



# Summer 2020 Newsletter

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From the City Manager  
Brandon M. Lovett

As everyone has heard by now, the City of Sherrill like many other communities across the State of New York, found many of its programs, events and facilities closed or cancelled due to COVID-19 and the limitations imposed by the Governor's executive orders. In addition, the City is preparing for the fiscal impact related to COVID and is projecting a significant reduction of revenues. In late May the City of Sherrill Commission proactively made some very difficult decisions related to the 2020 Sherrill City Budget. The decision to close the pool, furlough employees and cut partial funding to community assets was not taken lightly. Thankfully many of our local businesses and individuals who donate towards our annual programs and events have asked us to keep their donations to be used towards community events and programs. The City has explored and planned some creative ways to keep the Community engaged over the summer and throughout the rest of 2020. Please follow the City's Facebook page for information about upcoming events and programs that are allowed under the phased reopening that follow New York State rules and regulations.

As of June 24, 2020, Refuse/Recycling collection (Wednesday & Friday) by City crews has been moved to 6am, which is 1 hour earlier than in the past. Residents may still place their cans out to the curb after 6pm the night before their collection day. The City will transition to third party collection in late fall. The City Commission awarded Bliss Environmental Services a 3-year collection contract in May. At this time there are no additional changes that will affect current collection. Additional information and details about the third-party collection will be available closer to the transition date.

The Sherrill Power & Light Department has successfully completed the necessary repairs to the North Main substation. This work included the replacement of broken glass insulators which were part of the 115KV ground

operated air brake switch. Damage to the insulators was discovered during the department's routine substation inspections earlier this year. While this maintenance work led to two small City-wide outages in late May and early June, the crew surpassed expectations and had the City back online well before the anticipated restore time. The Sherrill Power and Light crews' attention to detail and maintenance prevented a catastrophic failure which would have caused a significant and delayed power outage.

Fireworks have been a cause of concern lately amongst several communities including ours. Residents are reminded that fireworks, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, roman candles, spinners and aerial devices, remain illegal statewide, even though you may be able to purchase these in the state. Sparkling devices which include sparklers, snakes, poppers, and fountains are the only legal fireworks that can be used by residents.

We encourage everyone to follow the City's Facebook page for announcements and to stay up to date with what's happening. The City email list is also a great way to stay connected. If you haven't already, please visit the City website to register. If anyone has any concerns, comments or suggestions about City related business please feel free to contact me anytime at [blovett@sherrillny.org](mailto:blovett@sherrillny.org) or (315) 363-2440.

Wishing you a happy and safe Summer,

*Brandon M. Lovett*

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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

## Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department News

**Ferris Lawnmower Raffle-** The Fire Department will be raffling off a Zero Turn Ferris lawnmower and is selling tickets for \$10. Please contact Ray Krupski (315) 723-2685 if you'd like to purchase one.

**Chicken BBQ July 25-** The Fire Department is having their annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday July 25. It will be a drive through pick up starting at 12pm. More details will be posted on the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page.

**Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department Golf Tournament July 19-** All are invited to support the department at their annual golf tournament which was postponed to July 19. The department is excited to hold the event at the Oneida Community Golf Club this year! Donations will support the Fire Department's capital and scholarship funds. Registration & sponsorship forms can be downloaded at <https://sherrillny.org/departments/fire>

**Membership-** The department is 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.

### Police Department Reminders

-Residents are reminded that most fireworks are illegal in NYS. Sparkling devices which include sparklers, snakes, poppers, and fountains are available to purchase in many counties across the state. It's only the second year these kinds have been legal. However, *all other types of consumer fireworks, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, roman candles, spinners and aerial devices, remain illegal statewide.*

-Quiet hours are 10pm-7am.

-Residents who are going away can schedule a security check with the department.

-Please be aware of scams. Do not give out information unless you can verify the request.

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

-Always keep car doors locked, especially at night.

-Please be aware of pedestrians and bicycles. Pedestrians are encouraged to wear reflective clothing and use reflective gear for pets after dark. At night bikes must have lights.

