



Winter 2020 Newsletter

Town of DeWitt

How do you build a thriving community?

**POSITIVE, PROGRESSIVE PROJECTS LIKE
CARRIER PARK & OUR TOWN SOLAR ARRAY!**

(see the back cover & inside front cover for more info.)



parks



community



business

We're building a thriving community...

Construction of our town Solar Array is well underway!

Our DeWitt Solar Array project includes over 7,000 solar panels spread out over an 11-acre area; the sequence of six photos at right guides you through several phases of the construction process, from initial site work to mounting the solar panels onto the framework.

Over the 20-year life of the Solar Array project it is projected the Town will save over \$2 million on our municipal energy costs; that translates to approx. \$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.

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! Further, these numbers could double as modern solar panels can generate electricity for over 40 years.

"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 the Town of DeWitt, but it will also improve the quality of life for your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and mine."

Ed Michalenko, DeWitt Supervisor

For more information about the Solar Array project, go to: <http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/news/IMLaIRlyF2rzcQZZqr1bZA==.pdf>

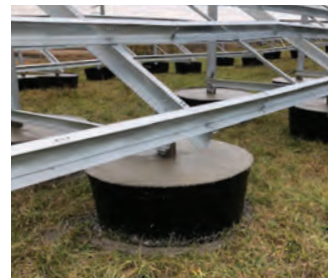
The Town of DeWitt...more than you think.



Initial site work at the landfill and collaboration of the construction teams in early summer 2019.



Large tubs, which will be filled with wet concrete, are placed in the field and then positioned with the array framework.



Once the framework is in place, the tubs are filled with concrete to anchor the framework; solar panels are then mounted on the array framework.



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



First and foremost I want to thank **you** for the opportunity to continue to serve you as Supervisor of the Town of DeWitt. It is an honor and privilege to serve this positive, progressive community; to work in partnership with you to ensure DeWitt continues to be a highly desirable place to live, worship, learn, work, play, and do business.

Over the years my objective has always been to work with you to support our community to thrive: energy, environment, recreation, neighborhoods, infrastructure, economic development, fiscal responsibility. Together – residents, businesses, and town government – we are tangibly building a thriving community.

From projects like Carrier Park, Elevating Erie, Inland Port, and the Solar Array at the site of the former town landfill - to Deer Management, sidewalks to our Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville, and the extraordinary donation of five acres of land and several hundred feet of waterfront at our Fiddler's Green Park by Jackie Place - our community is thriving at a time when many Central New York communities are struggling. This would not be possible without your support and partnership.

Moving forward into 2020 our goal, as always, is to provide you with the best possible services at the most cost effective tax rate; as you may know, for every dollar of property tax you pay, the Town of DeWitt only receives approximately 15 cents.

We have maintained the NYS tax cap for 12 consecutive years now, with average annual budget growth of less than 1.5%. We're able to achieve this through careful budget and capital expenditure planning, constant oversight of expenditures, efficient labor management, on-going consolidation, and the acquisition of grants.

A key component of building a thriving community is ensuring all members of the community are included – respected and valued – and able to fully and freely participate. Though our Carrier Park recreation center is a Town of Dewitt facility, it is the proud home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program. Challenger provides children and young adults with special needs the opportunity to do what most of us take for granted...play baseball. For years Syracuse Challenger had no home for its extraordinary program. Then in 2008 Dom Cambareri, Executive Director of Challenger, and I came together and the dream of Carrier Park was born.

This spring we will cut the ribbon on two major Phase 2 projects at Carrier Park; our brand new all-inclusive children's playground and three new basketball courts.

The playground, the only one of its kind in the CNY area, is for children of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs. In addition to special playground apparatus, the playground area features a ground-level membrane soft enough for all kids to tumble on, but firm enough for children with wheelchairs.

The basketball courts, partially funded by the Jim & Juli Boeheim Foundation, will be lighted and feature fully adjustable backboards and rims so children and adults in wheelchairs can also play. Once the playground and courts are complete this spring, we will be able to open up the park for use by individuals and families for much of the day and evening.

Also, please see the inside front cover of this newsletter (and my “Notes”) for details – and a detailed description – of the on-going construction of our Solar Array at the site of the former town landfill. This project not only allows us to make use of a previously unusable hazardous site to produce renewable energy, but in combination with our new LED street lights will free the Town from the use of fossil fuels to provide our electricity. All our municipal buildings and facilities, street lights, and water and sewer pumps will be powered by the sun. In the 21st century “building community” must include attention to energy and our environment; these projects allow us to be good stewards of both. I want our grandchildren to view burning fossil fuels as we view riding horses as a mode of transportation.

We’re also “building community” inside town hall with management training for our department heads and key personnel. We hope to extend these trainings over the course of the year and also provide support and communications opportunities for non-supervisory town staff too, so we can better work with one another and better serve you.

