



SPRING-SUMMER 2020 Newsletter

Town of DeWitt

Right now, building community
with the people of DeWitt is job#1.

(Supervisor's Message on COVID-19 on pg. 3)

**ALSO: The Projects & Programs supporting
our community & our tax base in 2020...**

(see the back cover, inside front cover, pgs. 3-5 & 23-28)



We're building a thriving community...

Town of Dewitt Projects 2020

- Elevating Erie/Widewaters Pond
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Planning Documents
- In-house Management Training & HR development
- New Website Development & Implementation
- Carrier Park Pavilion Upgrades
- Carrier Park Playground and Basketball Courts
- Carrier Park Turf Fields
- Sidewalks Snow Removal Program
- Klim Center Remodeling
- Water System Improvements and Departmental Restructuring
- Finalization Two-Megawatt Solar Array on Landfill
- Development of Community Solar Programs
- Expansion of Fiddlers Green Park
- Implementation of Electric Car Charging Stations
- Expansion of Butternut Trail Park System
- Continuing Storm Water Programs (Run-off Reduction and Water Quality)
- Empire Trailways Enhancements
- Franklin Park Playground Renovation
- Interactive Water Notification Process Development
- Jamesville Master Plan Projects (Community Room, Flower Shop, North St property demos, etc.)
- Zombie Home Program
- Deer Management
- Tree Program
- Ley Creek Naturalization/Flood control projects
- Town Hall Net Zero Energy Efficiency Designs



 Town Solar Array Construction and Erie Canal Trails



 New Town Website and Elevating Erie Project



 Willis Carrier Park and More Carrier Park!

We're building community.



A message from Supervisor Edward M. Michalenko, Ph.D.



Given the challenges we face with the Coronavirus and its impact on our economy and our way of life, it's important to "build community" with each other right now; to take time out to connect with family, friends, neighbors - and perhaps to check in on neighbors or acquaintances who may not have a strong support network – via emails, social media, or a simple phone call.

The town is in on-going communication with local, state and federal authorities regarding the virus, we are posting any important updates or links on our websites, we're implementing appropriate measures at Town Hall, and as always our First Responders are at the ready.

Also, we remain cognizant of the fact that regardless of the town's myriad projects and daily business, building community right here at home with the people of DeWitt, is job #1.

As you can see on the inside front cover opposite this page, we have myriad projects happening in DeWitt this year.

We hope to be "building community" all across the town in 2020, everything from expansion of Fiddler's Green Park, remodeling the Klim Center, and water line rehabilitation projects...to the Franklin Park playground renovation, start-up of our Solar Array on the site of the former town landfill, and the development of an interactive water notification process.

We also hope to re-dedicate our Carrier Park recreation facility this spring or summer with the opening of our new, all-inclusive playground and basketball courts. See the following page for more information about Carrier Park and its importance to the economic strength, stability, and future of our community.

While all of these projects contribute significantly to our quality of life and the strength of our tax base, the heart of building community...is people. People coming together to meet challenges, make change, and co-create solutions that serve the whole of the community.

God bless you, your family, our community, and our country. If there is any way we can assist, please let us know.

Most sincerely,
Edward M. Michalenko, DeWitt Supervisor



A letter from Supervisor Edward M. Michalenko, Ph.D

Why is Carrier Park an important asset to DeWitt taxpayers?

Recent events regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) take precedence right now; projects, politics, and partisanship take a back seat to serving and supporting the health and well-being of the people of our communities. We are working in full partnership with Onondaga County, New York State, and all appropriate agencies to move through the health and economic challenges we now face as effectively and sensitively as possible. As I wrote in my "Message" on page 3, right now the people of DeWitt are job #1.

In the hopes that we move through this significant challenge in the next few months and are able to safely come back together for gatherings and events, we will then re-dedicate our Carrier Park recreation facility with the opening of our new all-inclusive playground and basketball courts.

The playground, the only one of its kind in the CNY area, is for children of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs. The basketball courts are lighted and feature fully adjustable backboards and rims so children and adults in wheelchairs can also play. Once the playground and courts are completed, we will open up the park for use by individuals and families for much of the day and evening.

Though it has been over 10 years since the seed for the Carrier Park project was planted – and 4 years since our grand opening - the impetus for the development of Carrier Park remains the same now as it was then...to support the strength, stability, and security of the Town of DeWitt tax base and to provide economic development opportunities for DeWitt, Onondaga County, and the CNY region.

As Supervisor and Chief Financial Officer for the Town, I have a fiduciary responsibility and obligation to the residents and taxpayers of DeWitt to provide the best possible services and the finest parks and greenspaces at the most efficient cost. Study after study shows parks and greenspace improve the standard of living and quality of life for surrounding neighbors, provide increased recreational opportunities and public health improvements, increase property values, and help to maintain a strong tax base.

The main impetus for the Carrier Park project in 2008 was to create an economic engine to support DeWitt's tax base, which was reeling from the loss of over \$100+ million in property value assessments due to the exodus of major manufacturing companies over an extended period. Those major manufacturers included: Carlyle Compressor, Cashier-Bliss Steel, Diebold-Lamson, Hoffman Air Filtration, Lennox International, Lipe-Rollway Corp, Marcellus Casket, New Venture Gear, Oberdorfer Foundries, Roth Brother Steel, and Selflock Screw Company, just to name a few. Bristol-Myers-Squibb and Carrier Corporation have moved manufacturing operations, yet still maintain important business operations in Dewitt.

In order to compensate for that loss to our tax base, we looked to the Town's and Central New York's largest industry... the hotel industry.

DeWitt has approximately 28 hotels with 2,943 rooms, most of them adjacent to Carrier Circle, which as you know is right off the NYS Thruway and proximate to Route 481. Our DeWitt hotels represent over \$100 million in assessed valuation and pay approximately \$4 million in property taxes each year; approximately \$2 million dollars to the school district, \$1.5 million dollars to Onondaga County, and \$500,000 to the Town of DeWitt.

In fact, DeWitt's hotel's account for more than 30% of the total \$7 million collected annually by Onondaga County via the Room Occupancy Tax (ROT). We have been actively seeking to benefit from our own hotel industry via a town ROT with the NYS legislature for more than 2 years now. Our goal is to use that income source to complete Carrier Park, provide infrastructure improvements to the hotel district, support police, fire, ambulance, and snow plowing services for the district, and to foster robust economic development opportunities for businesses in our community and beyond.

The Carrier Park project, with 20 acres of land generously donated to the town by Carrier Corp., offered us a unique opportunity to create an economic engine that would tap into the ever-growing sports tourism industry and begin to offset the \$100 million loss to our tax base.

Baseball, softball, soccer, football and lacrosse tournaments, and special events hosted at Carrier Park can keep our town hotels busy, support the adjacent neighborhood – as well as the Thompson Road corridor west of the park, a blighted brownfield where former manufacturing facilities and supply services to now gone major manufacturers once thrived – and provide potentially enormous economic development opportunities for the town, county, and CNY region via retail, restaurant, entertainment, and gas spending by out-of-town players and their families coming to the park.

Carrier Park also supports underserved groups like Syracuse Challenger Baseball – who until 2012 had no permanent home for their extraordinary program for special needs children and young adults – Wounded Warriors, Special Olympics, and other charitable and community organizations.

Onondaga County is now looking into the development of sports facilities so they too, can tap into the economic benefits of sports tourism. Going forward, we will actively seek to collaborate with County Executive Ryan McMahon to bring tournaments and special events to all of our facilities in order to strongly support the economic well-being and prosperity of our community, our county, and the region as a whole.

For more information about Carrier Park, please see pages 23-28 in this newsletter, or go to: www.carrierpark.org.

Most sincerely,
Edward M. Michalenko, DeWitt Supervisor



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Supervisor supervisor@townofdewitt.com	x 5	Parks (315) 432-1925 DeWitt Parks Department 5953 Butternut Drive East Syracuse, NY 13057 Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:00am-3:30pm		
Comptroller comptroller@townofdewitt.com	x 6			

SUPERVISOR'S NOTES

Now more than ever, working in community is the key to building a healthy and thriving community...

Fiddlers Green Park Update

As we announced in the fall of 2019, Ms. Jackie Place has generously donated five acres of land and several hundred feet of waterfront along Butternut Creek in Jamesville, an area behind the former Glen Loch restaurant, to our Fiddler's Green Park.

Ms. Place's extraordinarily generous gift to the town is in honor of her late husband, Bryan McNeill Place.

At the appropriate time, dependent on the challenges we face with the Corona virus, the town will host a special event to honor Ms. Place for her – and Bryan's – gift to our community. At that time we will encourage all to attend so we can not only honor Ms. Place and her late husband for their lasting contribution to the quality of life in the town of DeWitt, but also so we can celebrate once again being able to come together with one another, in good health...and in community.

Environmental & Energy Initiatives Town Solar Array goes on line this summer...

Please see the back cover of this newsletter for details about our Solar Array project. We are nearing completion of the project as you read this newsletter and expect to go online sometime late spring or early summer.

The 2.66 Megawatts of electricity produced annually by our Solar Array will totally free the town from using fossil fuels for our municipal electrical needs; this includes all of our town buildings and facilities, street lights, and water and sewer pumps. Located on the site of our former town landfill, the array includes over 7,000 solar panels spread out over an 11-acre area. Taking the initiative to become less

reliant on fossil fuels is one important way we're striving to "build community." Over the next 20 years, projections indicate power generated from the panels will allow us to save approximately \$70,000 per year. And, we can expand the array sometime in the future if DeWitt residents and businesses choose to become a part of the project.

The Solar Array project supports our community to be respectful and responsible custodians of the environment in and around the former landfill site, provide for our municipal electric needs without the use of fossil fuels, and save on municipal energy costs for many years to come. This solar power project serves our community now, and will continue to do so well into the future.

For more info. about the Solar Array project, please see the inside front cover of this newsletter, or see this link at:
<http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/news/IMLaIRlyF2zrcQZZqr1bZA==.pdf>

Earth Day & Drive Electric Day (rescheduled)
Our Annual Earth Day Clean-Up, hosted by the DeWitt Advisory Conservation Commission and scheduled for the weekend of April 25th, has been cancelled due to Coronavirus concerns. This decision has been made in conjunction with OCRRA's decision to cancel the county-wide Earth Day Clean Up.

We will however, hold a Fall Clean Up, now scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 26th. We have asked OCRRA to join us in order to turn DeWitt's Fall Clean Up into a county-wide event. Please watch for further announcements regarding the September Clean Up.

As you may know, our Annual Earth Day Clean-Up is one of the most popular town events, so we are disappointed not to be able to hold the event, but public health concerns take precedence.

We had been hoping to expand the Earth Day Clean-Up event this year with the addition of “Drive Electric Day,” an electric vehicle (EV) display with charging stations demonstrations, snacks, and raffles. Presented by Plug in America, Sierra Club, and Electric Auto Association, we will request these organizations consider presenting the same program for our Fall Clean Up.

As always, my thanks to Dennis Payne, the DACC, and town staff for all their hard work “building community” throughout the year.

