



Winter 2021 Newsletter

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Ice Skating- The rink at Reilly-Mumford Park will be open when there is ice! The STOP sign will be out if the ice is not fit to skate on.

All skating is at your own risk. Hockey sticks and pucks may be used when the ice is not crowded. The rotary building will be open Monday-Friday, 4pm-8pm and Saturdays & Sundays 2-8pm.

A Short History of Bowling at the CAC by Jack Stone

Bowling at the CAC originated in the lower level where the Youth Center is now located. There were 6 alleys and a small set of bleachers for spectators to watch from. It was in the late 1930's that Oneida Ltd put an addition on the main floor that included 12 bowling alleys and plenty of seating for spectators.

These alleys like the ones that were downstairs required Pin Boys, better known as Pin Setters. The pin setter's job required him to put the ball on a ball return and put his foot on a lever that brought to the surface 10 metal studs. All the pins had a hole drilled in the bottom and the pin boy placed the 10 pins on each stud.

At that time, it cost \$.10 per game or 3 games for \$.25. The pin setters received \$.04 per game. The bowlers had several leagues and for the most part there were 5-man teams and two teams to a set of alleys, so I made \$1.20. The Pin Boys for the most part had their own set of alleys to work on each night to cover the leagues. For open bowling you had to be lucky to have someone available to do the job.

Years later Oneida Ltd went a step further and purchased automated Pin Setters for all 12 alleys. A league bowled Monday nights, B league on Tuesdays, C league on Wednesdays, Ladies night on Thursdays and the office league on Fridays. A, B and C leagues were determined by your bowling average, A, being the better bowlers and so forth.

I personally had my own set of alleys to set every Tuesday night. After a sweaty night in the alley pit, I went up to the counter and for \$.10 they handed me a towel and a bar of soap so I could take a shower downstairs in the men's shower room. That is the way this ole fella remembers our bowling alleys from a few years back until now.



Rotarians Continue to Support the Community through the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Community Rotary Club (VVS Community Rotary Club) continues to meet virtually as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The pandemic is limiting many activities, but the club is still finding ways to support the community. The club applied for and received a grant to support the Sherrill-Kenwood Library. Club members presented librarian Mary Kay Junglen with the funds in September. In November, the club held its first can and bottle drive. The funds raised at the can and bottle drive will be used for the annual Rotary Scholarships that are given to VVS students. Funds will also be used for a donation to the Holy Family Food Pantry that supports residents of Vernon and Sherrill. Thank you to everyone in the community who was able to stop by and donate their cans and bottles.

The Club is planning another can and bottle drive for Saturday April 10 from 9am-12pm. Drop off will be at the Rotary building at Reilly-Mumford Park. Be sure to save your cans and bottles! As the pandemic continues and the Club moves forward with planning events, information will be shared with the community via email notices from the City of Sherrill. To follow our activities and to learn more about upcoming events please like the club on Facebook at [facebook.com/vvsrotary](https://www.facebook.com/vvsrotary). The Club is always looking for new members. Please visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/8424> for more information.



KEYS Program News

“Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve” Friday, February 26 - Sunday, February 28! *Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve Weekend* is a time when you can create BIG smiles by wearing the KEYS heart on your sleeve in support of kids impacted by cancer! Each sticker is just \$2.50 and has room for you to write in the name of a KEYS kid, a friend or a loved one that has battled cancer that you want to honor! Hearts go on sale February 1 and can be purchased on the KEYS website at www.KEYSprogram.org! Be sure to take a photo *wearing your heart on your sleeve* and tag the KEYS Program so we can share it with our KEYS families near and far! Their hearts will be so full knowing YOU are thinking of them! -Watch the KEYS Program's live-streamed *Smile Concerts* every Monday at 7pm at [facebook.com/keysprogram](https://www.facebook.com/keysprogram) where KEYS celebrates and honors a child impacted by cancer and their family with a special concert just for them by local artists! - Questions? Call (315) 363-6446 or email info@thekeysprogram.org ♥ After all... it's all about the *smiles!*

NOW HIRING!



Are you looking for employment with an innovative company with amazing opportunities for career growth? Look no further! **Briggs & Stratton** is currently looking for applicants to fill positions on all shifts in all areas of manufacturing. Competitive wages and benefits offered including shift differential pay and quarterly incentives.