We’ve had a very busy and productive late fall and early winter; the details of several projects are outlined in my “Community Notes” and throughout this newsletter.

I hope you will join me in “building community” over the coming year in whatever ways support you and your family: your church group, your children’s school, an environmental project, one of our many town projects, or improving the quality of life in your neighborhood or the greater community.

I see so much in the media now about how divided we are as a people and as a nation and yet, there is so much more that unites us as a country, as a community, and as citizens.

Our country is composed of individual communities; as you well know our communities are this nation’s foundation. In the Town of DeWitt we continue to endeavor not only to “build community,” but to build a thriving community; a community in which all are welcome; a community in which positive, productive partnerships with neighboring organizations, towns, and villages are welcome; a community in which everyone is included – accepted and respected – as a valued member of our society.

Thank you for supporting me to continue to serve you as Town Supervisor. I am proud to be a part of this thriving, inclusive, positive community. I hope your holidays were peaceful and joyous and this New Year brings good health and prosperity to you, your family, our community, and our country.

Most sincerely,
Edward M. Michalenko, DeWitt Supervisor

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Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:00am-4:30pm
Web: www.townofdewitt.com

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Planning & Zoning x 3 plan_zone@townofdewitt.com	Assessor x 8 assessor@townofdewitt.com	Police Administrative (315) 449-3640 police@townofdewitt.com
Water x 4 water@townofdewitt.com	Recreation x 9 recreation@townofdewitt.com	Highway (315) 437-8331 DeWitt Highway Department 5953 Butternut Drive East Syracuse, NY 13057 Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:00am-3:30pm highway@townofdewitt.com
Supervisor x 5 supervisor@townofdewitt.com	Parks (315) 432-1925 DeWitt Parks Department 5953 Butternut Drive East Syracuse, NY 13057 Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:00am-3:30pm	
Comptroller x 6 comptroller@townofdewitt.com		

SUPERVISOR'S NOTES

With your partnership, we're building a thriving community...

Town Solar Array at the site of the former landfill...

Please see the inside front cover of this newsletter for details about our Solar Array project, now under construction at the site of the former town landfill.

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 without the use of fossil fuels, and save on municipal energy costs for many years to come. This solar power project makes sense right now, and for the future of our community.

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, and water and sewer pumps. 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 the inside front cover of this newsletter or go to: <http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/news/IMLalRlyF2rzcQZZqr1bZA==.pdf>

Environmental & Energy Initiatives

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

Assisting Residents with Energy Costs

If you would like information about how to save on your energy costs and/or bill payment options and financial assistance programs, stop by the Planning & Zoning office at Town Hall for information

brochures from the NYS Office of Consumer Services, or go to:

<https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/results>.



Carrier Park, Partnership and Building a Thriving Community...

Please see the back cover of this newsletter to read about Phase 2 construction at Carrier Park, including a brand new all-inclusive children's playground and three new basketball courts.

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

We expect to complete construction in early spring. We also anticipate replacing two dirt baseball infields with artificial turf, thus allowing us to begin to draw more games and tournaments to the park, supporting revenues, as well as local economic development. Plus, as soon as these construction projects are complete in early spring 2020, we will be able to re-open Carrier Park to the public on a regular basis.



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. Booking for the upcoming 2020 season is well underway; if you'd like to schedule play, please contact us at:

<http://carrierpark.org/tournaments/>

Last year Carrier Park hosted practices, games, and tournaments, as well as "Movie Night" and a First Responders Kickball event. We look forward to repeating these events in 2020 and to hosting new community events at the park. If you or your organization is interested in booking an event at Carrier Park, please contact us at:

supervisor@townofdewitt.com.

How can you support Carrier Park?

Please consider becoming a "Carrier Park Partner." Our state-of-the-art, all inclusive, multi-sport recreation facility for children and adults, including those with special needs...needs your partnership.

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 are a part of "building community" by supporting Carrier Park; your contribution also supports future park development.

(For more information about Carrier Park see pgs. 17-21 of this newsletter. Or download this PDF: <http://carrierpark.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Carrier-Park-Marketing-Package-PDF.pdf>

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

East Syracuse Bottle & Can Return

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

Fiddlers Green Park Update

As we announced in the fall, Ms. Jackie Place, in honor of her late husband Bryan McNeill Place, is donating five acres of land and several hundred feet of waterfront along Butternut Creek in Jamesville, an area behind the former Glen Loch restaurant, to our Fiddler's Green Park. Ms. Place's extraordinarily generous gift to the town is another example of how positive, productive partnerships with residents, businesses, and even our neighbors in other towns and villages, are an integral part of building a thriving community.

