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Spring-Summer 2023 Newsletter

Town of DeWitt

We're building community...
Tournaments, NJCAA, Challenger
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We're harnessing hydrogen power...

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That is where hydrogen power – and Senator Schumer – come in; innovative, green technology – both solar and hydrogen – that supports a reduction in the use of fossil fuels is an environmental priority, and commitment, Senator Schumer and the Town of DeWitt proudly share.



Moreover, thanks to the partnership of Senator Schumer, we are also moving toward our long-term objective; for the Town of DeWitt to one day be fully free from using fossil fuels for any of its municipal buildings, vehicles, or equipment, thereby supporting green technologies for our community, the greater community, and serving as responsible stewards of our environment.

Thank you to Senator Schumer and his staff for supporting the Town of DeWitt to “build community” in exciting, innovative, and environmentally responsible ways.

**The Town of DeWitt...
we're building community.**





**CARRIER PARK NJCAA WOMEN'S DIV. III
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
MAY 24 -27, 2023**



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A Message from the Town Supervisor Edward M. Michalenko, Ph.D.



We often refer to “building community” in our Town communications. Key to building community is people, projects, and also progress; endeavoring to move forward in substantive ways that tangibly improve the quality of life of our community.

Our objective is to improve the quality of life – environmentally, economically and socially – for the people and businesses of DeWitt. While the people of our community – and neighboring communities – support our local businesses, local business supports our residents via property and sales taxes.

No doubt, the last few years have been a time of great challenge and change. Despite these challenges and changes, we have continued to improve the quality of life here in DeWitt day by day, project by project.

Environmentally, we are improving our quality of life here in DeWitt with trail improvements at both Fiddlers Green and Ryder Park – a generous gift of land at Fiddlers Green from Jackie Place and her family in memory of her late husband – and also upgrades to our town watersheds. Our Town Solar Array now provides energy for all of our municipal electric needs; a community power purchase program is a future goal.

Moreover, in pursuing our commitment to free the Town of dependence on fossil fuels, our solar array coming together with a new green technology hydrogen power project could one day provide the power for our heavy-duty vehicles – snowplows and other heavy-duty trucks – whereby dramatically reducing our fuel costs and supporting our environment for many years into the future. (See page 9 for details.)

Projects like Carrier Park, Elevating Erie, and the redevelopment of the Shoppingtown site – progressing incrementally year-to-year – are long-term economic drivers that provide us economic strength and stability in the present and economic security for our future.

Grant funds from local, state, and federal officials – including U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, NYS Senator John Mannion, National Grid, NYS Parks, and NYS DEC – help us to defray the cost of individual projects. Grant funding also allows us to make substantive progress on several fronts at once via taking on multiple quality of life improvement projects at the same time.

Everything from Summer Day Camp, the Klim Center, and family events like Trunk or Treat to Food Sense, Challenger Baseball, and partnership programs with the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville serve to bring people together, support folks who may need assistance, and fulfill our commitment to be an aware, caring, and inclusive community.

Which includes, of course, our partnership with Syracuse Challenger Baseball; our Carrier Park recreation facility is the proud home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program. Challenger recently announced some big news; they have been chosen – one of only two teams selected – to participate in the 2023 Little League International Challenger

Division World Series Exhibition in Williamsport, Pennsylvania this August 26th. My sincere congratulations to Challenger players, families, volunteers, and Executive Director Dom Cambareri; Dom and I grew up together in a neighborhood not far from where Carrier Park now stands. We came back together several years ago and formed a partnership that resulted in providing a permanent home for the Challenger program and a state-of-the-art, all-inclusive recreational facility for children and adults that serves not only the DeWitt community, but the greater community, as well. For details about Carrier Park, see pages 35-38; for more information about Challenger's exciting season ahead, please see page 34.

Government has gotten – perhaps well-earned in some places – an increasingly bad reputation these last several years. However, when I look around at our local governments – our town and village governments – I see an even greater commitment to serve our communities. Though local government programs, projects, and progress do not pop up first on the news feed of your smart phone, the Town of DeWitt – and our neighboring local governments – are genuinely building community every day for the people we are sworn to serve.

At the town and village level, inside town halls and village offices, for the most part, we stay focused not on party, partisanship, and politics, but instead on people, projects and progress; progress that tangibly improves the quality of life for you, your family, your neighborhood, our community, and also the greater community. The projects listed above represent our ongoing commitment to you.

On the streets of DeWitt, at Town Hall, in your neighborhood, and across our several commercial districts – to the best of our ability and with the funds available to us – we are steadily endeavoring to build community for you and yours.

**Most sincerely,
Edward M. Michalenko, DeWitt Supervisor**

P.S. Don't miss the 2023 NJCAA Division III Women's Softball Championship Tournament at our Carrier Park recreation facility May 24th– 27th.



The Town of DeWitt...we're building community.

SUPERVISOR'S NOTES SPRING-SUMMER 2023

**Edward M. Michalenko, Ph.D.,
Town Supervisor**

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Environmental & Energy Initiatives

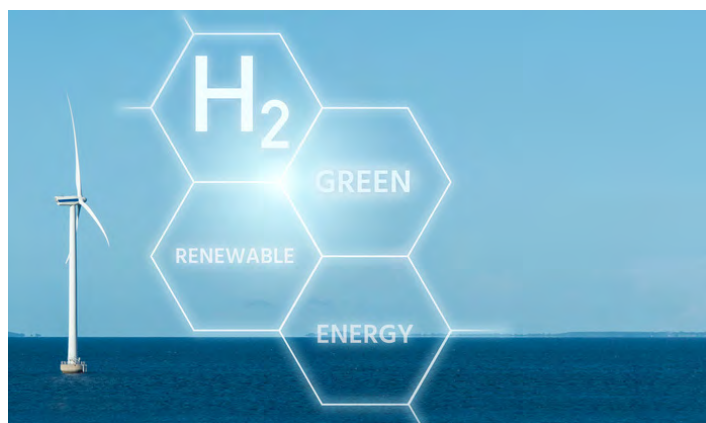
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in the use of fossil fuels is an environmental priority Senator Schumer and the Town of DeWitt proudly share; the Town's long-term goal is to one day be fully free from using fossil fuels for any of our municipal buildings, vehicles, or equipment.

Update: Future plans for Fiddlers Green Park

Late last year, the Fiddlers Green Park Association (FGPA), our Town of DeWitt Parks Crew, and T.H Kinsella Quarries came together in partnership to make significant trail improvements to our beautiful Fiddlers Green Park in Jamesville. The Town provided the manpower, FGPA provided planning and coordination, and T.H. Kinsella Quarries provided 100 tons of materials!

The recent trail work – and the addition of benches – make the trails at Fiddlers Green more accessible to everyone. Our thanks to T.H. Kinsella for working in partnership with the Town on this project.

Future plans for Fiddlers Green Park include removing two abandoned houses adjacent to the park on North Street and developing new designs for parking, a gazebo and a bridge over the creek.

No matter the season, Fiddlers Green Park is one of DeWitt's most beautiful natural parks, make sure to come by and see the trail improvements!

Interested in joining the Fiddlers Green Park Association?

Fiddlers Green Park in Jamesville is one of DeWitt's most beautiful, natural parks and the Fiddlers Green Park Association (FGPA) welcomes new members from the Jamesville area, or from any area of DeWitt and the broader community. They meet the first Monday of every

month; if you are interested in the FGPA, or would simply like to know more, go to: <http://www.fiddlersgreenpark.org/>.



Interested in joining the DeWitt Advisory Conservation Commission?

If you are interested in environmental and conservation issues, please see the link below and consider becoming a member of the DeWitt Advisory Conservation Commission (DACC).

https://www.townofdewitt.com/government/dewitt_advisory_conservation_commission/index.php



New! DeWitt Named a “2022 Tree City USA”

The Arbor Foundation recently named the Town of DeWitt a “2022 Tree City USA” in acknowledgment of our community’s commitment to “effective urban forest management.” DeWitt has been acknowledged by the Arbor Foundation for several years now.

We also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for “demonstrating environmental improvement and outstanding level of tree care.” The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

With the March 20th release of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) – drawing on the findings of 234 scientists on the physical science of climate change, 270 scientists on impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability to climate change, and 278 scientists on climate change mitigation – the detrimental impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly clear and the need for mitigation measures more urgent. Planting trees supports air quality, our town watersheds, flood prevention, and personal health and well-being. It is one way we continue to tangibly “build community” here in DeWitt.

My thanks to our Tree Committee for their diligent

work planting –and caring for – trees all across our community. For more information about the Arbor Day Foundation, or to become a Town of DeWitt Tree Steward, please see the links below.

<https://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/index.cfm>

Did you know you can become a Town of DeWitt Tree Steward-Volunteer?

If you would like to become a Tree Steward in the Town of DeWitt, go to: <http://cceanondaga.org/environment/forestry/communitree-stewards> for more information.

Come see the Ryder Park Trail work!

Our Town Parks crew made significant improvements to our Ryder Park trails late last year. As you may be aware, making our trails accessible to everyone from children in strollers to senior citizens – and whenever possible, physically challenged visitors – is a community priority. Inclusivity, accessibility, and connecting our sidewalks, trails, and bicycle lanes to town centers and neighborhoods is an on-going commitment we take seriously. It is another way we are tangibly “building community” with you and for you.



Trees! Trees! Trees!

Throughout April and May, we are partnering with Amy Samuels and the Onondaga Environmental Institute at Maxwell Park for a variety of activities from tree plantings to creating a “Nibbles and Sniffs” garden. We’ll be planting over 200 seedlings at the end of the month and also joining with the 5th graders from ESM Elementary school to plant another 60 tree seedlings in May.

As mentioned on page 8, now more than ever it is important for us to plant trees due to increasing climate change challenges. Trees “build community” via supporting our air and water quality, our town watersheds, our personal health and well-being, and they help prevent flooding.



Solar Array & Hydrogen Power Project

As mentioned above, with regard to the green-technology hydrogen power project, the electricity from our Town Solar Array – already supporting all of the electrical needs of our municipal buildings – may also serve to source a small-scale hydrogen production facility. We also intend to expand the solar array with a community power purchase program, whereby residents can purchase their electricity directly from the solar farm right here in DeWitt.

