



FALL 2019 Newsletter

Town of DeWitt

How do you build a thriving community?

(see back cover for details)

WE'RE BUILDING SOLAR-POWERED SAVINGS, TOO!

(see inside of this front cover for more information)



parks



community



business

We're building community...and cost-savings, too!

Solar Array on the site of the former town landfill

How do you build a thriving community? With progressive projects that bring together innovation, energy efficiency, and cost-savings.

After more than 10 years of information gathering, discussion, and planning we are excited to announce the construction of our Town of DeWitt Solar Array project is now underway!

Over the 20-year life of the project it is projected the Town will save over \$2 million on our municipal energy costs; that translates to approx. \$70,000 per year. Plus, these numbers could double as modern solar panels can sometimes generate electricity over a 40-year period.

The 2.66 Megawatts of annual electricity produced from the Solar Array will free the Town from the need to use fossil fuels to provide electricity for our municipal buildings and facilities, street lights, water and sewer pumps.

That \$2 million in municipal energy savings also represents a carbon reduction of 2,605 metric tons, the equivalent of taking 510 vehicles per year off the road for 20 years!

In 2016 the Town issued a Request for Proposals for the construction of a Solar Array. We received five proposals and after careful review RER Energy was

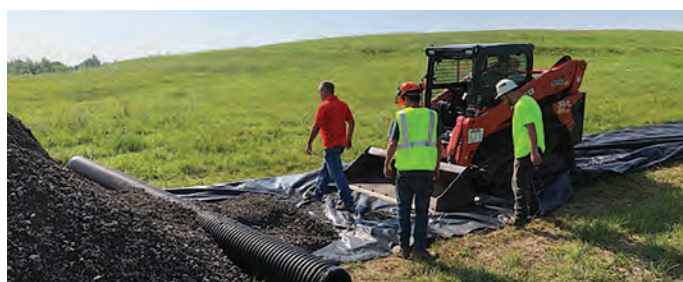
awarded the \$5 million dollar contract; the project is privately financed by RER Energy.

Private development is more cost effective than public financing for projects of this nature because private investors can obtain tax incentives and depreciation benefits unavailable to the public sector. Plus, the Town has the option to buy the Solar Array after 7 years.

The utilization of our 50-acre former landfill site for the Solar Array provides us an extraordinary opportunity to utilize a site that has been unusable* for 25 years to not only produce renewable energy and save on municipal energy costs, but to serve as responsible stewards of our environment, too.

In alignment with the Solar Array project, and our on-going environmental and energy objectives, we are also installing all new LED streetlights throughout the Town. The conversion to LED street lighting should be completed by this Fall and will reduce our electric consumption and costs by two-thirds.

For more information about the Solar Array project, please see the Supervisor's Solar Array Letter to residents on pages 17 and 18. Or go to: www.townofdewitt.com/documents/1457.pdf



Construction for Solar Array begins at the site of the former Town landfill



Teams prepare the anchoring and racking for the solar panels



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



Building a thriving community in the face of the economic realities Central New York has experienced the last ten years has been a significant challenge. But we have met that challenge positively and productively in the town of DeWitt with a diversity of progressive projects and powerful partnerships with residents, businesses, community organizations, neighboring communities, and local and state government.

Projects like our new Solar Array* at the site of the former town landfill, Elevating Erie, the Inland Port, Deer Management, the Hotel Tax proposal, electric cars and charging stations, our Zombie Homes program, extensive sidewalk, biking and walking trail projects, even the Town's multi-year efforts to support the owners to redevelopment the Shoppingtown property.**

These projects strongly support us to continue to build a thriving community despite the economic challenges of the region. We've managed to do this while staying under the Governor's tap cap with less than one-half percent annual growth in the budget for 12 consecutive years. Further, we've acquired multiple grants to pay in full or in part for many town projects over the last decade.

Of course it's people who make these projects possible; people willing to work in partnership with the Town of DeWitt to build community; people who appreciate their own good fortune and choose to pay it forward.

Partners like Syracuse Challenger Baseball, DeWitt Friends, the Jim and Juli Boenheim Foundation, Peter and Nancy Muserlian, Kemper Matt - and a host of other folks - have made the dream of Willis Carrier Park a reality. Carrier Park not only adds to the quality of life of DeWitt residents and the broader community, it also provides a permanent home for the special needs children and families of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program. Challenger has always been at the very heart of Carrier Park project.

In addition to the key partners mentioned above, the back cover of this newsletter features some of our earliest and most steadfast "Carrier Park Partners," folks who stepped forward in the early days of the project; people who have stood with us as the park has developed, despite some bumps along the way! These "Carrier Park Partners" represent government, business, community organizations and residents.

Former Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney was an early supporter of our Carrier Park project. Partnering with local governments is key to building communities that can thrive despite the rise and fall of economic influences. We've recently been in conversations with Onondaga County about how we can continue to partner with them. We sincerely hope we can find mutually beneficial avenues to do so.

Tim Bonaparte and landscape architects Appel Osbourne were the primary designers of our award-winning park. Their partnership and the quality of the work performed at Willis Carrier Park has made it a "world class facility," to quote a sports facility professional, with the potential to provide not only recreational opportunities, but also economic opportunities as the site is further developed.

Long-time residents John and Candace Marsellus have supported numerous projects in the Town of DeWitt for the last 53 years, including our Carrier Park Recreation facility. From Canal Day and the 9/11 Memorial to biking and walking trails and the E. Genesee Street Flag project, John and Candace have been steadfast partners paying it forward for the DeWitt community.

East Syracuse Little League was one of the very first community organizations to sign on to Carrier Park, and they have patiently weathered some bumps as the project has evolved. We appreciate their partnership and their patience and we look forward to strengthening our relationship in the many seasons to come.

No doubt, Carrier Park is a work in progress. And we've had some bumps, revisions and resets along the way. I expect that will continue; the vision for the park has always been a long-term vision, a project of this caliber takes time to fully develop.

In the meantime we have a beautiful park and recreation facility that not only contributes to the quality of life of DeWitt residents and the broader community, but also provides a permanent home for the special needs children and families of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program. Challenger has always been at the foundation of the Carrier Park project. (Please see page 6 about our Phase 2 construction at Carrier Park.)

I also want to express my sincere gratitude, and that of the Town Board and the greater DeWitt community, to Ms. Jackie Place. In honor of her late husband Bryan McNeill Place, Ms. Place is donating five acres of land and several hundred feet of waterfront along Butternut Creek in Jamesville to the Fiddler's Green Park. We are honored to become stewards of this beautiful piece of land and recognize it is indeed, a very generous gift; a gift that will keep on giving to the DeWitt community for many, many years to come. Thank you Jackie, thank you Bryan.

People working in partnership, working together to build a thriving community...that's what's happening in the Town of DeWitt in 2019. As always, it is an honor and privilege to represent the people of the Town of DeWitt. I hope your holidays are healthy and happy and that you and your family are thriving, too.

Most sincerely,

Ed Michalenko, DeWitt Supervisor

P.S. Please join us for a Service of Remembrance at the 9/11 Memorial at Town Hall on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm.

*See the inside front cover and pages 17 & 18 for detailed information about the Solar Array project.

**Shoppingtown info:

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

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SUPERVISOR'S NOTES

We're building community with solar-powered tax savings.

Please see the inside front cover of this newsletter, and my letter to residents on pages 17-18 for details about the construction of our Solar Array project at the site of the former town landfill.

This positive, pro-active project provides us an exceptional opportunity to not only produce renewable energy on a previously unusable site – our former town landfill - but also to save taxpayer dollars and safeguard the environment. It's one more way we're striving to build – and sustain - our thriving community.

For more info. about the Solar Array project, please see my letter on pages 17-18 or go to:

<http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/1457.pdf>

Environmental & Energy Initiatives

In alignment with the Solar Array project, and our on-going environmental and energy objectives, we have acquired two electric vehicles for municipal use, installed electric charging stations for use by the town and the public at Town Hall, and are installing all new LED streetlights throughout the Town. The conversion to LED street lighting should be completed by this Fall, and will reduce our electric consumption and costs by two-thirds.

Hence, in June, the Town Board unanimously adopted the Sierra Club's clean energy commitment, affirming that all Town facility electricity will run on 100% locally sourced renewable energy by 2020.