The town will be hosting a special event to acknowledge Ms. Place for her – and Bryan's – gift to our community sometime this spring or summer; we encourage any and all to attend to let Ms. Place know we genuinely appreciate her generosity and her exceptional contribution to the quality of life in the Town of DeWitt now and for many years into the future.

Again Jackie, my sincere thanks and appreciation...

Inside Town Hall

New! Town Staff Management Training

Of course, “building community” is also occurring inside Town Hall. At present, we have two on-going projects to support town staff. In the late fall, we began a series of management training sessions for Department Heads and key personnel. We expect to extend these learning and growth opportunities over the course of the year and to also make training and communication information available to all town staff. The objective is to better serve you, the taxpayer, but also to support staff to create a more supportive, empowered, informed work environment.

New! Town of DeWitt Website

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



Town of DeWitt Police Dept. News

We welcome two new officers to our Town of DeWitt Police Department, Officer Jacob Brewster and Officer Katrina Kilmer. Officers Brewster and Kilmer graduated from the academy in November and are presently participating in a 16-week field training program before beginning regular duty in April.

The Town is looking for one additional police officer; new hires need to be active on the Onondaga County civil service list to be eligible. If

you are a certified police officer with another agency and are interested in a position with the Town of DeWitt, contact:

police@townofdewitt.com

Safety and law enforcement are critical to building and sustaining a thriving community; and as you may know our Town of DeWitt Police department is one of the finest.

Deer Management Update

We're now in our 3rd year of our Deer Management efforts. Since 2018, a total of 185 deer have been removed from the town and 5,556 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

FYI, 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. So, it is critical we keep our deer population under control as recent statistics indicate that the population grows by approximately 30% each year.

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.

As such, the town needs **your help** with our Deer Management program for 2020. If you are a property owner interested in supporting the town's deer management efforts, please contact Nicholas Quilty-Koval at nkoval@townofdewitt.com, Planning and Zoning Dept., or at (315) 446-3910, ext. 137.

Also, as a reminder during the winter months:

- All Town parks are closed from dusk to dawn.
- Be sure you have a property owner's explicit permission before entering private property, especially after dark or before dawn; the property owner may be participating in the deer cull.

Ticks

The Town is planning a community outreach informational seminar on ticks; how to check for them, how to remove them, appropriate treatment, etc. We expect the seminar to be held in February and will be conducted by Kristine Ferrare from Cornell Cooperative. Please check our Town website later this month for the date and time of the seminar.

Shoppingtown Update

I am often asked about Shoppingtown and I want folks in our community to know the town pulled out all the stops over a period of several years to work with the property's owners to rehabilitate or fully redevelop the property; this valuable, strategically located commercial property – like all of our commercial properties – is important to the community as a whole and we want the site to be vibrant and profitable for the owners, the community, and the greater community.

As of this date, the future of the property is in the hands of Onondaga County; they are presently engaged in litigation with the owners of Shoppingtown regarding the \$9,744,515.02+ million owed in back taxes.

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

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

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

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

Elevating Erie & NYS Empire Trail Update



Certainly “Elevating Erie” is a project aimed at building a thriving community in the Town of DeWitt...and beyond. 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 began last fall. This spring we expect the project will include the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge on Kinne Road over I-481 that will connect the Craige 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 Sidewalk

The Town completed the installation of the sidewalk late last fall. The new sidewalk extends along Jamesville Road to the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville, connecting to existing Jamesville Road sidewalks. This will allow adjacent neighborhoods to walk to the library if they choose.

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

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

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, ext. 3.

Butternut Creek Trail Update

The new fishing platform was enjoyed by residents and visitors over the spring, summer, and fall months and the trail to the fishing dock was fully paved this past spring. However, the boardwalk at the head of the trail is presently closed due to structural problems. Plans are being developed over the winter to correct the issues and re-open the boardwalk in the future.

ASSESSOR

The Assessor’s Office is preparing for “exemption time”. All exemption renewal forms will be mailed by the first week of January. These forms must be completed and returned to our office by March 1st 2020, at the latest. Any exemption form submitted after March 1st will be rejected; the exemption will not be granted. If you are filing for a senior citizen exemption, we will need a signed copy of your 2019 Federal Tax Return when you have it completed. If you do not file a tax return, we will need all year-end income statements you receive for the 2019 year. Although we cannot process your application without your income, we will wait a bit for that but

we **MUST** have your application completed, **SIGNED** and returned to our office by March 1st. Please contact our office if you have any questions when you receive your renewal.

The STAR exemption process has several changes made by the New York State.

For New Home Owners Only: If you purchased your home after March 1st 2015, you will no longer apply for the Basic STAR exemption at our office, you will need to apply through the state. You can apply online at www.tax.ny.gov or call at (518) 457-2036.

For Enhanced STAR exemptions: 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 did not receive 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 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.

Contact our office with any questions at (315) 446-3910 x 8.