The 2.66 Megawatts of electricity the Solar Array produces not only frees the Town from using fossil fuels for all of our municipal electric needs, it is projected to save over \$2 million on our municipal energy costs over the 20-year life of the project; a carbon reduction of 2,605 metric tons, the equivalent of taking 510 vehicles off the road for 20 years.

The site of the array is also a grassland bird sanctuary. A few years ago now, the Town instituted a minimal lawn mowing regime at the site of the array in order to maintain a grassland habitat. That habitat is now home to several *Endangered, Threatened, Special Concern and High Priority* bird species including Northern Harrier, Grasshopper Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, and Bobolink. (For a detailed list of other bird species observed at the landfill/Solar Array and surrounding habitats, please see Cornell's eBird website: <https://ebird.org/home>)

If you are looking for a simple, enjoyable, educational outing for the family, please consider visiting the solar array. The site, including an educational kiosk* created by the Town that illustrates the construction process, as well as the myriad economic and environmental benefits of the array, is a great way to support children to become informed, responsible stewards of both the environment and our DeWitt community.

*The Town of DeWitt kiosk is located to the left over the Cedar Bay Bridge at Cedar Bay Park, near the site of the Solar Array; it is several feet past the NYS kiosk

featuring information about the Erie Canal.

As I have written in numerous newsletters, I want my grandchildren and great grandchildren to view polluting fossil fuels – natural gas, oil, and coal – as we now view using horses as a mode of transportation. Our Solar Array not only benefits Town of DeWitt residents now, but will also improve the quality of life for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren for many years to come.

To learn more about the Solar Array, go to: https://www.townofdewitt.com/departments/planning___zoning/sustainability/solar.php

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>.

HEAP can help income-eligible households pay the cost of home heating. For more info., go to: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>
Also: <https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin>

HeatSmart CNY

HeatSmart is a community-based campaign that helps owners of residences (single & multi-family), commercial, and community buildings learn about – and how to install – renewable technologies for heating/cooling and energy efficiency/weatherization measures; various incentives can be combined to bring down costs. For more information about the technologies, incentives, and upcoming virtual events please visit: <https://heatsmartcny.org/>

Also: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Heating-and-Cooling-Communities/Campaigns/HeatSmart-CNY>

Update: Deer Management 2022-2023

The Town of DeWitt has an exceptionally high deer population. Deer populations in natural forested areas average about 10-20 deer per square mile; it is estimated that populations in DeWitt are as high as 85 deer per square mile in some areas. As such, effective deer management is essential in our community to mitigate the negative impacts of ticks on our personal health and well-being and our property.

The 2022-2023 deer cull statistics will be available later this year and available in our Fall newsletter. For detailed information about our deer management program and the results of the 2022 cull, go

to: https://www.townofdewitt.com/i_want_to/find_learn_about/sustainability/white-tailed_deer_management.php

The Town works closely with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in order to obtain the required Deer Damage Permits each year and to ensure we adhere to all requirements. Gaining access to large parcels of land within the Town that meet the conditions of our NYS Department of Conservation permit is essential to the success of our Deer Management Program. **If you are a property owner interested in supporting the Town's deer management efforts, please contact the Planning and Zoning Dept., (315) 446-3910, ext. 3**

COMMUNITY



New! Challenger Baseball

As mentioned in my Message on page 5, our Carrier Park recreation facility is the proud home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball Program. Challenger is one of our most valued Carrier Park partners and they recently made an exciting announcement, the Syracuse Challenger team was chosen – one of just two teams selected – to participate in the 2023 International Challenger Division World Series Exhibition at the legendary Williamsport Little League World Series in Pennsylvania this August 26th! For more information, see page 5 and page 34.

Update: ADA Bathrooms – Thank You NYS Senator Mannion!

Construction has been completed on ADA compliant bathrooms inside Town Hall. This project is thanks to New York Senator John Mannion.



Senator Mannion secured \$237,000 in grant monies for the bathrooms. As mentioned above, accessibility is an on-going commitment at the Town, our sincere thanks to Senator Mannion.

The Senator also secured a \$200,000 grant for repairs to the boardwalk at the head of the Butternut Creek Trail. Repair work is expected to begin this Spring.

Update: EV Charging Stations Grant – Thank You National Grid!

Our thanks also to National Grid for a \$32,400 grant; the grant will be used for six new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations to be installed in central locations across the Town, including a ZEV/EV station at the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville.

Actively seeking grant monies to pay for projects like these EV charging stations is a good example of tangibly “building community;” providing a valued service to residents and visitors (while also supporting our environment!), while at the same time acquiring the grant funding that saves taxpayer dollars.

Update: Proposed Elimination of I-81

Regrettably, the Community Grid project has become a divisive issue in the broader community. Though the majority of elected officials in Onondaga County, as well as the majority of residents of the greater community polled, did not favor the elimination of Route I-81 through the city of Syracuse, a Community Grid only plan was adopted and has moved forward in the last few months.

People ask me why the Town Board and I have objected to the Community Grid only plan. The simple answer is, the plan that has been adopted will eliminate I-81 through the city of Syracuse and reroute

that traffic through the Town of DeWitt via I-481. As the Supervisor of DeWitt – as the steward of our community and as an environmental professional – it is my duty, it is the duty of the Board, to object to a plan that will negatively impact the quality of life of the people and businesses of the Town DeWitt.

For more than 10 years, I have personally requested New York State Department of Transportation conduct a thorough and complete environmental review, including a regional transportation study – almost always performed with a project of this size and cost – before tearing down the I-81 viaduct through Syracuse. To date, only

the 1.5-mile stretch of elevated highway within the city has been studied; the myriad impacts to DeWitt residents and businesses in converting Route 481 into Route 81 and rerouting the traffic through our community have not been identified by NYS.

The current Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) does not address the impact of an increase in traffic of up to 60,000 – potentially in the hundreds of thousands – of cars and other vehicles travelling through DeWitt on a daily basis if Route I-81 is eliminated. Moreover, as a result of this increase in traffic, the highway, secondary roads, neighborhoods, and commercial corridors within the Town of DeWitt will experience increased delays, lost time – consequently, decreased productivity – increased costs via greater gasoline and diesel fuel consumption, noise pollution, carbon dioxide generation, and toxic gas emissions.

It is for the reasons listed above, among others, the Town Board chose to be a participant in the “Renew 81 for All” lawsuit. Outlining, quantifying, and understanding these impacts in a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a critical first step toward developing the strategies – and implementing the mitigation measures – that will minimize the overall effects to the residents and businesses of DeWitt. As you may have recently read in the local media, State Supreme Court Justice Gerard Neri agreed with our position and issued an astute decision requiring transportation officials to conduct further environmental reviews before tearing down the I-81 viaduct.

As an environmental professional for the past 40 years, I can attest to the fact that the existing NYSDOT plans for Route 481 are inadequate. In order to address those issues, we submitted a comprehensive 30-page document detailing the critical impacts outlined above – compiled by local experts – to NYS in the Fall of 2021; the document is available on our Town website. (See link below.)

Regardless of outcome, and in anticipation of the Community Grid only plan coming to fruition, the Town of Dewitt will continue – as we have for the last 18 months – to diligently press NYS for the mitigation measures critical to secure the quality of life of our community, should the project move forward without any further study. These measures include, but are not limited to:

- An additional traffic lane throughout DeWitt.
- Re-configuration of the entrance/exits ramps at Kirkville Road and East Genesee Street.

- Direct truck access into and out of the CSX railyards from the highway.
- Sound and air pollution attenuation for our neighborhoods.
- Alternate trails and greenspace enhancement including berms, trees, and storm water controls.

The Town Board and I are advocating for the quality of life – socially, economically, and environmentally – of the people and businesses of DeWitt. While we may not prevail, we will know:

- We did everything in our power to protect your quality of life.
- In a timely fashion, we provided critical information to New York State regarding critical impacts to the Town of DeWitt should the Community Grid only plan be executed.
- We prepared thoroughly and responsibly for the negative impacts – via a comprehensive list of mitigation measures – of the Community Grid only plan on our community.
- We also supported neighboring municipalities to fight for the quality of life of their communities.

Those of us who oppose the Community Grid only plan base our opposition on data, common sense, and detailed and comprehensive analysis of the economic, environmental, and social impacts of the plan. Unfortunately, despite the tangible data and factual considerations and concerns, the discourse concerning the Community Grid has become exceedingly negative and divisive.

My commitment, and that of the Town Board, is to strongly – and judiciously – advocate for what our people and businesses need in order to take on the burden of a dramatic increase of traffic in, around, and through our shared community.

<https://cms8.revize.com/revize/dewittny/DeWitt%20I81%20DeWitt%20Comments%2010.14.21.pdf>

Update: Continuing to Build Community with CLDJ (Soule Library, too!)

Librarians from the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville (CLDJ) now come to our PM (after school) Recreation program, supporting kids with art projects and activities. The Library has also started to visit our Senior Centers; this allows Seniors who participate at our centers to request a book – or check a book out – when the library visits, rather than folks needing to visit the Library should they have mobility or transportation challenges.



This summer, the CLDJ will also be visiting our Summer Day Camp program for story time and also to provide the children an opportunity to take out library books.

The CLDJ continues to support our Food Sense Pick Up program each month; if you come into Town Hall on Food Sense Pick Up Day, you can check out a book or sign up for a library card.

Further, just about a year ago the CLDJ began visiting our People In Action (PIA) program at the Klim Center. The librarians read a book with the children, usually followed by a fun art or STEM activity. In addition, this year the Soule Branch Library – near our Klim Center at Springfield Gardens – is also coming to support the People In Action program, many thanks to them.

My sincere thanks also to the CLDJ for their ongoing partnership; that partnership is genuinely supporting us to build community.

UPDATE! Building Community with Bigger & Better Events!



New! Bunny Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt!

Fun was had by all at the Bunny Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt at the town's Community Room. It was a cool day, but everyone was "eggcited" to meet and



eat breakfast with the Easter bunny. Save the date for next year.

