



2015 Fall Newsletter



September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance

BLOOD DRIVE

The Town of DeWitt and the DeWitt Rotary have partnered with the American Red Cross and the national program 9/11 Day to encourage people across our community to give blood in remembrance and tribute to the September 11 victims and those who rose in service in response to the attacks. The blood drive will be on

**Friday, 9/11 at the DeWitt Town Hall,
5400 Butternut Drive from 11:00am-4:00pm**

Eligible donors can easily schedule a time to donate by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting www.redcrossblood.org (reference sponsor code: TOWNOFDEWITT). Walk-ins are welcome. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free haircut from Sports Clips. Each day the Red Cross must collect about 15,000 blood donations to serve patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. It's the blood products on the shelves today that help save lives in emergencies, and donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types AB, O negative, A negative and B negative .



Highlights from this Summer:



The first ever Tour the Towpath Cycle event from Rome to DeWitt along the old Erie Canal boasts nearly 50 cyclists.

Volunteers counted trail users with Parks and Trails NY on the Old Erie Canal Towpath to determine future maintenance, enhancement, and promotion plans.

The Town of DeWitt received an Honorable Mention Award from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor for improvements on the Old Erie Canal Towpath at Butternut Drive.

We placed and monitoring four purple traps for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in prominent locations in DeWitt to help inform people about this invasive insect.



We unveiled a new interpretive sign for the Vernal Pool in the Butternut Creek Recreation and Nature Trail.



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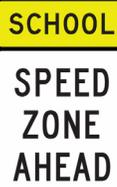
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PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS AND NOTES

The Town of DeWitt has received funding through the NYS Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to develop a plan for Erie Canal related infrastructure located within the Town. The planning process will begin this Fall. The Town is partnering with the City of Syracuse to host an international call for design ideas to connect the Erie Canalway trail from DeWitt into Downtown Syracuse providing a continuous pedestrian and bicycle pathway. Additionally community outreach meetings will be held to gather ideas from community members on how best to take advantage of the Canal resources within the Town. For more information email sgordon@townofdewitt.com.

The Town is also working with the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board and a committee of dedicated volunteers from the Hamlet of Jamesville to develop a Hamlet Master plan to help guide the future growth and development of the Hamlet. A community outreach meeting will be held at the Jamesville Fire Station from 6:30 to 8pm on Wednesday September 23rd. We hope to see you there!

The Town has been analyzing the input that we received through the Moving DeWitt forums that were held during the Spring of 2015 and is beginning to formulate ideas for how to make the Town more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. The Town will be distributing a survey this Fall to Town residents asking questions about how residents would value these kinds of investments/projects. If you receive a survey, please take the time to fill it out – your input is valuable to help guide our decision-making. We are also looking for people to share their photographs or ideas about making DeWitt a more walkable and bikeable place – you can share them with us at movingdewitt@townofdewitt.com, use the hashtag #movingdewitt, or tweet to us @movingdewitt. We look forward to hearing from you. Lastly, visit us at www.movingdewitt.com for more information.

FROM DEWITT TOWN CLERK....ANGELA EPOLITO

Credit Card Payments

The Town of DeWitt will now be accepting credit cards for water and property tax payments.

Over the counter credit card payments will be charged an additional 3% processing fee.

Water payments made online by credit card will be charged a flat \$14.00 per transaction processing fee and Tax payments made online will be charged a flat \$140.00 per transaction processing fee.

2015-2016 School Tax Bills

The 2015-2016 School tax bills will be mailed at the end of August. If you have not received your bill, please call the Tax office at (315)446-3910 ext. 7. You can also print a copy of your tax bill from the Onondaga County website: <http://ongov.net/rpts/index.html>.

Rabies Clinics

The Onondaga County Health Department holds monthly Rabies Shot Clinics. For more information you can contact them at (315) 435-3165 or view their schedule here: <http://www.ongov.net/health/documents/RabiesClinicSchedule.pdf>.

Facebook

Like and share the Town of DeWitt's new Facebook page at

[facebook.com/TownofDeWittNY](https://www.facebook.com/TownofDeWittNY)



Green Initiatives Sustainability



Contact Christine at 315.446.9250 x 137 or
cmanchester@townofdewitt.com



Have you been thinking about Solar? Learn more about the benefits of *Solarize* by attending an upcoming free workshop.

Attend a Workshop:

Wednesday, August 26 (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
DeWitt Community Room
148 Sanders Creek Parkway
East Syracuse NY 13057

Saturday, September 12 (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)
Jamesville Fire Station
6661 E Seneca Turnpike
Jamesville NY 13078

Thursday, October 8 (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
DeWitt Town Hall Courtroom
5400 Butternut Drive
East Syracuse NY 13057

For more information and a complete list of workshops go to: www.solarizecny.org. RSVP for a workshop by clicking on the workshop title of the one you're interested in attending.

About *Solarize*: Building on the success of the 2014 *Solarize Syracuse* program, the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB) and more than twenty local government and not-for-profit organization partners, including the Town of DeWitt, are launching the Solarize CNY program. *Solarize* is a community-based volume-discount program that makes it easier and more affordable than ever to install solar energy on your home or business.

Solarize CNY is open to any home or business owner in Central New York, including Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego counties.

By combining the purchasing power of the community, a reduced price for solar installation has been negotiated. This reduced price, when combined with state and federal tax credits and state incentives, makes solar power more affordable than ever!

Excellent reputations and quality equipment are primary factors that led *Solarize* to partner with the following solar installers for Onondaga County: Alternative Power Solutions, Halco Energy, and Reovus. Please visit www.solarizecny.org for additional details.

2nd Annual

Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, October 17
9am to noon



Volunteers may meet at either:

- 1) DeWitt Town Hall
- 2) Robbie T's (Jamesville)
- 3) The Village Deli (East Syracuse)

Refreshments will be available at each location. We will supply bags, stickers and safety vests. Workers should bring gloves and appropriate clothing since it is often cool and wet.

Last year we had a great turn out of volunteers and we made some history as the first community in Onondaga County to conduct a fall clean-up. The Town Highway Department reported that we collected over 2 tons of litter! We want to make this year's effort even bigger and better.

Please consider volunteering with family, neighbors and friends, co-workers, or members of your house of worship, club or organization. You may clean an area of your choosing or we can assign a location to you. For information or to sign up please contact Dennis Payne at 469-0565 or paynedennis1@gmail.com

TREE FACTS

The best time to plant a tree

was 20 years ago.

The next best time is now!



Call for Volunteers

Would you like to help your community? Are you looking for some volunteer hours? We are looking for people to help us plant approximately 20 bare root street trees toward the end of October/beginning of November. The exact details are yet to be determined. If you are interested we will add you to our list.



Free Street Trees

We are now taking requests from residents and businesses in the Town of DeWitt who would like to receive a FREE street tree.



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)



The small invasive insect whose larvae feed on the living tissue of ash trees is still here. Trees are typically dead within 5 years. If you have an ash tree on your property, contact a tree specialist today!



