



# Fall 2023 Newsletter

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## From the City Manager Brandon M. Lovett

City crews were busy this summer, as we saw road paving started and finished earlier than ever before.

Curbing and paving was wrapped up in early July. We also saw the installation of a new High-density polyethylene (HDPE) water line on Fairway Lane. After two years of renovations, the Wastewater Treatment Plant was successfully completed, showcasing the city's commitment to improving infrastructure. City crews also installed a new pole barn at the CAC. Hats off to all our employees who work together as a team who help shape the City into what is.

There are only four green waste collection dates left for 2023. September 11, 25, October 9 and 23 are the final collection days for green waste. Homeowners may dispose of their green waste at any time at the DPW Garage on Elmwood Place. Curbside Leaf Collection will begin late October and continue into early November. Details on this will be available on the City's website, Facebook, and email blast.

Our Recreation Department is in full swing this fall with our Annual Fall Touch a Truck event at the CAC Columbus Day. NFL Flag football is back, too. Fall Fest is on Saturday September 16th and features live music, food trucks, Copper City Brewery and Fireworks. The city also offers a plethora of other programs and community events this fall and winter. The city utilizes various communication channels such as its website, Facebook page, [sherrillrec.com](http://sherrillrec.com) and email blasts to keep residents informed about upcoming events and programs.

The installation of a new Disc Golf Course at Robertson Park and McAllister Elementary School stands out as a collaborative effort between the community, a fundraising group made up of (Becca Piccola, Ray Sawner and Todd Powers), and the city's employees who have planned, purchased, and installed the equipment for the new facility. We are excited of the group's decision to repurpose funds from a potential skate park project into the Disc Golf Course. We also want to thank the Sherrill community for your generosity.

Wishing everyone a happy fall, let's hope we have a few weeks of summer left!!!

Regards,

*Brandon M. Lovett*

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### Other City Phone Numbers

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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 History News

Hello, Sherrill residents! My name is Brian King and I am the Historian for the City of Sherrill. I have been busily toiling away at the job since I retired and I thought it was time to introduce myself. I have lived in the area for over 60 years and in Sherrill for over 50. It's difficult for me to believe but, my VVS 50<sup>th</sup> reunion will be next year. Time flies!

I am in the midst of reindexing the newspaper article collection at City Hall. These are contained in 151 looseleaf binders and I am currently working on binder #92. It's a long process but, when finished, will be easier to locate information requested by researchers.

If anyone has newspaper clippings, old photos, postcards, advertisements, etc. that are taking up space in your attic or basement, that you no longer want, please bring them to me at City Hall. Even if I already have some of the info, there may be that one piece that makes an important connection to some other bit of history. What you may think is just a bit of old junk left to you by a relative might be a gem to a historian like me. You can contact me by email at [bking@sherrillny.org](mailto:bking@sherrillny.org) or by calling City Hall.

### Historical Headlines for Autumn

September 23, 1919: "Fliers Deliver Herald Souvenir Edition – Air Newsies Peddle on Three Routes"

October 20, 2000: "Most Upstate Cities Lose Population, Sherrill Has Highest Growth Rate"

November 12, 1918: "Sherrill Celebrates News of Peace – Wild Enthusiasm at Sherrill When News is Received"

December 17, 1922: "Lad of 13 Confesses he Tried to Set Sherrill School Afire"

### Police Department Reminders

-NYS vehicle and traffic law requires vehicles to be parked with the passenger side by the curb, not the driver side.

-Please remember there is no overnight parking on city streets, November 1-April 30 from 2-7am.

### Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department News

**Membership-** The department is always looking for new members. If you're interested in EMS, firefighting 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.

**Thank you-** Thank you to everyone who supported our Lawn Mower Raffle and Chicken BBQ. Proceeds from these fundraisers will go towards a gear dryer to ensure our safety and health of our firefighters and to enable us to have our gear quicker to be in service for our community.





# CITY OF SHERRILL UPCOMING EVENTS 2023



MATT CHASE

6pm-8pm

SEP  
12



SEP  
13

BIKE RODEO

6PM-8PM

FALL BOWLING  
TOURNAMENT

7PM

SEP  
15



SEP  
16

SHAWN HALLORAN

4PM-6PM

WALRUS

6:30PM-8:30PM

SEP  
16



SEP  
16

FIREWORKS

Dusk

TOUGH A TRUCK  
& PARADE

12 PM

OCT  
9



OCT  
21

TRUNK OR TREAT

1 PM-3 PM

HAUNTED COVE

1 PM-3 PM

5 PM-9 PM

OCT  
21



NOV  
24

BEAT THE CHIEF

CHRISTMAS  
CRAFT SHOW

9 am- 3 pm

DEC  
2



For more info visit [sherrillrec.com](http://sherrillrec.com)





# Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library

[www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org](http://www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org)