Electric Vehicles & LED Lighting

We now use two electric vehicles for town business and electric charging stations are available at Town Hall on Butternut Drive for use by both the Town and the public. Also, last fall we completed installing all new LED streetlights throughout the Town. The conversion to LED street lighting will reduce our electric consumption and costs by two-thirds.

Assisting Residents with Energy Costs

If you would like information about how to save on your energy costs and/or bill payment options and financial assistance programs, contact the NYS Office of Consumer Services, at: <https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/results>.

Deer Management Update

We just completed our 3rd year of the Deer Management program. We expect to release details of this year’s cull by early summer and will post that information on the town website. For more detailed information about the Town’s Deer Management program, please visit: www.townofdewitt.com/WhiteTailedDeer.aspx

Key to the success of our deer management program is gaining access to large parcels of land that meet the conditions of the town’s NYS Department of Conservation permit. So, **we need your help** with our Deer Management program for 2020-21. If you are a property owner interested in supporting the town’s deer

management efforts, please contact Nicholas Quilty-Koval at nkoval@townofdewitt.com, Planning and Zoning Dept., or at (315) 446-3910 x 137.

Also, as a reminder:

- All town parks are closed from dusk to dawn.
- Be sure you have a property owner’s explicit permission before entering private property; whether it is deer culling season or not, it is always advisable to have permission to enter private property.

Ticks

Another integral aspect of “building community” is supporting the public with essential information as it relates to health and well-being and our environment. As you are well aware, ticks are a significant concern in our community.

In order to provide the public with the best possible information about how to protect against ticks, our own DeWitt Advisory Conservation Commission, in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension, held a seminar on March 5th at DeWitt Town Hall.

I attended the program and it was exceptional. Kristina Ferrare from Cooperative Extension was the featured speaker. Ms. Ferrare spoke about types of ticks, their life cycles, natural habitats, and integrated pest management. The program also included presentations by Dr. Brian Leydet from SUNY ESF, Dr. Saravanan Thangamini, Ph.D., from SUNY Center for Environmental Health and Medicine, and Dr. Kristopher Paolino, M.D. from Upstate Medical Center. A panel discussion followed the presentations.

My thanks to the speakers, the DACC, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and to our town staff who made this program possible.





Pre-surfacing of new all-inclusive playground at Carrier Park.

Carrier Park is Building Community, too...

As I noted in my “Message” on page 3, and also in the Letter to Residents on page 4, recent events regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) take precedence right now; projects, politics, and partisanship take a back seat to serving and supporting the health and well-being of the people of our communities.

In the hopes that we move through this significant challenge in the next few months and are able to safely come back together for gatherings and events, we will then re-dedicate our Carrier Park recreation facility with the opening of our new all-inclusive playground and basketball courts.

The basketball courts, partially funded by the Jim & Juli Boenheim Foundation, are lighted and feature fully adjustable backboards and rims so children and adults in wheelchairs can also play Syracuse’s favorite sport. The playground, the only one of its kind in the CNY area, is specially designed for children of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs. In addition to special playground apparatus, the playground area features a soft, ground-level membrane safe for all kids to tumble on, but firm enough for children in wheelchairs.

As soon as the surfacing, fencing, and lighting aspects of the project are complete, we

anticipate being able to keep Carrier Park open during the daytime and early evenings.

We also anticipate replacing two dirt baseball infields with artificial turf later this year, thus allowing us to begin to draw more games and tournaments to Carrier Park; this supports us to keep our 28+ town hotels busy and provides revenue generating opportunities for retail, restaurants, entertainment, and gas...not only within the town of DeWitt, but throughout Onondaga County.

For now, the health and well-being of the people of DeWitt is job #1 here at Town Hall. Going forward, we hope Carrier Park will provide an economic engine in support of much needed economic growth and development for DeWitt, Onondaga County, and the CNY region.

For more information about the economic benefits of the Carrier Park project, please see pages 4-5 of this newsletter. Also, pages 23-28 provide an overview of the project, as well as ways in which you can become a “Carrier Park Partner” and support this vital community asset that can provide us vital sports tourism dollars that in turn support our tax base and our local economy.



What’s happening at Carrier Park?

As of this writing, Carrier Park does have games, practices, and tournaments scheduled for the upcoming season. However, the Coronavirus precautions now in place prohibit gatherings of this size, so all activities are on hold. Once our communities are healthy and well again, we look forward to a busy season of games, practices, tournaments and events at

the park. Booking for the upcoming 2020 season is continuing for the time being; if you'd like to schedule play, please contact us at: <http://carrierpark.org/tournaments/>

Or, if you or your community organization is interested in booking an event at Carrier Park, please contact us at: supervisor@townofdewitt.com.

How can you support Carrier Park?

Please consider becoming a “**Carrier Park Partner.**” Our state-of-the-art, all inclusive, multi-sport recreation facility for children and adults, including those with special needs...needs **your** partnership. (See pgs. 23-28 for more information.)

If you have ideas for special or community events, or you'd like a tour of Carrier Park, just call the Recreation Department at (315) 446-3910 x 9 or email carrierpark@townofdewitt.com.



Carrier Park Lawn Signs

You can show your support for our Carrier Park recreation complex now by purchasing a couple of Carrier Park “more than you think” lawn signs. Just \$10, lawn signs will be available at the Town Hall Recreation Office, 2nd floor, when restrictions are lifted.

A sign on your front lawn – or at your business – shows neighbors, colleagues, and passing motorists you are a part of “building community” by supporting Carrier Park; your contribution also supports future park development.

For more information about Carrier Park see pgs. 23-28 of this newsletter. Or download this PDF: <http://carrierpark.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Carrier-Park-Marketing-Package-PDF.pdf>

To learn more about sponsorships and donations, go to: <http://carrierpark.org/story/>

East Syracuse Bottle & Can Return

East Syracuse Bottle & Can Return, located on East Manlius Street right next to the Thrifty Shopper in the Village of East Syracuse, will accept your returnables and donate the proceeds to Carrier Park, home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program. Just ask for Account #22.

Inside Town Hall

Update: Management Training for Town Staff & Key Personnel

As noted in my “Message” on page 3, at the heart of building community...is people. As such, we continue to “build community” within Town Hall with an on-going series of management training sessions designed to provide department heads and key staff with the tools they need to communicate more effectively, support their own staff well, work in partnership with other departments, myself, and the Town Board, and better serve and support you, the taxpayer. We also have an in-house HR consultant working a few hours a week with town staff on a variety of issues, and also training key personnel about various HR functions. We will be continuing these in-house learning and growth opportunities over the course of the year. Our objective is to better serve you, the taxpayer, but also to support staff to create a more supportive, empowered, efficient work environment.

The heart of town government isn't only elected officials...it's all the folks within Town Hall who support me, the Town Board, and you.

Update: New! Town of DeWitt Website

We are also in the process of creating a new, more user-friendly, updated town website. We expect the site to be up by late summer. The new site will allow us to better serve both residents and businesses, and also to provide site visitors with engaging stories and helpful information regarding news, announcements, projects, events, and important deadlines or procedural changes.

Town of DeWitt Police Dept. News

Awards

On February 27th, our Town of DeWitt Police Department hosted their Annual Awards Ceremony. Three Officers were acknowledged for exceptional service to our community and to their fellow officers: Investigator Chad Frederick was awarded the Dedication to Service Award, Officer Jeffrey MacDonald was awarded the Medal of Distinguished Service, and Officer James P. Toomey, Jr., was the recipient of the Police Officer of the Year Award.

Policing is an integral part of “building community” in DeWitt, especially during times of challenge or crisis; the men and women of the Town of DeWitt Police Department are recognized as one of the finest departments in Onondaga County. I want to extend my congratulations to Officers Frederick, MacDonald, and Toomey for their dedicated service to our community.



SCAMS!

Also, please be aware that in times of significant challenge like we are experiencing

right now with the Coronavirus, sadly that is also a time when many people seek to take advantage of fear and confusion...and scams pop up in unexpected places. In fact, even prior to the virus outbreak scams were on the rise.

With the addition of so much technological communication in our daily lives via the internet, email, and social media, scams have not only become more prevalent, they have also become more and more sophisticated. Protect yourself from scams; please go to page 21 of this newsletter for more detailed information.

Shoppingtown Update

As of this date, the future of the property is in the hands of Onondaga County; they are presently engaged in litigation with the owners of Shoppingtown.

As back ground, for several years the town offered Shoppingtown’s owners multiple, robust financial incentives: access to grants, energy incentive programs, specific mixed-use development concepts, cost-saving plans, a potential PILOT agreement, and other significant financial inducements to encourage them to rehabilitate – or fully redevelop – the property. Shoppingtown’s owners however, declined to take advantage of the opportunities above.

We want this valuable, strategically located property - like all of our commercial properties - to be vibrant and profitable.

For detailed information about the town’s efforts - along with links to comparable comprehensive large-scale mixed-use projects in other areas of the country similar to what the Town proposed to Shoppingtown’s owners, please see:

<http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/news/gwB8rxjTO35W8xdphyg==.pdf>

Please pass this information on to friends, family, and neighbors...

Elevating Erie & NYS Empire Trail Update

In collaboration with NYS, the Town of DeWitt's "Elevating Erie" project is truly "building community" as you read this newsletter.

Crews are presently working on a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over I-481 on Kinne Road near Town Hall and the Canal Park. The new bicycle/pedestrian bridge will connect the Craige neighborhood to Butternut Drive and our Ryder Park and Butternut Creek Canal Parks, as well as the Erie Canalway Trails (part of the New York State Empire Trail). I know families in the Craige neighborhood have been asking for this key "connection" – a safe, walkable bridge over I-481 - for a long time and we are happy it is finally happening!

Crews will also be working on the trail along Towpath Road that will then connect to Erie Boulevard. The trail connection between DeWitt and the city of Syracuse is expected to be completed by 2021.

The Elevating Erie project not only adds to our quality of life right here in DeWitt, but will also provide economic development opportunities for our community, neighboring communities, tourism, business, and the environment.

For more information about Elevating Erie, go to:

Elevating Erie Video:

<http://www.elevatingerie.com/spanning-the-gap-video>

Empire State Trail:

<https://www.ny.gov/programs/empire-state-trail>

Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville Sidewalk

Connecting our neighborhoods to one another - to our parks and trails and to commercial districts - and to quality of life locations like the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville, is an integral part of our continuing efforts to "build community" in the Town of DeWitt.

Late last year, we completed the installation of the sidewalk that extends along Jamesville Road to the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville, connecting it to existing Jamesville Road sidewalks.

Residents can now walk from the Orvilton, DeWittshire, and Cornwall neighborhoods – as well as all the neighborhoods on the west side of Jamesville Road - past MPH school and the Andrews Road neighborhood, all the way to the library.

Zombie Homes Update

DeWitt is one of the few municipalities in the area with such an active - and successful - Zombie Homes program. Our office of Planning and Zoning continually monitors vacant and neglected properties throughout the town; we recognize abandoned and neglected properties can negatively impact neighborhood property values, as well as the aesthetics of streets and neighborhoods. If you have an abandoned property in your neighborhood, please contact the Planning and Zoning Dept. at (315) 446-3910 x 3.