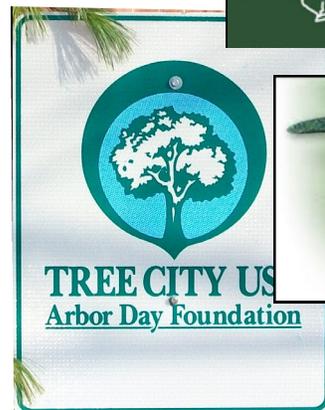
Urban Forest Management Plan & Street Tree Inventory

Thanks to grants received from the NYS DEC, a complete street tree inventory has been completed by a professional team of arborists. Data from this inventory will be used to write an Urban Forest Management Plan this fall to guide the Town in planting additional trees and determining budgeting needs to maintain the existing street trees.



Before and After

Did you know that trees increase property values? Aside from benefits such as shading in the summer, wind break in the winter, water absorption in the spring, and a breathtaking display in the fall they add aesthetic charm to any neighborhood. Take a look at these pictures of the same exact street with and without trees.



Co-Existing with Wildlife

Contact Chris at 446.9250 x 137 or

cmanchester@townofdewitt.com

Overview: Some species of plants and wildlife have adapted to cohabitate with humans while others have perished along the way. White-tailed deer thrive in suburban environments.

Most people enjoy the occasional sighting of a deer. Tolerances begin to thin considerably when human behaviors must be modified and quality of life decreases in order to accommodate the deer.

The population is likely to continue increasing for a variety of reasons:

1. Nutritious and tasty landscaping plants,
2. Golf courses, school campuses, parks, & cemeteries provide protected habitat
3. Hunting restrictions
4. Lack of large predators
5. Milder winters
6. Supplemental feeding by residents
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Research/impacts: SUNY-ESF has been studying the deer for many years. They have a clear understanding about deer habits, traveling corridors, and subsequent impacts to residents and the environment.

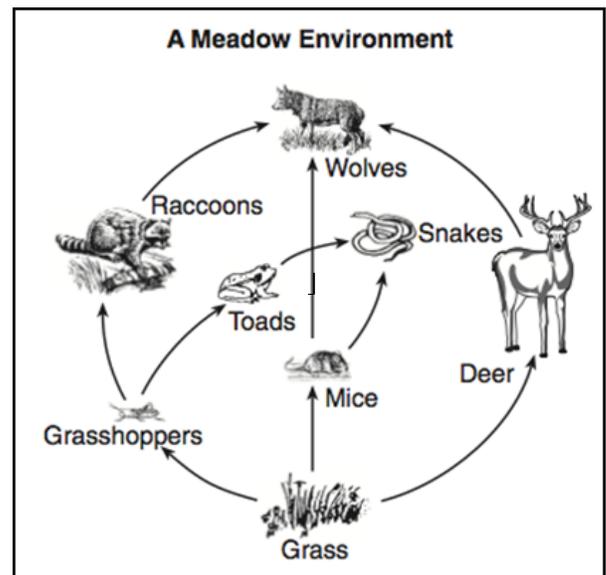
Increasingly humans are becoming more concerned with health impacts associated with tick-borne illnesses, deer and motor vehicle collisions, and plant regeneration.

Lyme Disease and other pathogens: Black-legged tick (deer tick) hatch without the Lyme bacterium. They acquire it when they feast on an infected host during the nymph stage—commonly a mouse, chipmunk, or shrew. Deer are a host species for the adult tick providing transport services and a blood meal. However, deer do NOT carry the Lyme bacteria.

Deer/Motor Vehicle Accidents: Vehicles have become the primary cause of death to deer in suburban landscapes.

Plant Regeneration: Native plants and trees are not regenerating due to the over browsing by deer. Native trees like maple, oaks, and hickory and plants like trillium are disappearing allowing invasive species like buckthorn and purple loosestrife to pervade. Green Lakes State Park built “deer exclusion fences”. These fences completely enclose sections of the forest not allowing deer access. In these restricted areas, native plants and trees are visibly regenerating.

Food Web: In a properly functioning food web, populations are kept balanced through the predator-prey relationship. In suburban settings the ecosystem is not balanced because many predators have been extirpated (driven out).



For example, fox prey on small rodents. Research shows that where fox populations are higher, Lyme disease is lower.

Options: Depending on your particular concern, there are several things you can do to protect yourself and your property.

Franklin Park Resident Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2015 6:00 PM Court Room, DeWitt Town Hall

The Town will be meeting with residents of Franklin Park to discuss flooding concerns.

The following is a list of water and road projects:

- Calhoun Water Project the construction of approximately 1,900 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water mains and appurtenances along Calhoun Street from Exeter Street to James Street.
- Twin Oaks Drive Water Project
- Benedict Road reconstruction project completed for economic development
- Water crossing of Interstate I 481 underway to increase water reliability to Ultra Dairy & Inficon Expansion project. *(see A Message from Supervisor Michalenko page 23)*

To protect from Lyme disease:

- Remove Japanese Barberry from your landscape! Strong scientific evidence suggests a significant link between this invasive shrub, ticks, and white-footed mice;
- Remove food source from mice chipmunks, and shrews;
- Keep yards mowed;
- Wear shoes and socks outside;
- Tuck pant legs into socks;
- Perform daily tick checks;
- Use repellants on clothes;
- Set traps for mice—avoid poisons as they harm owls and other birds of prey.

To protect your property from deer:

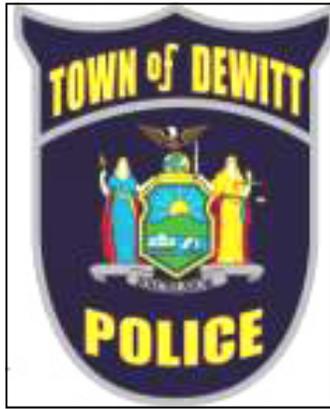
- Don't feed deer;
- Landscape with deer-resistant plants;
- Use repellants;
- Fence your yard, gardens, or prized plants;
- Consider allowing a trusted and properly licensed friend to bow hunt on your property;
- Consider having a large dog that is confined with an invisible fence;
- Become thoroughly informed about deer & associated problems and management options & associated costs.

SEWER BACKFLOW PREVENTORS

Recent rains have caused problems in many areas of the Town. Not only have there been problems relating to storm water, but many residents have seen sewage backups in their basements. The Town takes sewer problems very seriously and works constantly with the Onondaga County Department of Water Environmental Protection (WEP) to maximize the capacity of the sanitary sewer system. Unfortunately, at times, the system becomes overloaded and the results are back-ups into basements.

To help prevent these back-ups, residents are encouraged to install a sewer back-up valve (SBV) on the sewer discharge line. These valves, if they are maintained properly will prevent sewage from backing up from the municipal system. They should be installed by a licensed plumber. Most plumbers will provide a no cost estimate to install a SBV.

Please be assured that the Town is continually looking at ways to prevent drainage and sewage problems, but the reality is that there will be problems when we have the torrential rains of the recent past. Residents should do all within their means to prevent damage to their properties. Installing a SBV now can prevent a lot of problems in the future.



SCHOOL SAFETY



The DeWitt Police Department needs your help to start the school year safe. School children are taught school bus safety and reminded every year how dangerous it can be to get on or off a bus.

It is now our time to remind drivers about school bus and school speed zone safety.

When the **red visual signals are activated:**

- No passing a school bus in either direction
- No passing in either direction on a multi lane roadway
- No passing when the busses are in a driveway on school grounds
- 1st offense fine can be up to \$400 and/or 30 days in jail
- 2nd offense in 3 years is up to \$750 fine and/or 180 days in jail

School speed zone:

School zones are in force from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm when school is in session.

