



Winter 2024 Newsletter

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www.sherrillny.org



From City Manager, Brandon M. Lovett

On behalf of the City of Sherrill employees and administration I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As we head into Winter, please remember that The City has snowshoes and cross-country skis available to our

area youth and families to utilize during the winter months. This equipment was donated by the Edwin J. Wadas Foundation in 2022. Please contact the Recreation Dept. to reserve equipment. Barry VanDreason and his staff continue to build our communities recreation and community activity offerings. Please keep an eye on the City's Facebook Page, and Sherrillrec.com for the upcoming events.

We are hopeful that the weather will cooperate this winter to allow for us to create the outdoor ice rink for the community to enjoy. A few things to remember, unlike Rockefeller Center, we do not have a chiller under the ice to keep it frozen. We are 100% reliant on the weather. To flood and maintain the rink the weather needs to be a consistent 14 degrees Fahrenheit when it is not snowing and not windy. To build a base, we need a three-to-five-day period of these temperatures and conditions. You can only flood the surface 1/2 to 1 inch of water with each application. Light flooding is preferred to heavy flooding. Over-watering or flooding when the temperature is not cold enough creates a shell of ice on top of the water. Ice that is only frozen on top is not suitable for skating, since the shell breaks when weight is applied on it. Some of the hurdles we face in maintaining steady ice are the inconsistent cold days, we've seen warmer temperatures over the last several years, snowfall which can insulate, soften and deteriorate the ice and direct sunlight which can soften, melt or heave the ice making it unusable. If we are able to make and maintain ice for skating the City will put out an email blast and post it to our Facebook page. When the yellow barricades and no skating signs are out, you must stay off the ice surface.

Oneida County completed the W. Hamilton Ave. Bridge project around this time last year. In the weeks ahead you'll see National Grid replacing the gas line by directional boring under the creek. According to National Grid they will remove the steel support that the "old" gas line is currently attached to in the Spring.

A few things to remember this winter, homeowners/tenants are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of snow/ice on the sidewalk in front of their property. The City does clear sidewalks as a courtesy after streets and other priorities are properly addressed. Please provide clear access to your water/electrical meters for meter reading. NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibits snow/ice or any foreign objects to be blown or pushed into a public street. Snow from a driveway shall not be pushed into or across the street. Parking overnight is prohibited. Our DPW crews often work long shifts to keep our streets safe and clear. Also, please yield to snow removal operations for the safety of our employees as well as you and your passengers.

Wishing everyone a wonderful winter season!!

Brandon M. Lovett

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Sherrill History News from Brian King, City Historian

As we slide past the observation of Veteran's Day, I thought to make this note all about headlines during the two world wars. Hopefully reminding one and all that the day's observances stem from the first world war when the armistice was signed at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month. That signing brought about the beginning of Armistice Day, later to become Veteran's Day.

World War I

- October 16, 1918 "Some Racket When Yank Gun Lets Loose on Fritzie"
- October 8, 1918 "Sherrill Boy in St. Mihiel Battle" (Russell Marvin)
- November 11, 1918 "Sherrill Celebrates News of Peace"
- November 12, 1918 "Wild Enthusiasm at Sherrill When Big News is Received"

World War II

- October 7, 1942 "Syracuse Chaplin Carries Church Flag to New Guinea"
- February 23, 1942 "Two R.A.F. Fliers Visiting Oneida (Kenwood) Tell of Devastating Raids in London"
- January 7, 1945 "Lend Ike Hand, Is Montgomery's Appeal to Press"
- February 14, 1941 "Five Replacements Leave for Albany Induction Center"
- March 12, 1942 "Sherrill's Veteran of Pearl Harbor Attack Inducted by VFW" (Jack Foeppe)
- October 24, 1942 "Oneida Ltd. Congratulated on 'E' Award by the Mayor"

Host a Silversmith!
Affordable Family Fun!

SHERRILL SILVER SMITHS

Open your home to a College Baseball player. The Sherrill Silversmiths will be back for the 2024 season. The time frame is the end of May to end of July. Great baseball for our local community! Join the Team today!

Contact Diane Crumb
315-264-3675



Police Department Reminders

- Please remember there is no overnight parking on city streets, November 1 – March 31. From 2-6am.
- Please also remember to be courteous to the DPW crews as they are clearing streets this winter.