Butternut Creek Trail Update

The new fishing platform was enjoyed by residents and visitors over the summer and fall months, and the trail to the fishing dock was completed last spring. However, the boardwalk at the head of the trail is presently closed due to structural problems; the town is researching the best way to remedy the situation and we hope to re-open the boardwalk by the fall.



HIGHWAY

Notes from Superintendent Conte:



Thank you for the continuing support throughout the year. I would like to also thank the now retired Senator John DeFrancisco for his help in securing the grant that

allowed us to complete the replacement roof on the pole barn and the new overhead doors on the main highway garage. Onto the next project which will be to procure an electric truck.

Even though we have had a mild winter the Highway Department still maintains 277 miles of road by plowing and salting multiple times per day. We appreciate your patience while we cleared these roads in times of heavy snow and accumulating ice.

As we spring forward to beautify and clean up our lawn, bushes, and trees. Please adhere to our area brush schedule for brush and debris removal. The schedule starts in April and runs thru October. November and December will be leaf pick up (weather permitting).

Orange Barrels and orange cone season will soon begin. Please reduce your speed so that no one gets hurt and mind the flagger in these construction zones. We will be filling in pot holes, sweeping the roads, and maintaining street signs, storm sewers and catch basins will be on our maintenance list. The road milling and paving will also begin so stay tuned to your mailbox for the information that pertains to your neighborhood.

Have a safe and great Spring and Summer,
Rocco Conte

Street Sweeping

During the first month of brush and yard debris collection, the sweepers/vacuums will follow the crews picking up material. This ensures the entire Town gets a "clean sweep." The Yard Waste Schedule is included in this newsletter. The sweeper may be a day or two behind the debris crew. If you do not have yard debris, but have accumulations of sand/salt on your property; simply rake or sweep the material onto the road edge and the sweepers will gather it during the scheduled week.

Asphalt Repairs

Permanent repair to asphalt caused by snowplowing and water/sewer repair activities are completed when the blacktop plants open. To report damage, call the Highway Department at (315) 437-8331

Lawn Repairs

Highway crews will be repairing damage to lawns caused by town snowplowing and water/sewer repair activities. For the repair to be successful, please water the restored area. We do not repair property damage caused by private plows. Please do not tamper with orange cones or barrels.

Who picks up my household trash/recyclables?

Butler Disposal: (315) 342-0832

The Town highway does not pick up household items left curbside. Contact Butler Disposal to arrange for removal of your unwanted items. Contact the Planning and Zoning Department to report issues with litter or accumulations of household items curbside.

Who fixes Potholes?

On Town streets, contact your Highway Department (315) 437-8331.

We do not maintain NYS or County roads. If you have any concerns or complaints about a State or County road:

New York State Roads (such as Erie Blvd, Genesee St, Carrier Circle, 481 and 690 to name a few) can be reported to 1-800-POTHOLE (1-800-768-4653). There is a complete listing of NYS roads, which are within Town of DeWitt, on the Town's website.

Onondaga County Roads (such as James St., Franklin Park Dr, Kirkville Rd and Jamesville Rd to name a few) can be reported to (315) 435-5452. There is a complete listing of Onondaga County roads, which are within Town of DeWitt, on the Town's website.

PARKS & FACILITIES

Due to guidelines limiting large social gatherings, we are no longer taking facility reservations through the end of April. We are following the Coronavirus situation closely, and will extend these protocols if circumstances dictate.

Updates on facility reservations will be posted on www.townofde Witt.com and the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Safety Recommendations

With so many people home from work and school, we recognize that getting outside will be an important part of staying active.

Here are some tips for enjoying time outside while still reducing the spread of the Coronavirus:

- **Avoid gathering in groups.** Even when outside, it is best to only interact with members of your immediate family.
- **Avoid using public playground equipment.** Public playgrounds are not routinely cleaned or disinfected.
- **Continue social distancing** by staying at least 6 feet away from anyone not in your immediate family.
- **Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms and water fountains.** Many public facilities have been closed.

- **Follow CDC guidelines for personal hygiene** before and after visiting parks or trails.
- **Do not use parks or trails if you are feeling sick.**

NEW FOR 2020 ONLINE RESERVATIONS

The following facilities can now be reserved online at townofde Witt.recdesk.com

- Cedar Bay Park
- DeWitt Community Room
- Maxwell Park Front & Back Pavilions
- Ryder Park

At the time of reservation you will need a RecDesk account and a credit card (VISA, Master Card or Discover). Please note that the merchant charges 3.09% on all credit card transactions. These fees go directly to the merchant, a third party processor, and are not retained by the Town of DeWitt.

Facilities can also be reserved by mail. Visit townofde Witt.recdesk.com for rental forms and pricing information. Submit your completed form and payment in the form of check or money order to the Recreation Department.

Reservations are done on a first come, first serve basis.



PLANNING, ZONING, CODES & SUSTAINABILITY



**THINK
SAFETY**
it couldn't hurt

Spring is here! More than likely you are beginning to spruce up your yard and start home improvement projects. Here are some helpful hints from Code Enforcement to keep you in compliance and safe.

Spring Safety Checklist

- _____ Visually inspect your roof and make sure there are no loose shingles or other problems.
- _____ Repair any broken basement windows
- _____ Seal any holes in your foundation
- _____ Place lattice around the base of your deck (this helps deter wildlife)
- _____ Ensure the siding is secure
- _____ Mow your yard and trim trees (reference the Yard and Waste Schedule before putting debris out to the curb)
- _____ Make sure your house number is clearly visible on your mailbox or house.

Highway Work Permit

A permit is required from the Highway Department is required for:

- Residential driveways (e.g. new driveways, alterations, and driveway repaving)
- Curb Cuts

Permits can be found here:

www.townofdewitt.com/SidewalksDrivewaysCurbs2.aspx

Yard and Garden Waste

The Yard and Garden Waste insert is found in the center of this Newsletter-please save it for future reference. It contains collection dates as well as rules. It can also be accessed online at www.townofdewitt.com/LeavesBrushYardWaste2.aspx.

Failure to comply with these rules creates a nuisance, unsightly conditions to your property, and problems for people and infrastructure. Debris encroaching into the road, shoulder, curb, or sidewalk causes hazards to motorists and pedestrians. Debris that blocks infrastructure such as storm drains, fire hydrants, and sewer vents can result in utility damage and flooding.

1st Offense: Resident(s) will receive a notice specifying the type of infraction incurred;

2nd Offense: Results in a special collection rate of \$50/load charged to your taxes;

Subsequent Offense: Results in a special collection rate of \$100/load charged to your taxes.

Collection of woody material from plants and shrubs begins the week of April 1st and continues through October 21st. Leaf collection typically occurs in November and December and is weather dependent.

Projects requiring a Residential Building Permit (new or replacement) from the Planning and Zoning Department (Not an exhaustive list):

- Fences
- Sheds
- Decks
- Patios and walkways, such as new concrete or paver installation
- Pools
- Hot Tubs
- Solar Panels
- Additions
- Alterations that include new windows or door penetrations, gables, etc.
- NOTE: A residential building permit is NOT required when re-roofing your house. However, two layers of roofing material are the most allowed by the NYS Residential Code.

Details, Instructions, and Permit Applications can be found here:

www.townofdewitt.com/PermittingCodeEnforcement.aspx

Tall Grass Complaints and Vacant Homes

The growing season is upon us. We greatly appreciate you notifying us of vacant and unkempt properties. We respond to every complaint and encourage property owners to maintain their property. Additionally, we are continually evaluating and updating our inventory of derelict properties in DeWitt. We understand these properties are unsightly and have an impact on community pride and property values. We will continue to do everything possible to get these properties maintained and viable. Please report vacant and unkempt properties to (315) 446-3910 x3.

Recreation Vehicles

Recreational vehicles and boats are only allowed in your driveway for 10 days in a calendar year or in the rear yard—must be within five feet of the principal dwelling and within the extended lines of the sides of the residence. Please call us for further explanation.

Solid Waste Disposal

The Town of DeWitt has a Town-wide refuse district contract with Butler Disposal for the weekly collection of residential household trash and recyclables. The cost to each residential property depends on the owner selected Service Level—the volume of trash to be picked up each week—and paid annually through property taxes.

Visit www.townofdewitt.com/Garbage4.aspx for rates and more detailed information. All levels of service come with unlimited recycling. OCRRA states this program has reduced the waste stream in Onondaga County by over 60%. OCRRA's Recycling program offers full details on what is and is not recyclable



- **Blue Bins:** For home recycling and can be picked up any time at the Ted Marsh Highway Facility at 5953 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse 13057. They are located outside for your convenience – please help yourself.

• Levels of Service

- **Stickers:** (No hauler pick up). Resident places stickers on bags and brings their own trash and recyclables to the Ley Creek location on 7th North Street, until the Rock Cut Rd facility reopens.
- **Single:** Allows the resident to place, one 32- gallon bag/container and unlimited recyclables at the curb for pick up.
- **General:** Allows the resident to place, three 32-gallon bags/containers or one large rolling tote*, and unlimited recyclables at the curb for pick up.
*Totes can be rented from Butler Disposal-Call (315) 342-0832.
- **Full:** Allows the resident to place, unlimited bags or containers and unlimited recyclables at the curb for pick up.
- **Off Curb:** All Levels of Service except stickers can be modified to allow the resident to leave bag(s) or container(s) and recycling bin(s) outside of their garage or at a designated pick-up area to be collected by the hauler upon arrival.

- **Change of Service Level:** Homeowners can change their Service Level on an annual basis. For any change to be reflected on the following year's tax bill, the change form must be received by September of the current year. For increases, the pro-rated amount for the remaining weeks in the year is paid by the homeowner by check or cash upon change request. For decreases, it is recommended to wait until the end of August to request the change as we are unable to refund the difference.

- **New Homeowners:** Existing Service Levels remain with the home after the sale of the property. New homeowners may change their Service Level after the closing is complete by contacting the Planning and Zoning Department.
- **Bulk Items:** Items such as furniture, appliances, air conditioners, bathroom fixtures, tires, building material, carpets, metals, etc are not considered household trash and not included in this service. Neither Butler Disposal nor the Town of DeWitt Highway Department collects these items. Contact Butler Disposal or any other hauler for rates and to schedule a pick up.

Stormwater Management

Under Federal and State mandates, the Town is required to manage the volume and quality of stormwater that flows through our system. Routine property clean-ups help to ensure that stormwater flows freely into storm grates without debris clogging the pipes, plus it keeps your neighborhoods looking beautiful. In addition to the Towns program, OCRRA accepts yard and garden trimmings as well as food waste at the Amboy location. For small amounts of waste, consider purchasing or building a home composting system. Compost serves primarily as a soil conditioner, whether it is spread in a layer on the soil surface or dug in. Gardens regularly amended with compost are better able to hold air and water, drain more efficiently, and contain nutrients the plants need. Check out this flyer for Easy Home Composting:
www.townofdewitt.com/documents/859.pdf.

New York State Law Restricts the Use of Lawn Fertilizer

According to the NYSDEC over 100 waterbodies in New York State are impaired due to high levels of phosphorous. Many lawn fertilizers contain phosphorus—an essential nutrient for plant growth. During rain events and spring snowmelt, runoff picks up and transports the excess nutrients through storm grates, creeks and tributaries into ponds and

lakes. Once in waterbodies, the accumulated phosphorous levels are too high causing poor water quality conditions for people and aquatic life.