HIGHWAY

Notes from Superintendent Conte:



I want to thank residents for honoring me with your vote, and re-electing me to the position of Highway Superintendent. I am very grateful to everyone for the support, and look forward to continuing to work for you. Thank you again.

The facilities at the Highway Department were upgraded recently: overhead doors and the roof on an outbuilding were replaced. This was accomplished with a grant from (now retired) Senator John DeFrancisco. This funding was in place prior to his leaving office, but the actual construction was completed this summer. We are very appreciative for his support.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have leaves collected, and plows may have already visited your neighborhoods. We continue to upgrade street signs, tend to asphalt repairs (water breaks and pot holes), and keep the storm water system flowing freely. We have made several trips to assist with fallen trees and large limbs.

During the 2019 construction season, the Highway Department resurfaced or repaved 12.52 miles of road/streets. The department rebuilt or refurbished over 120 catch basins, as well as replaced over 400 feet of drainage pipe. In the early spring we will continue to de-silt and reshape open drainage areas, and assess projects for the current year.

I appreciate the community support of our efforts and continue to be available to assist with any concerns you have.

Rocco P. Conte

Yard Waste

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, and in the Spring/Summer newsletter.

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 with a Christmas tree or put it out in the spring with other lawn debris. The support structure can be disposed of in the trash or recycling depending upon the material.

Overnight Parking

Overnight parking (between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am) 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!

Reminder: It is illegal to pass a vehicle using the shoulder of the road.

Snow Plowing

The plow routes within the Town take an average of 4 hours to complete, and the drivers typically start before 3:00am.

Mailboxes

As a courtesy, the Highway department will assist with mailbox repair if our snow plow has hit the box or post. The Town will not make repairs to mailboxes which are unable to withstand the force of snow, struck by other vehicles or improperly installed. Call Highway at (315) 437-8331 to report and we will visit the site as soon as the weather allows.

The Town is not responsible for replacing designer boxes, posts, or any style of newspaper boxes. (If you have such a mailbox, you may want to consider removing it for the winter months and replacing it with a standard box). Contact your post office to make temporary arrangements for mail service.

Snow Plow Tips

- **Don't crowd the plow**—give them room to work. The plows are wide and may cross the centerline or shoulder.
- **Don't tailgate and try not to pass.**
- If you must pass, take extreme caution.
- **Snowplows travel below the posted speed limit**—be patient.
- **A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted.** You may see them but they may not see you. Please stay a safe distance behind the snowplow. Keep your distance and watch for **sudden stops, turns and backing up.**
- On multiple lane roads, watch for snowplows operating in **either** lane.
- Snowplows can throw up a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero in less time than you can react. **Never drive into a snow cloud** - it could conceal a snowplow.
- **Be aware of the extreme danger of snow tunnels built along the roadside,** or in snow storage areas. Plow drivers cannot see children playing inside them and the force of additional snow accumulating may cause cave-ins.



Pothole Repair

- On Town streets, contact the Highway Department (315) 437-8331. The “hole” will be temporarily repaired; and placed on a list for permanent repair in the spring.
- **New York State Roads** 1-800-POTHOLE (1-800-768-4653)
- **Onondaga County Roads** (315) 435-5452

For a list of State and County roads in DeWitt visit <http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/1392.pdf>

PARKS & FACILITIES

2020 Park and Facility Rentals will are now available! Rentals are done on a first come, first serve basis.

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.

NEW FOR 2020 ONLINE RESERVATIONS!

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

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

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

PLANNING, ZONING, CODES & SUSTAINABILITY

Tick Management

While there may be snow on the ground, it is important to still protect yourself from ticks. When exploring the great outdoors please consider the following points:

- Cover all exposed areas of your skin
- Wear light colored clothes
- Use specified insect repellent
- Inspect yourself for ticks

For more information on personal protection please visit the DEC website.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/111538.html>

Also, please keep your eye out for news regarding a future event to be held in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Deer Management Update

In areas of DeWitt where white-tailed deer populations are thriving and control methods are limited due to land use, a deer cull will occur on both public and private sites from January through March 2020. For public safety, we remind residents that Town owned parks are closed between dusk and dawn during this time period. Several new sites have been added to the program this year. It is imperative to obtain express, implicit, and current property owner permission before entering private property during this period of time. Please contact individual property owners to inquire as to their participation in the program. If you are interested in learning how to participate in next year's operation, please contact nkoval@townofdewitt.com. For more information visit: www.townofdewitt.com/WhiteTailedDeer.aspx

Elevating Erie Update



In the Spring 2018 newsletter we shared the news of the State's commitment to complete the Empire State Trail by 2020 – an exciting State-wide investment in recreational trail connections that proposes to bring pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure through the center of DeWitt via Erie Boulevard. Among the following upgrades to our local trails beginning spring 2019:

- New bicycle and pedestrian trail and infrastructure along Towpath Road,
- New pedestrian bridge crossing 481, parallel to the Kinne Street bridge, which will connect our existing Erie Canal trailhead to the Towpath Road improvements. The Town is staying engaged in the State's project planning through our ongoing work with Elevating Erie, our collaborative project with the City of Syracuse to close the gap in the Erie Canal Trail between DeWitt and Camillus.