Speeds and fines

- 1 to 10 mph over speed limit
 - Up to \$350 fine
- 11 to 30 mph over the speed limit
 - Up to \$600 fine and/or 15 days in jail
- Over 30 mph over school speed limit
 - Up to \$1200 fine and/or 30 days in jail

School bus drivers have a very difficult job every day to ensure your children get to school, sports, events, and back home safely. Please help them keep the children safe. Don't pass school buses and don't speed in school zones.

Some ways to stay connected with the DeWitt Police are through Facebook, Twitter and AlertID. AlertID is an online program that provides severe weather alerts, Amber alerts, sex offender alerts, Alerts from the police department and pushes media stories to your email that are specific to an area you select. AlertID is free to sign up and to join in your neighborhood. There is more information on our website at www.townofde Wittpolice.com.



PRE-K ACTIVITIES

WIGGY WIGGLES

Parent/Toddler Movement Class

In this class a parent/caregiver will dance together with their child while exploring movement activities and practicing skills. A wide variety of music, props, and rhythm instruments add to the playful environment and learning. Dance concepts (fast/slow, big/small) will be explored as well as age appropriate movements for building your child's body and brain. Join Eileen Corlett and have fun dancing and interacting with your child! Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Held Fridays, October 2–November 20 from 9:15-10:00am at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$64 Residents \$69 All others

CREATIVE DANCE

(Ages 3-5 years old)

This class will introduce children to the wonderful world of music, dance and movement. Children will have fun exploring movement concepts using props such as scarves, maracas, stretchy bands, etc. Children will achieve better coordination, balance, spatial awareness and self-confidence through these activities. Join Eileen Corlett Thursdays, October 1–November 19 from 4:15-5:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$64 Residents \$69 All others

YOUTH

CHRISTMAS BREAK SPECIAL

Recreational activities are planned for children during the Christmas break. Flyers will be distributed to the schools with program specifics or call the Recreation Office for details.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

LEARN TO ALPINE SKI OR SNOWBOARD

You're never too young or old to hit the slopes! Four Seasons will instruct six one-hour lessons for either downhill skiing or snowboarding for ages 6 and up. Fee includes a Season Pass lift ticket for day of lesson for remainder of season. Equipment rental is extra (\$15 ski/\$20 snowboard). Saturdays, January 9–February 13 or Sundays, January 10–February 14 at 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm OR 2:15pm. ***NEW- Ski with your kids pass:** Parents ski with your son or daughter on their lesson day. Passes only. Good for the entire season.*

Fee: \$120 Residents
\$125 All others
\$90 Parent Pass Residents
\$95 All others

LEARN-TO-SNOWBOARD CAMP

Learn how to hit the slopes with the latest craze, snowboarding! Four Seasons in Fayetteville will be offering a snowboard camp for youth 7 years and up. This camp includes three hours of lessons a day, lift ticket, equipment rental and lunch. The camp runs four days, December 28-31 from 10:00am–2:00pm.

Fee: \$270 Residents
\$275 All others

LEARN-TO-SKI CAMP

Four Seasons in Fayetteville will offer downhill ski lessons for youth 7 years and up over the holiday vacation. This camp includes three hours of lessons a day, lift ticket, equipment rental and lunch. The camp runs four days, December 28-31 from 10:00am–2:00pm.

Fee: \$250 Residents
\$255 All others

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL SPECIALS

Children may, on a weekly basis, participate in either arts and crafts or games. Activities may be held outside as weather permits. **Program is cancelled when school is closed.** Pre-registration is required. **LATE PICK-UP FEE:** A 5-minute grace period is given for late pick-up, after which a \$10.00 fee is assessed regardless of reason for lateness. Late fees are to be paid in cash to the staff member waiting with your child.

Fee: \$5 Resident (Crafts only)

Tecumseh: Mondays, October 5 – December 7 from 3:30-4:30pm (Crafts Only)

Moses-DeWitt: Tuesdays, October 6 – December 8 from 3:30-4:30pm (Crafts Only)

East Syracuse Elementary (Grades K-3): Wednesdays, October 7 – December 9 from 2:30-3:30pm (Crafts Only)

After School Bowling (ESE grades 3-6): Thursdays, October 8 – December 10 from 2:30-4:00pm - 2 games of bowling or until 4:00pm, whichever comes first. We will walk to Bowl Mor Lanes from ESE. Parents must pick up at the lanes. \$3.50 per week (includes shoe rental)

BALLOON FUN CAMP! (Ages 7 & up)

Learn how to make balloon creations like Jeff the Magic Man! Every balloon camp that Jeff teaches is different and has BRAND NEW balloon creations to learn. Each child will receive a balloon kit to take home. Held Wednesday, November 25 from 1:00-3:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$20 Residents

\$25 All others

SATURDAY SWIM LESSONS

Saturday Swim Lessons will be offered beginning in February. Registration will begin in late January. Look for more details in our winter brochure.

TOGGENBURG FRIDAY NIGHT

SKI CLUB

Kids in grades 5 – 12 can participate in this program, which includes six weeks of chaperoned transportation, skiing, and lessons, January 8 – February 12, plus an all-day ski on Friday, February 19. Included in the package is a Toggenburg pass, which is good on Fridays for the entire season. For those renting equipment, the fee includes rentals on the six lesson nights only. Bus departs DeWitt Town Hall at 4:45pm and returns between 10:00 - 10:15pm. A school photo is required upon registration for ski pass. Registration must be completed in the Recreation Office – no mail-in registrations! Space is limited. Register early!

Fees: \$235 Pass, Bus

\$325 Pass, Bus, Ski/Board Rentals

\$100 Bus Transportation Only

MAGIC FUN CAMP! (Ages 7 & up)

Calling all young magicians! Come learn the secrets of magic with Jeff the Magic Man. Children will learn magic and play fun magical games while making new friends. Each child will receive their very own magic kit which they get to take home. Held Wednesday, October 7 from 6:00-7:30pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$15 Residents

\$20 All others

KARATE FOR KIDS (Ages 5 & Up)

The perfect way to introduce your child to the world of martial arts training. This class is an excellent first step toward learning the basics of karate and practical self-defense skills through our established program. Also experience our acclaimed Lifeskills program designed to instill life-long character traits in each student. Held Fridays, October 9–October 30 from 6:00-6:45pm at CNY Karate Schools, East Syracuse.

Fee: \$44 Residents (includes uniform)

\$49 All others

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

CHILDCARE AND BABYSITTING SAFETY

This program covers child safety and basic care techniques. Created especially for kids and teens ages 11 and up who are interested in becoming babysitters. This class does include CPR training. Taught by American Heart Association and American Safety and Health Institute certified instructors. Held Wednesday, December 30 from 9:00am–1:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room. Bring a snack or lunch.

Fee: \$40 Residents
\$45 All Others

TOWN OF DEWITT 2016

FACILITY RENTALS

BEGIN

OCTOBER 1ST.

These include:

- DeWitt Community Room, on Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse
 - Carrier Park
 - Maxwell Park
 - Ryder Park
- and the
 - Jamesville Train Station
 - Cedar Bay Park TBA

Call 315-446-9250 x 9 for details

SPECIAL EVENT



MONSTER MASH BASH

Saturday, October 24th

5:00pm-7:00pm

OR

7:30pm-9:30pm

DeWitt Community Room

Tickets: \$10/child, \$5/adult

Open to children ages 5-12 and their parents/guardians.