We are hiring candidates for:

- o Assemblers - Starting at \$15.50/hr
- o Powder Coat Painters
- o Welders
- o Machine Operators
- o Grinders
- o Finish Operators
- o Material Handlers
- o Quality Test Technician
- o Maintenance Tech

How to apply:

Go online and apply at careers.basco.com

Give us a call at 315-231-2101

Attend our open interviews every Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm in our front lobby at 100 E. Seneca Street Sherrill, NY 13461

Plymouth Alliance Church News

169 Kinsley Street, (315)363-5642
officePAC@twcny.rr.com, Rev. Kurt Johnson, Youth Pastor Dave Richter

-There are three options to enjoy our weekly Sunday Service at 10:30am. Come inside the Sanctuary, Live Stream it on YouTube @ PAC-NY or tune your car radio in the church parking lot to 87.9fm. -PAC will continue its Study of the New Testament Book of Galatians on February 14. If interested, please call the Church Office for more details. If coming inside the Sanctuary, please wear your mask and practice social distancing.



Sherrill-Kenwood Library News

Visit www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org, Facebook or call (315) 363-5980 for more information about services and programs.

“Without the library, you have no civilization.” -Ray Bradbury 1920-2012
American author and screenwriter

Library Hours

Monday & Tuesday, 11am-4pm, Wednesday & Thursday, 11am-7pm
Closed Friday-Sunday and all federal holidays

As we look toward a brighter 2021 the staff and Board of Trustees are grateful for the support we received in 2020. Without it, our budget deficit would have been much greater. In addition to our wonderful patrons who are too numerous to name we extend our sincere thank you to the following entities: Access Federal Credit Union, City of Sherrill, Community Car Wash, Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Evans Insurance Agency, Friends of the Sherrill Library, Gypsy Girl Wood Fired Pizza & Catering, Kenwood Benevolent Society, Lamb's Construction, National Christian Foundation, Oneida County, Progress Club of Oneida, Sherrill Garden Club, Sherrill American Legion Post 230, Sherrill Chiropractic Center, Sherrill Kenwood Community Chest, Sherrill Merchants Association, Sign & Art Etc, Sound Mind Financial, Taste of China, The Cremeria, The KEYS Program, Town of Vernon, VVS Community Rotary Club and the VVS Education Foundation.

The greatest challenge we anticipate in 2021 is reduced funding. In 2021 we anticipate a 50% reduction in funding from Oneida County and a 50% reduction in funding from the City of Sherrill. Even though we have needed to reduce our staff, hours and cancel many programs we remain committed to the community. We continue to offer photocopying and faxing services, meeting space for tutoring and exam proctoring, printed material including books and newspapers, audio books and DVDs. Our wireless internet and public computers are widely used for filing tax forms, department of motor vehicles business, telemedicine visits, accessing emails, schoolwork, printing shipping labels, product research and more.

The library is pleased to have partnered with Hood Dairy of Oneida and Clear Path for Veterans as a collection point for goods to fill Thanksgiving meal kits for local veterans and their families. The library worked with seventh grade students at VVS and students from E.A. McAllister Elementary School to surprise six veterans with a package of cards and letters thanking them for their service to our country. Fifty holiday greetings cards were made by our younger patrons and delivered to a senior living facility. We remain hopeful that at some point in 2021 we can return to some sort of normalcy and resume our programs. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Community Art Wall Schedule



January- Mike Piazza of Handsome Devil Barber Shop

February- If you'd like to display your talent, please contact us!

March- works by students from VVS

April- works by students from Stockbridge Valley Central School

Book Discussion Group- all are welcome to join our upcoming discussions at 4pm
Wednesdays- February 3 and April 7



Book Group

Friends of the Library Valentine's Day Cookie Walk- Saturday

February 13, 9am-12pm-

Treat your sweetheart to tasty treats!



Town of Vernon, City of Sherrill Crossword Contest- February 1-

March 30- Create your own puzzle using the Town of Vernon and City



of Sherrill for clues. Visit the library website for rules. Winners will have books added to our collection with special book plates in their honor.

Snowshoes- We have six sets of snowshoes (4 adult & 2 kids) that you can borrow with your library card. Stop in!

Tax Forms- We will have NYS & Federal forms available.

Sherrill Garden Club News

The Sherrill Garden Club wishes the community a safe and healthy New Year! Members decorated the Christmas tree at the Sherrill Library and made our annual donation of Christmas presents to the local DSO home. The club has suspended regular meetings through January, February, and March but members continue to make paper flowers at home to give to cancer treatment patients. We hope to resume meetings later in the spring.

News from VVS Schools

Please visit the district website, www.vvsschools.org, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VVSDistrict for updates and for information as activities and events are planned.

Oneida Community Golf Club

2020 was a great year for the golf course business. Golf was an activity people could still enjoy during COVID-19. Visit www.oneidagolf.com to find all that OCGC has to offer residents in our community.