-Children under 14 are required to wear a helmet when biking or rollerblading.



**Recreation News-** Thank you to the Memorial Day Sidewalk Chalk, Photo Scavenger Hunt, Ladybug Release and Sunflower Growing Contest participants. Mary Beth Maguire's most liked photo from the scavenger hunt for something in a park is featured here. Please visit [www.sherrillny.org/cac](http://www.sherrillny.org/cac) for updates about future events. If you have questions or ideas for a program please contact Sara Getman, Recreation Supervisor, (315) 363-6525 or [sgetman@sherrillny.org](mailto:sgetman@sherrillny.org).

**Outdoor Family Yoga-** Saturday July 11, 9am, Rain Date July 18, CAC Greenspace, 139 East Hamilton Ave  
*\*Preregistration required, The class will be led by Nicole DeCastro and is for kids ages 5 and up with a parent or guardian. \*Due to COVID-19 space will be limited and the class will take place in accordance with all NYS regulations. Participants must bring their own yoga mats- no materials will be shared. Contact Sara Getman, [sgetman@sherrillny.org](mailto:sgetman@sherrillny.org) to sign up and include your name, contact information and the number of participants. The City was awarded a Community Health Award from Excellus BlueCross BlueShield to implement mindfulness workshops & wellness activities.*



**Volunteer Opportunities-**

Families, students, and anyone who would like to contribute is invited to help with some tasks or create a project of their own! Some ideas include: Park Cleanup- pick up sticks, litter etc. and help beautify a park, Weed Cleanup- help pick weeds in public spaces, Fire Hydrant Painting- scrape and paint fire hydrants. We'll enter all volunteers who work for a minimum of 5 documented hours into a drawing for a prize at the end of the summer! Please contact Sara Getman, [sgetman@sherrillny.org](mailto:sgetman@sherrillny.org) or (315) 363-6525 to sign up or to share another idea for a project you have. We can help brainstorm ideas too! The City will supply any necessary materials.

**Tennis Camp-** Monday-Thursday, July 27-30- In 2017 a memorial fund was established in memory of Sydney Thirumulpad, resident and tennis player, to enhance our tennis offerings. This will be the camp's 4<sup>th</sup> year! All levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Equipment will be provided but kids are welcome to bring their own racquets. VVS teacher and tennis coach Mr. Donnelly will provide instruction and supervision. Registration is open to students who attend E.A. McAllister Elementary school, or who live in Sherrill or who attend VVS Middle or High Schools. Due to COVID-19 space is limited and preregistration is required and limited to students who can commit to attendance each day. Activities will adhere to NYS guidelines. Download a registration form at [www.sherrillny.org](http://www.sherrillny.org). Learn about tennis & have fun!



**Sherrill's Great Exchange Community**

**Yard Sale-** Saturday July 25, 9am-3pm, Rain or Shine- Residents, businesses, and organizations will hold outdoor sales at their locations. The City will make a map of participating locations which will be available at [www.sherrillny.org](http://www.sherrillny.org), along with additional details about the day. Residents who would like to participate can find signup details on the website. All NYS guidelines regarding the size of gatherings, social distancing, mask wearing, etc. must be adhered to.

The traditional Sherrill Summer Concert Series cannot take place due to COVID-19 restrictions and its projected fiscal impact. The City is working to plan "Summer Strolls" and additional alternative events throughout the summer using sponsorship funds.

**Thank you to our sponsors!**



**Thank you to our contributors!**



## Notes and News from "The Hall"



City Hall is open to the public again. Masks are required to enter the building and proper social distancing measures need to be adhered to. Employees are sanitizing areas of public contact.

Commission meetings take place in the court and will be held at 7pm on July 13, August 3, August 24, September 14 and September 28. Attendance is still limited to 50% of capacity and masks may be required if social distancing cannot be adhered to.

The City implemented five furlough days for all employees except for the police department, three of which have already been observed. The future days city work forces will not be working because of an observed holiday or furlough day are August 10 and September 7 & 8.