- Choose a lawn fertilizer that does not contain phosphorous.
 - The use of phosphorous lawn fertilizer is prohibited unless establishing a new lawn or a soil test shows that the lawn is deficient in phosphorous.
- The application of lawn fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorous, or potassium is prohibited between **December 1st and April 1st.**

Tips:

- Test your soil before applying fertilizer (inexpensive kits available commercially)
- Never apply fertilizer before a rain storm.
- Pick up after your pet. Pet waste contains phosphorous that can be transported by stormwater runoff.
- Never dispose of pet waste in storm drains or ditches.
- Mow your lawn at regular intervals. Leave grass clippings on the lawn and use a compost pile for excess yard waste.
- Cover excess mulch and soil to prevent erosion during rain events.
- Plant a rain garden to slow the rate of stormwater runoff.
- Use native plants. They require less maintenance and rarely require pesticides or fertilizers.
- Plant a buffer strip along the shoreline of lakes, rivers, or streams to slow the volume of stormwater, runoff, absorb excess nutrients, and reduce soil erosion.

The law applies to the use of phosphorous fertilizer that has more than 0.67% phosphorous by weight and includes organic phosphorous fertilizer. The provision does not apply to agricultural fertilizer or fertilizer for gardens.

Scoop the Poop and Don't Feed the Fowl

As mentioned above, everything that enters storm grates in DeWitt, drains directly into creeks and other water bodies. Stormwater does not go to a treatment facility. Animal waste contains phosphorous and pathogens, both of which degrade water quality for people and aquatic life. Dispose of pet waste in the trash and never throw it in storm grates, ditches, or any other waterbody.

Feeding waterfowl (geese and ducks) is enjoyable but it causes them to gather in unnaturally high concentrations, leading to large amounts of waste entering our local waters. Furthermore, excessive bread, chips, and corn can cause long-term health problems because it lacks adequate nutrition.

Volunteer Opportunity

As the weather begins to warm and the flowers begin to bloom, the Town of DeWitt is working on growing the annual Earth Day Clean-Up event to promote environmental awareness. Along with our clean-up activities to remove trash from the community, the Town is holding a Drive Electric Earth Day Event to promote sustainable transportation. I am looking for volunteers to help set up tables, hand out flyers, and have fun! If you are interested please contact Nicholas Quilty-Koval at (315) 446-3910 x137.

A Word from the Tree Committee

Mulch Volcanoes Kill!

• Continuous moisture on the trunk may cause cankers and splits, and allow disease and pests to attack!

• Roots need air. Thick blankets of mulch prevent air from getting to the roots.

• More than 2 to 4 inches is over-mulching



Do It Right!

• Apply a flat 2 to 4 inch layer. Do not place mulch against the trunk. For newly planted trees: mulch to the tree's drip line or beyond.

• A layer of 4 sheets of newspaper can be placed under the mulch to suppress grass and weeds

For more information, check out these web sites. umass.edu/urbantree/factsheets/9mulchingtrees.html treesaregood.com/treecare/mulching.aspx



Whether you hire a professional landscaper or are an avid do-it-yourselfer the wheel barrows, lawn mowers, and rakes are replacing the snowplows, shovels, and ice chippers. This is a perfect opportunity to talk about the unhealthy

volcano mulching practices admired by many. The practice of volcano mulching, piling mulch up against tree trunks, was found to lead to unhealthy or even deadly tree problems. Here are a few tips that will protect your trees and allow them to flourish.

The key to proper mulching is to create a wide, shallow, 2 - 4 inch deep circle that does not touch the trunk to keep your trees happy and healthy. As for diameter? For a 2" caliper tree, the circle can easily be 6' wide. That's a lot less lawn to mow! Following these tips allow trees to breathe and increase water infiltration.

This form of mulching is often referred to as doughnut mulching as the practice entails spreading mulch out instead of up as seen with the volcano mulching (See illustration.) It's new enough that not every landscaper is up to date with it. Doughnut mulching uses about the same amount of mulch, just differently distributed to promote the health of the tree.

We're getting on the band wagon, too, as the DeWitt Tree Committee adopted the trees at the DeWitt Fire Station three years ago. Although the trees were given regular care, they were beginning to show signs of stress and decline from several years of improper mulching. The Tree Committee got to work removing the years of excess mulch. With a little remedial pruning in the crowns and roots, the site is just as well-groomed and manicured as before and the trees are happy again!

The Town of DeWitt Tree Committee and staff appreciate all the professionals and do-it-yourselfers in our community that keep our green spaces green and beautiful.

The Tree Committee is looking for motivated individuals to join them in either an official capacity or as a volunteer. The Tree Committee meets formally the first Tuesday of every month at the DeWitt Fire House in the small meeting room at 7:00 pm. For more information contact Ann Stevens at aroengen@gmail.com.

New Team Members



Tom Poitras has joined the Town of DeWitt Planning and Zoning Department as a Deputy Codes Enforcement Officer.

Tom graduated from Cazenovia College in 2012 with a Bachelor's degree. After graduating Tom settled in CNY and

started working as a carpenter specializing in fine wood work for both residential and commercial customers.

Tom enjoys spending his leisure time with his wife and daughter doing a variety of outdoor activities.



Nicholas Quilty-Koval has joined the Town of DeWitt Planning and Zoning Department as a Planner.

Nick graduated from SUNY Buffalo State in 2019 with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

Since 2016, he has worked over the summers as an intern for the Town completing work related to the tree planting program, tree maintenance, and sustainability other sustainability initiatives.

Nick enjoys cycling, playing basketball, and family barbecues during his free time.

Please be sure to welcome Tom and Nick to the team!

POLICE



On February 27, 2020, Chief John Anton and The Town of DeWitt Police Department hosted their Annual Awards Ceremony.

Members of the Department, along with civilians, and other Law Enforcement Agencies and Organizations were recognized for their actions during the 2019 calendar year. Here are three of the officers honored:



**Investigator Chad Frederick
Dedication to Service Award**

Investigator Chad Frederick was awarded the Dedication to Service Award for his tremendous work ethic. This past year he made 57 arrests, through tenacious and meticulous police investigation. He works tirelessly day after day to give his best efforts to every case he is assigned.



**Officer James P. Toomey Jr.
Police Officer of the Year**

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition to a police officer who has demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm, initiative and dedication to the department and the community. In addition through contributions has set forth the highest tradition and ideals of law enforcement.

Officer Toomey personifies the professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication to law enforcement that this award represents. Officer Toomey exhibits outstanding character and professionalism on a daily basis while performing his duties. His enthusiasm in his profession is portrayed in the diligent effort he puts forth into criminal cases and preventing crime on a daily basis. Officer Toomey is the kind of police officer that other officers want to work with and younger police officers aspire to become. His passion and professionalism are infectious to his coworkers, embody the goals of this department and set a standard for policing as a whole.



**Officer Jeffrey MacDonald
Medal of Distinguished Service**

The Distinguished Service Medal is presented to an officer who has consistently performed his duties in a manner which demonstrates exceptional loyalty, ability, and dedication to the police profession.

Officer MacDonald has distinguished himself by being an active member of the Police Department and Community. He has been an active member in the Department, including his duties as a Field Training Officer, Quartermaster, and Emergency Services Team Leader. Jeff also was active in the DeWitt Police Benevolent Association, serving several years on the Executive Board.

Officer MacDonald has received a host of awards throughout his career, he was issued one of the Department's highest honors in 2014, a Meritorious Service Award. Officer MacDonald also has received numerous commendations and Outstanding Law Enforcement Accomplishment Awards. Additionally, Jeff has been named the Department's Officer of the Year in 2009 and 2013.

Officer MacDonald is a valued and highly respected member of the DeWitt Police Department. It is our pleasure to recognize him with the Departments Medal of Distinguished Service.

SCAMS!

The police department wants all citizens to be aware of an increase in Scam complaints. These scams target everyone. There's no one group of people who are more likely to become a victim of a scam, all of us may be vulnerable to a scam at some time.

Scams succeed because they look like the real thing and catch you off guard when you're not expecting it. Scammers are getting smarter and taking advantage of new technology, new products or services and major events to create believable stories that will convince you to give them your money or personal details. Here are some ways to protect yourself:

Be alert to the fact that scams exist. When dealing with uninvited contacts from people or businesses, whether it's over the phone, by mail, email, in person or on a social networking site, always consider the possibility that the approach may be a scam. Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Know who you're dealing with. If you've only ever met someone online or are unsure of the legitimacy of a business, take some time to do a bit more research. Do a Google image search on photos or search the internet for others who may have had dealings with them. If a message or email comes from a friend and it seems unusual or out of character for them, contact your friend directly to check that it was really them that sent it.

Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or click on links or attachments in emails – delete them: If unsure, verify the identity of the contact through an independent source such as a phone book or online search. Don't use the contact details provided in the message sent to you.

Keep your personal details secure. Shred your bills and other important documents before throwing them out. Keep your passwords and pin numbers in a safe place. Be very careful

about how much personal information you share on social media sites. Scammers can use your information and pictures to create a fake identity or to target you with a scam.

Keep your mobile devices and computers secure. Always use password protection, don't share access with others (including remotely), update security software and back up content. Protect your WiFi network with a password and avoid using public computers or WiFi hotspots to access online banking or provide personal information.

Beware of any requests for your details or money. Never send money or give credit card details, online account details or copies of personal documents to anyone you don't know or trust. Don't agree to transfer money or goods for someone else: money laundering is a criminal offence. If you are selling an item – **No legitimate buyer will offer to send you more than it is worth!**

Be wary of unusual payment requests. Scammers will often ask you to use an unusual payment method, including preloaded debit cards, gift cards, iTunes cards or virtual currency such as Bitcoin.

TOWN BOARD

Members

Edward Michalenko, Supervisor
Joe Chiarenza
Karen Docter
Jack Dooling
Kerry Mannion
Kerin Rigney
Sam Young

Meetings

The DeWitt Town Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00pm in the DeWitt Town Hall, located at 5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse. Board meetings are open to the public. We welcome interested residents.

TOWN CLERK

Board Meetings, Agendas & Minutes

Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, agendas, and minutes can be found on the Town of DeWitt website at: <http://www.townofdewitt.com/OpenMeetings2.aspx>.

Credit Card Payments

The Town Clerk's office is now accepting Credit Card payments for in person payments. The merchant charges 2.45%, with a minimum of \$1.75. These fees go directly to the merchant, a third party processor and are not retained by the Town.

Parking Permits for People with Severe Disabilities

Parking permits or hang tags are issues to Town residents who meet New York State requirements. Application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office, can be mailed to the applicant or found online at <https://dmv.ny.gov/forms/mv6641.pdf>.

Please note: A new application form signed by a medical provider needs to be filled out each time a hang tag is issued or re-issued. Applicant must show their drivers' license or non-drivers' license ID if they have one.