The restaurant at OCGC is Lakeside Landing. The restaurant has been diligent in following all NYS COVID-19 guidelines and has been pleased not to have experienced any cases of COVID-19. Due to recent COVID-19 increases the restaurant has been closed during the month of January. We felt closing the restaurant was the most responsible decision we could make for the safety of the community.

We are still booking special events for spring and summer. Please leave a message at (315) 361-6113, email eventsakesidelanding@gmail.com, or visit www.lakeside-landing.com. Look for information about our reopening coming soon!

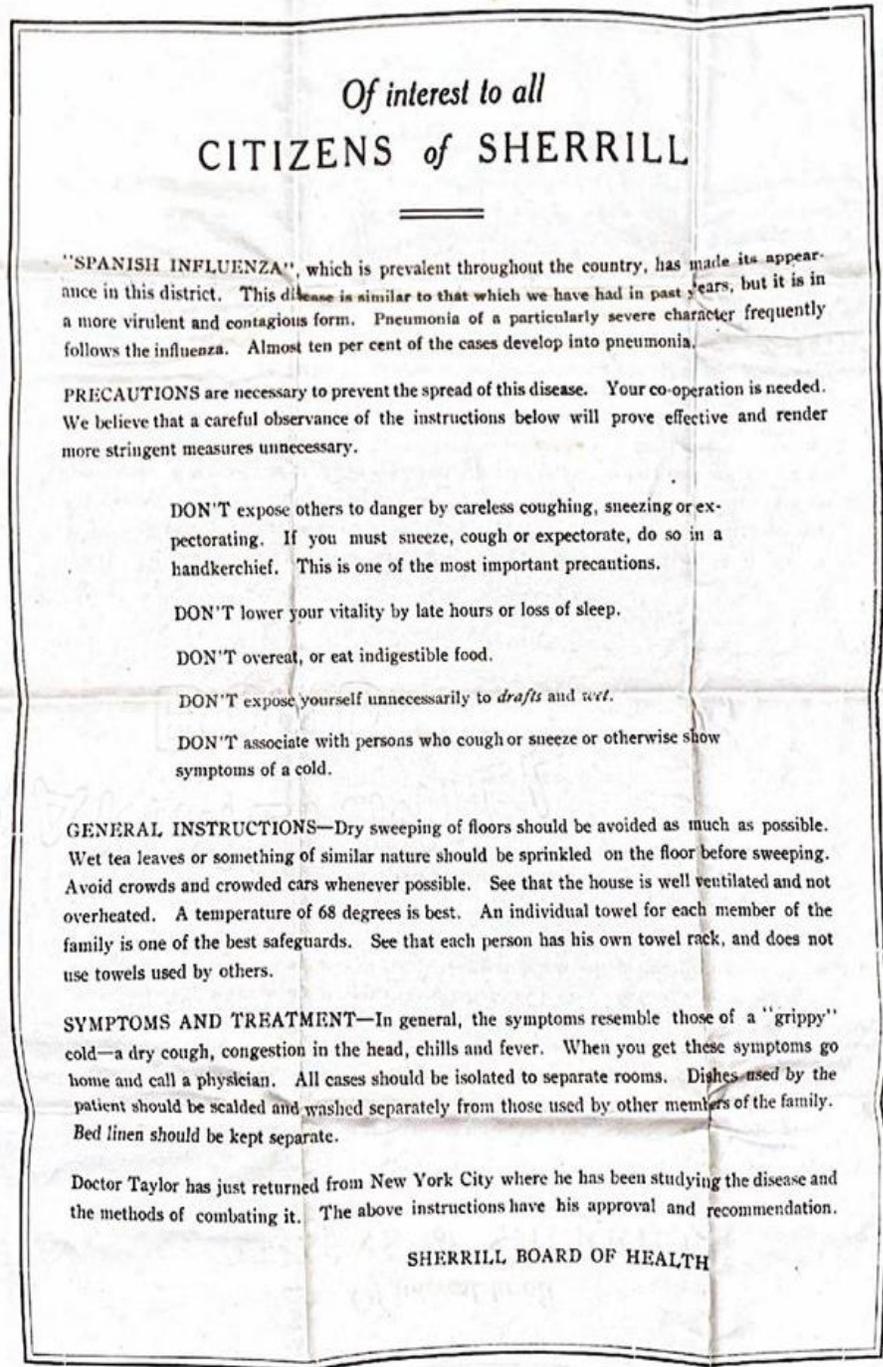
PARTING PAWS



Pet Euthanasia in the privacy and comfort of your home

Parting Paws would like to thank the Sherrill community for all the support during the first year of business. It has been truly a privilege to help families navigate this challenging decision with dignity, empathy and peace in the comfort of their home. Please visit www.partingpaws.com or contact Dr. Abby Regner, (315) 314-2694 for more information.

