



Winter 2022 Newsletter

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From City Manager,
Brandon M. Lovett

On behalf of the City of Sherrill employees and administration I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2022. We have an exciting year ahead of us.

The final design of the Route 5 Corridor project connecting Betsinger and Sherrill Roads will be completed in 2022, and construction will begin in 2023 after being postponed 1 year due to COVID. The Wastewater Treatment plant upgrade project is underway with an anticipated completion date of late Fall 2022. The City was notified right before Christmas that we were awarded a \$1 million dollar Water Infrastructure grant in 2021. This was in addition to the \$1.75 million Water Infrastructure Grant we received in 2020. This funding is instrumental in the \$7+ million-dollar plant upgrade we are undertaking. It is the first plant upgrade since 1982.

Our recreation and community activity offerings are continuing to grow under Recreation Director Barry VanDreason. After a successful and action packed 2021, Barry has already begun planning events and programs for 2022. Please keep an eye on the City's Facebook Page, Website and sherrillrec.com for the upcoming events like a Winter Concert featuring Ryan Quinn, moonlight snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, and much more. In early 2021, the city was awarded funding from the Edwin J. Wades Foundation to purchase snowshoes and cross-country skis for our area youth and families to utilize during the winter months. The equipment is here and ready for use once mother nature cooperates. Please contact the recreation department to reserve it.

The city is in the final planning stage for fireworks weekend to return to its normal summer date, the last

Saturday in July, which is the 30th this year. This past year it was moved to September due to COVID. Due to the outpouring of compliments about the Fall event, we are planning another "Fall Fest" with live music, food trucks and possibly fireworks again this fall on Saturday, September 17. More details about both events as well all things community related can be found on the City's Facebook page, website and at sherrillrec.com.

Our Central New York region lost two outstanding local public officials who were neighbors to the West and North of Sherrill in the final days of 2021. Mayor Leo Matzke from the City of Oneida and Mayor Joseph R. Fusco, Jr. from the City of Rome passed away after brief illnesses. Both Leo and Joe loved their communities, colleagues, staff, constituents, and families. Both served their respective communities with honor and distinction and made everlasting impacts throughout their lives and careers serving the public. On behalf of the City of Sherrill, my deepest sympathy goes out to the Matzke and Fusco families. May we offer you our thoughts and condolences during this difficult time.

As always, wishing you the very best!!!

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

Membership- The department is always looking for 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.

House Numbers- Please look at your property to ensure your address is clearly displayed. Emergency Services like Police, Fire and EMTs, as well utility companies, USPS and others rely on being able to identify your property by numeric address. It is also a requirement of Property Maintenance Code which is adopted by the State and enforced by the City. If you are missing your numeric address please repair or install.

ASCEND- This is a program through Oneida County and is a voluntary registry for individuals with a physical, mental, or developmental condition, and the caretakers of such individuals. The registry, which is only accessible by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office and 911 Call Center, allows first responders to be aware that the individual whom they are responding to has a preexisting mental health concern, developmental disability, health condition, or has a religious or cultural consideration. The goal of this program is to ensure that all Oneida County residents who have special needs are able to get the support and resources that they need in a time of emergency or during an interaction with law enforcement, fire, or EMS personnel. Visit https://ocgov.net/sites/default/files/mentalhealth/MHpdf/ASCEND_Application.pdf for more information.

LUCAS Automatic CPR Machine-The Sherrill Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department is using resident donations to partner with Vineall Ambulance and the City of Sherrill for a LUCAS automatic CPR machine. All 3 groups put in \$5000 for the equipment. This will allow perfect CPR right away, all the way to the hospital.

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.





Sherrill Recreation News

Please visit sherrillrec.com, www.sherrillny.org, and the City of Sherrill Facebook page for more information about the activities below and for additional information. Stay Healthy and Active!



4 x 4 Pick-up Basketball
Sundays 9-10:30am, \$2/person



Cornhole League
Wednesdays, Starting January 19



The **Batting Cage** is open! \$10/hour



The **golf net** is up! Bring your own balls and keep your swing. \$2/half hour.



Open Bowling Hours
Fridays, 6-11pm
Saturdays 1-5pm,
Disco Bowling 9:30pm-12am
Sundays 12-5pm

CAC Winter Concert featuring Ryan Quinn January 14, 8-11pm, listen to your favorite 70s/80s hits. BYO cooler, the concession stand will be open. The event is free!