Dog Control Complaints

SPCA: (315) 454-0928
Emergency or After Hours: 911



Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are required for all dogs over the age of four months and can be obtained through the Town Clerk's office. For more information, please visit our website at: www.townofdewitt.com/DogControl3.aspx

Rabies Clinics

The Onondaga County Health Department holds monthly Rabies Shot Clinics. For more information you can contact them at (315) 435-3165 or visit:

<http://www.ongov.net/health/env/documents/RabiesClinicSchedule.pdf>

DeWitt Ordinances Concerning Dogs

Leash Law: A dog is required to be on a leash "...and accompanied by and in full control of the owner or other responsible person" when the dog is off of its owner's property. Dogs must be leashed in Town of DeWitt parks.

Pooper Scooper Law: Owners are responsible for preventing their dogs from defecating on the property of others.

Barking Dogs: DeWitt's noise ordinance states that "...a noise disturbance from a barking dog shall be defined as that created by a dog barking continually for ten (10) minutes or intermittently for thirty (30) minutes unless provoked."

CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK

The Town of DeWitt has several Facebook pages that are available for public viewing—no Facebook account required! Have a Facebook account? Be sure to 'like' and 'follow' our pages for the latest news and updates!

DeWitt Police Department

www.facebook.com/DeWittPolice

Town of DeWitt

www.facebook.com/TownofDeWittNY

Town of DeWitt Parks and Recreation

www.facebook.com/DeWittParksandRecreation



Carrier Park is...more than you think!

What's planned? The vision for Willis Carrier Park is a \$12.5 million state-of-the-art, all inclusive, multi-sport facility for children and adults, including those with special needs. When finished, the park will be one of the first fully integrated, fully handicap accessible outdoor complexes in the CNY region. Conveniently located in the northern corridor of DeWitt, right off the NYS Thruway at Exit 35 and next to the Carrier campus off Thompson Road and Kinne Street, the park sits on 20+ acres of land generously donated to the Town of DeWitt by Carrier Corporation.

The original design of the park includes up to 9 championship tournament quality fields, including 2 dynamically designed super turf fields which can be utilized for baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, football, field hockey and other special events. Basketball courts, an all-inclusive special needs playground, and a walking trail are also planned.



What's completed? May 2016 marked the official unveiling of Phase 1 of Carrier Park with 2 completed playing fields, a beautiful state-of-the-art entry plaza and gateway building, walkways, concession and concession patios, extensive parking, and utility infrastructure.

With Phase 1 now complete, Carrier Park has become home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program, the local division of Little League for children and young adults with physical and developmental disabilities. We have also welcomed many other groups to the fields including ESM Little League, ESM Softball, Section III Athletics and more!

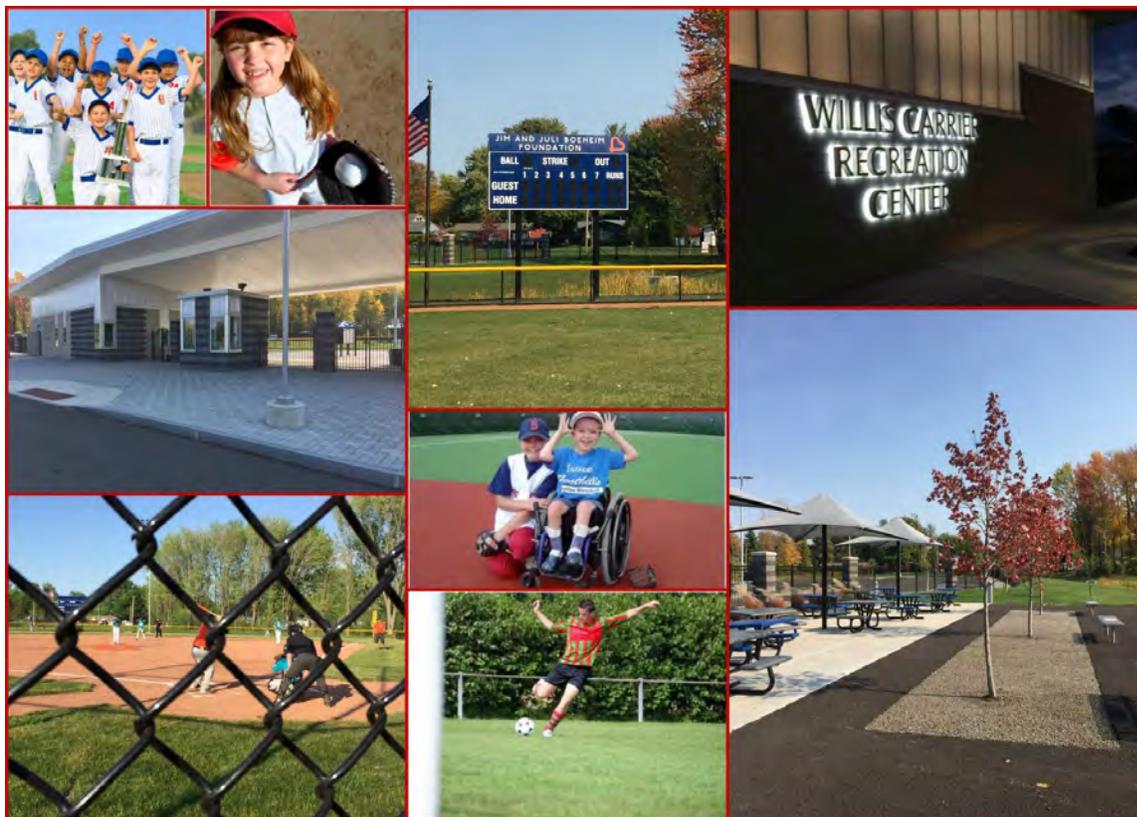
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What's next? Phase 2 of construction will be complete late Spring 2020 and includes an all-inclusive, cutting edge playground – the only one of its kind in Central New York - and three specially designed basketball courts, funded in part by the Jim and Juli Boheim Foundation, with adjustable backboards and rims so that players of all ages and abilities – including those with special needs – can play.

Who's involved? The Town of DeWitt has worked closely in partnership with the Friends of DeWitt Parks and Recreation, Inc. and Syracuse Challenger Baseball Inc. to develop Carrier Park. Both of these organizations have been instrumental in soliciting and securing generous contributions from foundations, corporations, local businesses, individuals, and families. The Town of DeWitt has also been successful in obtaining multiple grants from state and local agencies to support various components of the project.

For more information about Carrier Park, please email: supervisor@townofdewitt.com or call (315) 446-3910 x 5.

For information about renting the fields at Carrier Park, please contact the Recreation Department at (315) 446-3910 x 9 or email carrierpark@townofdewitt.com.



We're building community.

Why is Carrier Park important to you? Your family? CNY businesses?

Carrier Park is a positive, proactive community project that's also providing economic growth opportunities for Town of DeWitt residents and businesses, while also enhancing the quality of life and economic growth of Onondaga County and the broader community. **Here's how:**

Carrier Park is an award-winning, state-of-the-art, multi-sport outdoor recreational facility for adults and children from all across the Central New York region.

Carrier Park also provides a "Field of Dreams" for special needs children, young adults and their families through the **Syracuse Challenger Baseball Program.**

The park was made possible by the extraordinarily generous donation of 20+ acres of land by Carrier Corporation and is located next to their Thompson Road campus.

The park supports DeWitt's tax base; Carrier Park helps to keep our 28 hotels occupied; **those busy hotels pay \$4 million in property taxes each year.**

That \$4 million in property tax dollars from DeWitt hotels provides approximately \$2 million to local schools: \$1.5 million to Onondaga County, and \$500,000 to the Town of DeWitt.

A strong tax base strengthens the value of your home and makes DeWitt a highly desirable community for home buyers, businesses, and corporations.

Of the \$7 million Onondaga County collects in room occupancy taxes (ROT) **for the entire county**, town of DeWitt hotels contribute 30%+!

That means **the town of DeWitt pays a third of the total room occupancy taxes for the entire county**; our county hotel tax dollars support not only DeWitt, but Onondaga County and the CNY region, too.

Carrier Park draws tournaments from all over CNY and is projected to provide local businesses an additional \$2.5 million in economic activity.

Carrier Park provides DeWitt residents, and the greater CNY community, a state-of-the-art park and recreation facility for adults and children, including those with special needs; the park has the potential to strengthen DeWitt's tax base for many years to come.

Over the past 15+ years our tax base has lost more than \$100 million in assessed value due to the dramatic reduction of manufacturing jobs and thus, the exodus of many large manufacturing companies. DeWitt's 30+ hotels are helping to compensate for that shortfall; Carrier Park tournaments and special events can help keep those hotels busy.



We're building community.

All this and we've just gotten started! As more of the park is completed, more opportunities for robust economic growth and development are possible. Carrier Park is a positive, powerful, productive partnership – government, taxpayers, business, and the special needs community – that's serving the economic growth and quality of life of the residents of the Town of DeWitt, as well as families and businesses all across CNY.

For more information, please go to: <http://carrierpark.org/story/>

For more information about Carrier Park, please email:
supervisor@townofdewitt.com or call (315) 446-3910 x 5.

For information about tournaments & renting the fields at Carrier Park, please contact the Recreation Department at (315) 446-3910 x 9 or email carrierpark@townofdewitt.com.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and information on upcoming events!
<https://www.facebook.com/carrierparkdewitt>



We're building community.



While building a thriving community for town of DeWitt residents has been a driving force for the development of Carrier Park, what lay at the heart of the project is the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program.

Challenger Baseball is a Little League division that provides children with physical and developmental disabilities the opportunity to do something we all take for granted...play baseball. The special needs children of Syracuse Challenger Baseball represent one of the largest single districts of the Challenger Baseball program in the United States. However, until 2016 those kids and their families did not have a “home” for their extraordinary program.

In 2008, through a relationship dating back to their childhood, Town of DeWitt Supervisor Ed Michalenko and Syracuse Challenger Executive Director Dom Cambareri came together and the dream of a home for the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program was born.

The “Field of Dreams” at Carrier Park fulfills the vision to provide the Challenger program a permanent home. Carrier Park is one of the first fully integrated, fully handicap accessible multi-sport, outdoor recreational complexes in the Central New York Region. It’s an extraordinary place where children and adults of all ages and abilities can play together.

Key to making the dream of Carrier Park a reality has been partnership...the Town of DeWitt, Carrier Corporation, and Syracuse Challenger Baseball coming together to “build community.”



We're building community.

Carrier Park Sponsorship Program

Help us build community now!

Multi-Sport Turf Field	\$250,000
Observation Pavilion	\$150,000
All-inclusive Playground	\$125,000
Grass Baseball Field	\$100,000
90' Turf Diamond	\$75,000
50-70' Turf Diamond	\$50,000
Meeting Pavilion	\$50,000
Score Board	\$35,000 each
Concession Stand	\$35,000
Entrance Message Board	\$25,000
Concession Food Patio	\$10,000 each
Batting Cages	\$5,000 each
Dugouts	\$5,000 each
Bleachers	\$4,000 each
Walkway Fence Banner	\$2,000 each (2-year sponsorship)
Outfield Fence Banner	\$2,000 each (2-year sponsorship)
Backstop Banner	\$1,500 each (2-year sponsorship)
Benches	\$500 each
Engraved Walkway Brick	\$100 each

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for you, your family, business or corporation, contact us: supervisor@townofdewitt.com or 315.446.3910, ext. #5.