Carrier Park, partnership and building a thriving community...

Please see the back cover of this newsletter to read about four of key "Carrier Park Partners" Joanie Mahoney, East Syracuse Little League, Appel Osbourne Landscape Architects, and Candace and John Marsellus.

From its inception the Carrier Park project has been about partnership and building community. In 2008, through a relationship dating back to our childhood, Syracuse Challenger Executive Director Dom Cambareri and I came together to see if we could

create a project that would serve the recreational needs and quality of life of the DeWitt community, and would also provide a permanent home for the Syracuse Challenger players and their families. The dream of Carrier Park was born then; and slowly but steadily we are bringing that vision to fruition.

Folks like former County Executive Joanie Mahoney, Tim Bonaparte with Appel Osbourne landscape architects, residents Candace and John Marsellus, and community organizations like East Syracuse Little League stepped forward in the early days to help make Carrier Park a reality. Though there have been some bumps, revisions, and resets along the way, we recognize that if it were not for the community-minded, committed people above, as well as the DeWitt Friends organization, this award-winning, state-of-the-art, fully accessible recreational facility would not have been possible.



What's happening at Carrier Park?

The park hosted the section 3 Girls Softball playoffs and finals again this year, along with several other tournaments. **We are presently booking for 2020 tournaments** and expect that each year as more of the park is built, we will host more practices, games and tournaments, as well as community and special events. We're presently working on an 8-year development plan.

Phase 2 is also happening at the park this Fall with the construction of a specially designed, all-inclusive, fully accessible playground and basketball courts. **As soon as Phase 2 is complete and the grounds are safe, we expect to have the park and concession open regularly for use by residents and the greater community.**

The playground, the only one of its kind in the Central New York area, is for children of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs, and features in addition to special playground apparatus, a ground level rubberized membrane that

allows children in wheelchairs to play freely on the equipment. The three basketball courts, partially funded by the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation, will be lighted and feature fully adjustable backboards and rims so children and adults of all ages and abilities can play Syracuse's favorite sport!

Movie Night

The "field of dreams" at Willis Carrier Park hosted a Movie Night event on July 26th featuring the classic baseball movie "Field of Dreams." It turned out to be a picture perfect evening and before the start of the movie folks enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers, fries, soda and beer on our concession patios. We also had raffles and prizes, a bounce house, and guests from Syracuse Crunch, Syracuse Stallions Basketball, Cuse City Dancers, East Syracuse Fire Department and the Town of DeWitt Police. Our thanks to these folks, and all of the vendors who came out to support the event.

First Responders Kickball Event

Carrier Park also hosted a First Responders Kickball Event in August with Police and Fire Depts. battling it out for the championship! Food, fun and community building was enjoyed by all!



How can you support Carrier Park?

Please consider becoming a **Carrier Park Partner**. Our state-of-the-art, all inclusive, multi-sport recreation facility for children and adults, including those with special needs...needs **your** partnership. If you have ideas for special and community events or you'd like a tour of Carrier Park, just call the Recreation Department at (315) 446-3910 x 9 or email carrierpark@townofdewitt.com.



Carrier Park Lawn Signs

You can show your support for our Carrier Park recreation complex 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 too, are "building community" by supporting Carrier Park; your contribution also supports future development of the park.

For more information about Carrier Park see pages 19-23 of this newsletter. Or download this PDF: <http://carrierpark.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Carrier-Park-Marketing-Packet.pdf>

To learn more about sponsorships and donations, download this PDF: <http://carrierpark.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Carrier-Park-Sponsorship-Information.pdf>

East Syracuse Bottle & Can Return

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

51st Annual Canal Day

Blue skies and bright sunshine were the order of the day for our 51st annual Canal Day this past August 3rd. The midway of children's games, the inflatable bounce house and obstacle course, face painting, and other activities were busy all afternoon and evening. Food trucks and other food vendors did a brisk business and featured a wide assortment of

tasty meals and snacks. The evening concert with the Maria DeSantis Orchestra received rave reviews and the fireworks, as always, were the perfect finish to this popular community building event.

An integral part of sustaining a thriving community is providing opportunities for residents from all across DeWitt and the broader community, to come together, connect with one another, and just have fun. My sincere thanks to our Recreation and Parks Departments, and other town staff who pitched in, for all their hard work in making this event such an on-going success. For more details on the day, along with a list of our generous sponsors, please see the inside back cover of the newsletter.

Town of DeWitt Police Dept. News

My sincere congratulations, and that of the Town Board and the community, to Town of DeWitt Police Officer James Dean. On April 11th, Officer Dean received the **Aggressive Criminal Enforcement Award** from the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board.



The award is designed to recognize law enforcement officers whose traffic stop(s) led to the arrest of a suspect or the solution of a crime and to affirm the importance of traffic enforcement as an effective crime-fighting tool. The award seeks to promote and publicize the dedication and initiative of officers whose daily efforts ensure the effectiveness of our county's law enforcement system.

Most folks don't realize that an estimated 70 percent of all serious crime involves a motor vehicle. Many criminals are caught by diligent police officers paying attention to the little things, like traffic offenses. What starts out as a "routine traffic stop" often results in the apprehension of a criminal by police officers "looking beyond the traffic ticket." It is this law enforcement expertise, and willingness to take the extra step, that ensures public and highway safety and builds a more safe and secure community.

Fiddlers Green Park Update

Ms. Jackie Place is donating over five acres of land and several hundred feet of waterfront along Butternut Creek to Fiddlers Green Park in honor of her late husband, Bryan McNeill Place. On behalf of the Town Board and the whole of the community, I want to thank Ms. Place for her very generous gift to the Town of DeWitt. It is sincerely appreciated. This special parcel of land is a gift that will keep on giving to our community for decades to come.

Shoppingtown Update

I am frequently asked about the Shoppingtown Mall property and I want folks to know the town pulled out all the stops in support of the mall's owners over a period of several years; we want this valuable, strategically located commercial property – like all of our commercial properties – to be vibrant and profitable.

As you may have read or heard about via our local news outlets, Onondaga County is presently in litigation with the owners of Shoppingtown regarding the \$9,744,515.02 million in back taxes owed.

As background however, and what you don't often hear about in the media, is that the Town persistently sought to partner with the mall's owners to support the redevelopment of the property for many years.

To that end, we offered Shoppingtown's owners multiple, robust financial incentives: access to grants, energy incentive programs, specific mixed-use development concepts, cost-saving plans, a potential PILOT agreement, and other significant financial inducements to encourage them to rehabilitate – or fully redevelop – the property.

You can find detailed information about the town's efforts - along with links to comparable comprehensive large-scale mixed-use projects in other areas of the country similar to what the Town proposed to Shoppingtown's owners - on our Town of DeWitt website at:

<http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/1458.pdf>

Please read over this important information and pass it to friends, family, and neighbors.

Elevating Erie & NYS Empire Trail Update



Certainly the Elevating Erie Project is a cornerstone of building a thriving community in the Town of DeWitt and we are pleased and proud to partner with the NYS Empire State Trail on this exciting project. Elevating Erie will not only add to our quality of life

here in DeWitt, but will also provide economic development opportunities for our community, neighboring communities, tourism, business, and the environment.

Phase 1 of the Elevating Erie project this October will include the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge on Kinne Road over I-481 that will connect the Craigie neighborhood to Butternut Drive and our Ryder and Butternut Creek Canal Parks, and also the Erie Canalway Trails. This is a key "connection" that neighbors have been asking about for a long time and we are happy it is finally scheduled to happen!

For more information about Elevating Erie, go to: Elevating Erie Video:

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

Empire State Trail:

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

Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville Sidewalks

The Town expected to be installing sidewalks that extend along Jamesville Road to the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville this past summer. However, due to some design concerns and American with Disabilities issues, the project has been temporarily delayed.

Zombie Homes Update

DeWitt is one of the few municipalities in the area with such an active - and successful - Zombie Homes program.

Our office of Planning and Zoning continually monitors vacant and neglected properties throughout the town; we recognize abandoned and neglected properties can negatively impact neighborhood property values, as well as the aesthetics of streets and neighborhoods. If you have an abandoned property in your neighborhood, please contact the Planning and Zoning Dept. at (315) 446-3910 x 3.