The ice-skating Rink will be open weather permitting. Please obey the signs.

We have Cross Country Skis and Snowshoes available to rent! Please call (315) 363-6525 to reserve.



Join us for a Winter Celebration at the Oneida Community Golf Course February 12. Enjoy sledding, Cross Country Skiing, Food & Music.

More information to come!



If you're interested in being a lifeguard this summer please contact Barry VanDreason for more information, bvandreason@sherrillny.org.

Sherrill Police Department News

- Studded tires are allowed October 15-May 1.
- There is a "No Parking" on city streets ordinance in effect until April 30 which applies to all streets between 2-7am.
- Please remove valuables from vehicles and keep doors locked.
- Please be aware of scams. Do not send money or give out personal information unless you can verify the request.
- Please license and pick up after your dog & honor our leash laws.
- Please be aware of pedestrians. Pedestrians are encouraged to wear reflective clothing and use reflective gear for pets.

DPW News

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

Snow Removal- The DPW works to clear streets as efficiently & safely as possible. The no overnight parking on City streets rule includes street side parking lots near Ebenezer's, NBT Bank, the Sherrill Pizzeria and on Betsinger Road by the soccer field. Please remember to give plow and salt crews adequate room to perform their snow removal duties and stay back at least 50 feet. Please do not plow snow across or into streets.

Transfer Station- The Transfer Station is open on Saturdays, 8am-1pm until spring. Disposal coupons must be purchased prior to dropping off items.



News From VVS Schools

For information about district activities and to stay up to date about news and events, the community is invited to visit www.vvsschools.org or the VVS District Facebook page.



News from Plymouth Alliance Church

169 Kinsley Street, (315) 363-5642

OfficePAC@twcny.rr.com

Rev. Kurt Johnson

Youth Pastor Dave Richter

- Sunday Service at 10:30am
- Sunday School PreK-Adult Classes at 9:15am
- Infant and nursery available every Sunday, Children's Church every Sunday midway through the Service
- Wacky Wednesdays will take place January 19, February 16 & March 16 at the Sherrill CAC from 6-7:30pm. Anyone in grades 1-6 is invited to a free dinner and then games and activities. Pickup time is 7:30pm.
- Bible Study on "1 John: LOVE" beginning Tuesday January 4 at 7pm in the Plymouth Alliance Church Sanctuary. Babysitting will be provided free of charge.
- Events for Teens at the Sherrill CAC, Sundays January 16, March 20 and April 17 from 3-5pm. This is a time for our students in grades 6-12 to come out and enjoy a free afternoon of bowling, pizza, dodgeball and a devotion from our Youth Pastor Dave Richter.
- Release Time- Thursday Mornings, 7:45-8:45am @PAC. This is our Religious Education Program for any students who attend E.A. McAllister school in grades 1-6. If you are interested please call the Church Office. Our Winter Program will start Thursday, February 3.

If you have any questions please call the Church Office @ (315) 363-5642.

Souls Tranquility Massage

504A Sherrill Road

Souls Tranquility Massage is now offering wraps and full body scrubs. January 17-22 is Wrap Week! For this week only, book a wrap or body scrub at a discounted price. Wraps and body scrubs will be \$10 off. Gift certificates or other promotions cannot be used at this time. Visit www.soulstranquility.massagetherapy.com for wrap details. Call (315) 606-1021 or book online to guarantee your spot.

Sherrill Garden Club News

The Sherrill Garden Club has returned to meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Sherrill-Kenwood Library. We welcome guests who might be interested in our program for the night or who may want to become a member. Our mission includes beautification, education and conservation.

On February 1, Master Gardener, Rosanne Loparco, will conduct a program on Trash to Treasure where she will demonstrate how to utilize unusual objects in landscape design. Loretta Szczgiel and Rebecca Pease will be hostesses for the meeting.

The March 1 meeting will be about Beekeeping and will be presented by Paul Slayton, Master Beekeeper. Hostesses for the meeting are Shirley Kristan and Eleanor Cmaylo.

Lastly, the April 5 meeting will take place at a local restaurant TBD; this is our annual Spring Banquet at which new officers are installed and the program books for the year are distributed. Valerie Scott and Marilyn Findley will plan the banquet and the table decorations. For more information about the Sherrill Garden Club, call (315) 263-7138.