Calling all ghosts, ghouls and goblins! Dust off your best costume and bring your family to a frightfully fun night of dancing, Halloween activities, refreshments and prizes. The DeWitt Community Room will be transformed into a party crypt featuring family friendly music from Paduano Studios. Enter the costume contest for your chance to win prizes in several different categories. Space is limited!

Tickets are available at the Recreation Office. Cash or Check only.

Tickets are non-refundable after October 16th.

Families purchasing three (3) children's tickets get one (1) free adult ticket. Families purchasing four (4) or more children's tickets get two (2) free adult tickets.



SPECIAL EVENTS 2015

6th ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Saturday, October 3rd 8:30am to 11:00am

Ryder Park Pavilion adjacent to DeWitt Town Hall– Rain or Shine

Call (315) 446-9250 x 9 to Pre-Register

*FREE *Family Friendly Event *Open to children ages 5–14 *No experience necessary *Pre-registration required *Check-In from 8:30 am to 9:00 am *Walk-Ins welcome at 9:00 am on a space available basis *Prizes awarded *For more information:

<http://www.townofdewitt.com/YouthFishingDerby.aspx>

CREEK FREAKS

Saturday, October 3

Make a SPLASH! Get your feet wet as you explore the health and diversity of Butternut Creek.

Catch macro-invertebrates! Be a chemist and test the water quality!

What can you learn about Butternut Creek by who lives there?



*Open to children 5-14

*2 programs: 10am & 11:30am

*Pre-registration required

4th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17th 10:00am-1:00pm

Ryder Park Pavilion adjacent to DeWitt Town Hall– Rain or Shine

Admission: \$5/child

Pumpkin Painting, Caramel Apple Buffet, Craft Project, Fall Riddle Challenge, Hay Maze, Face Painting, Prizes, Halloween Dance Routine and lots of family FUN!

Bring the whole family to help us celebrate the fall season with a day of awesome autumn activities! The kids will enjoy craft projects, pumpkin painting, fall riddle challenge, face painting, hay maze, and caramel apple buffet throughout the day. Then join us at noon to learn a fun Halloween dance routine that will get the whole family into the spirit of the season. Make a quick stop or stay the whole day at our favorite fall family tradition!

\$5 admission includes pumpkin painting, caramel apple buffet, craft project, riddle challenge, maze, face painting and a prize. Additional caramel apple buffet tickets are available for \$1. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

FESTIVITIES

Friday, December 4th, 6:30pm

Ryder Park Pavilion adjacent to DeWitt Town Hall

Free!



Bring the whole family to celebrate the holidays at the 25th annual Holiday Lighting Festivities! Join your host Mrs. Claus for an evening that includes entertainment, children's craft project, lighting ceremony, refreshments and a surprise visitor. Share the holiday spirit by bringing a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys For Tots collection. Toys can also be dropped off at the Recreation Office during business hours from November 2–December 4. This is one holiday celebration you won't want to miss!

ADULT ACTIVITIES

PHOTO ORGANIZATION MADE EASY!

Have you had enough of your boxes and drawers full of photos? Let Wendy Thomas teach you an easy way to get them ALL in order! Bring a box, bag or drawer FULL of pictures and go home with 1200 all organized in a Creative Memories Photo-sort Box. Once you get started you will be on your way. Class includes Photo safe box with six compartments and dividers. Held, Monday, September 28 from 6:30-8:30pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$50 Residents

\$55 All others

YOGA-LATES

Whether you're experienced at yoga or pilates or have always wanted to try one or the other, this is your opportunity to experience yoga-lates. Pilates trains your core muscles (abdominal and back) and stretches your spine, while yoga improves flexibility, balance and breathing. By fusing these two techniques together you have a challenging workout that is adaptable to all levels of abilities. Held Mondays, September 28–December 14 (not 10/12) from 6:00-7:00pm at Tecumseh Elementary School. A floor mat is needed.

Fee: \$77 Residents

\$82 All others

BUTTERNUT CREEK GOLF LESSONS

Jay Catalano will conduct a 4 week, 90 minute group lesson for co-eds at Butternut Creek Golf Course. Lessons will cover drills, mini swing, full swing with all clubs and two weeks of on-course instruction. Extra fee for balls-\$8 and greens fee-\$9. Each student will receive a free lesson and discounts for Indoor Golf at Shoppingtown Mall. Held Wednesdays, September 9–30 from 6:30-8:00pm.

Fee: \$75 Residents

\$80 All others

ZUMBA

Join Zumba instructor Tammy Panzironi as she delivers a Zumba class like no other. Zumba is a Latin inspired dance fitness class that incorporates Latin and International music and dance movements. Zumba integrates basic Latin dance steps with arm movements and athletic variations, as well as style technique and attitude. Dancers and non-dancers alike will lose themselves in this party-like setting and actually forget that they're working out while moving to explosive and passionate Latin rhythms. This effective workout is like no other and will leave you wanting more and more. A hand towel and water bottle are suggested, but proper footwear is a must! Please wear supportive footwear such as dance shoes or sneakers that allow you to move comfortably around the room. Held Tuesdays, September 29–December 15 from 6:45-7:45pm at Moses DeWitt Elementary.

Fee: \$84 one class per wk Residents

\$89 All others

AMERICAN SOCIAL DANCE – 101

(Swing Dance Fundamentals with Lynn Miller & Company)

Authentic, traditional swing dance–Savoy Style, Lindy Hop and Jitterbug. Utilizing traditional swing music genres from the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's, our emphasis is on musicality, hearing and following the music and connecting to your partner through the music. Classes are tailored to individual dancer's natural abilities toward the goal of helping you find your own "inner dancer". Two sessions will be offered Tuesdays at the Jamesville DeWitt High School Cafeteria. **Session I:** September 15–October 20 from 6:00-7:15pm. **Session II:** November 3–December 8 from 6:00-7:15pm. ***September 8–FREE Welcome Back/Open House–Open to everyone–5:00pm***

Fee: \$50 per session Residents

\$55 per session All others

ADULT ACTIVITIES

T-N-T (Tight-n-Tone)

Even if you're not heading south this winter, you can still get your body in the best shape ever! We will concentrate on the thighs, hips, stomach and buttocks by using the most effective movements and we will also target the upper body arms, chest and back using hand-held weights. We know how precious time is so we have put it all into a 40-minute, 13-week program at a very reasonable rate. Every fitness level is welcome and there will be no complicated movements or choreography to worry about. Please bring an exercise mat and a set of hand-held weights (5-10lbs). Held Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 29–December 17 (not 11/26) from 6:00-6:40pm at Moses DeWitt Elementary.

Fee: \$60 one class per wk Residents

\$65 All others

\$102 two classes per wk Residents

\$107 All others

WOMEN'S KICKBOXING BOOTCAMP

Ladies...come join us for cardio, stretching, strength and conditioning and self-defense. Excellent workouts for women looking for fitness and a great way to relieve stress. And it's fun too! Held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, October 12–November 6 from 9:30-10:30am at CNY Karate, East Syracuse.