Butternut Creek Trail Update

The new fishing platform was enjoyed by residents and visitors over the spring and summer months and the trail to the fishing dock has been fully paved this past spring. However, the boardwalk at the head of the trail is presently closed due to structural problems. Our Parks crews continue to seek solutions to mitigate those structural issues.



Deer Management Update

Last year, the town removed 132 deer, with 3,966 pounds of venison delivered for donation to local food banks. For more detailed information about the Town's Deer Management program, please go to: www.townofdewitt.com/WhiteTailedDeer.aspx

It's critical we keep our deer population under control as recent statistics indicate that the population grows by approximately 30% each year. As such, the town needs **your help** with our Deer Management program for 2019-2020. We are seeking to connect with owners of large parcels of

land who will partner with us to reduce our deer population.

A natural forested area averages about 10-20 deer per square mile. It is estimated that deer populations in DeWitt run as high as 85 deer per square mile in certain areas, and having access to large parcels of land that meet the conditions of the town's NYS Department of Conservation permit is essential in supporting us to better cull the population.

If you are a property owner interested in supporting the town's deer management efforts, please contact the Planning and Zoning Dept. at (315) 446-3910 x 3.

ASSESSOR

There have been a lot of changes with exemptions this past year. Last year everyone who applied for the Enhanced Star Exemption had to sign up for the IVP program, whereas the State will verify your income and eligibility going forward. Everyone who did this will not be receiving a renewal application this year. Anyone on the Basic Star Exemption that is turning 65 in 2020 will have to pick up an application for the Enhanced Star. To qualify, your income for 2018 must be under \$88,050 and turn 65 at any time during 2020. You do not need to be 65 by March 1st, which is the deadline to apply.

All other renewal applications will be mailed the first week of January. That includes Senior Citizens, Veteran's disability, Disability, Clergy and Non-Profit.

All Exemptions MUST be in our office no later than March 1st, 2020. Any form received after that date, the exemption will be denied. For Senior Citizen and Disability you will need to provide us with your 2019 income information. If you file a tax return, we will need that, if not, we need your year-end income statements, including Social Security. For Disability, as well as Veteran's Disability, we need a current Award Letter. Be sure to return all renewal applications by March 1st. We can wait for income information, but we cannot extend the deadline for receiving the application.

Please contact our office at (315) 446-3910 x 8 if you have a question about your exemption.



The STAR exemption process has been changed by New York State, for new property owners. If you have purchased your home since March 1st, 2015, we can no longer accept applications from the homeowners for the Basic STAR or for the Enhanced STAR.

You must apply online through the New York State office of Tax and Finance at www.tax.ny.gov or call at (518) 457-2036.

Contact our office at (315) 446-3910 x 8 for any questions concerning exemptions.

HIGHWAY

Yard and Garden Waste

OCTOBER IS THE LAST MONTH for Town Sponsored YARD AND GARDEN collection. Collection dates are listed below.

Area 1: September 30th – October 4th
Area 2: October 7th – October 11th
Area 3: October 14th – October 18th
Area 4: October 21st – October 25th

Collection will resume in the spring. Placing brush and lawn debris curbside, outside of the established schedule is a violation of Town code. These piles are a safety hazard; they interfere with the storm water system, and are unsightly. The Town of DeWitt takes pride in offering this service; we need everyone's cooperation to coordinate a successful program. Brush and yard debris collection runs April thru October. The 2020 brush and yard debris schedule will be available on the Town's website after the New Year, as well as being published in the Spring/Summer Newsletter.



Leaf Collection

Unlike yard debris pick up, there is no set schedule for collecting leaves. Pick up will start in November and continues into December. Vacuums and loaders are used to collect the leaves.

- Leaves should be placed at the edge of your property, **NOT** on the pavement, or in the gutters.
- **DO NOT MIX** sticks or other debris in the leaf piles, as these can cause damage to our equipment or our employees.
- Leaves placed in cardboard boxes, paper bags, or plastic bags **will not be collected**.
- For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to play in the piles that are placed by the road.
- Please do not place leaf piles behind obstacles such as trees, cars, mailboxes, fire hydrants, light poles, etc.

Christmas Tree Collection

The Town will collect Christmas trees **curbside during the month of January**.

Place your tree – **no plastic bags, metal, lights, tinsel, stands, or ornaments** – at the curb, and the Highway Department will pick them up. There is no set schedule.

Wreath Disposal

Take the wreath apart. You can put the greenery curbside in the spring with other lawn debris. The support structure can be disposed of in the trash or recycling depending upon what the material is. We **cannot** pick up wreaths when collecting the Christmas trees.

Overnight Parking

Overnight parking (between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM) on streets and roadways is prohibited in the Town of DeWitt from November 1st - April 1st. This regulation is not weather dependent, or “suspended” during school vacations!

PARKS & FACILITIES

2020 Park and Facility Rentals will be available starting Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at the Recreation Office. Rentals are done on a first come, first serve basis.

At the time of reservation, you will need a completed rental form and full payment in the form of cash, check made out to *Town of DeWitt*, or credit card. A service fee will be applied to all credit card transactions. **Please note, that both the rental fee and security deposit are due at the time of reservation.**

To check facility availability call the Recreation Office at (315) 446-3910 x 9 or visit townofdewitt.recdesk.com/Community/Facility

To access park and facility rental forms visit townofdewitt.recdesk.com and click on the Forms tab.

The following parks and facilities will be available to rent in 2020:

Carrier Park Fields

Located at 1033 Kinne Street in East Syracuse, Carrier Park features two state-of-the-art, accessible softball fields that are available to rent for your next little league, softball or kickball event. This park is perfect for practices, games, tournaments, leagues, parties, and corporate or community events. Concession stand available.

Cedar Bay Park

Located on Cedar Bay Road between Kinne Road and North Burdick Street this park features Erie Canal Tow-Path access, fishing, restrooms, swings, grills and two picnic shelters. The large pavilion is available to rent.

DeWitt Community Room

Located at 148 Sanders Creek Parkway in East Syracuse, the Community Room is available to rent. This facility features tables and chairs, speaker system, 5 disc CD player, internet access, restrooms, and dumpster and recycling bins on site. Full kitchen is available to rent for an additional fee.

Jamesville Train Station

Located in the Jamesville Town Square on East Seneca Turnpike in Jamesville, this space is perfect for small parties or meetings. It features a kitchen, two restrooms and a small meeting room.

Maxwell Park

This 105-acre park is located on Badgley Road in East Syracuse. It features three picnic shelters, restrooms, two lighted softball fields, one lighted football/soccer/lacrosse field, archery targets and horse shoe courts. The two larger pavilions and fields are available to rent.

Ryder Park

This 12-acre park is located adjacent to the DeWitt Town Hall on Butternut Drive. The park features the James L. Guyette Arboretum, butterfly garden, bicycle and exercise trail, canoe launch into Butternut Creek, fishing pond, picnic areas, grills, playground, picnic shelter and a pavilion with restrooms. The large pavilion is available for rent.

PLANNING, ZONING, CODES & SUSTAINABILITY

Deer Management

The town needs your help with our Deer Management program for 2019-2020. We are seeking to connect with owners of large parcels of land who will partner with us to reduce our deer population. It is estimated that deer populations in DeWitt run as high as 85 deer per square mile in certain areas, and having access to large parcels of land that meet the conditions of the town's NYS

Department of Conservation permit will support us to better cull the population.

Last year, the town removed 132 deer, with 3,966 pounds of venison delivered for donation to local food banks. For more detailed information about the Town's Deer Management program, please visit: www.townofdewitt.com/WhiteTailedDeer.aspx

A Note From the DACC

The DeWitt Advisory Conservation Commission (DACC) is one of the Town's leading advocates on environmental issues. Comprised of 9 volunteers from DeWitt, many with scientific backgrounds, the commission meetings are focused on examining environmental issues affecting the Town and its neighborhood communities and reporting to the Town Board and residents on these issues. Meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30pm in Town Hall and are open to the public.

In 2019, the DACC facilitated the adoption of the Town's renewable energy pledge, committing to achieving 100% regionally sourced clean energy consumption for electricity for all Town municipal operations by 2020; and 100% regionally sourced renewables across all sectors by 2035.



