



City of Sherrill Winter 2020 Newsletter

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From the City Manager, Brandon M. Lovett

The City employees and administration hope your holidays were filled with fun and laughter and we wish you the best for a prosperous new year. 2019 was another exceptional year for the Silver City. Some of the biggest highlights came from local companies who call Sherrill home. In September, Briggs & Stratton held a ribbon cutting at its new complex at the former Oneida Ltd property. Representatives from across the country were present to witness this amazing transformation and new beginnings. Briggs has over 500 employees in Sherrill and is continuing to grow. In December, Sherrill Manufacturing learned that the SPOONS Act (Support Procurement of Our Nation's Stainless-Steel) will be sent to the President to sign into law. The act will require the military to buy its flatware from Sherrill Manufacturing, the only domestic supplier. The act includes flatware in the items the Defense Department must buy American-made versions of. 2019 was a huge year for federal and state funding for the City. We were awarded \$717,600 via the NYSDOT Transportation Alternatives Program for the Rt. 5 corridor project. This 2-year planning and construction program will connect Sherrill and Betsinger Roads and allow for better accessibility while enhancing drainage, lighting and amenities. The Wastewater Treatment plant will see an influx of funding to update the 40-year-old plant. Senator Joseph A. Griffo (R-47) secured a \$75,000 DASNY grant to replace the plant generator. The City was also awarded \$1.75 million thus far towards the \$7 million plant upgrade.

The Commission unanimously approved the purchase of a new fire truck for the Sherrill-Kenwood Fire Dept. In 2017 the department expressed concerns about their fire apparatus, specifically the pump, rear end and electronics of Engine 2, a 1991 General Spartan Pumper. City leadership strategically budgeted \$50,000/year over the past three years to create a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to reduce the financial burden to purchase a new truck and will bond for the balance of the truck. The new 2020 Pumper and the 2005 American LaFrance Aerial will make up the first line of trucks, and Engine 1, that the SKFD is purchasing from the city for \$1.00, will make for a good spare truck. The new truck should arrive in December 2020 and will be outfitted and then put into service for training and use.

On behalf of the City I'd like to extend our sincere gratitude to Commissioner Jason Merrill who completed his term on December 31 after serving for over 13 years. Jason did not run for re-election. We'd like to welcome David Hyle, who was sworn in on January 1, to the City Commission. As we do each year, we encourage citizens to get involved. Active participation in local government ideally leads to more civic engagement, and organic ideas and suggestions help to keep the City moving in a positive direction. Feel free to contact me anytime.

All the best, Brandon

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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!

Thank you to Chief Rob Healy for your 7 years of service as Chief. You have been a great leader and friend to everyone at the SKVFD. Thank you for your dedicated service to our city and surrounding communities. We also thank your family for supporting your commitment and the sacrifices you made. We wish you the best as you pass on the torch. Fire Department leaders for 2020 will be: Chief Andy Bennett, 1st Assistant Rob Healy, 2nd Assistant Dan Davis, 3rd Assistant Josh Mennig

Membership- We're always looking for members, especially junior members! If you're interested in firefighting, EMS, or scene support and are 18 years or older for adult membership, or 16 years for junior, visit the station during weekly Wednesday night drill at 6:50pm.

Fire Hydrants- Please keep the hydrants near your house clear of snow. This could save firefighters precious minutes if a structure fire should occur and the house you save could be your own.

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 help spread holiday cheer.

-Please let the police know if you will be away 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.

Assessor's News

March 2, 2020 is the deadline for filing certain property tax exemption applications with the Assessor's office. The Senior Citizen's STAR exemption does not automatically renew and requires an annual application and proof of qualifying income. The Senior Citizen's 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. 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.

Enhanced STAR is now automatically renewed by the state from the previous year. Notification about issues qualifying for this exemption will be sent directly to you by the state. For new applicants, the required age is 65 regardless of when you turn 65 during 2020 and 2018 income.

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 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 information about STAR changes visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm> Please contact Duane Munger, Assessor for the City of Sherrill, (315) 761-9009, with questions.