### News from Plymouth Alliance Church

169 Kinsley Street, Rev. Kurt P. Johnson,  
Senior Pastor, (315) 363-5642



*Sunday Worship*- Call for details about in person, drive-in and online worship.

Drive-Thru VBS- Everyone will remain in their cars and families can choose one of two days to attend- Tuesday, July 28 or Thursday, July 30 from 9-11am. This is a different format but will still be fun!

Summer Teen Week- August 29 & 30- Details will be posted on the Facebook Page or at [plymouthalliancechurch.com](http://plymouthalliancechurch.com).

Social distancing protocols will be in place so remember a mask!

## Summer Sun Safety

It only takes 15 minutes for sun to damage skin. Ultraviolet rays can lead to severe sunburns which can increase the risk of skin cancer. Each year, nearly 4,000 New Yorkers are diagnosed with Melanoma. The city has partnered with the Oneida County Health Dept's Cancer Prevention in Action Program to help the community stay safe. Check out the sun shade structures at Gordon & Willow Parks and visit [www.takeactionagaincancer.com](http://www.takeactionagaincancer.com) for information.

Here are some easy ways to stay protected from the sun:

-Cover Up! Long-sleeved shirts and long pants help block UV rays from reaching your skin and a wide-brimmed hat can give your face, neck, ears, and head protection.

-Wear sunglasses, even on cloudy days. This can help prevent cataracts from developing in the future.

-Apply broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher before going outside and reapply every 2 hours.

-Keep your lips protected by applying a lip-balm with SPF15.

-Try to avoid being outside during the sun's peak hours, 10am-4pm. If you have to be outside then bring your own shade like a beach umbrella or find some shade under a tree or pavilion!

GET THE FACTS. REDUCE THE RISK. SPREAD THE WORD.

visit: [TakeActionAgainstCancer.com](http://TakeActionAgainstCancer.com)



**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wishes!** Fern Louise (Wood) Welch turned 100 on June 25! She was born in 1920 and raised in the small town of South Butler in Wayne County. She graduated from high school in 1938 and soon after married George Welch. In 1955 her husband accepted a position that brought the couple and their four daughters to Westmoreland, a town they would call home for over 50 years. She continued her membership to the NYS Grange and to date she has remained a member for an astounding 72 years. Membership at the Westmoreland Methodist Church has spanned six decades. After the death of her husband Fern moved to Sherrill to live with a daughter and son-in-law. She may not be doing water aerobics anymore or taking her mile walks around Sherrill, but she has stayed active in many other ways. She is a member of the Sherrill Garden Club and has helped make hospital masks and caps for local care providers. Other pastimes include family genealogy, road trips, family reunions and birthdays. Fern is blessed with 15 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter. Fern's love of life is as apparent as her love of God and family. Her quick wit and sense of humor draw people in, endearing qualities that make her a joy to be around right down to the youngest ones who call her "Ma" as most everyone does.





## Sherrill-Kenwood Library News

Visit [www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org](http://www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org), our Facebook page or call (315) 363-5980 for more information about services, programs and events.

“A library is a house of hope. It's a place where we all, whatever our situation, can feed our ideas and develop our dreams.” Douglas Wilhelm

-Like so many other entities, the library has been affected by COVID-19. The grant funded capital improvement projects to replace and update the roof, windows, restrooms, etc. have been delayed, the Summer Reading Program has been cancelled, the May Spring for Books fundraiser has been rescheduled as a smaller event and the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale has been cancelled. City of Sherrill budget cuts, which eliminated the city's third and fourth quarter funding, led the library to need to reduce hours, staff and material expenses. The library is committed to its mission to meet “the educational, cultural, recreational and informational needs of the community” and is working to reconfigure the library's services to meet new safety regulations and work with reduced financial resources. The library is required by New York State to be open 25 hours a week. The current hours, which may change, are Monday-Friday, 11am-4pm.