In addition to establishing Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) within the Town of DeWitt, which will identify and protect significant environmental features across the town such as the Onondaga Escarpment, the drumlin fields, and the Butternut Creek and Ley Creek corridors, the DACC is addressing the chronic issue of illegal dumping as a platform issue this year. Working cooperatively with OCRRA representatives, Onondaga County

Legislature Chair Dave Knapp, the DeWitt Police Department as well as Supervisor Michalenko, the DACC has encouraged heightened security in prominent illegal dumping zones in the Town and will continue to advocate for litter removal along our roads and highways. Please refer to page 13 for information on participating in the DACC's bi-annual town cleanups and for guidelines on properly disposing of various items that cannot be collected roadside.

Meet Up to Clean Up Saturday, September 28th

The Town of DeWitt will be holding our 5th Annual Fall Cleanup on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9:00am-12:00pm. This is a great volunteer opportunity and a perfect time to prepare for winter. Volunteers should pick up supplies (bags, safety vests, and OCRRA stickers) at DeWitt Town Hall or Robbie T's in Jamesville. Volunteers should bring work gloves and dress appropriately. Much of the litter is found in tall grass, so remember to protect against ticks too! We recommend long pants tucked into socks. Refreshments will be available at DeWitt Town Hall and at Robbie T's Pizza. For more information, please contact DACC Chair Dennis Payne at (315) 469-0565 or paynedennis1@gmail.com.



CODES ENFORCEMENT

Yard and Garden Waste

As the fall season approaches, we would like to remind you to put your branches and yard waste out to the curb 2 or 3 days before your scheduled pick up. The schedule can be found online at:

<http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/1447.pdf>

Contractors are responsible for removing debris from your property. Debris generated from contractors will not be picked up by the Town.

Heating Devices



Installing a heat producing device in your home? A permit is required from the Town of DeWitt to ensure proper installation and venting. Please call (315) 446-3910 x 3 or visit townofdewitt.com for information.

Trash Pick Up



Do not dispose of furniture, appliances, televisions, wood, bikes, demolition debris and other items on the roadside. The Town of DeWitt Highway Department does not pick

these items up, it's unsightly, and a road hazard. Please contact a junk removal service to obtain pricing and schedule a pick up. Butler Disposal can be reached at (315) 342-0832 or 1-800-794-8727.

Home Safety Tips

- Smoke detectors need to be placed inside every bedroom and sleeping rooms on the ceiling and outside in the hallway or immediate area. Every floor of the house including the basement needs to have a smoke detector. Please check the batteries in each detector to make sure that they are in a working condition.
- Carbon monoxide detectors need to be placed outside of bedrooms and sleeping rooms in the immediate area. Check the battery life of all carbon monoxide detectors.
- Combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors are allowed in lieu of carbon monoxide detectors. Heating devices such as furnaces, boilers, woodstove and fireplaces need to be inspected to ensure proper operation and exhaust ventilation to the exterior.
- Exterior wall vents and all fuel fired devices need to be checked during the winter months. Drifting snow may obstruct these vents during the winter months. If drifting occurs, please have the vents raised to a higher height for proper ventilation and air supply intake.

Electronics Recycling

Electronics Recycling



Need to get rid of an old TV or other electronic device? **The Salvation Army on Erie Blvd. in Syracuse** will accept working and non-working TVs and monitors of any size. TVs and monitors cannot be physically broken. They will also accept other electronics*. **Call (315) 445-0520 before dropping items off.**

Best Buy locations and Battery World will accept TVs and monitors for a charge, pending size. They will accept other electronics for free. **Call ahead for details:**

- Best Buy, Destiny USA, (315) 426-1588;
- Best Buy, DeWitt, (315) 449-1784;
- Best Buy, Liverpool, (315) 622-1395;
- Battery World, East Molloy Road, Syracuse, (315) 437-1404.

Staples locations will accept electronics, excluding TVs. **Call ahead for details:**

- Staples, Camillus, (315) 488-4071;
- Staples, Clay, (315) 715-0112;
- Staples, East Syracuse, (315) 463-8040.

**Electronics include computers, monitors, keyboards, mice or similar pointing devices, fax machines, scanners, printers, and small electronic equipment (tablets, VCRs, DVRs, portable digital music players, DVD players, digital converter boxes, cable or satellite receivers, video game consoles, etc.).*

Recreation Vehicles

As a reminder, recreational vehicles and boats are only allowed in your driveway for 10 days in a calendar year; or in the rear yard, within five feet of the principal dwelling, and within the extended lines of the sides of the residence. Please call us at (315) 446-3910 x 3 for further explanation.

POLICE

The Town of DeWitt Police Department takes pride in its continued participation in community events. Every year we are contacted by numerous local community groups to help participate in community oriented activities. This allows our police officers and community members to work together in strengthening their relationship.

Some of the community events that the Town of DeWitt Police Department has already participated in this year are the following; Lemoyne Advocates Group, Purim Carnival at the Jewish Community Center, DWI presentation at Christian Brothers Academy, Girl Scout Troop station tour, Manlius Pebble Hill DWI event, DeWitt Rotary Pancake Day, Torch Run, Tecumseh Elementary Station Tour, East Syracuse Ice Cream Social, DeWitt Parks and Recreation Camp Staff Presentation, Identity Theft Presentation for New House Interview, and the Bank of New York Melon Family Day Child ID Cards. At each of these events, it gives the public the opportunity to meet their local police officers, and interact with them on a more personal level.



One of our most popular services that the Dewitt Police Department provides is CHILD ID cards. On the CHILD ID card, the police officers are able to take a photograph of your child, and provide some pedigree information on the card including two of the child's fingerprints. The CHILD ID card is stored in our system in case there is ever an unforeseen emergency. We provide parents with a copy of the CHILD ID card so they have one on file as well.

Some of the upcoming events we have to look forward to are as follows; Lemoyne Station Tour, Parks Day Camp Pre-K Presentation, National Night Out, Share the Road Event, Manlius Pebble Hill Drivers Education Day, Dig Safe NY Safety Day, and Staples Community Weekend.

TOWN BOARD

Members

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

Meetings

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



TOWN CLERK

2019 – 2020 School Tax Bills

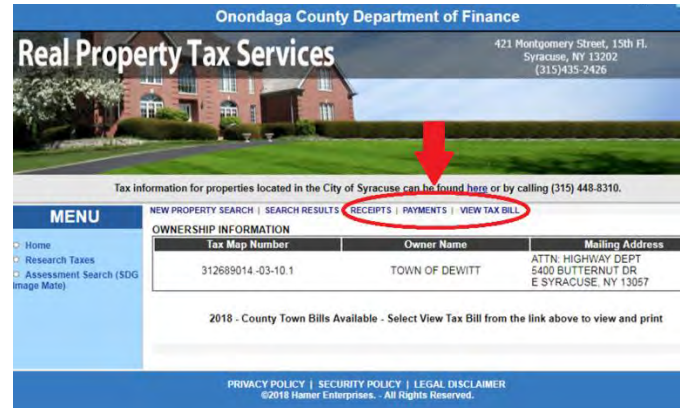
The Tax Office will be open on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm for School tax bill collection.

The 2019-2020 School tax bills are mailed in the beginning of September. If you do not receive your tax bill, please call the office at (315) 446-3910 x 2. You can also print a copy of your tax bill, print previous tax receipts and pay your taxes by e-check or credit card from the Onondaga County website:

<https://onondaga.go2gov.net/faces/searchBySitusAddress.jsp>

Please note that the Onondaga County Department of Finance has a new website for tax information. The link above will allow you to search by property address or if you wish to search by tax map number, you can select “New Property Search.”

After you locate your property, click on the Tax Map Number. From here you can view your tax bill, payments or print receipts located directly above “Ownership Information” as pictured.



Board Meetings, Agendas & Minutes

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

Credit Card Payments

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

Parking Permits for People with Severe Disabilities

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

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



Dog Control Complaints

SPCA: (315) 454-0928

Emergency or After Hours: 911

Dog Licenses

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

www.townofdewitt.com/DogControl3.aspx

Rabies Clinics

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

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

DeWitt Ordinances Concerning Dogs

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

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

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



9/11 Ceremony

Never Forget... September 11, 2001



The Town of DeWitt is sponsoring a 9/11 Memorial Service on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:30pm to honor the brave men and women who lost their lives that tragic day. The event will take place at the 9/11 Memorial adjacent to the DeWitt Town Hall at 5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony inside the Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.