We're building community.



How can I register for programs, classes and trips?

Before You Register

All registrations including online, mail, and drop box, require a RecDesk account. Setting up your RecDesk account is quick and easy. Visit townofdewitt.recdesk.com on your computer or mobile device and click "Create Account" to get started. If you don't have access to the internet, we can set up your account for you over the phone.



Online Registration

Online registration is available for most programs, classes and trips. Sign in to your RecDesk account at townofdewitt.recdesk.com and click on the "Programs" tab for a complete list of available programs, classes and trips. Once you have added your items to your cart, you can check out using a credit card. Accepted cards include Visa, Master Card, and Discover. **Please note that there is a 3.09% service charge applied to all credit card transactions.**



Mail-In Registration

Mail-In Registration is available for most programs, classes and trips. Complete the Mail-In General Registration Form that can be found at www.townofdewitt.com/RecreationParks.aspx. Be sure to include an email address on the form if you wish to receive a receipt. Send the completed form with check made out to *Town of DeWitt* to:

**Recreation Department
5400 Butternut Drive
East Syracuse, NY 13057**



Drop Box Registration

In person registration is not currently available for recreation programs. Instead, participants can use the drop box outside of the DeWitt Town Hall. Please place forms and payment in a sealed envelope and write *Recreation Department* on the front. Payment can be made in the form of cash or check made out to *Town of DeWitt*.

RECREATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Here at the Recreation Department, we, much like our residents, have felt the continued impact of the Coronavirus.

It was a difficult decision to postpone or cancel many of our favorite programs and events; however, we know it was the right choice to protect the health and safety of our participants, staff members and the community.

As you know, this situation is very fluid and can change at any time. With that in mind, **please note that any program, class, trip or event listed in this newsletter is subject to postponement or cancellation** as dictated by the evolving COVID-19 situation.

Additionally we are delaying registration for some programs. This will give us time to reevaluate and open registration for programs that are likely to be held. Check program listings for registration dates.

Office Availability

Pursuant to Executive Orders from the Governor and instructions from the Town, the Recreation Office is currently closed to customers. Staff will routinely check and return voicemails and emails, so feel free to contact us at (315) 446-3910 x 9 or recreation@townofdewitt.com.

Online services are available at townofdewitt.recdesk.com and we will continue to process registrations, reservations and payments received by mail or in the Town Hall drop box. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page and townofdewitt.com as they become available.

We will continue to do our best to connect with and serve our community during this unprecedented time. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Stay Well,
Recreation Staff

Coronavirus Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov
1(800) 232-4636

New York State Department of Health
1(800) 364-3065
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

Onondaga County Health Department
www.ongov.net/health/coronavirus.html

If you do not have a doctor:
University Hospital's Triage Line
Open 7:00am – 11:00pm
(315) 464-3979

For help obtaining child care:
Child Care Solutions (315) 446-1220
<https://childcaresolutionscny.org>

For seniors in need of meals:
(315) 218-1387

Stay Informed

CNY Central (Channel 3)
<https://cnycentral.com/news/coronavirus>

Local SYR (Channel 9)
www.localsyr.com/health/coronavirus

Spectrum News
<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/news/coronavirus>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of DeWitt is looking for creative, self-motivated employees to staff our summer Day Camp program. Application packets are available online at www.townofdewitt.com.

To apply for a summer job, submit your completed application to the Recreation Office by email at recreation@townofdewitt.com or mail to:

Recreation Department
5400 Butternut Drive
East Syracuse, NY 13057

You will then be contacted to set up an interview. **2020 interviews will be done over the phone or through video chat.**

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

DeWitt Parks and Recreation is proud to announce its 25th annual Concert Series. All concerts will be held on **Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm at Ryder Park** (adjacent to DeWitt Town Hall). Don't forget your lawn chair or blanket! Call the Recreation Office at (315) 446-3910 x 9 for more information. **FREE!**

2020 CONCERT SCHEDULE

July 2	Fritz's Polka Band Classic Polkas
July 9	The Cobbleckers Your Favorite Oldies
July 16	The Strangers 60's & 70's
July 23	Joe Whiting Band Rock, Roll, Rhythm & Soul
July 30	Matt Chase & The Thunder Canyon Band Country Classics
August 6	Stroke Rhythm & Blues

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mother/Son Game Day

Saturday, June 27

1:00-3:00pm

DeWitt Community Room

148 Sanders Creek Pkwy

East Syracuse

\$10/person



Boys in grades K-6 and their mothers/mother figures/other special adult are invited to join us for fun filled, action packed game day based on the hit TV show Minute To Win It!

Players will attempt every game and task round robin style. Points will be accumulated throughout the event and there will be prizes for the winners in different grade categories. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Registration begins Monday, May 18 at

8:00am. Pre-registration is required and can be done online at townofdewitt.recdesk.com, by mail or via the drop box outside the DeWitt Town Hall. No registrations will be taken at the door. Non-refundable after 6/19/20. Space is limited. **Both the adult and child must be registered to attend.**

MINI DAY CAMP

Registration for Town of DeWitt Residents begins Tuesday, June 23

Nature explorations, fishing, arts and crafts and field trips are among the activities at Galster Pavilion in Ryder Park. Open to children entering grades 1-6 in the fall of 2020.

Maximum 50. This program runs for two one-week segments, August 17 – 21 and 24 – 28 from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Pick one or both weeks. Non-residents may start registering July 21 on a space-available basis. An activity sheet for the two weeks will be given at the time of registration.

Fee: \$175/week Residents
\$195/week All others

SUMMER PRE-K

This recreational program is designed to focus on fun, play and the socialization for the Pre-Kindergarten child. Each day will be divided into short activity periods, such as arts and crafts, games, story hour, free play and special events.

Children **MUST** be potty trained and be able to use the bathroom by themselves. Children in diapers will not be able to attend the program.

Registration can be completed online at townofdewitt.recdesk.com or in person at the Recreation Office. Verification of age is required. Space is limited. Non-residents may register starting Tuesday, April 21 on a space available basis.

Dates: Monday, July 6 – Friday, August 14
Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm, Monday – Friday
Location: DeWitt Town Hall
Ages: 3-5 (MUST be 3 by June 1, 2020)

Fee: \$175 J-D/ESM District Residents
\$185 All others



YOUTH PROGRAMS

AM Recreation

AM Recreation provides a before-school program for children attending Moses DeWitt, Jamesville Elementary and Tecumseh. Held at Moses DeWitt, AM Recreation is open from 7:30 am until the time school starts. Activities include games, crafts and special events. All participants must be pre-registered.

Registration for the 2020-21 school year begins on Tuesday, August 4. Space is limited.

Registration Fee: \$10 (non-refundable)
Program Fee: \$29 per week

PM Recreation

PM Recreation is a drop-in program that is held at Tecumseh Elementary from 3:00 – 5:15 pm for children in grades K-6 attending Tecumseh, Moses DeWitt, Jamesville Elementary, and J-D Middle School. Activities include crafts, games, outside play, and special events. All participants must be pre-registered.

Registration for the 2020-21 school year begins on Tuesday, August 4. Space is limited.

Registration Fee: \$10 (non-refundable)
Program Fee: \$47 per week

AM Recreation and PM Recreation are NOT OPEN during school holidays, conference days, snow days, emergency closings, or school recesses.

AM Recreation is not open when school opening is delayed.

PM Recreation is not open on half days or when after school activities are cancelled.

IMPORTANT!

Registration for AM Recreation and PM Recreation programs can be done either online or in person at the Recreation Office.

Registration will begin on Tuesday, August 4 at 8:00am online and in person. Online registration is highly recommended.

If you are registering online, it is recommended you set up a RecDesk account ahead of time. If you have a RecDesk account, be sure that your log in information is up to date.

Contact the Recreation Office at (315) 446-3910 x 9 for help setting up an account or resetting your password.

Broadway Bound Musical Theatre Intensive



Students sing, dance, act and create all day in the Broadway Bound Musical Theatre Intensive! The goal of this camp is to improve participant's technique and confidence in an active, fun and educational setting through high quality, age appropriate instruction!

Students entering grades 6-12 will be ability grouped so that everyone can build upon his/her current knowledge and increase his/her skill set. Students rotate through creative theatre, dance and vocal classes culminating in a Showcase Finale Performance at the end of the week! All experience and ability levels are welcome. Staff will include: Caira Cramer Walter, Aimee deBerjeois, Victoria King, Sabine Krantz and BDC staff.

Held Monday - Friday, July 27-31 at the ESM High School. Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 3:00pm. Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm (Showcase Performance at 5:00pm). Bring your own lunches and pizza will be served for dinner on Friday. Broadway Bound T-shirt included!

Registration begins on Monday, June 1.

Fee: \$220 Residents
\$225 All others

ED23HOOPS Skills and Drills Camp

Come join Eric Devendorf and ED23HOOPS coaches for his Skills and Drills camp. Boys and girls ages 9-17 will go through various shooting, dribbling, passing, defensive and game like drills. You will learn the basic fundamentals you need to improve your game. Learn valuable lessons not only on but off the court as well. Learn the game, compete and most importantly have a great time! Held Tuesday - Friday, June 30 - July 3 at the Jamesville DeWitt High School from 9:00am-12:00pm. FOCUS, LEARN, IMPROVE!

Registration begins Monday, May 25.

Fee: \$175 Residents
\$180 All others

Fine Art, Fun Drawing and Painting for Kids

Calling all artists! Join Michaeline Gleasman for a week of fine art fun! Young artists ages 5-12 explore a variety of media, including painting on easels with acrylic paint, water colors, tempera paint, chalk and oil pastel, and charcoal. Exciting projects such as sea creatures, animal life, nature studies and self-expression will be used throughout the week. Color mixing, brush and drawing techniques and mixed media will be taught. Each day, participants will create two brand-new drawings and paintings that will be mounted to bring home. All supplies included. Held Monday - Friday, August 10-14 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room. Bring a smock. **Registration begins Monday, June 1.**

Fee: \$125 Residents
\$130 All others

"Hooked" on Fishing

This fishing club is open to children ages 10 - 17. There will be instruction for beginners and advanced fishers so anyone is welcome to join! We will be learning various fishing methods from live bait to artificial bait. "Bobber" fishing to fishing with a lure.

Bringing your own fishing pole is mandatory as the Town of DeWitt does NOT have any extra poles. Also, we recommend bringing your own tackle as the town has limited supply of tackle.

Program runs Monday-Friday, August 10-14, 5:00 - 7:00pm at Ryder Park and the Erie Canal Trail. **Registration begins Monday, May 11.**

Fee: \$25 Residents
\$30 All others



Junior Golf at Four Seasons (Ages 8 & up)

Learn the game of golf at Four Seasons twice weekly. The 8th and final lesson will be a round of golf at Lyndon Golf Course (clubs required). Balls and clubs will be provided at Four Seasons only. **Registration begins Monday, June 1.**

Session I: Mondays and Wednesdays, June 29 – July 22 at 9am or 10am.

Session II: Mondays and Wednesdays, July 27 – August 19 at 9am or 10am.