We're continuing to pursue projects that raise the bar on the State's current proposal, including a new park near the intersection of Bridge Street and Erie Boulevard to improve our existing Widewaters

Pond and a public art installation near the current Erie Canal trailhead. Up to date project information is always available at www.elevatingerie.com or www.facebook.com/ElevatingErie.

Cutoff Date for Fertilizing Lawns is December 1

If you plan to fertilize your lawn, remember that it is against New York State law to fertilize lawns between December 1 and April 1. Visit the DEC's Lawn Fertilizer webpage www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/67239.html for more information. The law does not apply to agricultural fertilizer or fertilizer for gardens.

Choose a lawn fertilizer with no phosphorus.

Lawn fertilizer can have unnecessary phosphorus that runs into waterbodies. Excess phosphorus in freshwater lakes and ponds can cause algae overgrowth, with serious impacts to the environment and public health.

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Clean Up

Saturday, April 25
9:00am - 12:00pm

Volunteers should meet at Town Hall or Robbie T's Pizza on North Street in Jamesville. We will supply bags, safety vests and OCRRA stickers. Volunteers should bring their own work gloves and should dress for the conditions. We ask you to include clothes that protect against ticks, since most litter is found in the same roadside weeds that are home to ticks. Refreshments will be available at both of our headquarters locations. At Town Hall, bagels, donuts, coffee, and juice are always donated by Wegmans. Of course, Robbie Thompson always gives free pizza to everyone who cleans in Jamesville.

Everyone should remember that you may also clean on an alternate day. Just contact Dennis Payne at (315) 469-0565 or paynedennis1@gmail.com so you may receive clean up materials.

We need every DeWitt resident to pitch in to help clean up our community. Please consider organizing a group of neighbors, friends, family members, business or other associates and identify a location

of your choice to clean. Perhaps a street in your neighborhood or a series of storm drains needs attention. Please join us. Thanks, from the DeWitt Advisory Conservation Commission (DACC).

CODES ENFORCEMENT



Dale Gillette Is an official member of the Codes Enforcement Team, recently completing his NY state certification courses. Dale has lived his life in the

Oneida Lake region and built his own home in the town of Sullivan. Dale began his career after high school working as a private contractor for 17 years. He brings many attributes to the job including building and codes experience and an ease communicating with home and business owners. In his leisure time Dale is an avid sportsman and enjoys spending time traveling the country competing as an RC car racer. His family home will be blessed with a baby boy in December and Dale is busy getting things ready. Be sure to welcome him to the team.

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. Now is a great time to check the batteries in your detectors!
- 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 as to proper operation and exhaust ventilation to the exterior. Newly installed heat producing devices require a permit for them to be installed.
- Exterior wall vents for all fuel fired devices need to be checked during the winter months. Snow drifting may exceed the height of the exhaust and air intake vent pipes and may obstruct vents during the winter months. If

drifting occurs, please have the vents raised to a higher height for proper ventilation and air supply intake.

- If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please keep it shoveled so the fire department can have easy access to it.

POLICE



One of the most infuriating things that can happen to a car owner – and it's one of the most common forms of larceny in the Town of Dewitt, is the simple car break-in. Unfortunately, most

of the vehicles "broken into" in the Town of Dewitt, are actually not "broken" into at all. The thief will simply open the unlocked door of an unattended vehicle and quickly steal valuables.

While there's no way to 100% deter these kinds of thieves, there are some common-sense steps you can take to make your vehicle a much less appealing target. Above all, thieves look for opportunities. Make them "work" for their pilfered prizes, and they'll most likely just forget it and move on to an easier target.

- Lock Your Doors.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight
- Remove Your Keys from the Vehicle.
- Do Not Leave a Spare Key Near Your Vehicle.
- Close the Windows.
- Park in Well-Lit Areas.
- Install an Audible Alarm System and Anti-Theft Device.

The most important step you can do to help the police is to call 911 if you see or hear anything suspicious when you are witnessing the suspicious activity. Your police department works around the clock to ensure your safety and we welcome your timely information that may assist us in keeping your communities safe.

Department News

The Dewitt Police are currently in the rigorous process of being evaluated for reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). What does this mean?

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations. The CALEA Accreditation program seals are reserved for use by those public safety agencies that have demonstrated compliance with CALEA Standards and have been awarded CALEA Accreditation by the Commission.