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

Cost-saving Solar Array project on the site of the former town landfill...

After a decade long process of information gathering, discussion, and planning the Town of DeWitt commenced construction of a Solar Array on the site of the former town landfill this summer. Over the 20-year life of the project the town will save more than \$2 million on our municipal energy costs. Not only will that provide cost-savings, it also represents a carbon reduction of 2,605 metric tons, the equivalent of taking 510 vehicles off the road per year. Further, these numbers could double, as modern solar panels can generate electricity for over 40 years.

As background, in 2007 the town established an Energy Committee to support us to navigate the ever-changing energy market and regulatory environment and to ascertain what energy saving projects would best and most beneficially serve our community. At that time, solar panels were cost prohibitive.

So, why invest in solar now? Believe it or not, solar development expert Hugh Jones put solar panels on the Pentagon in the late 1960's, so this nation has been investing in solar power for almost 50 years. It's only in recent years however, that implementing solar power projects has become affordable; just 10 years ago a solar panel was cost prohibitive. Solar panel costs have fallen 99% since 1977. Today, it's fossil fuel projects that are cost prohibitive; whereas now the infrastructure investment for renewable energy projects – like our solar array project – are affordable. And of course, the sun is free. In fact, all of New York State could be powered if just 30% of our rooftops had solar panels.

Fossil fuel itself begins with solar energy. Sunlight is stored for thousands of years; plants capture sunlight and store that energy via photosynthesis, which forms the basis for our food chain. Decayed and compressed plant materials eventually become fossil fuels: natural gas, oil, and coal. So, why not capture and utilize sunlight – solar energy – at the beginning of the process, rather than at the end of the process via the combustion of fossil fuels that damage natural resources, create toxins, and pollute our environment from extraction through consumption?

In 2016 the Town issued a Request for Proposals for the construction of a Solar Array on the site of the former Town Landfill. We received five proposals and after careful review RER Energy was awarded the \$5 million dollar contract; the project is privately financed by RER Energy. When it comes to solar energy projects of this nature, private development is more cost effective than public financing because the private investor is able to obtain tax incentives and depreciation unavailable to the public sector. Plus, the Town has the option to buy the Solar Array after 7 years.

Projections indicate power generated from the panels will allow us to save approximately \$70,000 per year over 20 years. The 2.66 Megawatts of annual electricity produced will totally free the Town from using fossil fuels for our municipal electrical needs, this includes all of our town buildings and facilities, street lights, water and sewer pumps. Further, utilizing the site of our former town landfill for the Solar Array provides us an exceptional opportunity to not only produce renewable energy on an unusable site, but also to save on our municipal energy costs now and over the long-term.

Our 50-acre former town landfill site continues to be listed as a low level hazardous waste site and is regularly monitored for the NYSDEC. Since the landfill's closure, the Town has intentionally maintained an annual mowing regimen that sustains a grassland habitat. This prevents deep rooted plants from penetrating the landfill cap, thereby preventing surface waters from infiltrating the underlying debris and generating leachate. In addition, this healthy grassland ecosystem harbors a wide variety of flora and fauna species. In fact, several are listed by New York State as Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern. These include the grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), and Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*) bird species which have been observed nesting at the DeWitt landfill. The Solar Array is perfectly compatible with continued maintenance of the bird habitat.

The Solar Array project, which includes over 7,000 solar panels spread out over an 11-acre area, allows us to continue to be respectful and responsible custodians of the environment in and around the former landfill site, provide for our municipal electric needs, and save on municipal costs for many years to come. This solar power project makes sense right now, and for the future of our community.

As both a steward of our thriving community and as an environmentalist, I want my grandchildren and great grandchildren to view polluting fossil fuels - natural gas, oil, and coal – like we view using horses as a mode of transportation. The Solar Array project will not only benefit you as a resident of Town of DeWitt, but it will also improve the quality of life for your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and mine.

Most sincerely,
Edward M. Michalenko, Ph.D., DeWitt Supervisor

Carrier Park is...more than you think!

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

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



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

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

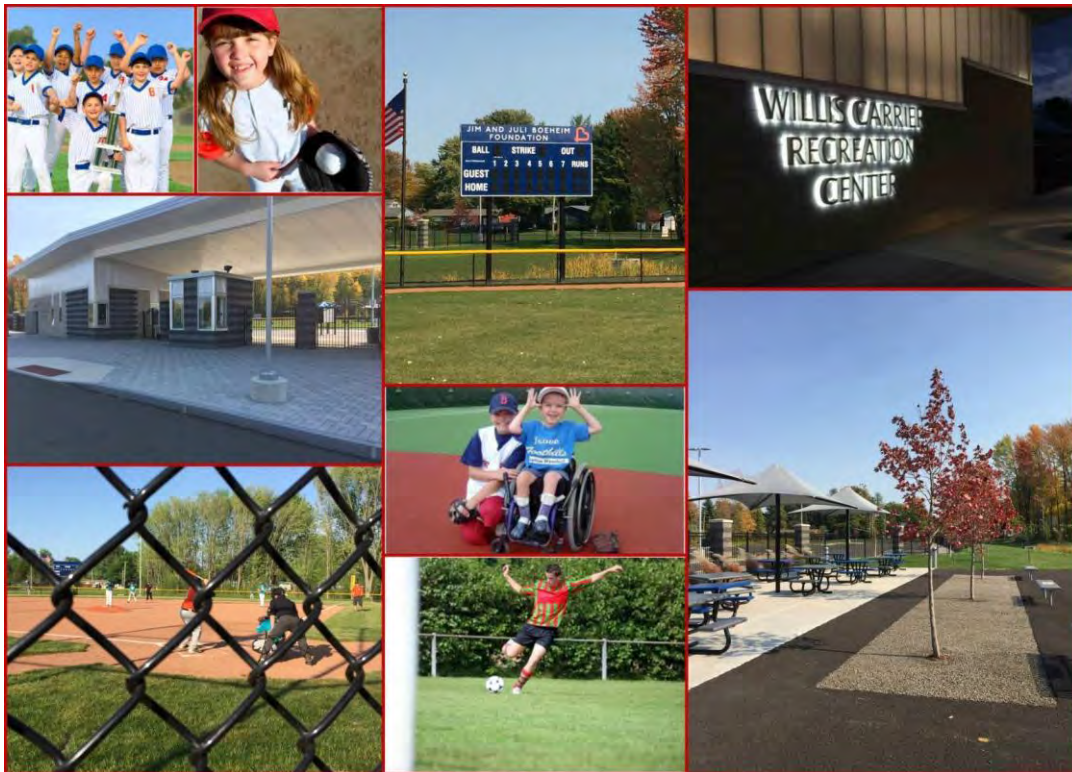
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What's next? Phase 2 of construction will include adding an all-inclusive, cutting edge playground – the only one of its kind in Central New York - and three specially designed basketball courts, funded in part by the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation,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

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

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

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



We're building community.

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

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

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

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

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

The park supports DeWitt's tax base; Carrier Park helps to keep our 30+ hotels occupied; **those busy hotels pay \$4 million in property taxes each year.**

That \$4 million in property tax dollars from DeWitt hotels provides \$2 million to local schools: \$1.5 million to Onondaga County, and \$.5 million to the Town of DeWitt.

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

Of the \$6 to \$7 million Onondaga County collects in room occupancy taxes **for the entire county**, town of DeWitt hotels contribute \$3 to \$3.5 million!

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

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

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

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



We're building community.

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

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

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

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

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



We're building community.



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

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

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

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

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



We're building community.

Food \$en\$e Shopper

A Program of the Food Bank of Central New York

Order/Pick-Up Information

Order Deadline: Friday, Sept 13 **by 4:00pm**

Orders must be made in person

EBT Cards Charged: Friday, Sept 13

Pick-Up 12:30-2:30pm: Wednesday, Sept 25

Many items are perishable

Pick-Up Location: DeWitt Town Hall

Payment: Cash or EBT due at time of order.

Qualifications: None - Anyone can order!

Order Location/Times: *Excluding Holidays*

- Town Hall: Mon-Fri, 8:00am-4:30pm

Contact Information:

- DeWitt Town Hall: (315) 446-3910 x 9

Food Sense News

- **Are you signed up for emails?** Join the Food Sense email list to receive menus, reminders and program information. Send an email to foodsense@townofdewitt.com to join the list!
- **Help spread the word!** Food Sense is open to anyone and everyone! There are no income or residency requirements, just good food at low prices. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to give it a try!