Fee: \$99 Residents per session
\$104 All others

Nature Club

This guided program will educate students on nature, its significance and beauty. Young Naturalists will have educational discussions, build habitat projects and go on guided nature walks! Open to children ages 8-15. Program runs Mondays, June 8 – July 27 from 5:00 – 7:00pm at Ryder Park and the Erie Canal Trail.

Registration begins Monday, May 11.

Fee: \$25 Residents
\$30 All others

Saturday Soccer

This structured program, held at Maxwell Park in East Syracuse, will implement the fundamentals of soccer, along with scheduled playing time. The program is for **JD/ESM Residents ONLY** entering grades K-5 in the fall of 2020. Held Saturdays, September 12 – October 10 from 9:00-10:30am. **Registration begins Monday, June 1.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need adults who can act as coaches and assistants. If you like working with children or if you know someone who does, please call. **The success of this program depends on volunteers.**

Fee: \$35 (includes T-shirt)

Summer Basketball Clinic

The Town of DeWitt Basketball Clinic is geared toward high school students (9th-12th grade) to improve their play, knowledge, and experience on the basketball court. During the 5 weeks, players will work on all aspects of the game from fundamentals, ball handling, shooting, passing, defense, rebounding, transition offense and defense, and adjusting to the speed of higher level play (JV & varsity).

Players will gain many skills and a higher understanding of basketball during the clinic that will prepare them for their High School, CYO, or AAU teams. With only 5 weeks, we will be working very hard each week so come ready to work hard! Maximum 30 participants.

Program runs Wednesdays, June 10 – July 8 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Carrier Park. July 15 will be a make-up date if needed. **Registration begins Monday, May 11.**

Fee: \$100 Residents
\$105 All others

Summer Leadership Camp (Grades 8-12)

CALLING ALL YOUTH LEADERS! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to discover your leadership abilities and capitalize on your future. This program will focus on the essential skills you will need to lead yourself, and others to capture the momentum that is needed for leaders today. From goal setting and action planning, the purpose of this camp is to help guide local youth to begin to discover their leadership voice through a curriculum that is interactive and engaging. Topics include, but are not limited to: Self-Awareness, Communication & Soft Skills, Giving & Receiving Feedback and Emotional Intelligence. Join Scott Vinciguerra July 6 - 10 from 8:30am-12 Noon at the Jamesville DeWitt Middle School. **Registration begins Monday, June 1.**

Fee: \$229 Residents
\$234 All others

ADULT PROGRAMS

BOATING

About Boating Safely Mandatory for all boat operators in New York!

The About Boating Safely class is presented by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Brewerton Flotilla, 02-14. This is an introductory, beginner boater safety course - this is not an operator's licensing course. This course fulfills the Boater Safety requirement for New York State and is required for all powered boats, jet skis and sailboats with auxiliary power. Topics to be covered include: Introduction to Boating, Boating Law, Boat Safety Equipment (required and recommended), Boating Safely, Basic Navigation, Boating Problems, Trailing, Storing and protecting your boat.

Person's born before May 1, 1996 are no longer exempt from taking this course. Upon successfully passing a written test, participants will receive their USCG Auxiliary Certificate of completion and a certification card. Held Saturday, September 19 from 8:00am - 4:30pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$30 Residents
\$35 All others
\$20 Children 10-14 Residents
\$25 Children 10-14 All others

DRIVING

Defensive Driving Class (Point and Insurance Reduction Program)

Branch's Driving School is pleased to offer this 6 hour Defensive Driving Class which is approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles and is sponsored by the Empire Safety Council. Be part of a program that sets the standard for accident prevention and vehicle safety in New York State. No formal testing is required, everyone passes. Participants receive these benefits: Insurance

premium reduction of 10% for three years (base rate of liability, no-fault and collision premiums) *Principal operator* and up to a 4-point reduction with NYS DMV. This class is for drivers of all ages! Two classes will be held. Saturday, June 6 from 9:00am-3:00pm OR Saturday, September 12 from 9:00am-3:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$35 Residents
\$40 All others



FITNESS

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

T-N-T can help you 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. 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, May 19 – June 18 from 6:00-6:40pm at Moses DeWitt Elementary School. Get results twice as fast! **Registration begins Monday, April 20.**

Fee: \$38 one class per week Residents
\$43 All others
\$66 two classes per week Residents
\$71 All others

T-N-T (Summer)

Held Tuesdays, June 23 – August 18 from 6:00-6:40pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room. **Registration begins Monday, May 18.**

Fee: \$69 Residents
\$74 All others

Yoga-Lates (Spring)

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, May 18 – June 15 (not 5/25) from 6:00-7:00pm at Tecumseh Elementary School. A floor mat is needed. **Registration begins Monday, April 20.**

Fee: \$36 Residents
\$41 All others

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\$41 All others

Yoga-Lates (Summer)

Held Mondays, June 22 – August 17 from 6:00-7:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room. A floor mat is needed. **Registration begins Monday, May 18.**

Fee: \$79 Residents
\$84 All others



GOLF

Four Seasons Golf

Enjoy five weeks of one-hour golf lessons covering all aspects of the game. Fee includes balls and clubs. Held Wednesdays at 5:30pm OR 6:30pm. Two sessions will be offered. **Registration begins Wednesday, April 15 (spring) and Monday, June 1 (summer).**

Spring Session: April 29 – May 27

Summer Session: July 1 – July 29

Fee: \$99 per session Residents
\$104 All others

LEAGUES

Cornhole League

This is a recreational league so beginners and advanced players are all welcome! League will have a 10 week regular season, and 1 final week for playoffs and the championship.

League runs Tuesdays, June 9 – August 18, 6:00 – 7:15pm OR 7:30 – 8:45pm at Carrier Park. **Registration begins Monday, May 11.**

Fee: \$80/Team Residents
\$85/Team All others

TRIPS

An American in Paris

Wednesday, June 3
Crouse Hinds Theatre



In post war Paris, romance is in the air and youthful optimism reigns. Gershwin's soaring melodies are matched by gravity-defying dance as the world rediscovers the power of love in this breathtaking production. Hoping to start a new life, World War II veteran Jerry Mulligan chooses newly-liberated Paris as the place to make a name for himself as a painter. But Jerry's life becomes complicated when he meets Lise, a young Parisian shop girl with her own secret - and realizes he is not her only suitor.

Winner of four Tony Awards and inspired by the Academy Award-winning film, this exquisite production features your favorite Gershwin songs including "I Got Rhythm", "Liza", "But Not for Me", and "Stairway to Paradise".

Trip includes school bus transportation, orchestra seats and chaperone. Bus departs at 6:30pm from Heritage Landing (next door to the DeWitt Town Hall) and returns at approximately 10:15pm. **Registration begins Monday, May 4.**

Fee: \$71 Residents
\$76 All others

State Fair

Friday, August 14
Merry Go Round Theatre, Auburn

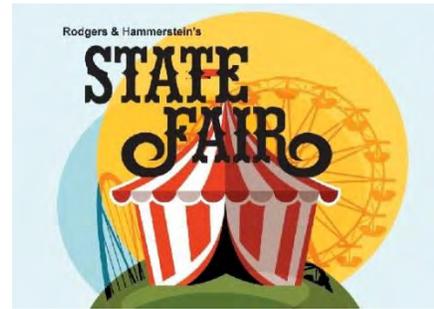
Set against the colorful backdrop of an American heartland tradition, *State Fair* travels with the Frake family as they leave behind the routine of the farm for three days of adventure at the annual Iowa State Fair. Mom and Pop have their hearts set on blue ribbons while their daughter and son find romance and heartbreak on the midway. Featuring your favorite R&H songs, an Academy Award - winning score, spectacular choreography, and a dollop of Americana, *State Fair* is a nostalgic kind of warm-hearted family entertainment only Rodgers & Hammerstein could deliver! Lunch at 12:00pm with show at 2:00pm.

Trip Includes school bus transportation, orchestra seats, lunch and chaperone. Bus departs at 11:10am from Heritage Landing, next door to the DeWitt Town Hall. Returns approximately 5:30pm. **Registration begins Monday, June 1.**

Lunch Choices at The Springside Inn, Owasco Lake include:

- Chicken French: Boneless Breast with light egg batter with lemon-butter white wine sauce
- Roast Sirloin of Beef with Mushroom Gravy
- Baked Haddock with Lemon Butter

Fee: \$90 Residents
\$95 All others



Upcoming Syracuse Stage Trips

Matilda the Musical

Once on this Island

Look for details in our next Newsletter

SENIOR PROGRAMS

BOWLING

Wednesdays, September 16 - April 21, 2021
The Village Lanes
201 East Manlius St., E. Syracuse, NY 13057

Bowling is a game meant for everyone. It is an inexpensive and entertaining way to spend your time. You can go bowling with friends or family and play it in different ways. One of the reasons it's so popular is that it's so simple. Anyone can start playing it without having to learn any rules. Bowling alleys are open all year round and give you the opportunity to expand your social circle. You can come across new people and have great fun. The game is so simple yet sophisticated that bowling is often referred to as an art. Come join the DeWitt seniors for laughs, exercise and tons of fun!

Holiday party in December. Banquet end of season.

Sign up any Wednesday. For more information contact the Recreation Office or Kathy Santangelo, at (315) 446-6335.

Bowling Schedule

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

9:20 am – Practice

9:30 am – Bowling

Fee: \$7 (includes 3 games)

BRIDGE

Fridays, Year Round, 1:00 – 4:00pm
DeWitt Town Hall – Activity Room
5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse

Come join us for bridge on Fridays, all year round! Drop-ins welcome. Partners not needed. No instruction is provided. Bridge is cancelled when the DeWitt Town Hall is closed or when the Jamesville-DeWitt district has a snow day.

Annual Fee: \$25 (Renews in January)

DEWITT CHORALIERS and GUYS & DOLLS

Fridays through June, 10:00am – 12:00pm
DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room
5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse

Recruiting: Tenors, Baritones & Basses

Come join the Town of DeWitt's Senior Chorus (50+) for fun and growth. Performances at local senior centers, nursing homes, private parties, etc. Choral music with harmony, solos, duets and ensembles. No auditions - just lots of fun and laughs! **Now booking spring jobs.**

For more information about the DeWitt Choraliars contact the Recreation Office or Kathy Santangelo, Choral Director at (315) 446-6335. *Without Music, life would "B" flat!*



GOLF

Wednesdays, May 13 – August 12
Tee Times: 8:00 – 8:30am
Lyndon Golf Course
7054 East Genesee Street, Fayetteville
Lisa Owens, Director

Come join DeWitt Senior Golf for good company, exercise, fun and sun! Pre-registration with payment must be completed

at the Recreation Office prior to the golf season. A golf banquet will be held at the end of the season. **Registration begins Monday, April 20.**

Registration Fee: \$25 Residents
\$30 All others

Green Fees: \$9.00
Golf Carts: \$6.00
Pull Carts: \$2.00

LIGHT WEIGHT TRAINING (Summer)

Tuesdays and Thursdays
July 7-August 20, 8:30-9:30am
DeWitt Community Room
148 Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse

Light weight training is for adults 50 and older. This class will offer techniques and step-by-step training from a fitness professional. The class begins with a standing warm-up. After the warm-up there are light weight exercises standing and sitting. These are designed to help strengthen muscles. The class ends with a full body stretch. Each participant must provide his/her own weights. **Registration begins Monday, June 1.**

Fee: \$38.50 Residents
\$43.50 All others

TABLE TENNIS

Mondays, Year Round, 9:00am-12:00pm
DeWitt Community Room
148 Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse

Play is at an intermediate or advanced level. Table Tennis is a competitive sport requiring simultaneous mobility and hand to eye coordination. Players must bring their own equipment. Table Tennis is cancelled on holidays and when the East Syracuse Minoa district has a snow day.