Sherrill Kenwood Library News

COVID-19 continues to reshape our 2022 finances, hours, programs and delays in receiving new materials. Programs may be scheduled with a date to be determined (TBD), rescheduled or cancelled. We will post updates on our website, www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org and Facebook page. We can also be reached at (315) 363-5980.

New Hours: Monday & Tuesday, 11am-4pm

Wednesday & Thursday, 11am-7pm

Friday, 11am-4pm Saturday, 11am-2pm

We are closed Sundays & all Federal holidays. Curbside Service is available. Call ahead and we are happy to bring your books to you. While a portion of our funding has been restored, we continue to experience a reduction in our funding. With the support of community organizations, local merchants and patrons we will now open Friday & Saturday. We hope to return to our pre-pandemic hours at some time, and until then, we are simply operating within our means. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Upcoming Library Board of Trustees Meetings-
January 18, February 15, March 15 & April 19

Friends of the Library- We are fortunate to have a terrific "*Friends of the Library*" group. Please contact us if you are interested in joining.

Weekly Programs

-Toddler Tuesdays, 11-11:45am

Join us for stories, songs and crafts.

-Chat & Craft, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays, 11am-1pm (This group formerly met at the CAC.)

-Mah-Jongg, Wednesdays, 1-3pm, All levels of play are welcome.

Community Art Wall Display Schedule

-January- Anita Garziona- photography, watercolor, pen & ink.

-February- Matt Femia- Fine art photography through the lens of a microscope, www.micrographer.com

-March- VVS Schools

-April- Stockbridge Valley Central School tribute to Sara Bennati

-May- Homeschool art with Mary Thompson

-Currently June-December are available, and we welcome new artists.

Upcoming Events

Art Classes- Tuesdays 12:30-3:30pm with Linda Evans. Classes run in 2, 6-week sessions starting January 11. Thursdays 6-9pm with Laura Diddle. Classes take place for an 8-week session February 3 - March 24.

Valentine Celebration- Saturday February 12, 11am-1pm- Join us for Valentine stories and make valentines for those special people in your life.

Winter Recess- February 21-26- Let's create snow sculptures on the front lawn (weather permitting), have a campfire, and enjoy s'mores & hot chocolate.

Book Discussion- We invite all to join our lively discussions. On Wednesday, February 2 at 4pm we will discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger who will attend via Zoom. We will also meet Wednesday April 6 at 4pm, title TBA.



Pysanky Ukrainian Egg Decorating- with Linda Evans, Saturdays March 12 & 19 10am-2pm- Class size will be limited, and preregistration is required, \$25/class.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale- March, dates TBA. All proceeds will benefit the Girl Scouts.

Spring Break Week- April 11-16- Let's Create our own "Sherrillwood Forest" complete with a fairy village with gnome homes and hobbit houses made from nature and recyclable materials. We'll have a pizza party too!

We will have Federal and New York State tax forms available.



Explore our winter wonderland with snowshoes. We have 6 sets in 3 different sizes to borrow with your library card.

KEYS Program News



Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve Day is February 14- The KEYS Program's *Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve Day* is a day when YOU can honor or remember a loved one who has battled cancer! Purchase a heart sticker and then wear it on your sleeve on February 14! Each heart sticker is just \$2.50 and has room for you to write in the name of a friend or loved one or KEYS kid that you want to honor. We share the photos of everyone wearing their hearts with our KEYS kids to let them know they are not alone and we are thinking of them! Hearts can be purchased at www.keyprogram.org, by emailing us at info@thekeysprogram.org or at PR Plus Small Engine, 308 Sherrill Road. Last year 1,904 people wore their hearts on their sleeves in 14 states and 6 countries! Now that's a lot of smiles!

Monday Night Smiles Concert Series- Each Monday night at 7pm the KEYS Program celebrates and honors a child battling cancer and their siblings with a LIVE free virtual concert on Facebook! Our amazing musicians play their



heart out to lift the spirits of our amazing cancer warriors. Some of the local musicians and bands who will perform this winter include Sherrill's very own Brett Roden, Terry 'Mojo' Johnson, Two Friends, Christina Stewart, Liz Fiddle, Emalee Herrington, Steve Laureti and Mike Estabrook! We invite you to join us to spread love, hope and BIG smiles with these amazing warriors!