September 2019

Food Unit: \$20.50

All Items Included

- Chicken Kabobs, 1 lb.
- Meatballs, 1 lb.
- Italian Sausage, 1 lb.
- Shrimp Scampi Meal, 24 oz.
- Ground Turkey, 1 lb.
- Mozzarella Cheese, 8 oz.
- Cheese Ravioli, 13 oz.
- Spaghetti Sauce, 24 oz.
- Frozen Berry Blend, 1 lb.
- Diced Tomatoes, 14.5 oz.
- Fresh Produce (TBA)
- Fresh Produce (TBA)

Specials Individually Priced

- 1. Chicken Breast, 2.5 lbs, \$5.50**
 - boneless, individually quick frozen
- 2. Stuffed Pork Chops, 2 lbs, \$7.50**
 - stuffed w/apples and cranberries
- 3. Beef Sandwich Steaks, 21 oz, \$6.50**
 - 100% beef, easy to prepare
- 4. Pantry Box, \$10.00**
 - Includes: Raisin Bran Cereal (18.7 oz), White Rice (1 lb), Orange Juice (46 oz), Crushed Tomatoes (28 oz), Mixed Vegetables (14.5 oz), Tuna Fish (5 oz), Mac & Beef (14.5 oz), Peanut Butter (18 oz), Strawberry Spread (19 oz), Mandarin Oranges (11 oz).
- 5. Whiting Fillets, 2 lbs, \$5.00**
 - individually quick frozen in 2 lb bag
- 6. Onion Rings, 2.5 lbs, \$6.00**
 - ready for oven or fryer
- 7. Mac & Cheese, 4.5 lbs, \$10.00**
 - family-sized Stouffers' product



How can I register for programs, classes and trips?

Before You Register

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



Online Registration

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



Mail-In Registration

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

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



In Person Registration

In person registration is available for all programs, classes and trips at the Recreation Office in the DeWitt Town Hall. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm, excluding holidays. Payment can be made in the form of cash, check, or credit card. Please note that there is a 3.09% service charge applied to all credit card transaction

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS



It is with much excitement and some sadness that we celebrate Diane's retirement from the Town of DeWitt Recreation Department!

Over Diane's 28 year career she has been a staple at AM Recreation, Summer

Day Camp, Saturday Soccer, Learn to Swim, Canal Day and much, much more. We will miss her in the Recreation Office and we know the community will miss seeing her at programs and events.

Thank you Diane for your service to the community and we wish you all the best in your retirement!



SPECIAL EVENTS

10th ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DAY

Saturday, September 28

8:30-11:30am

Ryder Park – Rain or Shine

Space is Limited

Visit townofdewitt.recdesk.com to Pre-Register or call (315) 446-3910 x 9



This free, non-competitive event is open to children ages 16 and under. All levels of fishing experience are welcome including first time fishers! Pre-registered children will receive a door prize and be entered in a raffle for additional prizes.

Event takes place outdoors, rain or shine, and dressing for the weather is highly recommended. Refreshments will be provided. Limited space available. Check-in begins at 8:30am, fishing begins at 9:15am. Pre-registration is preferred. Walk-ins can register starting at 9:00am on a space available basis.

29th ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING FESTIVITIES

Friday, December 6, 6:30pm

Ryder Park Pavilion

Free

Bring the whole family to celebrate the holidays at the 29th annual Holiday Lighting Festivities! Join us for an evening that includes entertainment, children's craft project, lighting ceremony, refreshments and a surprise visitor. This is one holiday celebration you won't want to miss!

Share the holiday spirit by donating a canned good or non-perishable food item to the Food Bank of CNY. November 1 – December 6 in the Recreation Office or bring your item to the Holiday Lighting.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILDCARE AND BABYSITTING SAFETY

This program covers child safety and basic care techniques. Created especially for kids and teens ages 11 and up who are interested in becoming babysitters. This class does include CPR training. Taught by American Heart Association and American Safety and Health Institute certified instructors. Held Friday, December 27 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$50 Residents \$55 All Others

LABRADOR FRIDAY NIGHT SKI CLUB

Kids in grades 5 – 12 can participate in this program, which includes six weeks of chaperoned transportation, skiing, and 4 weeks of lessons, January 10 – February 14. February 28 will be used as a make-up date if needed. Included in the package is a Labrador pass, which is good on Fridays for the entire season. For those renting equipment, the fee includes rentals on the six club nights only. Bus departs DeWitt Town Hall at 4:45pm and returns between 10:00 - 10:15 pm. A school photo is required upon registration for ski pass. **Registration must be completed in the Recreation Office – no mail-in or on-line registrations. Space is limited. Register early!**

Fee: \$260 Pass, Buss
\$365 Pass, Buss, Ski/Board Rentals
\$125 Bus Transportation Only

LEARN TO ALPINE SKI OR SNOWBOARD

You're never too young or old to hit the slopes! Four Seasons will instruct six one-hour lessons for either downhill skiing or snowboarding for ages 6 and up. Fee includes a Season Pass lift ticket for day of lesson for remainder of season. Equipment rental is extra (\$18 ski/\$22 snowboard). Saturdays, January 11 – February 15 or Sundays, January 12 – February 16 at 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm OR 2:15pm. ***NEW- Ski with your kids pass:** Parents ski with your son or daughter on their lesson day. Passes only. Good for the entire season.*

Fee: \$140 Residents
\$145 All others
\$100 Parent Pass Residents
\$105 All others

LEARN-TO-SNOWBOARD OR SKI CAMP

Learn how to hit the slopes with the latest craze, snowboarding and skiing! Four Seasons in Fayetteville will be offering a snowboard camp for youth 7 years and up. This camp includes three hours of lessons a day, lift ticket, equipment rental and lunch. The camp runs four days, December 27 - 31 and January 2. (Choose 4 out of the six days) from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Fee: \$280 Snowboard Residents
\$285 All others
\$260 Ski Residents
\$265 All others

SATURDAY SOCCER

This structured program, held at Maxwell Park in East Syracuse, will implement the fundamentals of soccer, along with scheduled playing time. The program is for J-D/ESM residents entering grades K-5 in the fall of 2019. Held Saturdays, September 7 – October 5 from 9:00-10:30am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need adults who can act as coaches and assistants. If you like working with children, or if you know someone who does, please call (315) 446-3910 x 9. The success of this program depends on volunteers.

Fee: \$30 (includes t-shirt)



TENNIS AT ELEVATE FITNESS

Young players will learn faster and love tennis more with the Red-Orange-Green Ball Pathways program offered at Elevate Fitness DeWitt. The main goal is to start young players effectively on their journey of learning to play tennis well, so they will continue to enjoy playing a sport of a lifetime!

All NEW sign-ups will receive a free tennis racquet

Red Court Rookies (Ages 5-8)

This class introduces the 10/under tennis system; including smaller racquets, lower compression red balls and 36 ft. smaller scaled courts. The objective of this class is to have fun while learning the fundamentals of tennis strokes, point play games, work on eye-hand-foot coordination, athleticism and court movement. All kid friendly! Held Wednesdays, September 25 - October 30 from 3:30-4:30pm OR Saturdays, September 28 - November 2 from 10:00-11:00am.

Fee: \$108 Residents \$113 All others

Orange/Green Court Challengers (Ages 8-12)

This class uses a larger 60 ft. court and low compression orange or green balls. Players will improve stroke fundamentals, including serve, footwork, shot consistency while having fun during drills and point play. Held Wednesdays, September 25 - October 30 from 4:30-5:30pm OR Saturdays, September 28 - November 2 from 11:00am-Noon.

Fee: \$108 Residents \$113 All others



ADULT PROGRAMS

BOATING

About Boating Safely

Now Mandatory for all boat operators in NY!

There is no longer an exemption for anyone born before May 1, 1996 (there is a five year phase-in of this new law).