Thank you to the Oneida Community Mansion House and Linda Evans for sharing this piece of history from 1918!



Notes and News from "The Hall"

-City Commission meetings usually take place at City Hall in the City Court on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 7pm. The schedule fluctuates slightly during June, July and August. Contact City Hall or check the city website for the summer schedule. Currently, due to COVID-19 meeting protocols, the Commission (and other City boards) are holding meetings via Zoom if they are meeting. Commission meetings will also be streamed live via the City Facebook page at their scheduled time.

-The 2021 City budget was passed at the December 14 meeting. There was a 4% tax increase, increasing from \$7.50 to \$7.80 per \$1,000 assessed value. For a \$100,000 home that equates to an increase of \$30/year for City taxes. In 2020, the City took many unfortunate steps such as closing the pool, a greatly scaled back road restoration program, elimination of community events, withholding equipment reserves funding, employee furloughs, etc. to combat reduced and lost revenue during the pandemic, which effects the City's revenue streams from New York State and Oneida County. New York State withheld 20% of State Aid (roughly \$75,000) and CHIPS funding (street restoration monies, roughly \$20,000). Oneida County withheld 75% of contractual revenue sharing generated by the Oneida Indian Nation slot machine revenue it shares with the State and Madison & Oneida counties. This amounted to a \$142,500 shortfall and the County chose not to fund the agreement in 2021 which equates to another \$190,000 of lost revenue. The County continues to pay, but string along, the sales tax revenue sharing to benefit their cash flow, but it is beginning to affect the City's cash flow. We are currently \$175,000 behind on Sales Tax revenue, but at least we expect to receive it in the next couple months. Then there was the local impact on revenues from the CAC being closed for bowling, parties, and other events. The total City budget revenue for 2020 was \$3,103,880 and revenues were down close to \$500,000 or 16%. In 2020, the City made significant adjustments, cuts, and delays of expenditures to lessen the impact as much as possible. In 2021, the adopted budget presented over \$500,000 in lessened expenditures and the city still was faced with a 4% tax increase. The continual struggle to provide the best services possible for residents through programs, a quality workforce and reliable up-to-date equipment has never been tougher than in this past year and half. Going forward into 2021 and 2022, the City is still very concerned about potential revenue shortages, as well as programs, services and events that may still not be able to be offered due to COVID restrictions. Currently, in the 2021 budget the City did not fund community events like the fireworks, weekly concerts, and other types of community events. If restrictions do indeed allow for some flexibility in holding these types of events, the city will likely need help to fund these events via private sponsorships for at least this year if we are to hold them.

-Utility rates saw little or no increases for 2021. The customer service charge for all utilities (electric, water and sewer) remain unchanged, as did the sewer consumption rate. Water consumption rate saw a 3% increase, largely due to the rate increase imposed by Oneida, as Sherrill buys its water from the City of Oneida. For electric consumption there is a mandated 1 mil adder (\$.001/kwh) that will be added to the PPA, and the revenue generated will be used for a new energy efficiency program that will be rolled out later this year. More information will be forthcoming about the program and how electric customers can partake in it.

-The city continues to see increased use of online bill pay via credit card, debit card, EFT payments & 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.

Once the city can hold in person meetings again, the following schedule applies to the various boards:

-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 & 4th Monday each month at 3:30pm at City Hall.

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



2021 City General Election Schedule **February 23-** First

date for circulating petitions (45 signatures of registered voters needed)

March 29- First date to file petition with City Clerk

April 1- Last date to file petition with City Clerk

June 22- Primary election (if needed)

November 2- City General Election

*This year there are two (2) terms expiring and up for election: Joseph Shay, William Vineall

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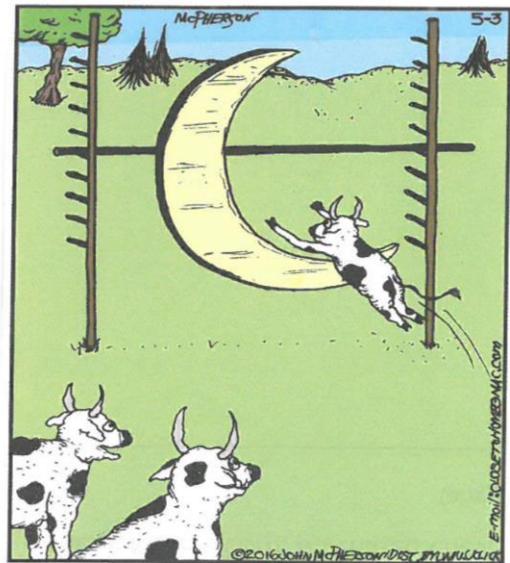


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Ice Skating- The rink at Reilly-Mumford Park will be open when there is ice! The STOP sign will be out if the ice is not fit to skate on.