Fee: \$49 Residents

\$54 All others

KICKBOXING BOOTCAMP (Co-Ed)

Come join us for cardio, stretching, strength and conditioning and self-defense. Excellent workouts for anyone over 18 years old looking for fitness and fun too! Held Mondays and Wednesdays, October 12–November 4 from 7:30-8:30pm at CNY Karate, East Syracuse.

Fee: \$49 Residents

\$54 All others

HISTORY OF OPERA: OVER 400 YEARS OF BEAUTIFUL ART

Participants will be able to experience over 400 years of world's history represented by various samples of the art of opera. Discussions will include opera's origins and development through different periods—Baroque, Classical, Early and Late Romantic and 20th Century through the present. We will compare operatic styles, and specifics of both the scores and the libretti, prominent in different cultural centers of the world—Italy, France, Germany, England, Austria, Russia, etc.—and discuss historical connections of those specifics with other cultural, artistic, political, and social tendencies which influenced the direction of operatic genre's development. Half the class will be dedicated to watching and listening to the examples of works by selected representative composers and artists. The other half of class will be spent on instructor's led discussion, accompanied by digital copy outlining the discussed material. Join Luba Lesser, Thursdays, October 1–29 from 11:00am-12:30pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room. Minimum 10.

Fee: \$55 Residents

\$60 All others

PiYo LIVE

By now you may have seen or heard of the PiYo DVD's. Now try a LIVE class with PiYo Certified instructor and Pulse Fitness owner Tammy Panzironi. PiYo is NOT Pilates or Yoga but is however inspired by the two techniques MINUS the boredom. The workout is divided into various sections such as heat building, lower body, full body fusion, power, flow, core, and more strength and stretch. PiYo is NON-stop movement so prepare to SWEAT, SWEAT, SWEAT!! Please bring a mat. PiYo may be done barefoot or in sneakers. Held Thursdays, October 1–December 17 (not 11/26) from 6:45-7:45pm at Moses DeWitt Elementary.

Fee: \$77 Residents

\$82 All others

ADULT ACTIVITIES

AN ALBUM GIFT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Pages are pre-decorated in these beautiful themed books which allow you to finish your book in two sessions. We will personalize them with fun embellishments using Creative Memories' tools. Bring 30 photos to create an 8" book or 75 for a 12" book. Class includes album with 16 pages (32 sides), a tape runner, archival marker and tools. Additional papers and products will be available. Join Wendy Thomas, Mondays, October 19 and 26 from 6:30-8:30pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$70 8" book Residents

\$75 All others

\$95 12" book Residents

\$100 All others

FUN WITH SCRAPBOOKING

This class is for Beginner Scrapbookers who want to start a first album project, and for Experienced Scrappers who would like to get new ideas and time away to get caught up on scrapbooking! Albums and scrapbooking tools and materials sold separately. Instructor's tools are available to use. Join Wendy Thomas Wednesdays, October 14–November 4 from 12:30-2:30pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$40 Residents

\$45 All others

OPEN VOLLEYBALL

Attention volleyball players! Come and test your skills with the Town of DeWitt Parks & Recreation Volleyball Program. This adult volleyball program is for experienced, intermediate players. We offer competitive volleyball in a friendly atmosphere. Held at the JDMS gym on Fridays, October 2–June 10, 2016 (not 11/27, 12/25, 1/1, 2/19, 3/25, 4/29) from 7:00 – 10:00pm.

Fee: \$75 Residents

\$80 All others

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

All performers get nervous. What makes a performer a professional is learning that she can channel that nervous energy so that the “butterflies-in-her-belly” don't steal her focus from her craft. What most people don't realize is we are constantly performing: at our best friend's wedding, at that business presentation, or just telling a story to some co-workers. Even traditional performance forms like poetry reading, auditioning for a play, or performing in a musical—every time we want to be heard, and be seen for who we are—we are performing. All the world's a stage...

Each session of this six-week course will be a deep-dive into a specific style of creative expression and performance. Participation exercises will explore each style and allow for individual participation.

Participants will be encouraged to organize a “talent show” and invite guests as a method of self-expression during our sixth and final class of each six-week block.

Choose From:

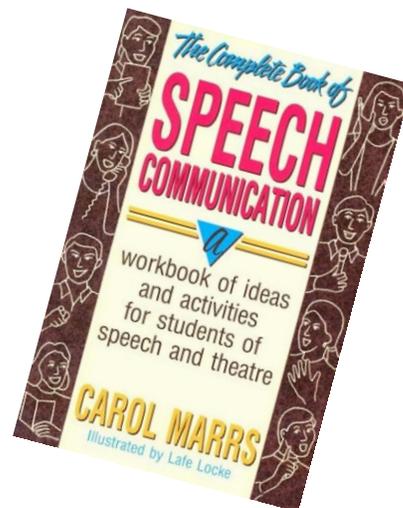
- Block I: Tue, Sept 29–Tue, Oct 27, 6–8pm
- Block II: Tue, Nov 10–Tue, Dec 15, 6–8pm

Instructor: Scott Norton

Fee: \$92 Residents

\$97 All Others

*Required text:
The Complete Book of Speech Communication by Carol Marrs (available for \$14.64 on Amazon.com)



Food \$en\$e

A Program of the Food Bank of Central New York

No income requirements. No obligations. Just good food at low prices.
Why wait? Start saving money today!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Food \$en\$e?

A: A Food Bank of CNY program that helps individuals and families stretch their food dollars.

Q: Who can participate?

A: Anyone! There are no qualifications. If you like saving money, this program is for you!

Q: How does it work?

A: Participants place orders before the deadline each month, then pick up their food on the designated pick up day.

Q: How and when do I pay?

A: Cash or food stamps are accepted at the time you place your order.

September Food Unit - All Items Included Order Deadline - Friday, September 11

- Meatballs, 1 lb
- Italian Sausage, 1 lb
- Ground Turkey, 1 lb
- Veal Patties, 12 oz
- Spaghetti, 1 lb
- Spaghetti Sauce, 26 oz
- Pizza, 8 oz
- Broccoli & Carrots, 8 oz
- Mixed Fruit Salad, 15 oz
- Diced Tomatoes, 14.5 oz
- Fresh Produce (TBA)
- Fresh Produce (TBA)

\$15.50

Individually priced specials are also available!
View the full menu at the Recreation Office or on our website: [townofdewitt.com/Food\\$en\\$e.aspx](http://townofdewitt.com/Foodene.aspx)

More choices, more ways to save!

Starting in September, the DeWitt Food \$en\$e location is offering more money saving options! Three new specialty boxes are now available in addition to the traditional \$15.50 food unit and individually priced specials. **Items vary each month.** Check out the new boxes below:

Protein Box - \$10.50

- Meatballs, 1 lb
- Italian Sausage, 1 lb
- Ground Turkey, 1 lb
- Veal Patties, 12 oz
- Tuna Fish, 5 oz



Pantry Box - \$10.50

- Pancake Mix, 2 lbs
- Toasted Oats Cereal, 15 oz
- Elbow Macaroni, 1 lb
- Spaghetti Sauce, 26 oz
- Mixed Fruit, 15 oz
- Diced Tomatoes, 14.5 oz
- Apple Juice, 64 oz
- Peanut Butter, 18 oz
- Vegetable Soup, 15 oz

Produce Box - \$10.50

- Oranges, 3 lbs
- Grapes Tomatoes, 1 pint
- Apples, 3 lbs
- Salad Mix, 10 oz
- Carrots, 1 lb



50 + AND SENIORS

AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING

The Town of DeWitt Senior Program, along with AARP, sponsors defensive driving classes for adults 50 and older. These six hours of classroom instruction refine existing skills and help to develop safe, defensive-driving techniques. This course qualifies for discounts on vehicle insurance and point reduction on the driver's record.