543 Sherrill Road, Sherrill

Phone: 315-363-5980 • Fax: 315-363-4133

## Hours

**Monday:** 10 - 7  
**Tuesday:** 10 - 7  
**Wednesday:** 10 - 7  
**Thursday:** 10 - 7  
**Friday:** 10 - 4  
**Saturday:** 10 - 1  
**Sunday:** Closed

## Staff

*Library Director*

**Bill Loveland**

*Youth Services  
Coordinator*

**TBA**

## Board

*President*

**Lauren MacDonald**

*Vice President*

**Daryk Macrina**

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**Rachel Sayles**

*Treasurer*

**Cathi Brewer**

*Trustee*

**Rashmi Bismark**

*Trustee*

**Katie Falkenmeyer**

*Trustee*

**Mary Lou Sayles**

*Trustee*

**Jolene Vanderhoof**

**Meetings are held  
the third Tuesday of  
the month at 5:00pm.**

We've eliminated late fees for most items in our collection! Library users are no longer charged when books, DVDs, periodicals, and audiobooks are returned late. In addition, all previously existing overdue fees for library materials borrowed at Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library have been waived from all Mid York library accounts.

Borrowers are still responsible for ensuring that their items are returned by their due date. Library users will continue to receive reminders to return overdue materials. Once an item has been overdue for 30 days, that item is considered lost, and the borrower is charged the full replacement cost of the item to their account.

Fines still apply for certain special collection items, including park and museum passes, athletic equipment, American Girl Dolls, and more.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Held at St. Helena's Church**

Book Sale Dates: Fri., 9/15 9 am - 7pm & Sat., 9/16 9 am - 12 pm

Book Donation Drop-off Day: Thurs., 9/14 12 pm - 7pm

## Check out a Pass!

Take a free family field trip on us! We have Empire (NYS Parks) Passes, Onondaga County Parks Passes, Utica Zoo Passes, a Fort Rickey Family Pass, and a pass to the MOST! Each pass can be checked out for three days. Our Utica Zoo and Fort Rickey passes are each good for 50% off admission.

## Free Text Alerts

Never miss an item pickup! Our library now offers free text alerts notifying patrons when items they've requested are ready for pick up. Sign up is quick and easy; call or stop by to have this new feature enabled!

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library arrives for our VVS Community!

Our VVS chapter of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has launched!

The VVS Imagination Library provides one free book a month to children in the VVS School District under the age of five. Books are mailed directly to the homes of registrants. This program is available at no cost to participating families and children, and allows families to build personal home libraries for their children before starting Kindergarten. For more information and to sign up, stop by or call our library!





### Waterman's Martial Arts Kick 4 Kids Fundraiser

How many kicks can we do in 90 minutes?  
November 16, 5:30-7pm at the CAC  
\$10 donation at the door, All proceeds go  
to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

### News from VVS Schools



Information about VVS programs and  
community offerings is available at  
[www.vvsschools.org](http://www.vvsschools.org)



Join us this Fall for a tour of the Oneida Community Cemetery. After a presentation in the Mansion House Big Hall, we will journey to the cemetery, and wander among the gravestones of the people who created one of the most successful and longest lasting utopian societies in American history.

Cemetery tours will be held at 10am on October 14 & 29. The cost for this tour is \$15 general admission, \$5 for students, and FREE for Members.

For more information and to reserve your spot, see our website: [oneidacommunity.org/event](http://oneidacommunity.org/event)

New specialty tours coming soon, sign-up for our e-newsletter to stay up to date!

### From The Sherrill Silversmiths

We want to thank everyone that helped make the Silversmiths season great. You may have opened your home to a player. You may have provided food, money, haircut, a sign, storage unit or a free chiropractic adjustment. You may have been a loyal fan. Whatever you did we want to thank you from very grateful hearts. We wanted to list you all but I'm sure we would forget someone because there are so many of you. We look forward to another awesome year. Please accept our gratitude and love for all your support that makes Sherrill the best place in the world to live!!!

Sincerely,

The Sherrill Silversmiths

### Sherrill Garden Club News

The Sherrill Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Sherrill Kenwood Free Library. Each meeting begins with a program followed by refreshments and a business meeting. Community members are invited to attend our meetings to listen to the presentation and perhaps stay to learn more about the club.

On Tuesday, September 5, Gretchen Mero, Master Gardener, will share about Gardening with Bulbs. Gretchen will explain about the many types of bulbs, when to plant them and how to care for them. Hosts for the meeting are Val and Leroy Scott.

On October 3, Ron Brough, Master Gardener, will speak on Preparing the Garden for Winter which influences how well your garden will perform next year. Ron will explain what we should do in the fall to insure that our gardens produce the best flowers and vegetables the next growing season. Hostesses are Jo English and Fran Durant. The November 7 meeting features Kris VanValkenburg who will lead a hands-on program on card making featuring a fall/winter theme. Hostesses are Wendy Carroll and Mary Bailey.