All skating is at your own risk. Hockey sticks and pucks may be used when the ice is not crowded. The rotary building will be open Monday-Friday, 4pm-8pm and Saturdays & Sundays 2-8pm.

A Short History of Bowling at the CAC by Jack Stone

Bowling at the CAC originated in the lower level where the Youth Center is now located. There were 6 alleys and a small set of bleachers for spectators to watch from. It was in the late 1930's that Oneida Ltd put an addition on the main floor that included 12 bowling alleys and plenty of seating for spectators.

These alleys like the ones that were downstairs required Pin Boys, better known as Pin Setters. The pin setter's job required him to put the ball on a ball return and put his foot on a lever that brought to the surface 10 metal studs. All the pins had a hole drilled in the bottom and the pin boy placed the 10 pins on each stud.

At that time, it cost \$.10 per game or 3 games for \$.25. The pin setters received \$.04 per game. The bowlers had several leagues and for the most part there were 5-man teams and two teams to a set of alleys, so I made \$1.20. The Pin Boys for the most part had their own set of alleys to work on each night to cover the leagues. For open bowling you had to be lucky to have someone available to do the job.

Years later Oneida Ltd went a step further and purchased automated Pin Setters for all 12 alleys. A league bowled Monday nights, B league on Tuesdays, C league on Wednesdays, Ladies night on Thursdays and the office league on Fridays. A, B and C leagues were determined by your bowling average, A, being the better bowlers and so forth.

I personally had my own set of alleys to set every Tuesday night. After a sweaty night in the alley pit, I went up to the counter and for \$.10 they handed me a towel and a bar of soap so I could take a shower downstairs in the men's shower room. That is the way this ole fella remembers our bowling alleys from a few years back until now.



Rotarians Continue to Support the Community through the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Community Rotary Club (VVS Community Rotary Club) continues to meet virtually as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The pandemic is limiting many activities, but the club is still finding ways to support the community. The club applied for and received a grant to support the Sherrill-Kenwood Library. Club members presented librarian Mary Kay Junglen with the funds in September. In November, the club held its first can and bottle drive. The funds raised at the can and bottle drive will be used for the annual Rotary Scholarships that are given to VVS students. Funds will also be used for a donation to the Holy Family Food Pantry that supports residents of Vernon and Sherrill. Thank you to everyone in the community who was able to stop by and donate their cans and bottles.

The Club is planning another can and bottle drive for Saturday April 10 from 9am-12pm. Drop off will be at the Rotary building at Reilly-Mumford Park. Be sure to save your cans and bottles! As the pandemic continues and the Club moves forward with planning events, information will be shared with the community via email notices from the City of Sherrill. To follow our activities and to learn more about upcoming events please like the club on Facebook at [facebook.com/vvsrotary](https://www.facebook.com/vvsrotary). The Club is always looking for new members. Please visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/8424> for more information.



KEYS Program News

“Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve” Friday, February 26 - Sunday, February 28! *Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve Weekend* is a time when you can create BIG smiles by wearing the KEYS heart on your sleeve in support of kids impacted by cancer! Each sticker is just \$2.50 and has room for you to write in the name of a KEYS kid, a friend or a loved one that has battled cancer that you want to honor! Hearts go on sale February 1 and can be purchased on the KEYS website at www.KEYSprogram.org! Be sure to take a photo *wearing your heart on your sleeve* and tag the KEYS Program so we can share it with our KEYS families near and far! Their hearts will be so full knowing YOU are thinking of them! -Watch the KEYS Program's live-streamed *Smile Concerts* every Monday at 7pm at [facebook.com/keysprogram](https://www.facebook.com/keysprogram) where KEYS celebrates and honors a child impacted by cancer and their family with a special concert just for them by local artists! - Questions? Call (315) 363-6446 or email info@thekeysprogram.org ♥ After all... it's all about the *smiles!*

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Plymouth Alliance Church News

169 Kinsley Street, (315)363-5642
officePAC@twcny.rr.com, Rev. Kurt Johnson, Youth Pastor Dave Richter

-There are three options to enjoy our weekly Sunday Service at 10:30am. Come inside the Sanctuary, Live Stream it on YouTube @ PAC-NY or tune your car radio in the church parking lot to 87.9fm. -PAC will continue its Study of the New Testament Book of Galatians on February 14. If interested, please call the Church Office for more details. If coming inside the Sanctuary, please wear your mask and practice social distancing.