AARP has developed a new course called "AARP Smart Driver Course," still a six-hour course. The fees are \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-AARP members. Please make checks **payable to AARP** and bring your **driver's license to the first day of class**. It is recommended that you bring a lunch and beverage to class.

Registration for the class must be called in at 446-9250 x 9. Please check your certificate to see when it expires and schedule a class at least three months before that date. **Space is limited so don't delay!**

2016 Classes

Jan 21-22

April 21-22

June 16-17

October 20-21

Classes are held from 10:00am–1:00pm at the DeWitt Community Room at 148 Sanders Creek Parkway in East Syracuse.

OTHER SENIOR PROGRAMS

IN YOUR AREA

Jewish Community Center.....	445-2360
Oasis Senior Education Program.....	449-3453
Manlius Assisted Living Program....	682-6725
Senior Companion Program.....	449-3453
Livestrong Program/YMCA.....	637-2025
Senior Home Care Solutions.....	247-6741
DeWitt Library.....	446-3578

WHERE TO TURN FOR ASSISTANCE

Onondaga County Protective Services for Adults (M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm)	(315) 435-2815
Onondaga County Human Services— Info and Referral	(315) 435-8300
Victim Resource Center	(315) 422-7273
Vera House 24 Hour Crises and Support Line	(315) 468-3260
Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth	(315) 435-2362
Catholic Charities Elderly Services	(315) 424-1810
Elder Abuse Community Education	(315) 425-0818
Alzheimer's Association, Central NY Chapter	(315) 472-4201
Hiscock Legal Aid Domestic Violence Unit	(315) 422-8191
New York State Office for the Aging	(800)342-9871
National Center for Elder Abuse	(202)898-2586

SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTERS/PROGRAMS



DEWITT COMMUNITY CHURCH

3600 Erie Blvd East

Nina Haley, Director

Open on Mondays from September 14 through May 9, 2016, 9 am–4 pm.

Closed October 12, December 28, January 18, and February 15.

There is a \$.75 coffee fund donation requested per week. Hypertension Screening is available monthly.

A low cost lunch is available each week. A \$3.75 donation is requested for lunch. We are working with local off-site locations for meals to be delivered. Pre-meal reservation is required the week before.

Fee: \$25 Residents or Church Members \$30 All Others

****There is a \$15 fee for all instructed classes****

Morning Classes: 9:00-11:30am

Chinese Brush Painting-

Elaine Crough-Instructor. Minimum 10
(Fall Only)

Drawing Class-

Judith Lucht-Instructor. Limit 20

Non-instructional Open Painting Workshop-
Louise Woodard

Afternoon Classes 1:00-4:00pm

Beginner Watercolor-

June Capels and Joan Back,-Instructors
Limit 10

Watercolor Techniques-

Jan Waters-Instructor
Limit 10

Basic Watercolor Theory-

Louise Woodard, Instructor

Non-instructional Workshop for Multi Media-
Louise Woodard

Open Needle Work

(Knitting and Crocheting) Workshop-
Coordinators, Isabelle Gerbin
Karen Curry and Anastasia Mihou

**Just A
Reminder**

ON SNOW DAYS

If the following school districts are closed,
the following programs are closed:

JAMESVILLE-DEWITT: Jamesville
Young-at-Heart Center, Town Hall Pro-
grams, Bowling, Sr. Nutritional Sites,
DeWitt Community Church.

EAST SYRACUSE MINOA: DeWitt
Community Room, Bowling, Sr. Nutri-
tional Sites.

TABLE TENNIS

This group plays on Monday mornings from
9am-12noon at the DeWitt Community Room.
All are welcome to participate!

Fee: \$25 per year

SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTERS/PROGRAMS



TUESDAYS

DEWITT COMMUNITY ROOM

148 Sanders Creek Parkway (off Kinne St., East Syracuse)

Sue Slack, Co-Director

Pat Collins, Co-Director

Meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30am-2:00pm.

Activities include exercise, crafts, board games, Bunko, Pitch and Pinochle tournaments, team trivia, guest speakers, hypertension screening, and more.

This is a Senior Nutrition site on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Lunches served at noon. **Call 470-3331 to reserve a meal.** A \$2.75 donation is suggested for lunch. All Onondaga County seniors are welcome.

JAMESVILLE YOUNG-AT-HEART CENTER

Jamesville Fire Station

Rt. 173, Jamesville (across from Jamesville Correctional Facility)

Corinne Brown, Director

Beverly Elliott, Ceramics Instructor



TUESDAYS

Meets on Tuesdays, 9:00am-2:00pm.

Enjoy **Pre-Poured Ceramics** with Beverly Elliott, where you can choose from over 3,000 molds. Seminars held on different techniques. Make beautiful gifts for family and friends. Paint or socialize. The last Tuesday of each month there is a covered dish lunch. DeWitt Library sends a representative once a month with books to choose from for your reading pleasure. Also, hypertension screening is offered once a month. **Ceramics Fee: \$4 plus cost of green ware.**



Wednesdays

JAMESVILLE YOUNG-AT-HEART CENTER

Jamesville Fire Station

Rt. 173, Jamesville

Corinne Brown, Director

Martha Byrne, Instructor

DEWITT COMMUNITY ROOM

148 Sanders Creek Parkway

Off Kinne St., East Syracuse

(same information as Tuesday)

Meets on Wednesdays, 9:00 am-12 noon. Enjoy **Stamping Artistic Creations** with an instructor and make your own greeting cards. **Stamping Fee: \$3 plus coffee fund fee.**

SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTERS/PROGRAMS

TOWN OF DEWITT SR. BOWLING

VILLAGE LANES

201 E. Manlius St., E. Syracuse

Kathy Santangelo, Director

Wednesdays

New Season, New Place, New People, New Fun

Wednesdays, September 16 through April 13, 2016, followed by Banquet.

9:00am–Coffee/Donuts (\$1.00 donation)

9:20am–Practice

9:30am–Bowling

3 games/\$6.00

Sign up every Wednesday, come join the fun, laughs, exercise, and, of course, bowling! For information call: Kathy at 446-6335 or the Recreation Office at 446-9250 x9.

FRIDAYS

Live Laugh Sing

THE DEWITT CHORALIERS

Come join the fun of singing and performing with the DeWitt Choraliers. The Choraliers have been entertaining Central New York audiences for years with a variety of music. The DeWitt Choraliers are available for entertaining all occasions and events throughout the area, (Sr. Centers, Nursing Homes, private parties, etc.) We are a 50's+ chorus, always looking for new members to join us. Also, featuring *The DeWitt Guys & Dolls*, with unique soloists, duets & trios. Here is your chance to become a star!

We will resume rehearsals on Friday, September 11, 2015. We meet on Fridays, 10:00am–12:00noon, DeWitt Town Hall, Recreation Activity Room. Now booking for Fall and Winter, 2015–2016.