Duane has set the following dates and times to process exemptions at City Hall by the March 2 deadline: January 15, 9am-12pm for new Enhanced STAR applications; All exemptions, February 3, 5, 10, 24-28 & March 2, 9am-12pm; any changes to this schedule will be posted at www.sherrillny.org. An appointment can also be scheduled by contacting Duane. Property owners who are considering construction are welcome to meet with Duane 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

Ongoing Activities at the Community Activity Center, 139 East Hamilton Ave, (315) 363-6525



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 new toys to enjoy! Stop by! 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) 404-4829, \$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!



**Oneida County Office for the Aging,
second Tuesday of the month, 12pm**- A

representative is available to provide people ages 60 and over, or those with disabilities, with services. Call (315) 798-5456 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.



Open Bowling Hours- Wednesdays 10am-12pm, Fridays 6-10pm, Saturdays 1-5pm, Sundays 12-5pm *Hours may vary, and the CAC is also open during some school vacations and holidays.

CAC Bowling Tournament- March 26-28. Call to register or for more information.



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



Cornhole League- Wednesdays starting January 15, matches start at 6pm. 10 weeks,

\$60/teams of 2, must be 21 or older, Visit www.sherrillny.org/cac for more information.



Open Gym Time at the CAC- Residents can enjoy free family gym time Mondays & Tuesdays from 6-8pm through January 27. Look for more times to be scheduled soon at www.sherrillny.org. The gym can also be used other times it's not in use for other events for \$3/person/hour, kids 14 & under must be supervised.

Youth Center- Youth Center at the CAC for VVS students is open through March 26 on Mondays & Wednesdays for students in grades 4-6 from 3:30-6pm and Tuesdays & Thursdays for students in grades 7-9 from 2:45-6pm. *Please note there is no youth center when there is a half day of school or no school due to holidays, vacations or weather due to other activities scheduled at the CAC.



February Break Bowling Hours & Activities

The CAC will offer open bowling Monday-Wednesday, February 17-19 12-5pm, Thursday February 20 12-4pm & Friday February 21 12-10pm. *From 12-2pm kids in grades 8 & under bowl free. Everyone else pays \$5/2 games & shoes- limit 2 games.



Tuesday & Wednesday February 18 & 19- Sports & Crafts, CAC Gym, 10am-12pm- for kids in K-6th grades who live in Sherrill or attend McAllister school, *Registration is required, please download a form at www.sherrillny.org/cac.



Thursday & Friday February 20 & 21- Free Family Open Gym Time, 12-3pm- Come use the gym! Kids 14 & under must be supervised.

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/.

AYSO Spring Registration

American Youth Soccer Organization registration for the Oneida region (Oneida, VVS & Stockbridge) is open! Visit www.840ayso.org to sign up. Spring 2020 AYSO is open to children born between 2006-2017 and will include: Playground (3U, born in 2017), Schoolyard (4U/5U, born in 2016 or 2015), 6U (born in 2014), 8U (born in 2013 or 2012), 10U (born in 2011 or 2010), 12U (born in 2009 or 2008, and 14U (born in 2007 or 2006). There is a discount if you register before February 9 and for more than two players per family that is applied automatically. The Spring season is 8 weeks long, April 26-June 21. There are no games Memorial Day weekend. Playground, Schoolyard, and 6U do not have weekday practices and all games are scheduled for Sunday afternoons. AYSO is an all-volunteer organization. Please sign up to volunteer as a Coach, Assistant Coach, Referee, or become a Board Member! Please contact the Oneida Regional Commissioner, Jim Ripper, rc@840ayso.org for more information.

Adults Mindfulness Workshops & Kids Wellness Activities at the CAC



The City applied for and was awarded a Community Health Award from Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield to implement mindfulness workshops & wellness activities. The funding will be used for programming and to purchase additional active play equipment. The first programming offerings will be free workshops for anyone 15 or older, led by local resident and teacher Kristin Sullivan. Parents are welcome to bring their kids- free supervision will be offered. Kids will participate in fun games and activities in the gym during the workshop. Please contact Sara Getman, (315) 363-6525 or sgetman@sherrillny.org to sign up.



Mindfulness Workshop, Tuesday January 28, 5:30-7pm-

Learn how to practice, share and cultivate mindfulness in your life. Discover how and why mindfulness practices can lead to enhanced relationships and interactions.

Experience the positive effects that mindfulness strategies can offer for parents and kids, seniors, and for individuals.