Sherrill-Kenwood Library News

Visit www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org, Facebook or call (315) 363-5980 for more information about services and programs.

“Without the library, you have no civilization.” -Ray Bradbury 1920-2012
American author and screenwriter

Library Hours

Monday & Tuesday, 11am-4pm, Wednesday & Thursday, 11am-7pm
Closed Friday-Sunday and all federal holidays

As we look toward a brighter 2021 the staff and Board of Trustees are grateful for the support we received in 2020. Without it, our budget deficit would have been much greater. In addition to our wonderful patrons who are too numerous to name we extend our sincere thank you to the following entities: Access Federal Credit Union, City of Sherrill, Community Car Wash, Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Evans Insurance Agency, Friends of the Sherrill Library, Gypsy Girl Wood Fired Pizza & Catering, Kenwood Benevolent Society, Lamb's Construction, National Christian Foundation, Oneida County, Progress Club of Oneida, Sherrill Garden Club, Sherrill American Legion Post 230, Sherrill Chiropractic Center, Sherrill Kenwood Community Chest, Sherrill Merchants Association, Sign & Art Etc, Sound Mind Financial, Taste of China, The Cremeria, The KEYS Program, Town of Vernon, VVS Community Rotary Club and the VVS Education Foundation.

The greatest challenge we anticipate in 2021 is reduced funding. In 2021 we anticipate a 50% reduction in funding from Oneida County and a 50% reduction in funding from the City of Sherrill. Even though we have needed to reduce our staff, hours and cancel many programs we remain committed to the community. We continue to offer photocopying and faxing services, meeting space for tutoring and exam proctoring, printed material including books and newspapers, audio books and DVDs. Our wireless internet and public computers are widely used for filing tax forms, department of motor vehicles business, telemedicine visits, accessing emails, schoolwork, printing shipping labels, product research and more.

The library is pleased to have partnered with Hood Dairy of Oneida and Clear Path for Veterans as a collection point for goods to fill Thanksgiving meal kits for local veterans and their families. The library worked with seventh grade students at VVS and students from E.A. McAllister Elementary School to surprise six veterans with a package of cards and letters thanking them for their service to our country. Fifty holiday greetings cards were made by our younger patrons and delivered to a senior living facility. We remain hopeful that at some point in 2021 we can return to some sort of normalcy and resume our programs. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Community Art Wall Schedule



January- Mike Piazza of Handsome Devil Barber Shop

February- If you'd like to display your talent, please contact us!

March- works by students from VVS

April- works by students from Stockbridge Valley Central School

Book Discussion Group- all are welcome to join our upcoming discussions at 4pm
Wednesdays- February 3 and April 7



Book Group

Friends of the Library Valentine's Day Cookie Walk- Saturday

February 13, 9am-12pm-

Treat your sweetheart to tasty treats!



Town of Vernon, City of Sherrill Crossword Contest- February 1-

March 30- Create your own puzzle using the Town of Vernon and City



of Sherrill for clues. Visit the library website for rules. Winners will have books added to our collection with special book plates in their honor.

Snowshoes- We have six sets of snowshoes (4 adult & 2 kids) that you can borrow with your library card. Stop in!

Tax Forms- We will have NYS & Federal forms available.

Sherrill Garden Club News

The Sherrill Garden Club wishes the community a safe and healthy New Year! Members decorated the Christmas tree at the Sherrill Library and made our annual donation of Christmas presents to the local DSO home. The club has suspended regular meetings through January, February, and March but members continue to make paper flowers at home to give to cancer treatment patients. We hope to resume meetings later in the spring.

News from VVS Schools

Please visit the district website, www.vvsschools.org, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VVSDistrict for updates and for information as activities and events are planned.

Oneida Community Golf Club

2020 was a great year for the golf course business. Golf was an activity people could still enjoy during COVID-19. Visit www.oneidagolf.com to find all that OCGC has to offer residents in our community.

The restaurant at OCGC is Lakeside Landing. The restaurant has been diligent in following all NYS COVID-19 guidelines and has been pleased not to have experienced any cases of COVID-19. Due to recent COVID-19 increases the restaurant has been closed during the month of January. We felt closing the restaurant was the most responsible decision we could make for the safety of the community.