The About Boating Safely class is presented by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 02-14. This is an introductory, beginner boater safety course, which is required in New York State for all boat operators aged 10 or older. In addition, everyone currently operating a personal watercraft (PWC) is required by New York State to complete a boating safety course and to carry the certificate of completion at all time when operating their PWC. This 8 hour instructional course will include introduction to boating, boating law, boating safety equipment, safe boating, navigation, boating problems, and trailering and storing your boat. Upon successfully passing a written test, participants will receive their USCG Auxiliary Certificate of completion and a certification card. Held Saturday, October 26 from 8:00am - 4:30pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$30 Residents
\$35 All others
\$20 Children 14 and under Residents
\$25 Children 14 and under All others

DRIVING

Defensive Driving Class (Point and Insurance Reduction Program)

Branch's Driving School is pleased to offer this 6 hour Defensive Driving Class which is approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles and is sponsored by the Empire Safety Council. Be part of a program that sets the standard for accident prevention and vehicle safety in New York State. No formal testing is required, everyone passes. Participants receive these benefits: Insurance premium reduction of 10% for three years (base rate of liability, no-fault and collision premiums) *Principal operator* and up to a 4-point reduction with NYS DMV. This class is for drivers of all ages! Held Saturday, October 19 from 9:00am-3:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room.

Fee: \$35 Residents
\$40 All others



FITNESS

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

T-N-T can help you get your body in the best shape ever! We will concentrate on the thighs, hips, stomach and buttocks by using the most effective movements and we will also target the upper body arms, chest and back using hand-held weights. Every fitness level is welcome and there will be no complicated movements or choreography to worry about. Please bring an exercise mat and a set of hand-held weights (5-10lbs). Held Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 1 – December 19 (not 10/31, 11/28) from 6:00-6:40pm at Moses DeWitt Elementary School.

Fee: \$84 one class/week Residents
\$89 All others
\$145 two classes/week Residents
\$150 All others

Yoga-Lates

Whether you're experienced at yoga or pilates or have always wanted to try one or the other, this is your opportunity to experience yoga-lates. Pilates trains your core muscles (abdominal and back) and stretches your spine, while yoga improves flexibility, balance and breathing. By fusing these two techniques together you have a challenging workout that is adaptable to all levels of abilities. Held Mondays, October 7 – December 16 (not 10/14, 11/11) from 6:00-7:00pm at Tecumseh Elementary School. A yoga mat is needed.

Fee: \$88 Residents \$93 All others

Zumba with Tammy

Join licensed Zumba instructor Tammy Panzironi for 45 minutes of high energy Zumba. "Exercise in Disguise" is back...the Zumba that many of you have been missing! Sweat, laugh and move to vintage class favorites, hot international and Latin based music as well as current recognizable songs. Beginners and seasoned Zumba enthusiasts are welcome! Held Tuesdays, October 1 - December 17 from 6:45-7:30pm at Moses DeWitt Elementary School.

Fee: \$96 Residents \$101 All Others

GOLF

Four Seasons Fall Golf

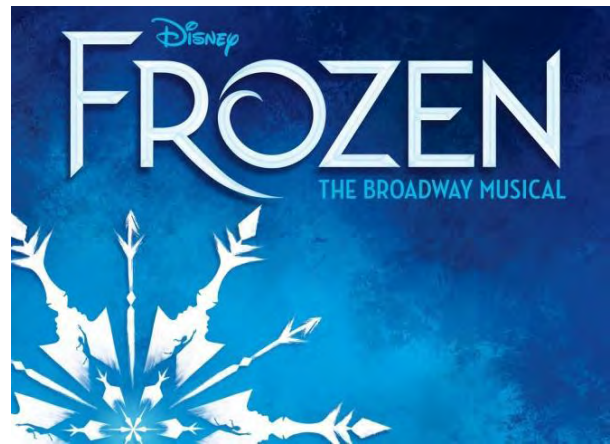
Enjoy five weeks of one-hour golf lessons covering all aspects of the game. Fee includes balls and clubs. Held Wednesdays, September 11 - October 9 at 5:30pm OR 6:30pm.

Fee: \$95 per session Residents
\$100 All others

TRIPS

Frozen

Thursday, November 21
Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, NY



Broadway's *Frozen* begins its North American Tour at the Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady and you're invited!!!

If you thought you missed your opportunity to see *Frozen* on Broadway, think again because the Tony nominated musical is embarking on a North American tour in fall 2019 beginning in Schenectady before officially opening at the Hollywood Pantages Theater in Los Angeles.

The trip includes roundtrip motor coach transportation and orchestra seating for *Frozen*. Due to the timing on this trip no meals are included but there will be stops both ways on the Thruway.

Non-refundable after September 20.

Fee: \$139 Residents \$144 All others

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Beauty and the Beast
Sunday, January 5, 2020
Syracuse Stage



Be our guest for family theatre at its very best. Spectacular costumes and fantastic sets combine with beloved songs in this classic story about finding the magic in love. A wicked curse has transformed a young prince into a ghastly Beast. To break the power of this spell and return to his former self, the Beast must learn how to love and be loved. His fate is in the hands of a young woman, Belle, who must guide and teach him before he is lost forever. A tale as old as time to celebrate the holiday season.

Trip Includes school bus transportation, tickets and chaperone. Bus departs at 1:00pm from Heritage Landing, next door to the DeWitt Town Hall. Returns approximately 5:15pm.

Fee: \$60 Residents \$65 All others

VOLLEYBALL

Open Volleyball

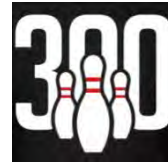
Attention volleyball players! Come and test your skills with the Town of DeWitt Parks & Recreation Volleyball Program. This adult volleyball program is for experienced, intermediate players. We offer competitive volleyball in a friendly atmosphere. Held at the Jamesville-DeWitt Middle School gym on Fridays, October 4 – June 5, 2020 (not 11/29, 12/27, 1/3, 2/21, 3/13, 4/10) from 7:00 – 9:30pm.

Fee: \$75 Residents \$80 All others

BOWLING

Meets Wednesdays September 11 – April 22, 2022 at Village Lanes (201 E. Manlius St, East Syracuse). Phone: (315) 299-6612

Come join the fun, laughs, exercise and, of course, bowling! Sign up every Wednesday. A holiday party will be held in December and a banquet will be held on the last day of bowling.



Congratulations to Fred Lee who bowled a perfect 300 on April 17, 2019, the last day of the season! Great job, Fred!!!

Bowling Schedule

9:00 am – Coffee/Donuts (\$1 donation)

9:20 am – Practice

9:30 am – Bowling

Fee: \$6 (includes 3 games)



BRIDGE

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

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

Annual Fee: \$25 (Membership renews in January)

CODFISH **(Community of DeWitt, Friends in Service Here)**

codFISH is a volunteer organization providing transportation to and from medical or dental appointments for ambulatory residents of the Town of DeWitt who are unable to drive themselves.

Call codFISH at (315) 463-5158 between 9:00am and 4:00pm to request an enrollment/release form. The forms are also available on our website fishofdewitt.org. Enrolled residents should call at least one week prior to their appointment to request a ride. Rides are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

When you call, you will reach a dispatcher or their voice mail. Please speak clearly and leave your name and number for a return call. Volunteer drivers will call clients to confirm the details of the appointment. Drivers can only transport ambulatory clients. Clients are responsible for any parking fees and should bring their handicapped parking tag if needed.

codFISH is an all-volunteer organization with 501c3 status, supported entirely by donations. If you would like to volunteer some time to do this important work, please contact codFISH for more information at (315) 463-5158 or dewittfish2012@gmail.com.



DEWITT CHORALIERS

Meets Fridays, September 6 – June 2020, 10:00am – 12:00pm at the DeWitt Town Hall Activity Room (5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse).

The DeWitt Choraliers are a 50+ Chorus, entertaining Central New York audiences for years with a variety of music. We are available for all occasions and events throughout the area (senior centers, nursing homes, private parties, etc.).

Now booking Fall/Winter jobs. Presently seeking an Accompanist (piano player with pay) & male singers!!

For more information contact the Recreation Office or Kathy Santangelo, Choral Director at (315) 446-6335.



LIGHT WEIGHT TRAINING

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30am at the DeWitt Town Hall – Activity Room (5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse)

Light weight training for adults 50 and older is a great way to get into shape, strengthen and tone muscles, build muscle mass and lose weight while preventing diseases such as osteoporosis. This class will offer techniques and step-by-step training from a certified fitness professional. Each participant must provide his/her own weights. Two sessions will be offered. **Session I:** September 10 - October 31. **Session II:** November 5 - December 19.