-Curbside service started June 15. Materials owned by the Sherrill Kenwood Library only are available for checkout as MidYork is not transporting materials between libraries at this time. Requests can be made online at [www.midYork.org](http://www.midYork.org) or by calling the library during business hours. Library materials must be quarantined for 72 hours between checkouts so this may result in longer wait times. Please limit requests for newly released books to 2. Not sure what to read? Let the library put together a book bundle for you! Call the library with your choice of author or subject and we'll pick some of our favorites! We can include books, audiobooks and DVDs and can make kids and adult book bundles!

-2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library's current building location and we are still planning to celebrate this milestone! The library is in the process of planning this celebration, additional programs and offering to-go craft kits in accordance with health department guidelines. Stay tuned for details.

-Fax and copy services are available! Call to schedule a convenient time!

-Fines are waived until further notice.



-The Friends of the Library group is selling tote bags for \$5. These can be picked up during curbside service.

-The group purchased admission passes to local parks and venues and these passes are available to borrow for use at NYS Parks, Onondaga County Parks, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo & The Everson Museum of Art.

**Spring for Books-** The annual Spring for Books event was scheduled for May and is a fun day with pizza, gelato and books!



Typically, SFB adds around 200 books to the library's collection. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the official May event, but we have rescheduled on a smaller scale for Friday July 24. If you are able, please consider donating to help us purchase new books. All books purchased with your donations will be acknowledged with a book plate. Books can be

donated in honor or memory of loved ones or even as a birthday present donation! The Cremeria and Gypsy-Girl Wood Fired Pizza be onsite and look for crafts sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We hope you will join the fun! All activities will adhere to health department guidelines.



## Sherrill Garden Club News

On Tuesday August 4 the group will meet at 6pm at Bernadette VanValkenburg's home to make a summer floral arrangement under the guidance of member Marilyn Findley and then enjoy ice cream sundaes! Please bring a vase and some summer flowers and a lawn chair, if possible. The group will observe social distancing guidelines including wearing masks when closer than six feet from others.



While the Mansion House is closed to the public, please check out the new website:

[www.oneidacommunity.org](http://www.oneidacommunity.org). It features online tours with author and former curator, Tony Wonderley, a new preservation exhibit, past Oneida Community Journals and a map of the gardens and grounds to visit and enjoy. Follow the Mansion House on Facebook or Instagram and check the website for updates about future plans.



The Tot Spot is reopening its doors with reservation only play. There will be

several theme days throughout the summer and new menu additions including smoothies and acai bowls. Visit [www.thetotspotplaycenter.com](http://www.thetotspotplaycenter.com) for updates and subscribe to the mailing list so you never miss an update or fun activity & follow The Tot Spot on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TotSpotPlayCenter>



The White Begonia is open-visit the Facebook page for updates! There will be a sidewalk sale July 24 & 25, 11am-4:30pm! Mark your calendar, remember a mask and plan to stop by!

**PARTING PAWS**



Sherrill resident and veterinarian Dr. Abby Regner offers in-home, personalized euthanasia

service for families saying goodbye to their beloved pets. Regner will come to the home and help families say goodbye in the place and privacy of their choosing. Cremation services are also available if desired. Please visit [www.partingpaws.com](http://www.partingpaws.com) for more information.



**KEYS Program News-** Although many concerts are cancelled due to COVID-19, KEYS is keeping the music and smiles

rockin' by hosting a free virtual summer concert series every Monday at 7pm via the KEYS Program Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/keysprogram](http://www.facebook.com/keysprogram). The concerts will feature local and national performers including Donna Mucks, Steve Laureti, Katie Quick, Liz Fiddle, Frank Diskin, SIRSY, Brett Rogen and more! To bring extra smiles, one of the KEYS Program kiddos will be celebrated and honored each week! Viewers are encouraged to send a smile to the KEYS kids by sharing a message in the comments during the concert! Tune-in Monday nights for family music, fun and BIG smiles! After all, it's all about the smiles! The KEYS Program is also offering telehealth music therapy and adaptive music lessons for children and adults with autism and various special needs this summer. Sessions are customized to the student's needs and abilities. New students accepted throughout the summer. Contact KEYS at (315) 363-6446 for more info.