Finally, the December 5 meeting will be the Holiday Party at which we decorate two trees in the library, bring unwrapped gifts for residents at a local DSO, and conduct a white elephant "auction" to benefit World Gardening- the Navajo Water Project. Hosts are Steve and Loretta Szczygiel.

Each year the National Garden Clubs sponsor the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest for students in Grades 1-5. Information will be available at the SKFL and through the VVS Elementary Schools by the end of September.

For further information, call (315) 263-7138. Please come to a meeting to get an understanding of the Sherrill Garden Club and the service programs we do in the community!



## Sherrill Kenwood Water District News

The City of Sherrill and the Sherrill Kenwood Water district for the first time took advantage of the modern method of replacing underground pipes, by utilizing what's known as "pipe bursting".

The pipe bursting technique minimizes the need for disruptive and costly excavation. This means reduced disruption to city streets and right of ways, less environmental impact, and decreased inconvenience to residents and businesses in the area of work. The process involves breaking apart the old cast iron water main while simultaneously pulling through the new high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe, effectively replacing the old pipe with a durable and efficient alternative.

High-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipes are well-known for their exceptional durability and resistance to corrosion. They are less prone to leaks, cracks, and other forms of deterioration, which results in a more reliable and long-lasting water distribution system. Additionally, HDPE pipes have smoother interior surfaces, which can improve water flow and reduce the potential for sediment buildup or water quality issues.

The decision to use pipe bursting and high-density polyethylene pipes demonstrates a forward-thinking approach to infrastructure maintenance and improvement. The benefits include increased reliability, longevity, and efficiency of the water distribution system, as well as reduced disruption and environmental impact during the construction process.

As Water Superintendent I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Andy Hoffman and his crew at Center Line Trenchless Construction for their expertise, professionalism, and commitment to enhancing our community's infrastructure. This project serves as an example of how innovative techniques and materials can contribute to the betterment of the Sherrill Kenwood Water District and the City of Sherrill as a whole.





## **Answers to Frequently Asked Questions from the Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority**

More specific information about recycling and how the Authority recycles can be found at [www.ohswa.org](http://www.ohswa.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Authority at (315)733-1224 or [ohswa@ohswa.org](mailto:ohswa@ohswa.org).

### **What is the difference between a wet strength box and a carton?**

A wet strength box is any kind of box that goes in your refrigerator or freezer like soda can or popsicle boxes. Wet strength boxes have a chemical in them that keep them from breaking down when wet. This chemical cannot be removed from the paper fibers that make up the box, therefore wet strength boxes are not recyclable. Cartons, on the other hand, are recyclable. This is because instead of having a protective chemical mixed with the paper fibers, the carton has a protective waxy coating that can be removed at recycling mills.

### **How much plastic is actually recycled?**

The Authority has one of the most comprehensive recycling systems in New York State. We accept the items that we do (whether plastic or another material) because we have an outlet for that material to be recycled. It would be a waste of money, time and energy to advertise that we accept plastic for recycling just to only collect a few types and send the rest to the landfill. Of the plastic that comes to the recycling center, about 10% is landfilled because of contamination from "wishcycling" (or, putting items in the recycling bin hoping that it will be recycled), dirty recyclables, and lack of education. We have one of the largest accepted lists in the state due to our single stream processing system and therefore can accept more types of the many kinds of plastic than our surrounding counties. In 2022, we marketed 2,070 tons or 4,140,000 pounds of plastic for recycling.

### **Does it matter if plastic bottles or glass jars have their lids/caps on?**

When you are recycling plastic bottles and jars, you can rinse them out and put the lids right back on them. The plastic and metal lids are recyclable but may not be recovered for recycling if they are not on their original container

### **Are pizza boxes recyclable?**

This is something that we leave to residents' discretion. If the box has a lot of grease or cheese stuck to it, then it would be better to put it in the garbage. Otherwise, they can be recycled.

### **Why do my garbage and recyclables go in the same truck?**

Some waste haulers use split body trucks. These trucks collect garbage and recycling at the same time, helping cut down on the time it takes to complete a collection route. When they arrive at our facilities, the garbage side of the truck is emptied in the transfer station, and the recycling side of the truck is emptied in the recycling center. If you have concerns with how your waste is being collected, you can contact your waste hauler directly.

### **Where can I get rid of paint when the Authority's HHW facility is closed?**

Paint is now accepted for recycling at participating retailers through PaintCare, a program of the American Coatings Association that was established in New York State in 2022. When you buy paint there is now a small added fee which helps fund the PaintCare program. Paint that is recycled through this program is either reused or processed into fuel.



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**These aren't your average fly-by-night cartoons.**



"Man, the Kellermans have a lot of nerve! ...  
If it wasn't for our screens, they'd probably  
walk right in!"



"I wouldn't do that, bartender. ... Unless,  
of course, you think you're fast enough."