We are still booking special events for spring and summer. Please leave a message at (315) 361-6113, email eventsakesidelanding@gmail.com, or visit www.lakeside-landing.com. Look for information about our reopening coming soon!

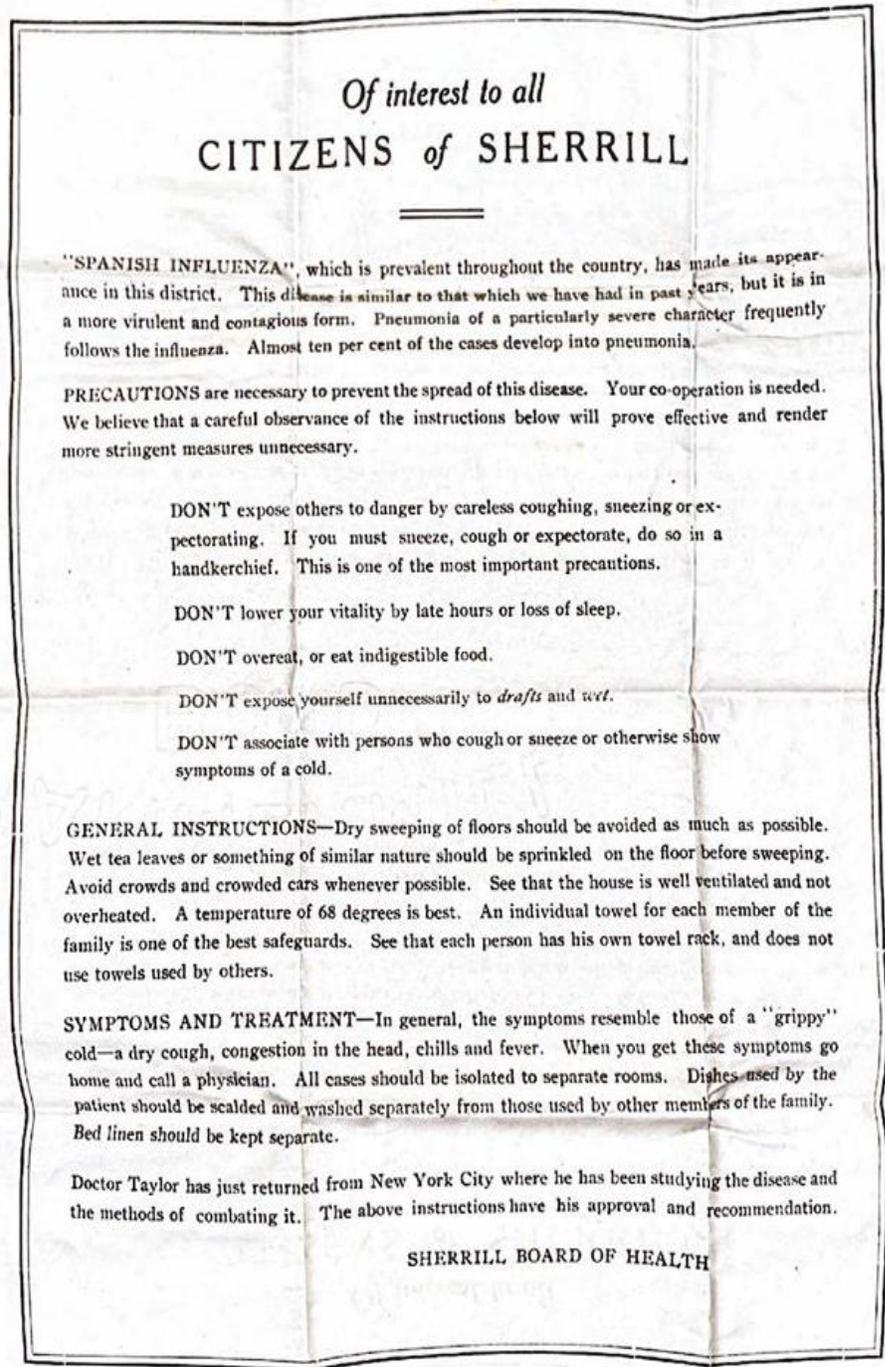
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Parting Paws would like to thank the Sherrill community for all the support during the first year of business. It has been truly a privilege to help families navigate this challenging decision with dignity, empathy and peace in the comfort of their home. Please visit www.partingpaws.com or contact Dr. Abby Regner, (315) 314-2694 for more information.

Thank you to the Oneida Community Mansion House and Linda Evans for sharing this piece of history from 1918!