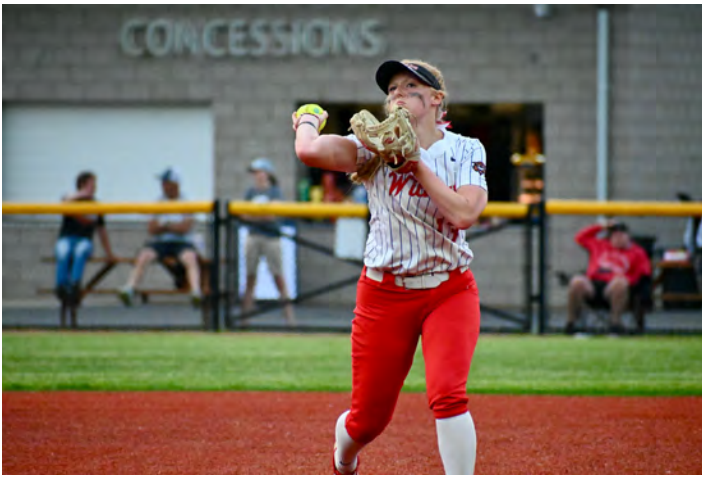
Save the Date - Trunk or Treat 2023

Last year's Trunk or Treat event drew 2,000 children, families, friends, and neighbors with more than 70 decorated trunks with treats, crafters & bakers, Town Police, Fire, and EAVES Departments, and plenty of cider and donuts for everyone. So, save the date; for more information, see pg. 33.



Ongoing Review: Town Marijuana Law

The Town of DeWitt will be allowing the sale of marijuana at appropriate retail businesses. With regard to allowable locations in the Town of DeWitt, the Town Board has passed zoning regulations restricting marijuana dispensaries and marijuana on-site consumption lounges to certain areas within the Town. Interested residents may view the approved legislation both online and in the office of the DeWitt Town Clerk. The Town continues to adhere to guidance from New York State and will continue to keep residents updated on this issue.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Carrier Park

Update: 2023 NJCAA Women’s Softball Championship Tournament

Please come to Carrier Park and enjoy watching the-best-of-the best in Women’s Softball vie for the Championship title May 24th to the 27th. Last year, this exciting women’s tournament featured teams from as close as Herkimer and as far away as South Dakota.

This year’s tournament promises to be better than ever, as the 8-time champion Rock Valley Golden Eagles from Rockland, Illinois have moved up to Division II and every team that makes it to the championship will be playing hard to secure the top spot.

If you haven’t yet visited the Carrier Park facility, this event is a prime opportunity to enjoy a great sport, a state-of-the-art facility, and good food from our concession, too! The athleticism of these young women is matched by the energy, comradery, and joy they bring to the field. As one player said during the 2022 tournament, “This was the best five days of my life!”



Tournaments like the NJCAA Women’s Softball Championship, “build community” for the Town of DeWitt by providing hotel, retail, restaurant, entertainment, and fuel dollars to local businesses.

Carrier Park is not only a state-of-the-art, all-inclusive recreational facility intended to serve the DeWitt community; it is also an economic development engine we are incrementally expanding year to year. Tournaments hosted at Carrier Park generate sports tourism spending – hotels, retail, restaurant, entertainment, and fuel dollars – and that supports the Town of DeWitt, as well as the whole of Onondaga County.

According to data generated by Visit Syracuse in a marketing report by Venue Strategies, just 14 multi-day weekend events at Carrier Park will generate an incremental annual hotel revenue of \$945,000; an equivalent of \$200,000 in sales tax revenues, and \$66,150 in annual Room Occupancy Tax to Onondaga County, as well as a total business benefit in excess of \$5,000,000 annually.

Come and enjoy the park anytime. Our all-inclusive playground and basketball courts, Pavilion & Concession are open to the public during the day and early evenings May through October; the concession is open for games, tournaments, and town events. The pavilion can be rented for events and parties. To rent the pavilion at Carrier Park, please call the Recreation Dept. at (315) 446-3910, ext. 9

Are you a Carrier Park Partner?

Please consider becoming a “Carrier Park Partner.” Our state-of-the-art, all inclusive, multi-sport recreation facility for children and adults needs your partnership, go to: <https://cms8.revize.com/revize/dewittcarrierpark/Sponsorship.pdf>

How can you support Carrier Park?

Purchase a “Remembrance” Brick

Want to remember a deceased loved one? Honor a family, family member, or friend? Looking to recognize an unrecognized hero among us? Someone who loved our DeWitt community or just loved sports?

You can purchase a brick(s) and we will have it engraved and installed in the entry area of our Carrier Park recreation facility. For more information, email: recreation@townofdewitt.com and add “Carrier Park Brick Program” to the subject line, or call (315) 446-3910, ex. #9

Update: Rent a Carrier Park Sign

New Electronic Sign at Carrier Park

Late last year the Town installed a new electronic sign at our Carrier Park Recreation facility, next to the Carrier Corp. campus. Thank you again to our highway and parks crews for constructing and installing the sign and landscaping. To rent the Carrier Park sign, contact the Recreation Dept. at (315) 446-3910, ext. 9.



The Town now has 3 electronic signs available to rent by community groups and other organizations:

- Bishop Grimes School
- Central DeWitt (across from the DeWitt Fire Station at the juncture of East Genesee St. & Erie Blvd.)
- Now, also Carrier Park.

To rent a sign, call (315) 446-3910, ext. 9 or go to: https://www.townofdewitt.com/departments/recreation/community_sign_rental.php

Carrier Park is Building Community & We Need Your Help!

Carrier Park serves the quality of life not only of DeWitt residents, but also of the greater community. For more information about the potential economic benefits of Carrier Park, an overview of the project, as well the ways in which you can become a "Carrier Park Partner" and support this community asset providing DeWitt vital economic development opportunities via sports tourism dollars, go to: <https://cms8.revize.com/revize/dewittcarrierpark/about/UPDATED%2012.10.21C.P%20MKTG.%20INSERT.pdf>



Or, go to: <https://cms8.revize.com/revize/dewittcarrierpark/Sponsorship.pdf>

Update: Booking Carrier Park for the 2023 season

To book tournaments at Carrier Park, or with questions, please contact our Carrier Park Partner, Salt City Sports at: <https://www.saltcitysports.org/> or call (315) 256-8344

To book fields at Maxwell or Carrier Park, or with questions, contact Salt City Sports at: <https://www.saltcitysports.org/contact-us>

Book Your Event At Carrier Park!

If you are interested in hosting an event – personal, company or corporate, community fundraising, etc. – please email us at: recreation@townofdewitt.com, or call (315) 446-3910, ext. 9



How else can you support Carrier Park?

Carrier Park Lawn Signs

You can support our award-winning, multi-sport recreation facility right now by purchasing a couple of Carrier Park "more than you think" lawn signs. Just \$10, lawn signs are available at the Town Hall Recreation Office, 2nd floor.

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 supports future park development.

For more information about Carrier Park, download a PDF at: <https://cms8.revize.com/revize/dewittcarrierpark/about/UPDATED%2012.10.21C.P%20MKTG.%20INSERT.pdf>

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.

Update: Shoppingtown

At this time, Onondaga County continues to hold title to the Shoppingtown site; as such, the County is also managing and maintaining the property.

In the meantime, the Town continues to work directly with the developers of the project to review preliminary plans. We want to make sure this highly visible and valuable central DeWitt commercial property – like all of our commercial properties – is redeveloped into a vibrant, profitable commercial center that will strongly support our tax base and our residents in both the short and long term.

The Town has not yet been advised as to a timetable for the overall project or a possible demolition schedule. As soon as we are made aware of important details, we will pass that information on to you.

The Town’s objective the last several years – initially in discussions with the original owners of the property and now with the new developers – is to ensure a well-balanced mixed-use plan for the site. A plan that will allow seniors and other residents to live, worship, work, eat, shop, and recreate “right at home;” residents would live within easy walking distance of Marshalls Plaza and Erie Blvd., as well as Ryder, Cedar Bay, and Butternut Creek Parks, the Erie Canalway Trail, and also the shops and businesses at the convergence of East Genesee Street and Jamesville Road.

The “Elevating Erie” project is an essential component of the Shoppingtown redevelopment. As mentioned earlier, it is essential the Erie Boulevard corridor provide safe routes for walkers, runners, and cyclists to enjoy all central DeWitt has to offer. In pursuit of that goal, New York State completed the installation of new sidewalks along Erie Boulevard in late Fall of



2022, as well as repaving sections of the boulevard from Bridge Street down to East Genesee Street.

When the development for the former mall property is well underway, we are looking to partner again with NYS to extend the Elevating Erie walkway and greenspace within the median of Erie Boulevard, which now stops at Bridge Street – as well as extending sidewalks on both sides of the boulevard – down to East Genesee Street. This will strongly support our goal of a safe and “connected” commercial district.

The extension will provide walkers and cyclists easy access to the stores, shops, and restaurants at the junction of Jamesville Road and East Genesee Street. DeWitt town government – and our planning and zoning staff and Board – recognize that in terms of both economic well-being and quality of life, Mom & Pop and boutique brick & mortar businesses are as integral to “building community” and economic stability in the Town of DeWitt, as major retailers, companies, and corporations.

New! Business Corridor Sidewalk Snowplowing

In line with endeavoring to “connect” our business corridors with residents, parks, and trails – no matter the weather – the Parks Dept. has invested approximately \$200,000 the last couple of years in sidewalk snowplow equipment. Depending on the nature of snowfall and available manpower – town workers not already plowing roadways – it is our intention to plow sidewalks in and around the Erie Boulevard business district including East Genesee St., Erie Blvd. and from Erie Blvd. down to the crossroads of Erie and East Genesee Street.

Update: Elevating Erie - What’s Next?

As noted in previous newsletters, once the proposed Shoppingtown development project is underway, the

Town will be installing new sidewalks on both sides of Erie Boulevard down to East Genesee Street.

We also look forward to beginning the planning stages of the Widewaters Pond component of the Elevating Erie project, possibly in the latter part of 2023. The Widewaters Pond Park – a large greenspace situated at the intersection of Erie Boulevard and Bridge Street – will feature trails, water fountains, benches and multi-colored, decorative lighting.

As mentioned above, Erie Boulevard is an essential business district in the town; sales tax and property taxes generated via the businesses on Erie Boulevard are integral to our economic well-being and also contribute significant dollars to Onondaga County. Erie Boulevard is also an important “connector” corridor in our community. As such, we want to make certain it is “pedestrian friendly.” Our ongoing objective is to connect residents – and those who work on Erie Boulevard – to our parks, greenspaces, and trail systems, thus, maximizing greenspace and creating safe pedestrian “link ups” all across the Town of DeWitt.