We are all about music, fun, learning & laughs! Call Kathy Santangelo, Music Director at 446-6335, or the Recreation Department at 446-9250 x 9.

Presently seeking male singers and an accompanist!!! (Piano Player).

BRIDGE

Sydney Howes, Director

Come join us for bridge on Fridays, all year round, from 1:00pm–4:00pm in the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room. Drop-ins welcome! Partners not needed. Cost is \$25 per year. No instruction provided.

TOWN OF DEWITT AND TOWN OF MANLIUS DAY TRIPS

FOR RESERVATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Town of DeWitt Parks and Recreation
(315) 446-9250 x 9
5400 Butternut Drive
East Syracuse, New York 13057

Town of Manlius Recreation
(315) 637-5188
301 Brooklea Drive
Fayetteville, New York 13066

Your Invitation to the Middlebury Inn

(Tuesday-Thursday) December 1-3, 2015

including two nights at the Middlebury Inn, a visit to the Trapp Family Lodge, a full day of touring in the Stowe area, the Vermont Country Store, Bennington Museum, shopping and much more.

December 1, 2015, (Tuesday). Travel with us to Vermont where our first stop is Middlebury for lunch and shopping including Vermont’s Own Products Store. Our local guide joins us for a narrated tour of this charming village including a drive by the renowned “Waybury Inn” the TV setting for “the Bob Newhart Show”. The “red carpet” is rolled out for us when we arrive at the Middlebury Inn. Dinner this evening at the Middlebury Inn with a special surprise after dinner. **(D)**

December 2, 2015 (Wednesday). After breakfast, we depart for a full day of touring in the Stowe area with our local guide including Cabot Cheese Annex, Green Mountain Coffee Visitor Center and a **Visit to the Trapp Family Lodge**. Dinner this evening is at the Middlebury Inn. **(B,D)**

December 3, 2015 (Thursday). Enjoy breakfast at the Middlebury Inn prior to starting our return to Syracuse. Our first stop is the **Vermont Country Store**. Lunch is included at the Bryant House. Our last stop is the Bennington Museum which has the largest public collection of paintings by Grandma Moses. **(B,L)**

Our trip includes two nights at the Middlebury Inn, five meals, all admissions, Travel Choice Escort, round-trip motorcoach transportation, all taxes and gratuities.

Single Double

\$599.00 \$489.00 per person (Residents)

\$614.00 \$504.00 per person (All Others)

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$50.00 per person is due with your registration

FINAL PAYMENT due by October 16, 2015

Cancellation Penalties: Prior to October 16, 2015- FULLY REFUNDABLE

After October 16, 2015 - NON-REFUNDABLE

8:00AM Depart from Heritage Landing, 5820 Butternut Drive, (parking lot in front of pond)

Return approximately 8:30PM

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED AND AVAILABLE THROUGH TRAVEL CHOICE INTERNATIONAL.

SENIOR TRIPS 2015-2016

THE BEECHES CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Hap-hap-happiest Season!

(Wednesday) December 9, 2015

Join us on the short trip to the Beeches in Rome for their huge and special Christmas Buffet and The Hap-hap-happiest Season show. Enjoy the gift of Christmas Joy! Bright Lights, colorful Consumes, and the kind of laughs you can share with the whole family.

Cancellation Penalties: Prior to November 24, 2015 - Fully Refundable

After: November 24, 2015—NON-REFUNDABLE—Unless replacement found

FEE: \$58.00 Residents

\$63.00 All Others

Bus Departure: Minoa: 10:00am, IC: 10:15am, DeWitt: 10:30am

DeWitt Pickup: Heritage Landing; 5820 Butternut Drive, (parking lot in front of pond)

Return: approximately 6:00pm

Moving DeWitt UPDATE

Moving DeWitt Initiative is a grass-roots movement to create safer infrastructure for walkers and bikers in the Town of DeWitt by involving the residents to share their ideas and experiences with us.

The phases to create the best plan are as follows:

- I. Collecting input via forums from residents
- II. Analysis of data
- III. Create Preliminary Plan
- IV. Resubmit Plan to residents for further feedback
- V. Create Final Plan and get approval from the Town Board

Moving DeWitt has held 12 forums and had a booth at the DeWitt Canal Day festival on Aug. 1st.

We are now winding down Phase One and preparing mail-in surveys to establish the exact statistics we will need to create an accurate plan for the Town. Even if you have attended a Moving DeWitt forum, please fill out and return any survey you may receive as soon as possible.

At the moment, our Town Planner, Sam Gordon is preparing, through a grant from the State to send out a request for designs in a 'Design Competition.' This design will focus on connecting the Erie Canal Path through DeWitt and will be important in our final plan. For more information, contact Chris Manchester at cmanchester@townofdewitt.com.

ALL RESIDENTS INVITED TO A COFFEE WITH A TOWN OFFICIAL!

Drop in and chat with a Town Councilor over a cup of coffee or tea. We would LOVE to hear from you! You will find one or more Town Officials from **9am-10:30am** on the following dates and locations:

Saturday, September 26th at Al's Diner (East Syracuse)

Saturday, October 24th at Bruegger's Bagels (Nottingham Plaza)

Saturday, November 21st at Mac's Local Yolk (corner of Erie Blvd E. and East Genesee St.)

Saturday, December 19th at Denny's (6591 Thompson Road)

Business Advisory Committee of DeWitt

UPDATE

Committee Chair: Kerin Rigney, Town Board Member

Jamie Frank, Town Board Member

Kerry Mannion, Town Board Member

Lorene McCoy Dadey, Owner, Sunshine Coffee Shop

John Cargian, Cargian Insurance Agency

Joe Chiarenza, Jr., Town Board Member

Mission: *To promote economic growth and stability in the Town of DeWitt by facilitating the access of businesses to each other, offering informative seminars and advice on balancing their commercial needs and desires with the effects of this on our residents.*

New Business Database!

Your business may have been contacted this summer by our industrious interns who have been busy collecting contact information to create a business database. We would like to be of better service to the businesses by opening up lines of communication, letting our businesses know about events that would affect them, promoting our businesses and to reach out when we have special programs or services to offer. **If you would like your business to be listed or omitted on the Town of DeWitt database, please contact Mike Moracco at mmoracco@townofdewitt.com.** If you know of any DeWitt businesses that have not been alerted to this database, please direct them to Mike so they do not miss out on any notifications or events.

Business Advisory Presentation Series!

All are invited for these informational presentations and to meet Town Officials as well as network with other members of the DeWitt business community. All meetings are noon-1:30 with time for Q & A and networking in room B of the DeWitt Town Hall. Refreshments provided. Our next presentation will be on Oct. 5th with David Holder of the Syracuse Visitor's Center. Please refer to the Town website for subsequent presentations.



From the Supervisor:

Thank you to everyone that attended Canal Day making the event a giant success! We had a great crowd, great weather, and a great event! A few new highlights from this year's event included food trucks, balloon sculpture of a canal boat and mule created by Jeff the Magic Man; crafters; the wine and beer Garden featuring Local 315 Brewery and Lakeland Winery; and the Pigeon Post String Band. We are already beginning working on planning next year's Canal Day. Mark your calendars for: **Saturday, August 6th**.