Annual Fee: \$40 (Renews in January)

SENIOR CENTERS

DeWitt Community Room

148 Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Year Round

9:30am-2:00pm

Sue Slack, Director

The DeWitt Community Room Center offers Pitch tournaments, Pitch games, bridge, hypertension screening, and more. It is also a Senior Nutrition site on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Lunches served at noon. Call (315) 470-3331 to reserve a meal. A \$3.50 fee is suggested for lunch. All Onondaga County seniors are welcome.

Closed: Holidays, Election Days – Center is also closed when the East Syracuse Minoa district has a snow day.

Jamesville Young-at-Heart Center

Jamesville Fire Station

Rt. 173, Jamesville – across from Jamesville Correctional Facility

Open: Tuesdays, 9:00am-2:00pm

Wednesdays, 9:00am-12:30pm

Corinne Brown, Director

Beverly Elliott, Ceramics Instructor

Lee Ann Farr, Stamping Instructor

On Tuesdays enjoy Pre-Poured Ceramics with Beverly Elliott, where you can choose from over 3,000 molds and make beautiful gifts for family and friends. The last Tuesday of each month there is a covered dish lunch. Hypertension screening is offered once a month. On Wednesdays enjoy Stamping Artistic Creations with an instructor and make your own greeting cards.

Closed: Holidays, Election Days – Center is also closed when the Jamesville-DeWitt district has a snow day.

Ceramics Fee: \$5 plus cost of greenware

Stamping Fee: \$4 plus coffee fund fee

New Testament Baptist Church (NTBC)

Senior Center

1235 Old Stonehouse Rd, Jamesville

Mondays September 14 – May 10, 2021

9:00am-3:00pm

Lisa Owens, Director

NTBC Senior Center offers a variety of art classes for a range of skill levels (see list below). Each week local off-site locations deliver low cost lunches. A \$5.00 fee is requested for lunch, and a reservation is required one week in advance. There is a \$1.00 coffee fund donation requested per week. Hypertension Screening is available monthly.

NOTE: We are seeking a watercolor instructor. If you are interested in teaching, please contact the Recreation Office at (315) 446-3910 x 9.

Closed: Holidays – Center is also closed when the Jamesville-DeWitt district has a snow day.

Annual Fee: \$25 Residents/Church Members
\$30 All others

NTBC Art Classes

Class Fees Listed Below

Morning Classes: 9:00-11:00am

Chinese Brush Painting: \$15/year – Elaine

Drawing Class: \$15/year – Judith

Open Painting: No Fee

Workshop for Multi Media: No Fee

Afternoon Classes: 1:00-3:00pm

Watercolor Techniques: \$15/year – Jan

Open Knit or Crochet: No Fee

Independent Watercolor Workshop: No Fee

Open Painting: No Fee



Syracuse Memory Café

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 10:30am-Noon
Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church
5299 Jamesville Rd, DeWitt

Where people with memory changes can go to have a cup of coffee, laugh, meet new friends, and not have to explain anything. Please join the group for refreshments, conversation, and fun in a friendly, welcoming place for individuals and families living with dementia or memory changes. For more information, call (315) 446-0960 or visit

www.syracusememorycafe.com.

TRIPS

Finian's Rainbow

Cortland Repertory Theatre
Friday, July 10



Finian's Rainbow is a beautiful, heartwarming story with a message that is as relevant today as it was then! "You'll never grow old and you'll never grow poor, if you look to the rainbow, beyond the next moor." With lyrics by "Yip" Harburg (the lyricist of *The Wizard of Oz*, including *Over the Rainbow*), the song list reads like a page from the Great American Songbook: *Old Devil Moon*, *Look to the Rainbow*, *How Are Things In Glocca Morra?*, *If This Isn't Love*, *When I'm Not Near The Girl I Love*, *Something Sort of Grandish* and more! Lunch is included at the Hathaway House.

Bus departs at 10:15am and returns approximately 5:30pm. Non-refundable after June 1. **Registration begins Monday, May 11.**

Fee: \$66 Residents
\$71 All others

New York City Ballet at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center

Thursday, July 16



SPAC's 20th Century Masters program will pay homage to iconic choreographers Merce Cunningham, Jerome Robbins and George Balanchine with Summerspace Feldman/Cunningham, Piano Pieces (Tchaikovsky/Robbins), and Rubies (Stravinsky/Balachine).

Bus departs at 8:30am and returns approximately 8:30pm. Non-refundable after June 6. **Registration begins Monday, May 11.**

Fee: \$119 DeWitt/Manlius Residents
\$124 All others

Queen Esther

Tuesday – Wednesday, August 18-19
Sight & Sound Theatre



Tuesday: Smorgasbord dinner is included at the Bird-In-Hand Family Inn. After dinner enjoy *Josiah for President, the Musical*. Can a plain man of faith turn the tide of politics and become the leader of America? Join us and find out!

Wednesday: We start our day with the breakfast smorgasbord at our hotel. This morning we experience *Queen Esther* at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster. Set in the opulent Persian Empire, *Queen Esther* is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new

world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God’s plan and believe that she was made for a time as this?

Experience one of the most riveting stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production.

Finally we visit Kitchen Kettle Village where there is time for lunch on your own and to visit the 40 unique shops.

Trip includes one night at the Bird-In-Hand Family Inn, two meals at Bird-In-Hand, *Josiah for President - the Musical*, *Queen Esther* at Sight & Sound Theater, round trip motorcoach transportation, Travel Choice International Escort, and all tips and gratuities. Departs from Heritage Landing at 8:30am and returns around 10:15pm.

\$50 deposit per person is due at registration. Final payment is due by July 1. Trip is non-refundable after July 1.

Fee:	Single	Double	Triple	Per Person
	\$413	\$343	\$323	Residents
	\$428	\$358	\$338	All others

Trip cancellation insurance is recommended and available through Travel Choice International.

Contact Travel Choice at (315) 445-1400 or visit www.travelchoicetrips.com.

As you know, the Coronavirus situation is very fluid and can change at any time. With that in mind, please note that **any program, class, trip or event listed in this newsletter is subject to postponement or cancellation.** Thank you for your support and understanding during this unprecedented time. Program updates will be posted in the following locations:

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/DeWittParksandRecreation
- **RecDesk:** townofdewitt.recdesk.com
- **Town Website:** www.townofdewitt.com

Other Senior Programs in Your Area

- CNY Kidney Foundation (315) 476-0311
- Jewish Community Center (315) 445-2360
- Manlius Assisted Living Program (315) 682-6725
- Oasis Senior Education Program (315) 464-6555
- Senior Companion Program (315) 449-3453
- Senior Home Care Solutions (315) 469-1000
- YMCA/Livestrong Program (315) 637-2025

Where to Turn For Assistance

- Alzheimer’s Association, CNY Chapter (315) 472-4201
- Catholic Charities Elderly Services (315) 424-1810
- Elder Abuse Community Education (315) 425-0818
- Hiscock Legal Aid Domestic Violence Unit (315) 422-8191
- National Center for Elder Abuse (202) 898-258
- New York State Office for the Aging (800) 342-9871
- Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth (315) 435-2362
- Onondaga County Human Services Info and Referral (315) 435-8300
- Onondaga County Protective Services for Adults (315) 435-2815
- Victim Resource Center (315) 422-7273
- Vera House 24 Hour Crises and Support Line (315) 468-3260

DeWitt Recreation Summer Sports Camps

Girls Volleyball Camp

Dates: Week 1: Mon, June 29-Thur, July 2
Week 2: Mon, July 6-Thurs, July 9
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm
Location: Week 1: JDMS Main Gym
Week 2: JDHS Main Gym
Fee: \$125/one week
\$235/both weeks
(Fee includes camp t-shirt)

Questions? Contact:

Patricia Ferris at pferris@jd.cnyric.org

High School Football Camp (Grades 9-12)

Dates: Monday, June 29-Thursday, July 2
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Location: JDHS Stadium Turf Field
Bring: Sneakers, Cleats, Snack, Water Bottle
Fee: \$100/Camper

Questions? Contact:

Eric Ormond at (315) 409-5733 or
eormond@jd.cnyric.org

Track/Field/Cross Country Camp

Dates: Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Location: Jamesville DeWitt High School Track (meet on the track near the concession stand each day)
Bring: Sneakers, Water Bottle
Fee: \$130/single camper
\$240/2 children from same family
(Fee includes camp t-shirt)

Questions? Contact:

Mike Melfi at melfiruns@gmail.com
Emily Rowles at erowles@jd.cnyric.org

Youth Football Camp (Grades 3-8)

Dates: Monday, June 29-Thursday, July 2
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Location: JDHS Stadium Turf Field
Bring: Sneakers, Cleats, Snack, Water Bottle
Fee: \$100/Camper

Questions? Contact:

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Future Red Rams Lacrosse Camp

Dates: Mon, August 17-Thur, August 20
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Location: JDHS Turf Field
Bring: Stick & Mouthpiece Required, Water Bottle, Other Equipment
Rental Fee: \$10 equipment rental fee available for those who need equipment including arm pads, shoulder pads, gloves, helmet, and rib pads.
Camp Fee: \$200/single camper
\$100/additional family member

Questions? Contact:

Jamie Archer at archer11jamie@gmail.com

Registration Information

Registration for all sports camps begins on **Monday, June 1 at 8:00am.**

Registration can be done online at townofdewitt.recdesk.com or complete the designated registration form and return it by mail to:

Recreation Department
5400 Butternut Drive
East Syracuse, NY 13057

Payment can be made in the form of check or money order made out to *Town of DeWitt*, or credit card. *A service fee will be applied to all credit card transactions.*



More info at townofdewitt.recdesk.com

Town of Dewitt Solar Array 2020

We're building an environmentally progressive community...

Our town Solar Array will soon be ready to go on line! The photos at right guide you through the final phases of the project: wiring the panels, connecting them to one another and to inverters – which convert direct current to alternate current – then on to the National Grid distribution system and back to the town in the form of electricity for all of our municipal facilities.

Spread out over 11 acres, with more than 7,000 solar panels* on the site of our former landfill, the array produces 2.66 Megawatts/year and is projected to save us approximately \$70,000/year over 20 years on our municipal energy costs. (*see aerial photo of array site beneath the "postage paid" stamp above)

"I want my grandchildren and great grandchildren to view polluting fossil fuels - natural gas, oil, and coal – like we view using horses as a mode of transportation," commented Supervisor Ed Michalenko. He added, "The Solar Array is a step in that direction; it serves the budget, the bottom line, our residents, and the environment."

We're building community.