Elevating Erie is an on-going “building community” project in the Town of DeWitt; it is also a part of the Empire State Trail, which provides much needed economic development opportunities for our community, neighboring communities, tourism, business, the environment, and the overall economy of both Onondaga County and New York State.

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>

INSIDE TOWN HALL

New! Welcome to Officer Armstrong, DeWitt Police Dept.

Congratulations to Christopher Armstrong, the newest member of our Town of DeWitt Police Department. Officer Armstrong, sworn in last December, was previously employed by the Madison County Sheriff’s Office as



a Corrections Officer. For more information, please see pg. 20.

New! Welcome Lea Baker to our Planning & Zoning Staff

Lea is a Syracuse native, born and raised. She has over 12 years of customer service experience. She has worked in the food service industry, and also served the community as a membership supervisor at the Hal Welsh east area YMCA, as well as coached and mentored young athletes in and around the Syracuse area. Lea’s interests include photography, nature, animals, and sports.



Lea’s hard work has allowed her to become a homeowner and Landlord with two rental properties. Lea recently shared, “It is my pleasure to serve my community in a new way and I look forward to working with everyone here at the Town of DeWitt.”

Communications Building Community

Reminder: Town of DeWitt Website

Please be sure to sign up for email and/or text notifications on the Town website; help us better connect to you with important information, as well as meeting dates, special events, newsletters, before and after school and day camp updates, programming additions and changes, town hall closings, and seasonal and services news. For more information, go to: https://www.townofde Witt.com/e_notify/index.php

Sign up for RecDesk!

Receive Recreation news, announcements, classes & events like Trunk or Treat! Go to: <https://townofde Witt.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pagelD=15974>

Plus! We now also have Water Alerts:

https://www.townofde Witt.com/e_notify/index.php

Update: Town Board Meetings

The Town Board continues to hold meetings in-person and via Zoom. We also broadcast via Facebook. For more information, go to: https://cms8.revize.com/revize/de Wittny/government/de Witt_town_board/index.php

Dewitt Farmer's Market



PRODUCE
DAIRY
MEAT

BAKED
GOODS

CRAFTERS
VENDORS

Town of Dewitt Recreation is now accepting applications for vendors for the NEW Dewitt Farmers Market.

**THE MARKET WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAYS
STARTING MAY 31ST- SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
AT CARRIER PARK.
2:00PM-6:00PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO APPLY
CALL 315-446-3910 EXT. 9 OR EMAIL
RECREATION@TOWNOFDEWITT.COM**



**The Town of Dewitt Recreation
presents**

2023 Summer Concerts at Carrier Park

HEADLINERS :

- **July 5 - Jim & Friends Country Music Band**
- **7/12 Harmonic Dirt**
- **7/19 Sirsy**
- **7/26 DJ Lyfesabeach**
- **8/2 Turbulents**
- **8/9 Bog Brothers**
- **8/16 The Terry and Joe Acoustic Show**

**Concerts are FREE and appropriate for the
entire family. Come early and check out the
Dewitt Farmers Market and crafters!**



**For more info:
www.townofdewittrecreation.com**



Office of the Town Clerk Tax Receiver

Angela Epolito, Town Clerk/Tax Receiver

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Phone: (315) 446-3910 ext. 2

Email: clerk@townofdewitt.com

Welcome spring! With a late winter start, we hope spring will arrive quickly. We know time is precious and schedules can often be hectic which is why we still offer the Drop Box (located to the left of the front door) for your convenience. Please rest assured the Drop Box is locked, secure, and checked numerous times throughout the day by authorized town staff; in case you need an envelope, there is a box with empty envelopes attached to the front of the Drop Box

Currently, marriage licenses, passports, and notary public services are the only services that need to be conducted in-person at Town Hall. If you need one of those services, please call our office for an appointment at (315) 446-3910, ext. #2.

Our town website at: www.townofdewitt.com has been up for two years now! Please contact us if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions. We would love your feedback!

The Town Board is still holding meetings in-person and via Zoom. Town Board Meetings are held at 6:00 pm, on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. If you would like to attend via Zoom, log-in information can be found on the bottom of the town website homepage under Meetings, Events & Deadlines at <https://www.townofdewitt.com/> or on the Town Board page at https://www.townofdewitt.com/government/dewitt_town_board/index.php.

Board Meetings, Agendas & Minutes

Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Police Commission agendas and minutes can be found on the Town of DeWitt website at: <https://ecode360.com/documents/pub/DE0337/Agendas/?>

Parking Permits for People with Severe Disabilities

Parking permits or hang tags are issued to Town residents who meet the 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. Applicants must show their driver's license or non-driver's 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. Online renewal is now available. For more information, please visit our website at: https://www.townofdewitt.com/departments/town_clerk/dog_control.php

Rabies Clinics

The Onondaga County Health Department holds ongoing Rabies Shot Clinics - <http://www.ongov.net/health/env/documents/RabiesClinicFlyer.pdf>. They are currently requesting appointments. For more information, you can contact them at (315) 435-3165, visit their website <http://www.ongov.net/health/env/rabies.html> or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ongovhealth>.

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 all Town of DeWitt parks.

Pooper Scooper Law: States that owners are responsible for preventing their dogs from defecating on the property of others. Owners must properly remove and dispose of any feces left by the dog.

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."

Town of DeWitt Police Department

Chase L. Bilodeau, Chief of Police

315-449-3640

police@townofdewitt.com

Welcome Officer Armstrong

In December of 2022, the DeWitt Police Department swore in their newest Officer, Christopher Armstrong. Prior to being hired by the DeWitt Police Department, Officer Armstrong was employed by the Madison County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer. Officer Armstrong is currently attending the Onondaga County Regional Police Academy; upon completion of the 26-week academy, he will begin the DeWitt Police Department's Field Training Program.



Reminder about requesting police service:

The DeWitt Police Department would like to remind the community, if you require police services, please call 911. We have seen an influx of Facebook messages and emails reporting incidents as they are happening, or shortly thereafter.

These social media platforms are not monitored 24/7, nor are they used to dispatch officers to calls for service. A call to 911 is the only way to have an Officer respond and address a concern, issue, or call for service. If your call is a non-emergency, please let the 911 operator know it is not an emergency and they will re-direct/dispatch your call appropriately.

Scam Prevention:

The DeWitt Police Department would like to remind the community that scammers are out there and are actively trying to obtain your information for financial gain.

There are several signs that indicate you may be dealing with a scammer. Always remember, if something does not seem right to you, you can always hang up or walk away; scammers often want you to make quick decisions without thinking about it.

Slow down, do your own research about the offer, or consult someone you trust. Here are some common warning signs of a scam:

- Calling or emailing you and claiming to be from the government, asking you to pay money or asking for your personal information (Date of Birth, Social Security Number, etc).
- Text messages claiming to be your bank or financial institution.
- Asking you to wire them money, send money by courier, or put money on a prepaid card and send it to them.
- Asking for access to your ATM cards, bank accounts, credit cards, or investment accounts.
- Asking you to pay up front to receive a prize or gift.

For more information about protecting yourself from scams/fraud:

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/fraud/>

FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center

<https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>

If you have been victimized by a scam, call 911.

Water Department

Mathew Reynolds, Superintendent

Phone: (315) 446-3910 ext. 4

Email: water@townofdewitt.com

WATER RATES

The Town of DeWitt is supplied water from OCWA and the City of Syracuse. Recently, both raised the rates they charge us for our water supply. Due to these increases, it was necessary for the Town to raise the rate at which we charge town residents and businesses. On November 28, 2022, the DeWitt Town Board approved a water rate increase of 15%.

- Residential customers will see the rate increase on the June 1, 2023 billing.
- Quarterly customers will see the rate increase beginning with the May 1, 2023 billing.
- Monthly billed account rates were increased as of January 1, 2023 billing.

With consideration for the new rates, the minimum bill for residential customers who use 12,000 gallons of water or less will be **\$70.00**, up from the previous minimum of **\$60.08**.

Residential customers are billed twice a year (every six months). For example, if you are billed every June and every December, your bill should arrive by the first week in June and the first week of December 2023. It can be helpful to post your billing cycle dates on your home and/or work calendar(s).

If you are unsure about your billing cycle, Water Dept. staff is happy to assist you, just call us at (315) 446-3910, ext. #4.

If your water bill is not received by the first week of your billing cycle, please contact the Water Department and we will mail you a new bill.

- If you pay the **net** amount by the end of the month, there is no late charge.
- If you make your payment after the due date, please pay the **gross amount**, which includes the late charge.

If you have any questions regarding your Water bill, please call the Town of DeWitt Water Dept. at (315) 446-3910, ext. #4.

Paying your Water Bill In-Person

The Water Department does not process bill payments; the Town Clerk's Office (located directly across from the Water Dept., 2nd floor of Town Hall) processes the payments. Your payment can be:

- Mailed to the Town of DeWitt Water District, 5400 Butternut Dr., East Syracuse, NY 13057
- Placed in the Dropbox to the left of the Town Hall entrance; there are envelopes provided on the front of the Dropbox.
- Paid in-person at the Town Hall during regular business hours; credit cards are accepted for in-person payments.
- Paid via the Xpress Pay online link under "Related Pages" on the left hand column of the Water Dept. main page of the website.

Annual Water Quality Report

The Annual Water Quality Report will be available online by May 1, 2023.

Water Alerts

The Town of DeWitt's **WATER ALERTS** feature allows you to check on the status of a water main break in your area – including estimated restoration times – by connecting to the Town of DeWitt website; just go to the Water Department main page, click on the **WATER**

ALERTS heading at the top of the left hand column under "Related Pages."

<https://water.townofdewitt.com/>

Highway Department

Rocco Conte, Highway Superintendent

(315) 437-8331

highway@townofdewitt.com

Notes from Superintendent Conte:

The warmer weather is coming. For the Highway Department, this means brush and debris removal begins in April, as well as paving projects, catch basin repairs, and sign maintenance. Looking back on 2022, the Highway Department has repaved or resurfaced 16 miles of road; we have repaired, rebuilt, and inspected numerous catch basins. This year, we will continue to upgrade street and traffic signs in the neighborhoods throughout DeWitt.