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.



This winter please clear the area around fire hydrants in front of or near your homes. In the event of an emergency, a cleared hydrant can save precious time for firefighters.

Help Support the

SHERRILL SILVER SMITHS

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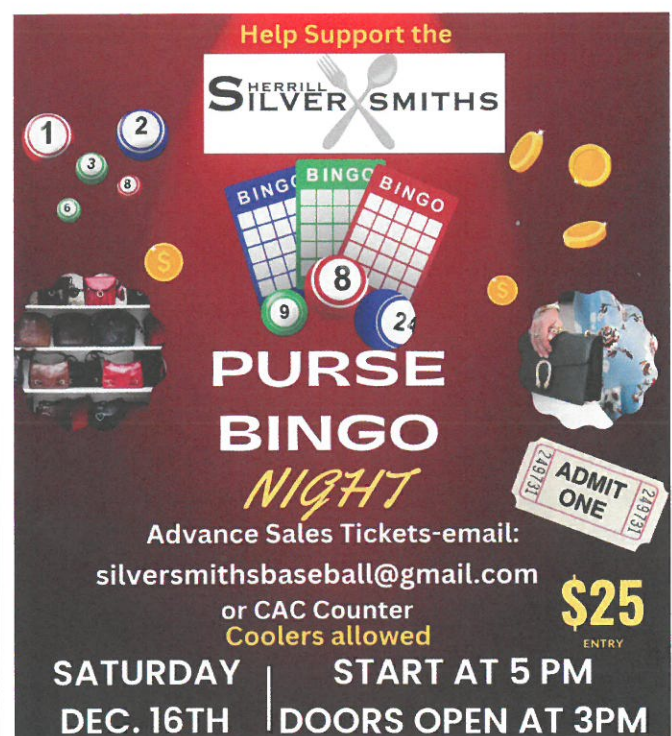
PURSE BINGO NIGHT

Advance Sales Tickets-email:
silversmithsbaseball@gmail.com
or CAC Counter
Coolers allowed

\$25
ENTRY

SATURDAY DEC. 16TH | **START AT 5 PM**
DOORS OPEN AT 3PM

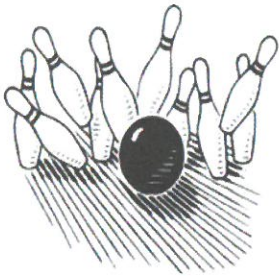
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Upcoming Events & Sherrill Recreation News

FRIDGE FRIENDLY

- **12/9/23** Breakfast with Santa-Sponsored by Rotary 9am to 11am
- **12/12/23** Blood Drive 1pm to 6pm
- **12/16/23** Silversmiths Purse Bingo Night- Doors open at 3pm- starts at 5pm
- **12/31/23** Ring in New Year's Family Style 5pm-Ball Drop 8pm Free Bowling/Music
- **1/17/24** Cornhole League Starts
- **1/17/24** Pitch League Starts
- **2/3/24** Winterfest at CAC -XC Ski Races-Snow shoe races-Music-Chili Cookoff
- **3/2/24** St. Sherrill Crawl



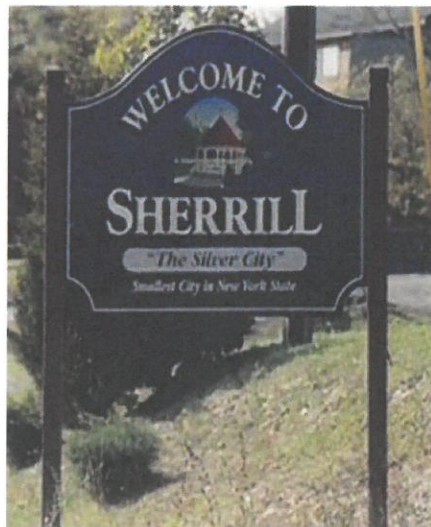
Don't Forget

Wednesday's free Zumba 5:30pm-6:30pm
Friday's Bowling 5 pm to 11pm 1/2 Price games
Sunday's Pick-up Basketball 9:30am to 11:00am



Rec Information

All your flyers with more information can be found on sherrilrec.com, open a free account today and don't be left out of all the fun! Book your party with us.



Winter Fun

Take advantage of our XC Skis and Snowshoes! Reservations can be done on sherrillrec.com.