Fee:	Session I:	\$44 Residents
		\$49 All others
	Session II:	\$36 Residents
		\$41 All others

TABLE TENNIS

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

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

Annual Fee: \$40 (Membership renews in January)

SENIOR CENTERS

DeWitt Community Room

(148 Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse)
Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Year Round
9:30am-2:00pm
Sue Slack, Director

The DeWitt Community Room center offers Pitch games and tournaments, Bridge on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, guest speakers, hypertension screening, and more. This is also a Senior Nutrition site on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Lunches served at noon. Call (315) 470-3331 to reserve a meal. A \$3.50 donation is suggested for lunch. All Onondaga County seniors are welcome.

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

Jamesville Young-at-Heart Center

Jamesville Fire Station
(Rt. 173, Jamesville – across from Jamesville Correctional Facility)
Open: Tuesdays, 9:00am-2:00pm
Wednesdays, 9:00am-12:00pm
Corinne Brown, Director
Beverly Elliott, Ceramics Instructor
Lee Ann Farr, Stamping Instructor

On Tuesdays enjoy Pre-Poured Ceramics with Beverly Elliott, where you can choose from over 3,000 molds and make beautiful gifts for family and friends. Seminars are held on different techniques. Paint or socialize! The last Tuesday of each month there is a covered dish lunch. DeWitt Library sends a representative once a month with books to choose from for your reading pleasure. Hypertension screening is offered once a month.

On Wednesdays enjoy Stamping Artistic Creations with an instructor and make your own greeting cards.

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

Ceramics Fee: \$5 plus cost of greenware
Stamping Fee: \$4 plus coffee fund fee

New Testament Baptist Church (NTBC) Senior Center (1235 Old Stonehouse Rd, Jamesville)

Open Mondays, September 9 - May 11, 2020
9:00am-3:00pm
Lisa Owens, Director

NTBC Senior Center offers a variety of art classes for a range of skill levels (see list below). Each week local off-site locations deliver low cost lunches. A \$5 donation is requested for lunch, and a reservation is required one week in advance. There is a \$1 coffee fund donation requested per week. Hypertension Screening is available monthly.

NOTE: Due to the high volume of watercolor participants, **we are seeking a watercolor instructor.** If you are interested in teaching, please contact the Recreation Office at (315) 446-3910 x 9.

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

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

Class Fees Listed Below

Morning Classes: 9:30-11:00am

Chinese Brush Painting - \$15/year – Elaine
Drawing Class - \$15/year – Judith
Adventures in Art – No Fee
Workshop for Multi Media – No Fee

Afternoon Classes: 1:00-3:00pm

Beginning Basic Watercolor - \$15/year - Janet
Watercolor Techniques - \$15/year - Jan
Open Knit or Crochet – No Fee
Independent Watercolor Workshop – No Fee
Open Painting – No Fee



Syracuse Memory Café

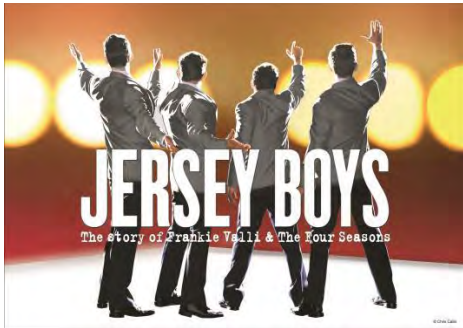
Second Wednesday of the Month, 10:30am-Noon
Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church
(5299 Jamesville Rd, DeWitt)

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

TRIPS

Jersey Boys

Wednesday, November 13
Landmark Theatre



They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard... and the radio just couldn't get enough of. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story — a story that has made them an international sensation all over again.

Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony Award®-winning true-life musical phenomenon, *Jersey Boys*. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just too good to be true.

Featuring the legendary top ten hits:
Sherry – Big Girls Don't Cry – Walk Like A Man – Can't Take MY Eyes Off You – December, 1963 (Oh What A Night)

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

Fee: \$75 DeWitt Residents \$80 All others

My Fair Lady

Friday, December 13
Landmark Theatre



From Lincoln Center Theater that brought you *The King & I* and *South Pacific*, comes “a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time” (*Entertainment Weekly*), Lerner & Loewe’s *My Fair Lady*.

Director Bartlett Sher’s glowing production is “thrilling, glorious and better than it ever was” (*New York Times*). “Every so often a revival comes along that reminds you how indispensable great theater can be” (*NY1*).

Boasting such classic songs as *I Could Have Danced All Night*, *The Rain in Spain*, *Wouldn't It Be Lovely* and *On the Street Where You Live*, *My Fair Lady* tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, and Henry Higgins, a linguistics professor who is determined to transform her into his idea of a “proper lady.” But who is really being transformed?

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

Fee: \$88 DeWitt Residents \$93 All others

A Bronx Tale

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Crouse Hinds Theatre



Three years ago, Academy Award nominee Chazz Palminteri teamed up with Academy Award® winner Robert De Niro, Tony® Award winner Jerry Zaks and Tony® Award nominee Sergio Trujillo to create this streetwise musical – based on Palminteri’s true life story.

A Bronx Tale, Broadway’s hit crowd-pleaser, takes you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s, where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he’d love to be. Bursting with high-energy dance numbers and original doo-wop tunes from Academy Award® and Tony® Award-winner Alan Menken (*Beauty and the Beast*) and Tony® Award-nominee Glenn Slater (*Love Never Dies*), *A Bronx Tale* is an unforgettable story of loyalty and family.

The New York Times hails *A Bronx Tale* as “A Critics’ Pick! The kind of tale that makes you laugh and cry.”

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

Fee: \$71 DeWitt Residents \$76 All others

ADDITIONAL SENIOR RESOURCES

Other Senior Programs in Your Area

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

Where to Turn For Assistance

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



51st Annual Canal Day

On Saturday, August 3rd the community came together to celebrate the 51st annual Canal Day at Ryder Park. It was an exciting day filled with food trucks, community groups, inflatables, games, face painting, pony rides, balloon build by Jeff the Magic Man, juggler/stilt walker, emergency vehicles and Highway trucks, Page Wildlife Center, and a performance by Salt City Ukulele. The Maria DeSantis Orchestra rocked the main stage, and the evening was capped off with a fantastic fireworks display!

The Recreation Department would like to thank everyone who made Canal Day a success and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Mark your calendars now!

52nd Canal Day: Saturday, August 1, 2020

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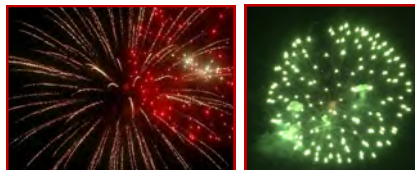
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TOSHIBA



How do you build a thriving community?

People working in partnership on projects like Willis Carrier Park!



People like Candace and John Marsellus, residents of DeWitt for more than 53 years. *"We have supported many town projects over the years: the 9/11 Memorial, Canal Day, biking and walking trails, the E.*

Genesee Street Flag project. When we learned of Carrier's generous gift of land to the town, we knew we wanted to be a part of supporting this exceptional community asset that will provide healthy, fun recreation for DeWitt residents and the broader community for many years to come."

Partners like East Syracuse Little League, (featured on our front cover) steadfast supporters of the park despite some bumps along the way! *"We have supported the Carrier Park project from the outset because it supports our coaches, players, their families, and the broader community. We look forward to the continued development of Carrier Park and to strengthening our partnership."* East Syracuse Little League President, Abner Oviedo

People like former Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney, (featured on our front cover w/baseball cap & jersey!) *"Carrier Park is a positive, progressive project that not only builds community for Dewitt residents, but also serves and supports the local economy and the special needs community; the children and families of Syracuse Challenger Baseball now have a permanent home in DeWitt at Carrier Park."*



Partners like Appel Osborne, the primary design consultant for Willis Carrier Park, *"The endeavor of making Carrier Park a reality has been the epitome of people working in partnership. It is because of the commitment, vision, dedication, and collaboration of the Town, Challenger, the community, and the entire design and construction team that this park is becoming a reality."*

Plus, the founding Carrier Park Partners: Carrier Corp., DeWitt Friends, and Syracuse Challenger Baseball...people working in partnership to build a thriving community. (For more information, see pages 19-23.)