The Law Enforcement Accreditation process focuses on standards that provide best practices related to life, health, and safety procedures for the agency. These standards are considered foundational for contemporary law enforcement agencies.

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

On April 2, 2016 DeWitt Police Department was awarded the highest level of law enforcement accreditation, both nationally/internationally, through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The CALEA process consists of several years of self-assessment, remote and on-site audits, as well as a final assessment/recommendation from the Executive Board.

Law Enforcement Accreditation results in a highly performing organization with the capacity to address any operational or administrative challenges, and serve as an industry leader. The men and women of the Dewitt Police work hard to maintain these standards and look forward to the re-evaluation to increase their professionalism and service to the Town of Dewitt residents.



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

2020 Town & County Tax Bills

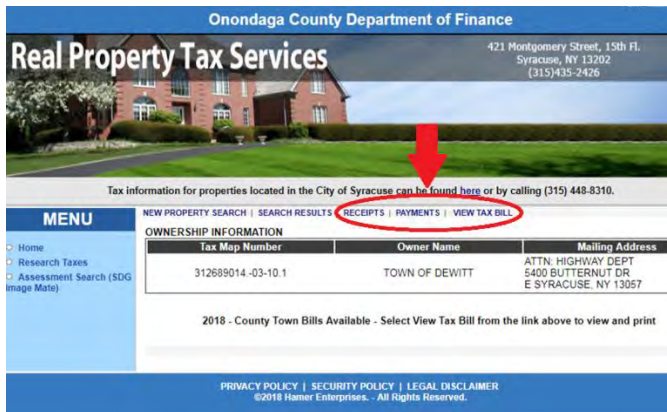
The Tax Office will be open on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm for School tax bill collection.

The 2020 Town & County tax bills are mailed at the end of December. 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" (See image)



Board Meetings, Agendas & Minutes

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

Credit Card Payments

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

Parking Permits for People with Severe Disabilities

Parking permits or hang tags are 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.

MAKING STRONG DEWITT NEIGHBORHOODS

How To Start A Neighborhood Association Featuring: The DeWittshire Community Club

A Neighborhood Association is a great way to meet your neighbors and to create a stronger sense of community. DeWitt has a few neighborhoods who have organized to build community between neighbors. One such neighborhood is the DeWittshire Community Club. This Association is comprised of 6 streets and 140 houses.

Their volunteer committee includes a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Sunshine Committee and Historian. The optional \$20 yearly fee per household is to offset some activity costs and between 70% and 80% of the neighbors participate. Upon submitting the fee, the participant receives a map with the names and contact information for all the neighbors. The DeWittshire Community Club organizes many activities throughout the year: A Turkey Trot, Ladies Night Out, Cookies Exchange, Luminary Bags, Potluck picnics, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Neighborhood Parade, Fall Welcome.

The Association has a Facebook Page and distributes a calendar of events every year. They send out a survey every 3 years to hear feedback on the activities.

President Alyssa Olsen has young children and enjoys interacting with her neighbors and has volunteered to be President because she loves the neighborhood and sense of community.



If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Association in your corner of DeWitt, please go to our website for detailed instructions.
<http://www.townofdewitt.com/documents/1476.pdf>

If your Neighborhood Association would like to include a Neighborhood Watch, contact the DeWitt Police. They have dedicated officers to do community outreach and to meet with neighborhood groups. Contact them at (315) 449-3640 or communitypolicing@townofdewitt.com

To learn more about DeWitt Community Policing, go to
http://www.townofdewittpolice.com/Community_Policing.html.

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!