Thank you all for your continued support during the year. I am hopeful that you will be able to enjoy yourselves this spring and summer.

Rocco P. Conte

Brush & Yard Waste (April-October Only)

Pick up services will start in April; we will collect any remaining leaves from fall, right along with spring debris.

Please review and save the regulations schedule, which is included in this newsletter and online at: <https://www.townofdewitt.com/departments/highway/index.php>

Yard waste is collected on an Area Schedule from April through October. To ensure collection, Please set your yard waste out on the day indicated and it will be collected sometime during the week.

Collectable Material:

Plant & shrubbery trimmings
Limbs, sticks & branches
Plants & shrubs (without soil)

No Grass Clippings

Please do not put it out until your week (Sunday).

Once the truck goes past, they do not go back. There are no special pick-ups.

- Place yard waste on lawn, **off** the road shoulder, parallel & adjacent to the curb line or

edge of the road (max.10 feet in length).

- Do not block fire hydrants, gas shutoffs, utility poles/boxes, sewer vents or drainage basins.**
- Leave material(s) in a pile. **No bags.**
- **Waste left by contractors will NOT be collected.**

Leaf Collection Only (November & December)

- No Brush Pickup.
- There is **no set schedule**. The crews will continuously go through the neighborhoods picking up leaves during this time period.
- Leaves are vacuumed.
- **Leaves only, no bags.**
- **No co-mingled piles of leaves & branches**
- Rake leaves close to the edge of your lawn in a row.

** The Town is NOT responsible for repairs to utilities that have been covered by debris.

Road Construction

Road construction season has begun. Town infrastructure projects benefit everyone in the community and town employees performing that work require the work environment to be as safe as possible.

You can assist Town staff by reducing speed, observing the traffic signs and flaggers whenever you're in a construction/work zone.

Street Sweeping

The Street Sweepers will be around town to clean the roads throughout the spring & summer months. **Please be patient with the sweepers.**

Asphalt Repairs

Permanent repair to asphalt caused by snowplowing and water/sewer repair activities are performed when weather permitting and the blacktop plants open for the season.

To report damage, call the Highway Department at (315) 437-8331.

We do not repair damage caused by private snowplows.

Lawn Repairs

Highway crews will be repairing damage to lawns caused by Town snowplowing* and water/sewer repair activities. Please be patient, we will get to all the areas that need repair.

For repairs to be successful, please water the restored area. Please do not tamper with orange cones or barrels.

***Again, we do not repair property damage caused by private plows.**

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.

ALSO: Please contact Butler Disposal if you have any issues or questions about your trash/recyclable's pickup.

*Contact the **Planning and Zoning Department** to report issues with litter or accumulations of household items curbside. (315) 446-3910, ext. #3

Recycle Bins

If you are in need of a new Recycle Bin please come to the Highway Department at 5953 Butternut Drive (across from Trappers Restaurant) to obtain a new one, Monday thru Friday 7:00am-3:00pm (excluding Holidays) at the Office. Please be respectful, we have a limited supply to go around. **We do not have the recycle bins with wheels;** those can be purchased by you from various retailers.

Who Fixes Potholes?

On Town streets, contact the Town of DeWitt Highway Department at (315) 437-8331.

FYI, we do not maintain NYS or Onondaga County roads.

If you have any concerns or complaints about a **New York State Road** (such as Erie Blvd, Genesee St., Carrier Circle, Routes 481 and 690, to name a few) you can call 1-800-POTHOLE (1-800-768-4653).

If you have any concerns or complaints about an **Onondaga County Road** (such as James St., Franklin Park Dr., Kirkville Rd., and Jamesville Rd., to name a few) you can call (315) 435-5452.

For a complete listing of the New York State & Onondaga County roads within the Town of DeWitt, please visit the Town of Dewitt website: https://www.townofdewitt.com/departments/highway/road_street_information/index.php

2023 Town of DeWitt Yard Waste & Leaf Information

AREA COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Area 1

Week beginning April 2
 Week beginning April 30
 Week beginning June 4
 Week beginning July 2
 Week beginning July 30
 Week beginning September 3
 Week beginning October 1*
 Last pick up for the Year

Area 2

Week beginning April 9
 Week beginning May 7
 Week beginning June 11
 Week beginning July 9
 Week beginning August 6
 Week beginning September 10
 Week beginning October 8*
 Last pick up for the Year

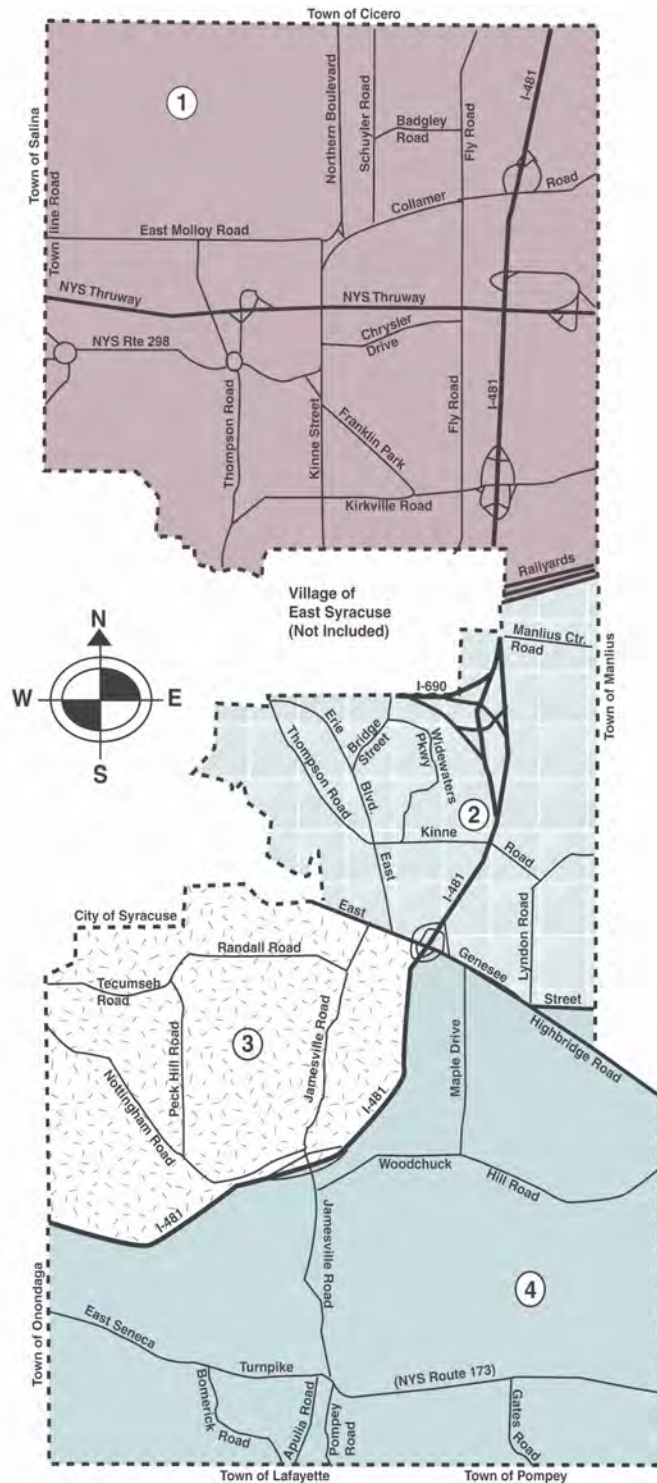
Area 3

Week beginning April 16
 Week beginning May 14
 Week beginning June 18
 Week beginning July 16
 Week beginning August 13
 Week beginning September 17
 Week beginning October 15*
 Last pick up for the Year

Area 4

Week beginning April 23
 Week beginning May 21
 Week beginning June 25
 Week beginning July 23
 Week beginning August 20
 Week beginning September 24
 Week beginning October 22*
 Last pick up for the Year

DEWITT COLLECTION AREA MAP



*** Clip and Save this Schedule and Rules for your future reference ***

LEAF COLLECTION IS A SEPARATE SERVICE, AND IS CONDUCTED DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

SCHEDULE INFO:
 CALL HIGHWAY at 315-437-8331
www.townofdewitt.com

ENFORCEMENT INFO:
 CALL PLANNING & ZONING at
 315-446-3910 x 3

Recreation Department

Peter Clark, Recreation Director

(315) 446-3910, ext. #9

recreation@townofdewitt.com

From the Director...

The answer to the question, "What's new in the Rec Department?" could be...everything! While we have myriad established programs, the challenge is always the same, bringing together the right mix of programming – for children, adults, seniors and families – to get the community involved and out to one of our program locations. Every day our 5-member Recreation team is seeking ways to get the community "connected", involved – individually or as a part of a group – and engaged in an activity they already enjoy or want to learn. Our team has been working together less than a year and I am delighted that each member of the team not only brings his or her own experience to the table, but also respectfully listens and considers all the input during our brainstorming and discussion sessions. New ideas are always being shared and often, within just minutes, new possibilities are taking on a life of their own and becoming a potential program or event to share with the DeWitt community.



While the Rec Department does indeed run the Klim Center and the Before and After School programs, we also manage multiple events and programs... from family dances, chess club, and senior programs, to out-of-town trips, Summer Day Camp, Saturday Soccer, and everything in between.

As we make a return from the pandemic, we are welcoming back some previous programs, including Table Tennis and Ultimate Frisbee; we hope our Choristers decide to clear their throats sometime soon, too! Bridge is enjoying success on Fridays at Town Hall, as is our knitting group on Monday; we are also looking for more folks of ANY age – who play or would like to learn to play chess – to join us.

Detailed in this newsletter is our Flight Camp (yes, you do get airborne), an introduction to Archery, two more Star Gazing events, another event with Right Minds Syracuse, Basketball tournament news, information regarding the NJCAA Women's Softball Division III Championship Tournament, as well as numerous sports camps over the summer months.

