:30am, Youth Group- 6-8:30pm at the youth building, 102 Cramer Ave, Oneida
Wacky Wednesdays- January 16, February 27, March 20 & April 24, 6-7:45pm- Free dinner for elementary school kids & families followed by gym time at E.A. McAllister.
Messianic Jewish Speaker- Sunday, April 7 @ 10:30am

Sherrill Garden Club News



The garden club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Sherrill-Kenwood Library at 7pm. Meetings begin with a presentation followed by refreshments and a business meeting. Members of the community are always welcome to attend meetings and learn from speakers. The club will begin the new year on January 8 with a meeting on the State of the SGC! The club will review the committees and activities of the club and discuss topics of programs for the coming year. Meeting hostesses are Bernadette VanValkenburg and Mary Bailey. On February 5, Daryk Macrina will present a program, "All About Bluebirds." Until recently, Eastern Bluebirds (*Sialia sialis*) were fairly uncommon, mainly due to loss of habitat and competition for nesting sites from introduced species like starlings and house sparrows. However, bluebirds are coming back. They are fascinating, beautiful birds. Daryk, a Sherrill resident, will explain how we can help increase their numbers. Hostesses are Eleanor Cmaylo and Shirley Kristan. On March 5, Bernadette VanValkenburg will share her experiences "Hiking the Appalachian and Other Trails." The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a marked hiking trail in the Eastern United States extending between Springer Mountain in Georgia and Mount Katahdin in Maine. The trail is estimated around 2,200 miles long, though the exact length changes over time as parts are modified or rerouted. More than 2 million people are said to take a hike on part of the trail at least once each year. Bernadette will share her experiences hiking in Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and in the Great Smoky National Park in Tennessee. She will also discuss hiking skills necessary for a safe, memorable experience. Hostesses for the meeting are Barbara Reese and Cheryl Daily.

News from the Department of Public Works



Upcoming Garbage Pick-Up Date Change

<u>Normal Pick-up Date</u>	<u>New Pick-up Date</u>
02/18 (Monday)	02/19 (Tuesday)

Winter Garbage Pick-up Reminders- Please do not place garbage cans or recyclables in the sidewalk because it interferes with sidewalk clearing. Please place containers at the edge of your driveway between the sidewalk and road. Also, please cover garbage and recyclable cans. Rainwater & snow significantly increase the weight to unsafe handling limits for the sanitation crew.

Christmas Trees- The DPW will pick up trees as weather permits or they can be dropped off anytime, at no charge at the green waste location at the DPW barn.

Transfer Station- The Transfer Station is open on Saturdays, 8am-1pm until spring. Disposal coupons must be purchased at City Hall prior to dropping off items. Visit www.sherrillny.org/departments/publicworks/ or contact City Hall for information.

Wood Ashes- At the end of Fairway Lane, there is an area for dropping off properly extinguished wood ashes.

Snow Reminder

Article 1219 of New York State VTL prohibits plowing, shoveling or blowing snow into a street or highway. This includes plowing the snow across a roadway to areas across from your driveway. Fines for a first offense include up to a \$150 fine and/or 15 days in jail plus applicable surcharges.

Vehicle/Trailer Ordinance Reminder

The storage, whether permanent or seasonal, of all motor vehicles, trailers, campers, motor homes, boats, crafts, vessels and recreational vehicles/ATVs shall only be permitted in the side yard, no more than 5 feet further than the front of the house, and in the rear yard and shall be limited to two in number. They must also be a minimum of 5 feet away from any property boundary line.

Police Department News and Reminders



Thank you to everyone who was part of Christmas with a Cop. We are grateful for the generosity of the community and to be able to help spread holiday cheer.

-Please let the police know if you are going on vacation so you can be added to their premises check list.

-There is no overnight parking on city streets, November 1-April 30, 2-7am.

-Studded tires are permitted October 15-May 1.

-Be aware of scams. Do not give out information or send money unless you can verify the request.

-Please license your dogs, honor our leash laws and pick up after your dogs.

-Please be aware of pedestrians. Pedestrians are encouraged to wear reflective clothing and use reflective gear for pets after dark.

Notes and News from "The Hall"



-City Commission meetings are held at City Hall in the City Court room on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 7pm. The schedule may fluctuate due to holidays and during June, July and August. Contact City Hall or check the city website for the updated schedule.

-City Planning Board meetings are held at City Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

-The Sherrill Power & Light Utility Board meets on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 3:30pm at City Hall.

-The Sherrill-Kenwood Water District's Board meets at City Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00am.

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Seemed like winter would never end.