Family Mindfulness Workshop, Tuesday February 4, 5:30-7pm- Dive deeper into mindfulness and its benefits. Explore ways to build mindfulness into your day and your family's day without feeling as though "it's just one more thing!" Get ready to get your hands dirty- this one is a make and take of all things mindful.

Art Classes with Jen Krawiec, Upstairs at the CAC



Preregistration & payment required for both classes. Please contact Sara Getman, sgetman@sherrillny.org or (315) 363-6525 to register and provide your name, phone number and email address. Jen will then contact you directly for payment and to confirm participation.



Alcohol Inks Art Tiles, February 3 at 6pm- Alcohol inks can create fascinating designs when applied to surfaces! This class is for adults and students 15 years old and up. The class will paint four tile coasters. Cost is \$35/person.

Kids Winter Night Paint Night with Jen Krawiec, February 17 at 5:30pm, Upstairs at the CAC- Kids and adults are invited to paint a winter scene! The class is for kids and adults 5 years old and up. Cost is \$13/person.

KEYS Program Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve Day February 28!



Winter is an especially difficult and isolating month for KEYS kids. It is flu season and because of their compromised immunity, many are unable to have visitors. Each year on February 28 we "wear our hearts on our sleeve" to let them know they are not alone, that we are thinking about them and sending our "hearts" and love out to them. We would LOVE for YOU, your class, your studio, your business, your church or your group to participate and create smiles with us! Heart stickers are \$2.50 each and go on sale February 1. Hearts can be purchased on-line at www.keysprogram.org, at PR Plus Small Engine, 308 Sherrill Road, Sherrill or from a volunteer.

2019 Holiday Light Contest!



Thank you to everyone who participated! Congratulations to this year's winners!

Jamie & Patti Artessa
528 Betsinger Road

The Bleaking Family
205 West Hamilton Ave

Doug Zupan, 315 Leonard Street

Sherrill American Legion Post 230 Upcoming Events

Super Bowl Sub Sale- Sunday
February 2, order ahead!

Fish Fry- Every Friday February 21-
April 10 and Ash Wednesday
February 26 from 5-7pm



Dr. Kurt A. Gormley

and the staff would like to
WELCOME

Dr. Tyler J. Maxwell

to
SHERRILL DENTAL ARTS

He is now accepting
new patients.



Office Hours By Appointment

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sherrilldentalarts.com

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.



- Announcements about closing due to weather will be put on Facebook, the website, and channels 2, 9, & 10.
- Faxing & copying services are available, ask at the desk!
- Computers are available to complete the 2020 Census.
- The library will have Federal & NYS tax forms.
- Can't make it to the library? Our electronic resources are available 24/7. Enjoy e-books, e-audios, movies & music with your library card.



In compliance with NYS regulations we are developing a long-term plan for the library and would like your input. Contact the library or look for information coming soon.



Our building is turning 50 in 2020! With the assistance of a grant from Senator Griffo & NYS we will make needed renovations including replacing the roof, rain gutters, drinking fountain, windows, upgrading our restrooms to meet code, adding insulation, renovating our children's room and installing LED lighting throughout the building.



Snowshoes- We have six sets of snowshoes and poles (four adult/two child sized) that may circulate for a week loan with your library card. Have fun and keep fit this winter! There will be a snowshoe demonstration with Leo Maloney January 11 at 11am, Snow date January 18.

The **Community Art Wall** will feature artist Joan Wilbur in January, VVS Senior Abbygail Coston & the fairy rock gardens of Mary Tiffin in February, work by students from VVS schools in March and work by students from Stockbridge Valley Schools in April.



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

Mahjong Wednesdays, 1:15-3:30pm- All are welcome!

On February 12 at 4pm the **Book Discussion** group will discuss The Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundhati Roy. On April 4 at 4pm the group will discuss The Little Paris Book Shop by Nina George. All are welcome!



Book Folding- with Cathie Brewer, February 8, 12-1pm. Preregistration & a \$3 fee required.

Art Classes- Watercolor classes with Linda Evans will be offered Tuesdays from 1-4pm, January 7-February 11 & March 3-April 28. Watercolor classes with Laura Diddle will be offered Thursdays at 6:30pm February 6-March 26. Oil painting classes with Judy Bond will be offered Fridays at 11am. Please contact the library to preregister and for information about fees, etc.