315-363-6525 139 East Hamilton Ave., Sherrill, N.Y. 13461

COME AND JOIN US FOR 2ND ANNUAL

Saint Sherrill Crawl

MARCH 12, 2024

START AT THE SHERRILL LEGION

Join us!

STOP AT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES
ADD YOUR BUSINESS TO THE CRAWL
BY: ANDREASON@SHERRILLNY.ORG

See you there!



Winter Youth Hitting Clinics

Where: CAC Clubhouse, 139 E. Hamilton Ave, Sherrill, NY
When: Sunday, January 21, 2024 Two Sessions: 12p-1p, 1p-2p
 Sunday, January 28, 2024 Two Sessions: 12p-1p, 1p-2p
Who: Area Baseball or Softball Players in Grades 1st-8th
Cost: \$30 per player per session, cash or check

The Sherrill Silversmiths, members of the MLB funded New York Collegiate Baseball League since 2011, are happy to announce that we will host 4 separate one hour long Hitting Clinics for area ball players. The clinics are open to area youth in grades 1st-8th and are open to any school district.

Each clinic will be ran by Silversmiths Coaches and Players, along with potential for other guest instructors. The clinics will focus on the fundamentals of hitting in baseball and/or softball and include drill work to improve hitting mechanics, approach, and batting practice.

Each clinic is limited to no more than 20 participants as space is limited. It is highly recommended that each participant bring their own bat, and also wear sneakers appropriate for a gymnasium floor.

CORNHOLE LEAGUE

COMP. DIVISION

REC. DIVISION

BYO COOLERS

WEDNESDAY'S

21+

FIRST 16 TEAMS SIGNED UP \$60 PER TEAM
STARTS JANUARY 17 ENDS MARCH 27
 139 EAST HAMILTON AVE SHERRILL, NY 13461
sherrillrec.com



Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library

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*

Amy Garcia

Board

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Lauren MacDonald

Vice President

Daryk Macrina

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Rachel Sayles

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Cathi Brewer

Trustee

Rashmi Bismark

Trustee

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Trustee

Mary Lou Sayles

Trustee

Jolene Vanderhoof

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

We launched the VVS Imagination Library in late August, and we already have nearly 200 signups! Our program 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, call us, or scan the QR code to get started!



Holiday Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 16: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Hosted by our library's Friends group and held in our library's Community Room, we'll have lots of holiday favorites to take home!

Emergency Closings

SKFL prioritizes the safety and well-being of our staff and community, and we'll close when road conditions deteriorate due to inclement weather. All emergency closings will be announced on our website and social media.

Free Text Alerts

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

Children's Programming

Story Time

Mondays & Wednesdays at 10am

Tween Writers Club

Thursdays at 3:30pm

Take & Make: Wooden Gingerbread House Kit

*Starts Wed., November 29,
Available While Supplies Last*

Adirondack Experience

(The Museum on Blue

Mountain Lake) Visit

Tuesday, February 20 at 11am

Maple Sugaring Program with Cornell Cooperative Extension

Friday, March 15 at TBA

Plymouth Alliance Church News



169 Kinsley Street, (315) 363-5642
Rev. Kurt Johnson
Sunday Worship 10:30am

Christmas Eve Service, Sunday December 24, 7pm
Everyone welcome!

Sunday School, 9:15am for Pre K - Adults
Infant Nursery available during the service for
Ages 0-3 years old, Children's Church- Every Sunday
midway through the Service.

Release Time- Thursday Mornings, 7:45am - 8:45am
Release Time is our Christian Education Program
offered to any child who attends E.A McAllister
School. You do not need to attend PAC for your child
to attend.

Wacky Wednesdays at Plymouth Alliance Church, 3rd
Wednesdays January-April, 6-7:30pm- A free dinner
starts the night off at 6pm followed by games. Pick
up at 7:30pm at the Church.

Free Teen Sundays at the Sherrill CAC, every 3rd
Sunday each month, 3-5pm- Anyone in grades 6-12 is
welcome to come out for a free afternoon of
bowling, games, pizza & worship.



News from VVS Schools

Please visit www.vvsschools.org for
information about upcoming events.