At Carrier Park, our brand new Farmer's Market will begin on Wednesday, May 31st and continue to run through September. Our Summer Concert Series will resume, also on Wednesdays in July and August; we are working on having Food Trucks be a part of our regular Wednesday events, too. On the subject of food, recently I read that food prices are expected to rise by nearly 8% during 2023, which makes using our Food Sense program even more valuable to members of our community. There are no special income requirements and no ongoing obligation, just an opportunity to lower your food bill. To learn more, go to: https://www.townofdewitt.com/departments/recreation/food_sense.php

For those residents who would like to get out a little further, we have two midweek bus trips planned, one to the Rochester Lilac Festival and the George Eastman House, and the other to Letchworth State Park. More details on these – and all of our programs – can be found in our office, on the website, or via Facebook or Instagram. Save the date, too for the second Trunk or Treat event October 21!

As you will see elsewhere in this Town newsletter, we are requesting your help in two important ways. First, please consider sharing your interests and volunteering to teach a class or share your excitement – or expertise – for a topic, sport, craft, hobby, or skill. It might be a one-time talk on organizing your home to minimize clutter, or preparing your garden for fall. Or perhaps a series of classes in calligraphy or creative writing. Secondly, and most significantly, we need you to complete our survey and consider attending our second forum in the fall. The input you provide, via the survey or the forum, will help us create a new plan for the Recreation Department that will guide us going forward.

On behalf of all of the staff in the Recreation Department - Brianna, Brannan, Sandy, Shannon and myself - we look forward to meeting you at one of our events or programs and to working with you to "build community."

P.S. If you are wanting to save money on these programs below, please note the cost of some programs is lower if you sign up earlier!

AVAILABLE DEWITT PARKS!

RYDER PARK

CARRIER PARK

BUTTERNUT CREEK TRAIL AND NATURE AREA

CEDAR BAY PARK

MAXWELL PARK

FIDDLERS GREEN PARK

GRIST MILL PARK

FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

DUNROVIN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

AVERY PARK

	HIKING/WALKING		FIELD USE
	PICNIC TABLES		SWINGS
	PAVILION		PLAYGROUND
	FISHING		

Town of Dewitt Recreation Summer 2023

K-2 Kickers Soccer Camp

Date: July 17-July 20 Mon-Thurs
Grade: entering K-2nd
Time: 9 am -11 am
Fee: \$80 before June 12
\$90 after June 12



Location: JD High School Turf
Instructor: Matt Murphy, JD Varsity Girls Soccer Coach

This camp, led by JD Varsity Girls Soccer Coach Matt Murphy and other JD Coaches and players, will provide kids of all skill levels the chance to learn and enjoy the game of soccer in a fun and encouraging environment. Each day will feature age-appropriate activities and small side games aimed at helping each player improve and enjoy the game. Players should bring cleats, shin guards, a size 3 soccer ball, sunscreen, and a water bottle each day. Please bring sneakers each day as well, in case the camp is moved inside due to the weather. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt.

JD Girls Soccer Camp

Date: July 31-August 4 Mon-Fri
Grade: Entering 3-6 9 am to 11:30 am
Entering 7-12 1 pm to 3:30 pm
Fee: \$125 before 6/26/
\$135 after 6/ 26

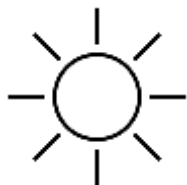


Location: JD Turf Field
Instructors: Matt Murphy, JD Varsity Girls Soccer Coach

This camp will provide girls of all skill levels the chance to improve their individual technique as well as develop small and large group tactics in a fun and encouraging environment. Each day we will feature match play in addition to small, side games aimed at helping each player improve. Players bring cleats, shin guards, a soccer ball (size 5), sunscreen & water bottle.

Fun & Games Galore!

Date: July 3- July 7 Mon, Wed-Fri
(No camp 7/4)
Grade: entering 2nd-5th
Time: 8:30 am -11 am
Fee: \$100 before 5/29
\$110 after 5/29



Location: TBA
Instructors: FM Elementary Physical Education Teachers, Matt Murphy and Lisa Patchen

This fun-filled camp will provide campers with a chance to move their bodies, work with others, and play a variety of activities and games each day! Camp will take place indoors and outdoors depending on the weather. There will be an incredible list of activities played throughout the week: cooperative learning games, tag, water fun, elementary physical education favorites and brand-new games too! Campers should wear sneakers and bring a water bottle and sunscreen each day. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt.

Girls Volleyball Camp

Date: Session 1: July 3, 5-7
Mon (no camp 7/4) Wed-Fri
Session 2: July 10-13 Mon-Thurs



Grade: entering 5-9
Time: 8 am to noon **Fee:** \$145
Location: JD High School Main Gym
Instructor: Patricia Ferris

This camp is designed to give girls entering 5th-9th grades the opportunity to improve their individual volleyball skills in a relaxed, fun environment. Activities in each camp include drill stations on fundamentals, games, and a variety of exciting contests.

Ultimate Volleyball Camp

Date: July 24-July 28 Mon-Fri
Grade: entering 7-12
Time: 4pm to 6pm **Fee:** \$125
Location: JD High School Main Gym
Instructor: Jake Cline, JD Varsity Volleyball Coach



In this five-day volleyball camp, students of all skill levels will work with Jamesville-Dewitt Varsity Coach, Jake Cline to improve their game. We will practice against athletes from various school districts across CNY to work on fundamentals and techniques.

Girls Lacrosse Summer Camp

Date: July 24-July 27 Mon-Thurs
Time: 9am to noon
Fee: \$115/\$125 after 6/16
Grades: entering 2-5
\$135/\$145 after 6/16
Grades: entering 6-9



Location: JD High School Turf Field
Instructor: Megan Murphy JD Varsity Lac Coach

Rising 2nd-9th graders are invited to improve individual stick skills, hone defensive footwork, and develop field awareness this summer in a fun structured environment. Players will be grouped according to

age and ability to ensure every athlete gets the most of their experience. The younger group will exit at 10:30am. Additional coaching staff will guarantee quality small group work. Girls of all levels are encouraged to sign up!

Ike - Cieplicki Basketball Camp

Date: June 27-June 30 Mon-Fri
Grade: entering 3-9
Time: 9 am to 2:30 pm
Fee: \$185 resident or \$205 non-resident
Location: Jamesville Dewitt High School
Instructors: Jeff Ike & Keith Cieplicki



This camp is designed to provide young athletes with an opportunity to develop and enhance their basketball skills in a fun filled environment. Instruction is provided by camp directors Jeff Ike and Keith Cieplicki plus, experienced coaches, college players, and members of the JD basketball teams. Players are given equal playing time to apply and practice these skills in game situations. Teams will be determined by age and ability. Each camper will receive a personalized evaluation. Please bring a bag lunch and wear sneakers

Camps, programs & trips fill up quickly, so sign up soon!

June and August Multi-Sport Camp

Dates: June 26-29 Mon-Thurs -FULL
August 14-17 Mon-Thurs (some spots open)
Both week option - FULL

Grades: K-8
Time: 9 am to 2 pm
Fee: \$125/week
\$225/for both weeks

Location: Carrier Park
Instructor: Kurt Sweeney Jamesville Dewitt Coach and 6th Grade Teacher at JD Middle School



This summer favorite is back! This unique multi-sport camp is designed for young athletes to have an opportunity to develop and enhance their skills with various sports in a safe, organized, fun-filled environment. It is open to all boys and girls in the Town of Dewitt for JD and ESM residents. The camp director is Kurt Sweeney, 10-year coach in the Jamesville Dewitt School District and 6th grade teacher at JD Middle School. Bring a bag lunch, water bottle and wear sunscreen every day.

Write a Winning College Essay

Date: Wednesdays 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9
Grade: 9-12
Time: 9 am -10:30 am
Fee: \$90/ student
Location: Dewitt Town Hall Activity Room
Instructor: Allison Kenien



Learn to write attention grabbing college essays!

This interactive workshop helps you capture an admissions counselor's attention, share a powerful story, and present yourself as a once in a lifetime candidate. You will leave the workshop with a polished, captivating essay. Your writing instructor is a nationally recognized journalist and certified English teacher.

ED23HOOPS Basketball Clinic

Date: Mondays July 10, 17, 24 31
Grades: 3-5 10am -11am
6-8 11am -12pm
9-10 12 pm -1pm

Fee: \$80/student
Location: Carrier Park Basketball Courts
Instructor: Eric Devendorf, Former SU basketball player and coaching staff



This skills and drills based clinic is designed to teach players the skills they need to participate in the sport of basketball. Players will learn valuable skills on and off the court. No prior experience needed. Must wear sneakers and bring a water bottle.

Fine Art Drawing & Painting for Kids

Date: August 21-25
Grade: entering K-7
Time: Session 1: 10 am to noon
Session 2: 1pm to 3pm

Fee: \$165/ student
Location: Ryder Park Pavilion
Instructor: Michaeline Gleaseman



Calling all artists! Join Michaeline Gleaseman for a week of art fun! Young artists explore a variety of media, including painting on easels with acrylic paint, watercolors, tempera paint, chalk and oil pastel, and charcoal. Create exciting projects such as sea creatures, animal life, nature studies and self-expression throughout the week. Color mixing, brush and drawing techniques, mixed media will be taught. Each day, students will create two new drawings and paintings that will be mounted to bring home. All supplies included. Please bring a smock to protect your clothes.



STAR PARTY!

Time:

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(Friday, June 23 &

Friday, Aug. 25 at 8:00pm)

Location:

Cedar Bay Park

(Along Cedar Bay Rd, between Kinne
Rd and N. Burdick St.)

Cost: \$10/event



Board Spaceship DeWitt as we journey
through the "final frontier" with the
Syracuse Astronomical Society and Darling
Hill Observatory!

See the rings of Saturn and the Galilean
moons of Jupiter! Gaze at galaxies, star
clusters, and colorful nebulae as our guides
lend us their knowledge and telescopes.

Registration: Come see us! or
visit townofdewitt.recdesk.com

Brick Inspiration LEGO® Camp

Date: August 28-September 1 Mon-Fri

Grade: entering 1-6

Time: 1 pm -4 pm

Fee: \$90/student

Location: Ryder Park Pavilion

Instructor: Inspiration Tree Staff



Our LEGO® camp explores technology, architecture, engineering, and art concepts using LEGO® bricks for students aged 5-14. This camp will fire up your child's imagination and spark creativity in the form of inspired play, building one of our many themed LEGO® creations coupled with our magical delivery. Our curriculum will provide your child with an opportunity to design and build lots of different LEGO® creations. The possibilities are limited only by their imagination! They work either individually or in groups and participate in challenges and competitions, as well as free build time.