Free Music & Wellness Classes for Breast Cancer Patients- The KEYS Program is offering music therapy and wellness classes for breast cancer patients in CNY! All sessions are provided via zoom so patients can participate in the comfort of their home or hospital. Give us a call to try out a 6 week session at (315) 363-6446 or email us at info@thekeysprogram.org. BIG thanks to the Saint Agatha Foundation and CNY Community Foundation for making this program possible.

Music Therapy Fun Fact! Did you know that music therapy originated in veteran's hospitals after World War I and II? The concept of using music as a form of healing dates back to the days of Aristotle and Plato, but the kind of music therapy that we know today started after World War I and II, when local musicians played for physically and emotionally traumatized veterans at the Veterans hospitals. When doctors and nurses saw the positive responses patients had, they requested that musicians be hired to play in hospitals. The growing need for properly trained musicians led to the creation of the music therapy college curriculum.



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Assessors News

March 1, 2022 is the deadline for filing certain property tax exemption applications with the Assessor's office. Below is a list of the most common property exemptions. To receive these exemptions you must apply for the initial year, contact the assessor's office or visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm> for more information.

-*Basic STAR*- Renews automatically- available for primary residence to all homeowners with income less than \$500,000.

-*Enhanced STAR*- Renews automatically- available to homeowners 65 or older with income less than \$92,000.

-*Veteran Exemption*- Renews Automatically

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions concerning eligibility for an exemption.

Senior Citizen's STAR Exemption- Based on an Executive Order by the Governor of NYS issued December 26, 2021, **Seniors who received the Senior Tax Exemption for 2021 do not need to renew that exemption for 2022.** This is the same situation as we had for the current tax year.

To apply for a **new** Senior Exemption, you can visit the Assessor's office located in the Vernon Town Hall or call Duane Munger at (315) 761-9009 to setup an appointment. Sherrill residents can receive at the Town of Vernon Assessor's office, (315) 829-2587 some of the same services they receive from the Sherrill Assessors Office relating to exemption applications. The Vernon Assessor's hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm and they welcome Sherrill residents to come in.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Updates



mini excavator being lowered in



base forming on the first UV structure



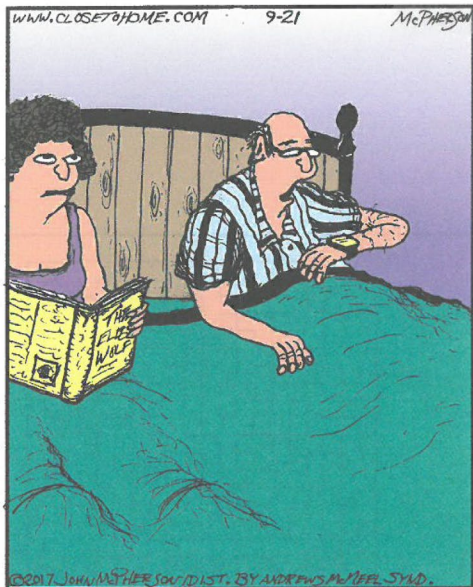
poured walls of the first UV structure

In October 2021, MA Bongiovanni started moving on site at our Wastewater Plant. They have cleared the site where the new UV system will be and proceeded forward with sheeting installation for bank support when digging and forming the structure. Part of the structure is formed and poured.

UV is an effective, safe and environmentally friendly way to disinfect wastewater. Unlike chemical disinfection in which substantial contact tanks and time are needed, UV light provides rapid, effective inactivation of microorganisms through a physical process. When bacteria, viruses and protozoa are exposed to germicidal wavelengths of UV light they are instantaneously rendered incapable of reproducing and infecting. The process adds nothing to the water but UV light, has no impact on the chemical composition or dissolved oxygen content, and does not create disinfection by-products.

City of Sherrill
377 Sherrill Road
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Chief Drake finally comes clean...



"Well, one good thing about all my nighttime trips to the bathroom: My Fitbit says I've logged 17 miles going back and forth this year."



Chief Drake's Final Number

698,912



Step into the Holiday's

Winner's 2021

1. Kara O. 522,640
2. Myron T. 344,092
3. Pam M. 258,153

City Challenge

1. Dave 498,547
2. Brandon 429,167
3. Mike 416,347



Thank you I
Sherrill P.B.A.
Stay Healthy!