Sherrill Garden Club News

The Sherrill Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday
of the month at 6pm in the Sherrill-Kenwood Free
Library. However, the next meeting will be on
WEDNESDAY, December 6! Members are very busy at
this meeting- we judge the Smokey Bear winning
posters for grades 1-5 which will be entered in the
contest involving all garden clubs in District 5,
decorate the two Christmas trees in the library with
handmade ornaments and hold a white elephant
auction of wrapped items that benefits the World
Gardening Program. Finally we enjoy some Christmas
treats prepared by hosts Loretta and Steve Szczygiel.

At the next meeting on Tuesday, January 2, after
putting away the Christmas trees, we discuss the State
of the Sherrill Garden Club! We review the various
committees and activities of the SGC and discuss
topics of programs for the coming year. Hostesses are
Mary Bailey and Bernadette VanValkenburg.

The February 6 meeting will feature Bruce Mero,
Master Gardener, giving a presentation on Growing
Native Plants. A native plant is a species that naturally
occurred in an area prior to European settlement and
the introduction of non-native species. Bruce will give
suggestions as to plants to purchase to replace non-
native plants in our gardens and where to find them. A
business meeting will follow the presentation.
Rebecca Pease and Suzanne Osio will provide
refreshments and a table decoration for the
meeting. Finally, at the March 5 meeting Michelle
McNamara will give a presentation on Growing
Raspberries. Topics included will be how to choose
the best variety for your area, the location to plant
them in your yard, and how to care for and propagate
them. After the business meeting, refreshments will
be served by Shirley Kristan and Eleanor Cmaylo. All
Sherrill Garden Club meetings are open to the public,
and we welcome guests and new members! For more
information, call (315) 263-7138.

Notes and News from "The Hall"

-City Commission meetings are at City Hall in the City Court room on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7pm. The schedule may fluctuate during June, July and August. Contact City Hall or check the city website for the updated summer schedule.

Effective January 1, 2024, the City will say good-bye to 3 City Commissioner, who chose not to seek re-election. Thank you for your years of service- Tom Dixon, Pat Hubbard & Dave Hyle. Likewise, the city welcomes 3 new Commissioners- Chris Niles, Becca Piccola & Kevin Sayles. City Commissioners can be contacted as below:

Bill Vineall (315) 366-5430
mayor@sherrillny.org

Joe Shay (315) 264-1531
jshay@sherrillny.org

Chris Niles (315) 335-5316
cniles@sherrillny.org

Becca Piccola (315) 271-9372
bpiccola@sherrillny.org

Kevin Sayles (315) 761-1674
ksayles@sherrillny.org
(please note the new commissioners e-mail will not be valid until January 2, 2024)

Other City Phone Numbers

City Hall, (315) 363-2440

CAC, (315) 363-6525

Power & Light, (315) 363-0780

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

-The 2023 City budget public hearing will be on December 11, 2023, at 7:15 pm. There is no proposed tax increase, and the tax rate remains at \$8.00 per \$1,000 assessed value. Additionally, there is no

proposed increase in sewer rates for 2024. The City is in the midst of a electric rate study performed by our regulator, the New York Power Authority in conjunction with the city. New electric rates are anticipated to be rolled out in the late spring or early summer 2024. Once the rate proposals have been completed there will be a public hearing set for the City residents and they must be approved by the New York Power Authority's Board of Directors. Additional information will follow.

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

-The City encourages resident that have not already done so, to sign up for the e-mail notification program, this is located at the bottom of our homepage, www.sherrillny.org. The City strives to get its messages, notices and all pertinent information out to residents in as many ways as possible. The city has a Facebook page, utilizes the "e-mail blast" as well as its growing www.sherrillrec.com recreation tool. More and more of the City's programs will be requiring you to sign up for a SherrillRec.com account to participate and utilize. Contact Barry VanDreason at the CAC with any SherrillRec.com questions (315-363-6525). Never hesitate to call City Hall at 315-363-2440 during normal working hours if you have any questions about the City, it's programs and or services.

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

-The Sherrill-Kenwood Water District's Board meets at City Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:00am.

-City Planning Board meetings are at City Hall and scheduled at least a week in advance but are generally the 3rd or 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Check the city website for the exact day and time that month or call city hall at 315-363-2440 for more information.

City of Sherrill
377 Sherrill Road
Sherrill, New York 13461

What Santa's reindeer do the other 364 days of the year.....