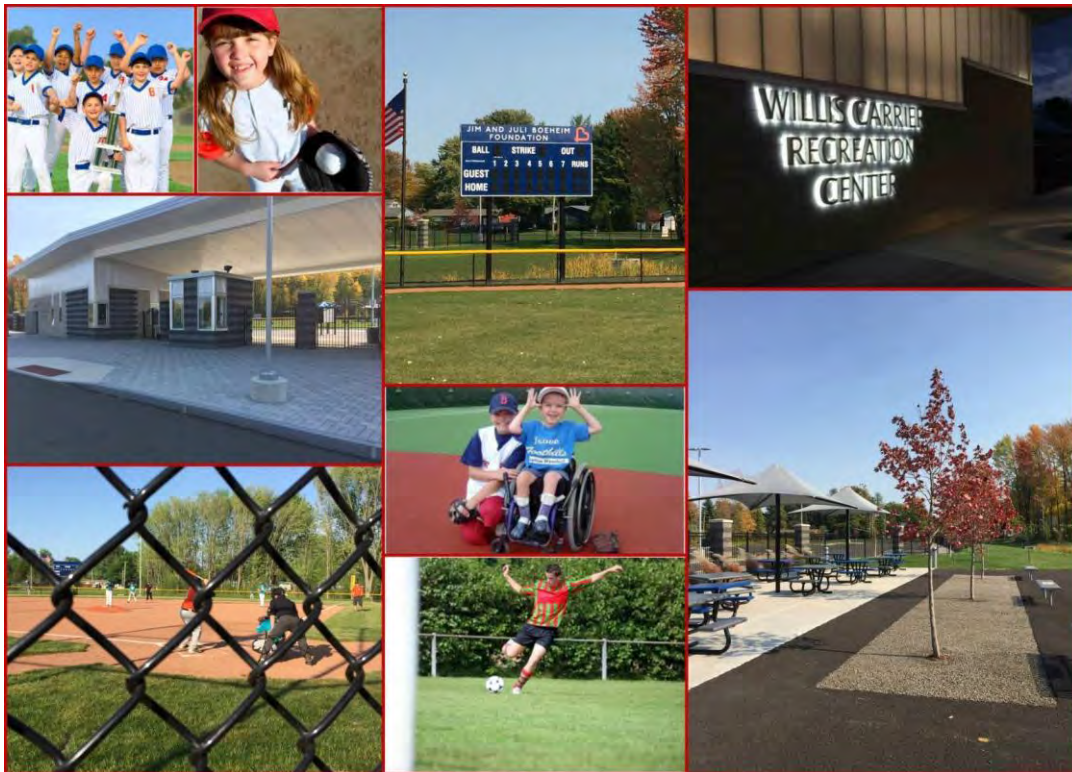
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What's next? Phase 2 of construction will include adding an all-inclusive, cutting edge playground – the only one of its kind in Central New York - and three specially designed basketball courts, funded in part by the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation, 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, Jan 10 by 4:00pm

Orders must be made in person

EBT Cards Charged: Friday, January 10

Pick-Up 12:30-2:30pm: Wednesday, Jan 22

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!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2020

Food Unit: \$20.50

All Items Included

- Chicken Drumsticks, 3.5 lbs. (avg)
- Meatballs, 1 lb.
- Italian Sausage, 1 lb.
- Pollock Fillets, 1 lb.
- Pizza (Supreme), 20.6 oz.
- Cheese Ravioli, 13 oz.
- Mozzarella Cheese, 8 oz.
- Spaghetti Sauce, 24 oz.
- Frozen Pineapple, 1 lb.
- Diced Tomatoes, 15 oz.
- Fresh Produce (TBA)
- Fresh Produce (TBA)

Specials Individually Priced

1. **Chicken Wings, 4 lbs, \$10.50**
 - all-natural, individually quick frozen
2. **Stuffed Pork Chops, 2 lbs, \$8.00**
 - stuffed w/apples and cranberries
3. **Breaded Shrimp, 3 lbs, \$12.75**
 - 16-20 shrimp per pound
4. **Steak Sandwiches, 21 oz, \$6.50**
 - 100% beef, easy to prepare
5. **Protein Box, \$12.00**
 - Includes: Pork Tenderloin 1.7 lb (avg), Chicken Tenders 2 lbs, Salisbury Steak 12 oz, Breaded Fish Sticks 1 lb, and Ground Turkey 1 lb
6. **Mozzarella Sticks, 2 lbs, \$6.00**
 - par-cooked, ready for oven
7. **Macaroni & Beef, 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

In October 2019 we had the opportunity to hire a new Recreation Leader, and we are very excited to welcome Keith to the Recreation Department!



A Note from Keith:

I have worked for the Town of DeWitt Recreation Department since 2013. When I was a child I went to the summer Day Camp every year and I always thought “I would love to do that when I’m older, I want to be one of those counselors.” When the opportunity came in 2013, I did exactly that and became a Day Camp counselor. My first summer was exactly what I remembered as a child and more. I loved working camp so much that it influenced my college decision and the future career path I would choose.

Since 2013 I have worked six summers at Day Camp and Mini Camp along with numerous programs throughout the school year. These programs include AM and PM Recreation, school break programs and Saturday Soccer.

When I am not doing programs for the Recreation Department, my second passion is basketball. I played for Cazenovia College, coach the St. Matthew’s JV team and recently became a certified basketball official.

I truly enjoy working with kids and the community and I am excited to see what the future holds here at the Town of DeWitt Recreation Department.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of DeWitt is looking for creative, self-motivated employees to staff our summer Day Camp program. Beginning in February, application packets are available in the Recreation Office or online at www.townofdewitt.com. To apply for a summer job, submit your completed application packet to the Recreation Office then contact us at (315) 446-3910 x 9 to schedule an interview. Interviews are held from mid-February through April.



SUMMER PRE-K

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

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

Registration begins on Tuesday, March 3 for those in the J-D/ESM school districts.