In conjunction with Canal Day were two new separate but related events-Tour the Towpath cyclist event and the Moving DeWitt Family Fun Walk organized by Town Councilor Kerin Rigney. The Family Fun Event was a 1.6 mile community walk along the old Erie Canal featuring canal history, safe walking and biking pathways, and a demonstration of mounting a bike on a Centro bus.

The First ever Tour the Towpath was also a huge success with over 50 cyclists biking along the Old Erie Canal from Rome to DeWitt. From young (youngest rider was 6) to young at heart (oldest rider was 87), from families (we saw two sets of mom and daughters and at least two sets of dads and daughter and or son) to groups of friends. Mom of the Year award has to go to a mom who had her 6 year old and 9 year old with her- those young boys were great riders and had the time of their lives!



Syracuse Bicycle and Trish Dugan went above and beyond to provide excellent and professional bike support. Two riders rode out from DeWitt and met up with the group departing Canastota. Thank you Syracuse Bicycle!

Special thanks to Heritage Landing of the use of their parking facilities and to the staff, volunteers, performers, and attendees that made the event a success!

The 2nd Annual Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for **Saturday, October 17th from 9am to noon**. Contact Dennis Payne at paynedennis1@gmail.com to volunteer. See Page 3 for more information. Special thanks to Dennis for organizing this event and making DeWitt a cleaner community!

To date, 270 rain barrels have been distributed and nearly 300 trees have been planted in the communities of Park Hill and Franklin Park, thanks to the Onondaga County Save the Rain grant. This initiative is intended to help reduce the effects of seasonal flooding that plague these communities. Tree planting will continue this fall.

Moving DeWitt has held 10 successful community forums to gather information about ways to make DeWitt more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. To attend a forum, email moving-dewitt@townofdewitt.com, or for more information, visit www.movingdewitt.com.

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The Butternut Creek Recreation and Nature Trail has a few new enhancements. Tom Kennedy and EDGEWATER built a man-made vernal pool. The vernal pool is a bit over half acre and is a functioning habitat for breeding amphibians. Kate Woodle of the DeWitt Tree Committee provided the beautiful illustration and design for the new interpretive sign located at the vernal pool. The DeWitt Rotary has been busy maintaining the gardens and provided some new signs. A kiosk at either end of the trail will be coming soon, provided by DeWitt Community Bank.

We would also like to thank the Sunshine Rotary for their continued work on the canal towpath, including the benches installed along the canal; the Syracuse Garden Club for maintaining the landscaping around the 9/11 Memorial and the Grassroot Gardeners for maintaining landscaping at Grist Mill Park, Avery Park and the street side planters in Jamesville.

The Town Parks staff removed the brush and weeds from the medians on East Genesee Street, a state road. The Town needs State permission to do this type of work and is continuing to work with New York State Department of Transportation regarding maintenance of state roads such as Erie Boulevard East, James Street and E. Seneca Turnpike.

The Town is creating a comprehensive business listing to be used by the Town to increase communication between the Town and local businesses. If you would like your business to be included, please contact mmoracco@townofdewitt.com.

New software, Tyler Technologies, has been installed for finance, water and tax payments. The new software has and will continue to increase efficiency and compatibility across departments. Staff are being trained in the new system. The Town has historically operated with a DOS based 1970's accounting system. Our new Comptroller, Ms. Kerrie Shanahan has updated and upskilled the department from four and one-half full time equivalents to two, saving the Town over \$100,000 annually.

The Town recently refinanced our bonds for a total savings of \$204,296.25.

Franklin Park Resident Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2015 6:00 PM Court Room, DeWitt Town Hall

The Town will be meeting with residents of Franklin Park to discuss flooding concerns.

The following is a list of water and road projects:

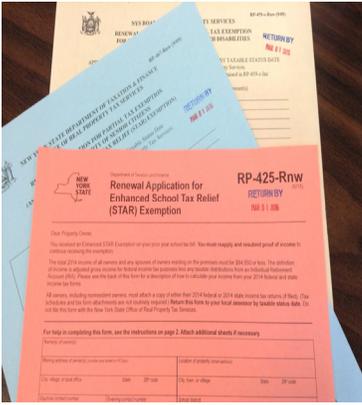
- Calhoun Water Project the construction of approximately 1,900 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water mains and appurtenances along Calhoun Street from Exeter Street to James Street.
- Twin Oaks Drive Water Project
- Benedict Road reconstruction project completed for economic development
- Water crossing of Interstate I 481 underway to increase water reliability to Ultra Dairy & Inficon Expansion project

Warm Regards, Ed M.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

All exemptions MUST be submitted to the Assessor's Office no later than March 1st, 2016.

Enhanced STAR exemption renewal forms (orange forms) will be mailed by the middle of October.



We must have a signed copy of your 2014 tax return to process the renewal, please include it with your renewal.

Senior Citizen renewals, which are for anyone 65 or over with an income under \$34,700, (blue form), will be mailed by the first week of January. We will need your 2015 signed tax return.

Tax returns will be accepted until April 15, 2016; however, the renewal form must be in our office no later than March 1st, 2016.

All other renewal applications will also be mailed by the first week of January.

Any questions, contact the Assessor's Office, 315-446-0973 x 8.



"LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US"

codFISH

(Community of Dewitt, Friends in Service Here)



codFISH is a volunteer organization that provides transportation to and from medical and dental appointments for ambulatory residents of the Town of Dewitt, who are unable to drive themselves. The service is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 am to 4 pm.

To request a ride and enroll in the program, call the codFISH line at (315) 463-5158 Monday through Friday, between 9 am and 4 pm. When you call, you will reach a dispatcher or voice mail. If you reach voice mail, speak clearly and leave your name and phone number for a return call. The dispatcher will take the necessary information and schedule a driver to take you to your appointment.

Drivers can only transport ambulatory clients. Clients are responsible for any parking fees and should bring their handicapped parking tag if needed. All clients must sign a general release form.

codFISH is an all-volunteer organization with 501c3 status, supported entirely by donations. If you would like to donate to codFISH, you can send a check or money order, payable to:

codFISH
PO Box 105
Dewitt, NY 13214

For information regarding volunteering, contact codFISH at 463-5158 or
Dewittfish2012@gmail.com

Town Hall will be closed on the following days: Monday, September 7th, Monday, October 12th, Wednesday, November 11th, Thursday, November 26th, Friday, November 27th, Friday, December 25th and, Friday, January 1st

Town Board:

Ed Michalenko, Supervisor
Joe Chiarenza
Jack Dooling
Karen Docter
Jamie Frank
Kerry Mannion
Kerin Rigney

Recreation Commission:

Keith Vaverchak, Chair
Peg Celano
Lynn Simonetta-Blair
Ben Brazell
Tracy. Gillen
Jeff Cantor
Matthew Strodel
Andy Bobrek
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DEPARTMENT LISTING

Town Clerk: Angela Epolito x 2
Planning & Zoning: Sam Gordon x 3
Water: Mat Reynolds x 4
Town Supervisor: Ed Michalenko x 5
Town Manager: Mike Moracco
Comptroller: Kerrie Shanahan x 6
Tax Receiver: Angela Epolito x 7
Assessor: Jean Rayfield x 8
Recreation: Karen Keast x 9
Parks: Dale Longden 432-1925
Highway: Rocco Conte 437-8331

Court

Judge Gideon 446-9180
Judge Jokl 446-7136

Police

Non Emergency 425-2333
Chief James C. Hildmann 449-3640

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