Learn to Fly Aviation Camp

Date: Session1 July 10- July 14 Mon-Fri

Session 2 July 17-July 21 Mon-Fri

Grade: entering 9-12

Time: 8 am to 11 am

Fee: \$250/session

Instructor: Thomas Davis, ESM High School Engineering and Aviation Teacher



Many of us dream about being a pilot but do not fully understand what it takes to get there. ESM High School Engineering and Aviation Teacher, Tom Davis will share his many years of teaching technology and flight in a fast-paced Aviation STEM camp! Attendees will gain an in-depth understanding of the forces of flight, including lift, weight, thrust and drag. Airlines around the country are looking for qualified pilots and offer extremely competitive wages, especially now. This opportunity will help you decide if a successful career in aviation could be in your future. Experience highlights include Career Path Exploration, the path to becoming a pilot, local resources for training and flying. FAA fundamental flight maneuvers practiced in a Cessna 172 on professional flight simulation equipment, physics of flight and the application of science and math and a FREE introductory flight in a single engine aircraft through Young Eagles at Oswego County Airport. (Sign ups available summer and fall 2023, parent/guardian must be present (location Oswego County Airport))

Adult Leagues

Women's 5 on 5 Basketball League

Dates: Mondays June 6-July 25

Open to all adults 18 & older

Time: will range from 6pm to 8pm depending on how many teams register

Fee: \$425/team

Location: Carrier Park Basketball Courts

Looking for a fun competitive basketball league? Look no further than Town of Dewitt Recreation! Games will take place on Tuesday nights. We provide a 7-week season with 6-game regular season and 3 playoff weeks. To sign up, you must have a minimum of 5 players and a maximum of 15 per team ready to play. All referees and scorekeeper fees are included in the registration fee. We must have a 4-team minimum to run the league, so encourage your friends and work associates!

Men's 5 on 5 Basketball League

Dates: Tuesdays

June 6-July 25

(no games

July 4th)

Open to all adults 18 & older

Time: will range from

6pm to 8pm depending on how many teams register

Fee: \$425/team

Location: Carrier Park Basketball Courts

Looking for a fun competitive basketball league? Look no further than Town of Dewitt Recreation! Games will take place on Tuesday nights. We provide a 7-week season with 6 game regular season and 3 playoff weeks. All teams will have a bye the week of July 4th. To sign up, you must have a minimum of 5 players and a maximum of 15 per team ready to play. All referees and scorekeeper fees are included in the registration fee. We must have a 4-team minimum to run the league, so encourage your friends and work associates!



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Adult/Senior Programs

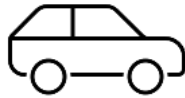
Branch's Driving School

Dates: Tues 6/13
Tues 9/12
Tues 12/12

Time: 9 am – 3pm

Fee: \$50 Resident/ \$55 non-Resident/ class

Location: Dewitt Town Hall, second floor, Meeting Room B



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 the following benefits: Insurance Premium Reduction of 10% for 3 years (base rate of liability, no-fault and collision premiums) *Principal Operator*Up to a 4-point reduction with NYS DMV. This class is for drivers of all ages!

Writing Flash Memoirs

Date: Wed July 19, 26 & August 2 & 9

Time: 10:30 am- 11:30 am

Fee: \$90/person

Instructor: Allison Kenien

Location: Dewitt Town Hall Activity Room



Learn to write captivating stories about your life! This class will help you write short narratives that will explore specific moments from your life. You will use strategies like narrative tension, character development and brevity to write 3-4 memoirs that are 800 words or less. Your writing instructor is a nationally recognized journalist and certified English teacher.

**Camps, programs & trips fill up quickly,
so sign up soon!**

Adult Day Trips

Rochester Blooms!

Date: Thurs 5/18

Departs: 7:45 am from Dewitt Town Hall

Returns: approximately 7:15pm

Price: \$125/person



Join us for a wonderful, fun trip to Rochester where we will visit the George Eastman Museum for a guided tour of George Eastman's historic mansion and gardens. After the tour, we'll enjoy lunch at Shadow Lake Country Club. Choose from chicken French, Alaskan cod, or cheese manicotti, all served with warm rolls, fresh berry shortcake, and a non-alcoholic beverage. After lunch, we'll meet our guide for a tour of the city of Rochester, exploring the Lambertson Conservatory and enjoying some time on our own seeing the sights at the Lilac Festival before heading home.

Letchworth State Park

Date: Tues 9/12

Departs: 8 am from Dewitt Town Hall

Returns: approximately 8pm

Price: \$125/person



During the morning, we will visit East Hill Creamery for a cheese tasting and tour by the owner, who will share with us the cheese making process and the history of his family-owned dairy. After the tour, we will depart for lunch at the Glen Iris Inn located inside beautiful Letchworth State Park. Formerly the country estate of William Pryor Letchworth, the park overlooks the magnificent Middle Falls on the Genesee River. Choose from roast turkey, bread stuffing, home-style gravy and cranberry sauce. Or Eggplant Parmesan; breaded eggplant, marinara sauce, mozzarella, and parmesan cheese. All entrees are served with salad, warm rolls, entrée accompaniments, dessert, and beverage. After lunch, we'll enjoy a guided bus tour of Letchworth State Park; view the dam, gorge, and other scenic locations; there will be points along the tour where we'll be able to stop and get off the bus to view the scenery and take photos.

Senior Activity Groups

**DeWitt
Community Center**

**Trinity Fellowship
Center**

**Young-at-Heart
Jamesville Center**

**148 Sanders Creek Pkwy
East Syracuse, NY 13057
315-446-3910 EXT: 9**

**1235 Old Stonehouse Rd
Jamesville, NY 13078
315-446-3910 EXT: 9**

**6661 E Seneca Tpke
Jamesville, NY 13078
315-446-3910 EXT: 9**

**Tuesday: 9:00a-2:00p
Wednesday: 9:00a-2:00p**

Monday: 9:00a-3:00p

**Tuesday: 9:00a-2:00p
Wednesday: 9:00a-12:30p**

1. **CARD PLAYING**
 - a. **PITCH**
 - b. **BRIDGE**
2. **P.E.A.C.E.**
 - a. **NUTRITION LUNCH SITE**
3. **HYPERTENSION SCREENING**
4. **MOBILE LIBRARY**
5. **FREE**

1. **MIXED MEDIA ART**
 - a. **WATERCOLOR**
 - b. **DRAWING**
 - c. **CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING**
 - d. **AND MORE!**
2. **HYPERTENSION SCREENING**
3. **MOBILE LIBRARY**
4. **\$25 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

1. **CERAMICS**
 - a. **PRE-POURED**
2. **GREETING CARD MAKING**
3. **STAMPING**
4. **HYPERTENSION SCREENING**
5. **MOBILE LIBRARY**
6. **\$25 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

VISIT OR CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION!



Town of Dewitt Senior Bowling Program

On March 1, 2023, the Town of DeWitt Sr. Bowling program held its first "Mixed Scotch Doubles Bowling" tournament at Green Lakes Bowling Alley. Scotch doubles consist of two players who alternate shots throughout the game. There were 27 participants. Bob Clark conducted the tournament and awards were given out by Senior Director Kathy Santangelo.



First Prize: Roxanne Gettino & John Caillo (\$35.00 Gift Card each)



Second Prize: Diane DeWitt & Steve Piston (\$30.00 Gift Card each)



Third Prize: Carol Hough & Dave Prouty (\$25.00 Gift Card each)



Fourth Prize: Sarah Petersen & Ron Grant (\$20.00 Gift Card each)

All had a fabulous time. The Sr. Bowling league ended its season with a banquet held at Trapper's Pizza Pub. Interested in joining us in the fall? The 2023-2024 season starts September 13, 2023 – April 10, 2024

Town of DeWitt Recreation

WEDNESDAY MORNING GOLF LEAGUE



Beginning, May 24
Lyndon Golf Course
Pre-Registration Required
CART: \$19
NO CART: \$14

REGISTER:
Online or call
315-446-3910 EXT: 9



codFISH

community of dewitt Friends In Service Here
 Contact (315) 463-5158 or [dewittfish2021@gmail](mailto:dewittfish2021@gmail.com)

codFISH is a community based not for profit organization providing transport for ambulatory residents who otherwise cannot drive to and from medical or dental appointments.

Important Updates

- You can request up to 4 rides per month / one per week depending on driver availability.
- Call two weeks before your appointment to make a reservation.
- You can make two appointments per call.
- Be sure to inform the dispatcher of any changes in your address, contact numbers, or mobility.

codFISH is staffed entirely by volunteers and relies on contributions to meet expenses; we are a not for profit organization. **Volunteers Needed!** If you are interested in giving some time as a dispatcher or as a driver, please contact codFISH at (315) 463- 5158 .

\$ SAVE ON GROCERIES!

Food \$en\$e is a monthly food buying co-op for anyone who wants to stretch their grocery dollars. Food \$en\$e provides an optional “Basic Unit” monthly box of 12-15 staple grocery items at a discounted price.

Rotating monthly specials like stuffed pork chops,



American cheese, meatballs, lasagna, and chicken tenders can be purchased in addition to or instead of the Basic Unit.

If you are passionate about or have a strong interest in a topic, skill, hobby, sport...consider sharing your enthusiasm with the community. Help us build your community by giving a little back and meeting new likeminded people in the process. Volunteer with the Recreation Department and share how to get the best photos from your phone’s camera, lead a walk at your favorite park, share the art of making baklava, reveal the secrets of home organization...whatever you are passionate about! We would love for **you** to volunteer with **us!**

Visit the DeWitt Recreation Office, on the second floor of DeWitt Town Hall, to place your order! Cash or EBT only.

Subscribe to our monthly menu! Available on our Town website and social media!
https://www.townofdewitt.com/departments/recreation/food_sense.php



We are always looking for new instructors and volunteers to help grow our programming and build community!