**News from The Cremeria-** Sherrill resident Maria

Macrina's gelato shop in Clinton is open! Outdoor seating is available up the street at the Clinton Village Green. Orders may be placed in the shop or online and next-day delivery is available for Sherrill (and near-Sherrill) residents. Visit [www.thecremeria.com](http://www.thecremeria.com), Facebook or Instagram for the latest updates!

# Now Hiring!



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- Machine Operators
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- Material Handlers

How to apply:

- Apply online at [www.careers.basco.com](http://www.careers.basco.com)
- Call (315) 231-2101



## Department of Public Works Information



Remaining 2020 Residential Collection Dates  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays Only**

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

September 14 & 28

October 12 & 26

Residents may **NOT** place green waste at the curb after Monday's collection date or prior to the Friday before the collection date. Residents may drop off green waste at the DPW Garage on Elmwood Place anytime. *Please contact the Sherrill DPW, (315) 363-0370 with questions.*

  Day that green waste collection starts.
   Days green waste can be put out to curb.

--- Days you may **NOT** put green waste out.

July						
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September						
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October						
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**Brush & Green Waste Reminders-** Limbs must be less than 6' long and 4" wide and be placed parallel to the curb. Piles must be free of garbage, soil, rocks, animal waste, etc., and not be placed in any type of bag, etc. Contractors must obtain a permit from City Hall to drop off brush or green waste from residents or businesses.

**Recycling-** The following items cannot be recycled:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Clothes hangers            | Pizza boxes with food |
| Copy paper wrapping        | Plates and tableware  |
| Frozen food cartons        | Plastic bags          |
| Furniture                  | Plastic silverware    |
| Light fixtures             | Plastic packaging     |
| Metal hanging file folders | Plexi-glass           |
| Metals                     | Six-pack holders      |
| Motor oil bottles          | Snack bags            |
| Napkins & paper towels     | Straws                |
| Paper cups & plates        | Styrofoam             |
| Pesticides                 | Toys                  |
|                            | Prescription bottles  |

-Needles/Syringes must be placed in a puncture proof container and then taped closed, labeled as sharps, and placed in the garbage.

-Please clean recycled cans and bottles.

-Cardboard must be broken down into no larger than 3'x3' squares & not folded or placed in other boxes.

-Items that cannot be recycled will not be picked up.

**Compost-** is available for residents at the end of Fairway Lane, next to the WWTP.

**Transfer Station Hours-** Saturdays 8am-1pm year-round and Wednesdays 4-7pm until early fall, for Sherrill residents. Residents may purchase coupons at City Hall, or due to COVID-19, residents may write a check, payable to the City of Sherrill, for items they drop off. Please note- checks will only be accepted during this temporary time. ID/proof of Sherrill residency will be required to drop off items.

**Shredding & Plastics Collection, Saturday July 18, 8-10am-** Sherrill residents are invited to bring paper, folders and envelopes they need shredded to the Transfer Station at 210 Elmwood Place, for this free event. Residents may also drop off bulky rigid plastic items to be recycled, at no charge. Photo ID/proof of Sherrill residency will be required.

*Effective June 24, 2020*

*Refuse/Recycling collection will begin at*



**Containers can be placed out to the curb the night before collection after 6:00pm.**

**Containers must be placed out to the curb the day of collection BEFORE 6:00am.**

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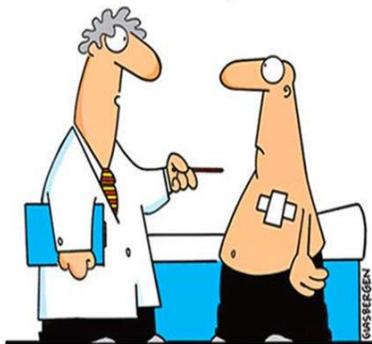


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