-Children's Art Tuesday February 18 at 1pm- led by VVS Senior Abbygail Coston, for students in grades 3-6, preregistration required

-Children's Art Thursday February 20, 1-3pm-

led by Mary Thompson, must preregister

-Cocoa & Card Games- Friday February 21, 1-4pm- Join us to play Uno, Old Maid and more & enjoy hot cocoa!



Pysanky Ukrainian Egg Decorating- with Linda Evans, Saturday March 7, 10am-2pm- Preregistration and a \$25 fee are required.

"Everything Green/Think Spring!" Friday March 13 at 1pm (½ day of school)- Join us for stories and crafts.

National Crossword Puzzle Tournament Day- Friday March 20 (no school), 1-4pm- Join us to complete crosswords! All are welcome.

March Madness Acrylic Pour Painting with Delynn Orton- Saturdays March 14 & 21 11am-1pm- Create 3 pieces showing your school pride. Both classes are needed to complete projects. Preregistration and \$65 fee required.

Teddy Bear Workshop- April 7 at 12pm- Build your own stuffed animal with a storybook connection. Preregistration and a \$5 fee required.



Mark your calendar for our **5th Annual "Spring" for Books** event to be held Thursday May 28! Look for more details coming soon.

Notes and News from "The Hall"



-City Commission meetings take place in the City Courtroom on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7pm. The schedule may fluctuate during June, July and August. Contact City Hall or visit www.sherrillny.org for the updated schedule.

-The 2020 City budget was passed at the December 9th meeting. There was no tax increase as it remained at \$7.50 per \$1,000 assessed value. For a \$100,000 home that equates to \$750. The city continues to work to provide the best services possible for residents through programs, a quality workforce and reliable up-to-date equipment. The city will be purchasing a new pumper fire truck in 2020 and selling the two oldest trucks (1991 Spartan Pumper and 1998 Pierce). Currently the Sherrill-Kenwood Fire Board is planning to purchase the 1998 Pierce for \$1 from the city and maintain it at their own expense. The City is continuing to look at garbage collection and cost saving measures and alternatives and will throughout 2020. At this point there are no plans to eliminate the garbage collection expenditures from the annual city budget for residents.

-The customer billing charge for water and sewer rates will increase to \$20 per billing. This is a \$18 annual increase for each utility. Additionally, the water rate will see a 5% increase up to \$3.68/100 cu. ft. This keeps the residential rate slightly above the City of Oneida, who we are contractually obligated not to sell at a lower rate than. The City of Oneida has increased its water rates to the Sherrill-Kenwood Water District by 7%.

-The city continues to see an increased in utilization of the online bill pay through the various choices offered; credit card, debit card, EFT payments, and pay by phone or text for utility billings. You can get reminder alerts, schedule reoccurring payments, or get your utility bill e-mailed to you directly. Visit www.sherrillny.org and click on "Online Bill Pay" to sign up or get more details.

-City Planning Board meetings take place at City Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm.

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

-The Sherrill-Kenwood Water District Board meets at City Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8am.

News and Reminders from the Department of Public Works

Trash Cans- Please do not place trash cans on the sidewalk, especially during the winter months to allow for snow removal when needed. Cans may be placed on your driveway.

Snow Removal- The DPW works to clear the streets as efficiently and safely as possible. Please remember the no overnight parking on City streets rule 2-7am through April 30. This also includes street side parking lots near Ebenezer's, NBT Bank, the Sherrill Pizzeria and on Betsinger Road by the soccer field. Please also remember to give plow and salt crews adequate room to perform their snow removal duties and stay back a minimum of 50 feet. Also please do not plow snow across or into streets.

2020 Refuse Collection- Information about set out requirements, schedule changes and more was mailed to residents. Please visit www.sherrillny.org/public-works/ for more information. Please remember to set refuse out after 6pm the evening before pickup or by 7am on the morning of pickup. Please contact Jeff Baker, (315) 363-0370 with any questions.



Ice Skating

The 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 for bathrooms, to borrow skates and to stop in for hot chocolate and to warm up 4-8pm Monday-Friday and 2-8pm Saturdays, Sundays & when school is closed. If you have skates you'd like to donate contact Sara Getman (315) 363-6525.



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.

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SMH



Sillies



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT



To her dismay, Rita realizes that she had grabbed a ride with Goober.com by mistake.