Notes and News from "The Hall"

-City Commission meetings usually take place at City Hall in the City Court on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 7pm. The schedule fluctuates slightly during June, July and August. Contact City Hall or check the city website for the summer schedule. Currently, due to COVID-19 meeting protocols, the Commission (and other City boards) are holding meetings via Zoom if they are meeting. Commission meetings will also be streamed live via the City Facebook page at their scheduled time.

-The 2021 City budget was passed at the December 14 meeting. There was a 4% tax increase, increasing from \$7.50 to \$7.80 per \$1,000 assessed value. For a \$100,000 home that equates to an increase of \$30/year for City taxes. In 2020, the City took many unfortunate steps such as closing the pool, a greatly scaled back road restoration program, elimination of community events, withholding equipment reserves funding, employee furloughs, etc. to combat reduced and lost revenue during the pandemic, which effects the City's revenue streams from New York State and Oneida County. New York State withheld 20% of State Aid (roughly \$75,000) and CHIPS funding (street restoration monies, roughly \$20,000). Oneida County withheld 75% of contractual revenue sharing generated by the Oneida Indian Nation slot machine revenue it shares with the State and Madison & Oneida counties. This amounted to a \$142,500 shortfall and the County chose not to fund the agreement in 2021 which equates to another \$190,000 of lost revenue. The County continues to pay, but string along, the sales tax revenue sharing to benefit their cash flow, but it is beginning to affect the City's cash flow. We are currently \$175,000 behind on Sales Tax revenue, but at least we expect to receive it in the next couple months. Then there was the local impact on revenues from the CAC being closed for bowling, parties, and other events. The total City budget revenue for 2020 was \$3,103,880 and revenues were down close to \$500,000 or 16%. In 2020, the City made significant adjustments, cuts, and delays of expenditures to lessen the impact as much as possible. In 2021, the adopted budget presented over \$500,000 in lessened expenditures and the city still was faced with a 4% tax increase. The continual struggle to provide the best services possible for residents through programs, a quality workforce and reliable up-to-date equipment has never been tougher than in this past year and half. Going forward into 2021 and 2022, the City is still very concerned about potential revenue shortages, as well as programs, services and events that may still not be able to be offered due to COVID restrictions. Currently, in the 2021 budget the City did not fund community events like the fireworks, weekly concerts, and other types of community events. If restrictions do indeed allow for some flexibility in holding these types of events, the city will likely need help to fund these events via private sponsorships for at least this year if we are to hold them.

-Utility rates saw little or no increases for 2021. The customer service charge for all utilities (electric, water and sewer) remain unchanged, as did the sewer consumption rate. Water consumption rate saw a 3% increase, largely due to the rate increase imposed by Oneida, as Sherrill buys its water from the City of Oneida. For electric consumption there is a mandated 1 mil adder (\$.001/kwh) that will be added to the PPA, and the revenue generated will be used for a new energy efficiency program that will be rolled out later this year. More information will be forthcoming about the program and how electric customers can partake in it.

-The city continues to see increased use of online bill pay via credit card, debit card, EFT payments & 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.

Once the city can hold in person meetings again, the following schedule applies to the various boards:

-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 & 4th Monday each month at 3:30pm at City Hall.

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



2021 City General Election Schedule February 23- First

date for circulating petitions (45 signatures of registered voters needed)

March 29- First date to file petition with City Clerk

April 1- Last date to file petition with City Clerk

June 22- Primary election (if needed)

November 2- City General Election

*This year there are two (2) terms expiring and up for election: Joseph Shay, William Vineall

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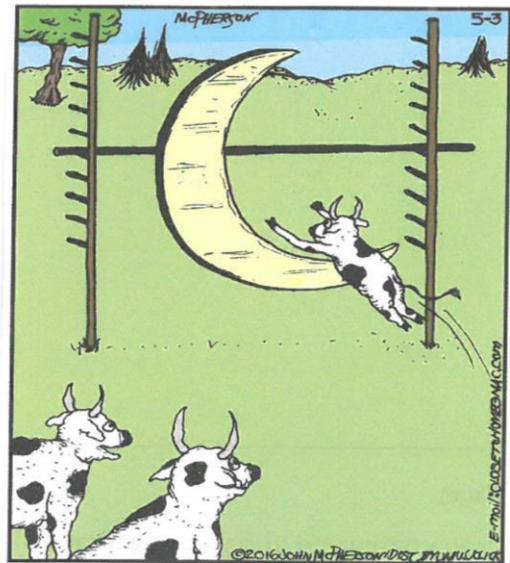


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