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likeminded people in the process. Volunteer with the Recreation Department and share how to get the best photos from your phone’s camera, lead a walk at your favorite park, share the art of making baklava, reveal the secrets of home organization...whatever you are passionate about! We would love for **you** to volunteer with **us!**

Here is a list of ways to get involved:

1. David Klim Learning Center for literacy and homework help.
2. Town-wide events, such as Trunk or Treat or the Holiday Tree Lighting.
3. Sports and League Programming.
4. Before and After School Programming.
5. Food Sense Order Pick Up Day
6. Create your own program with us!

Contact the recreation office if you are interested!
recreation@townofdewitt.com
(315) 446-3910, ext. #9

Save the dates!

- **Celebrate Dewitt Day August 12th 5:00 to 9:30pm**
- **More info. about registration for Before and After School (AM/PM) Recreation coming in August**
- **Trunk or Treat – October 21, 2023 3-6pm**
- **Registration for Senior Activity Groups opens in August**





Syracuse Challenger Baseball Carrier Park

Dom Cambareri, Executive Director

Carrier Park is the proud home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program, one of the largest Challenger divisions in the nation. Executive Director Dom Cambareri recently announced big news, the Syracuse Challenger team was chosen – one of just two teams selected – to participate in the 2023 Little League International Challenger Division World Series Exhibition at the legendary Williamsport Little League World Series in Pennsylvania this August 26th!

Dom recently shared, “Syracuse Challenger Baseball is ready to take Williamsport by storm and showcase the immeasurable talents, enthusiasm, and passion that our players, families, coaches, and volunteers have for the great game of Little League Baseball. We are looking forward to spreading good cheer and camaraderie with our fellow Challenger players from Lancaster, as well as playing at the legendary Williamsport World Series event in the presence of the best Little League players and teams in the world.”

Syracuse Challenger Baseball – featuring nearly 250 special needs players from ages 4 years old to 64 years old – on 16 teams in three divisions, is celebrating their 40th Anniversary as the first cornerstone Challenger League in the nation.

Dom added, “Syracuse Challenger Baseball is the inspiration and driving force behind the \$15.8 million, all-accessible “Carrier Park Field of Dreams” at the Willis Carrier Park recreation complex in Dewitt, New York. Challenger has led the charge for inclusive and unified sports with the rallying cry of **“Yes, you can play!”**”

Challenger will be implementing a large scale fundraising campaign in order to cover the costs of transportation for an estimated 40 Challenger families, friends, and volunteers to and from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, so be on the lookout for events and opportunities to make the dream of appearing at the Little League World Series come true!

For more information & updates, go to: <http://syracusechallengers.com/>



Carrier Park is...more than you think!

What's planned? Willis Carrier Park is a \$15.8 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 special events. An ADA compliant, refurbished pavilion and a walking trail are also planned, as well as additional parking.



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.

Phase 2 of construction was completed in the Fall of 2020 and includes turf infields, 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 Boeheim Foundation, with adjustable backboards and rims so that players of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs, can play basketball.

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Carrier Park is also the proud home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program, the local division of Little League for children and young adults with physical and developmental disabilities. The special needs children of Syracuse Challenger Baseball represent one of the largest single districts of the Challenger Baseball program in the United States.

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 integral in soliciting and securing 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.

To book tournaments at Carrier Park, or with questions, please contact our Carrier Park partner, Salt City Sports at: <https://www.saltcitysports.org/>



We're building community.



Challenger Baseball 2023

We're building community with Challenger Baseball!

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. Until 2016 however, 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, our Town of DeWitt Friends of Parks and Recreation, 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	\$1000 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.

Celebrate DeWitt Day!

Live Music

Bounce Houses!

Food Trucks

Fireworks!

And More!

Town Hall at Ryder Park

Saturday, August 12

5pm - 9:30pm

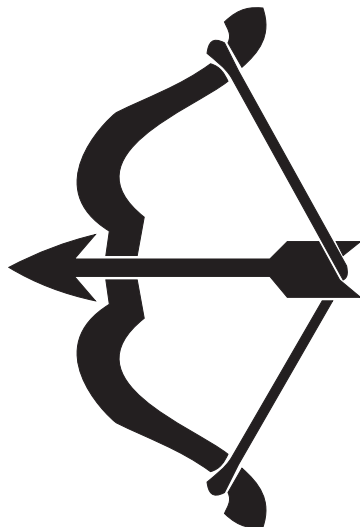
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JUNE 3RD, 2023 MAXWELL PARK 10AM-12PM

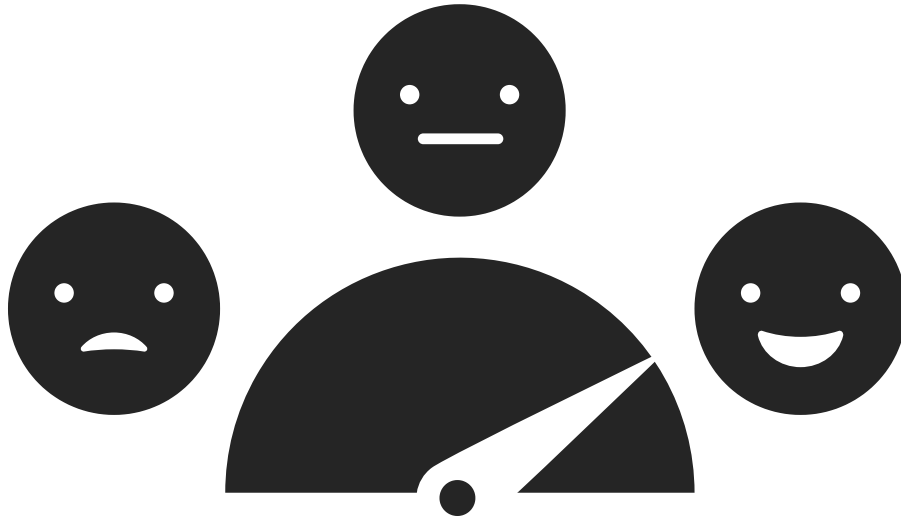
OPEN FOR ANYONE 12+ AND OLDER

\$10 PER PERSON

EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED



REGISTER ON RECDESK, IN PERSON AT THE
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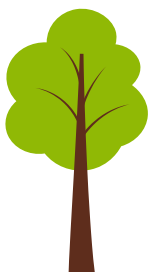


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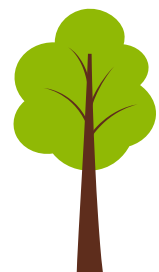
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AVAILABLE NOW!

TO GIVE FEEDBACK, SCAN QR CODE BELOW OR
REQUEST BY EMAIL, MAIL, OR IN PERSON!



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!





Carrier Park Baseball & Softball Tournaments 2023

Carrier Park is...more than you think!

If you or your team are looking to rent fields at Carrier Park, please contact us at (315)-256-8344, or info@saltcitysports.org

Book your tournament now!

Carrier Park Spring-Summer Baseball Tournaments 2023



April 22-23



May 6-7



May 13-14



May 20-21



May 27-28



June 17-18



June 24-25



July 1-2



July 8-9



July 15-16



July 22-23



August 5-6



August 12-13



August 18-19



August 26-27

Carrier Park Spring-Summer Softball Tournaments 2023



April 15



April 16



April 29



April 30



July 1-2



July 29-30

Spring-Summer 2023 Tournaments

Carrier Park really is...more than you think!

Tournaments! Tournaments! Tournaments!
Practices, games, and events too!

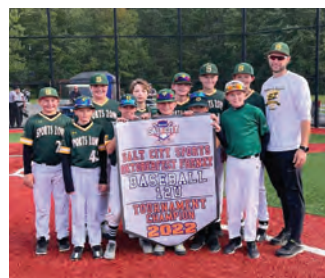
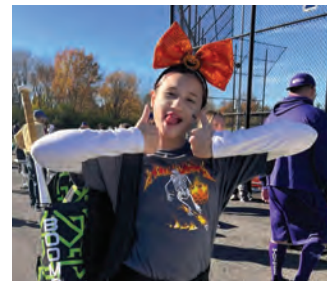
Join us at Carrier Park this spring and summer to enjoy softball and baseball tournaments and special events, starting with the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Division III Softball Championship Tournament, May 24th – 27th. Come see the best-of-the-best in women's softball play it out for the championship!

Carrier Park is also host for the Town of DeWitt Summer Concert Series; the series begins July 5th and runs every Wednesday evening through August 16th. Plus, new this year, we are hosting a Farmer's Market on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 6:00pm from May 31st through September. Produce, meat, dairy products, baked goods, and craft vendors will be available; we're hoping to have Food Trucks on site, too.

Moreover, we are continuing to "build community" at Carrier Park with Advocates Kickball, Wheelchair Basketball, ESM Varsity Softball, ESM Little League, FM-JD & Liverpool softball, LeMoyne College and Syracuse Club Softball, as well as practices and games for teams and organizations from all across the greater community.

And of course, Carrier Park is also the proud home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball Program!

We're building community!



To book tournaments, games & practices, go to:
www.saltcitysports.org.

To book a community event, party, etc., email:
recreation@townofdewitt.com



Town Projects 2023

- ✿ \$600,000 Grants for Hydrogen Power Project
- ✿ Inland Port Highway Access
- ✿ Carrier Park Tournaments & Parking Lot Land Acquisition
- ✿ NJCAA Women's Softball Championship May 26th-27th
- ✿ Town Hall Security
- ✿ Save the Date! Trunk or Treat October 21st!
- ✿ Grants: \$32,000 EV Charging Stations, \$200,000 Boardwalk Repair & \$237,000 ADA Bathrooms (Complete!)
- ✿ 2.66 Megawatt Elevating Erie - Widewaters Pond
- ✿ Shoppingtown Redevelopment
- ✿ Waterfront Revitalization Planning
- ✿ Tree Program & Tree Stewardship
- ✿ Sewer Offset Plan & Storm Water Programs
- ✿ Ley Creek Naturalization/Flood Control Projects
- ✿ Jamesville Masterplan Projects & Demolition
- ✿ Jamesville Hamlet Mixed-Use Expansion
- ✿ Water System Improvements & Inventory
- ✿ GIS Mapping Complete & Water Dept. Alerts (Complete!)
- ✿ Town Hall Net Zero Energy Efficient Designs
- ✿ Farmers Market, Summer Concert Series & Celebrate DeWitt Day!

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