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

Dates: Monday, July 6 – Friday, August 14

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm, Monday – Friday

Location: DeWitt Town Hall

Ages: 3-5 (MUST be 3 by June 1, 2020)

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW SLED FEST

Saturday, January 11

10:00am – 1:00pm

Tecumseh Elementary School

901 Nottingham Road, Jamesville

FREE!



Join the Town of DeWitt Recreation Department for our very first Sled Fest! Open to all children in grades K-8, races will be held for both homemade and store bought sleds. Refreshments will be provided.

Pre-registration is highly recommended. Register at townofdewitt.recdesk.com or call (315) 446-9250 x 9. Walk-ins are also welcome on the day of the event. Be sure to dress for the weather as this is an *outdoor event.

*Event is weather dependent. Updates will be posted on Facebook and RecDesk. Pre-registered registrants will be notified of any event changes.

LET'S DANCE!

Father/Daughter Black Light Dance Party

Saturday, February 8

5:00-7:00pm OR 7:30-9:30pm

DeWitt Community Room

148 Sanders Creek Pkwy, East Syracuse

\$10/person

Girls in grades K-6 and their father/father figure/other special adult are invited to dress in their best neon and join us for a night of glowing fun! Enjoy refreshments, photo “booth,” dance contest, fun activities and prizes all while you dance the night away to family friendly music. **Space is limited.**

Registration begins Thursday, January 2 at 8:00am online or at the Recreation Office on a first come, first serve basis. Must register in advance, no registrations will be taken at the door. Non-refundable after 1/31/20. **Both the adult and child must be registered to attend.**

Harlem Globetrotters

Sunday, February 23

War Memorial



Don't miss the one and only Harlem

Globetrotters in an all-new tour! There will be new high-flying dunks, hilarious stunts, a new record-breaking attempt and unforgettable family moments. See the Pushing The Limits World Tour live!

The Harlem Globetrotters are worldwide icons, synonymous with family entertainment and great basketball skills. The Globetrotters represent 90-plus years of breaking down barriers, acts of goodwill and a commitment to fans that goes beyond the game.

Tickets include school bus transportation to and from the War Memorial Arena and 100 Level seats for the show.

The show time is 3:00 - 5:00pm. The bus will depart from the DeWitt Town Hall at 2:15pm and return at approximately 5:30pm.

Fee: \$45 DeWitt Residents
\$50 All Others

Mother/Son Game Day

Saturday, May 16

1:00-3:00pm

DeWitt Community Room

148 Sanders Creek Pkwy

East Syracuse

\$10/person



Boys in grades K-6 and their mothers/mother figures/other special adult are invited to join us for a Minute to Win It game night! More information will be provided as it becomes available. **Space is limited.**

Registration begins Monday, March 16 at 8:00am online or in the Recreation Office on a first come, first serve basis. Must register in advance, no registrations will be taken at the door. Non-refundable after 5/8/20. **Both the adult and child must be registered to attend.**

YOUTH PROGRAMS

FOUR-WEEK LEARN TO SKI OR SNOWBOARD

Four Seasons will offer this four-week, one-hour lesson program for downhill skiing or snowboarding. Lessons begin on Saturday, February 1 or Sunday, February 2. Lesson times are 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm or 2:15pm. Special Daily Lesson Rental Rates of \$18 for Alpine and \$22 for Snowboarding. Fee includes season pass for day of lesson for remainder of season.

Fee: \$125 DeWitt Residents
\$130 All others

JUNIOR GOLF AT FOUR SEASONS

Learn the game of golf at Four Seasons. Open to children ages 8 and up. Held Saturdays, April 25 - May 23. Class times are 9am **OR** 10am. Balls and clubs will be provided.

Fee: \$95 Residents
\$100 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 4:45 pm 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 CAMP

Learn-to-Ski OR Snowboard at Four Seasons during the Mid-Winter Break, February 18–21 from 10:00am–4:30pm. (Instruction ends at 2:00pm and practice is on your own until 4:30pm). Fee includes three hours of lessons a day, lift ticket, equipment rental, and lunch.

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

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 Tuesday, April 7 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at **EAVES, 6232 Fly Road, East Syracuse.**

Fee: \$50 Residents
\$55 All others

SATURDAY SWIM LESSONS

DeWitt swim lessons at the JDMS pool for toddler through Level VI will be held March 7–April 18 (not 4/4). Children 4 years and under **MUST** be accompanied by parent in the pool. Registration by a parent/guardian of Town of DeWitt/J-D District residents will start on January 28th in the Recreation Office **ONLY**. Please do not mail in registrations. Non-residents can register beginning February 4th on a space available basis. Class times are between 9:00am and 11:15am and will be assigned upon registration.

Fee: \$45 DeWitt Residents
\$50 All others

SCHOOL BREAK SPECIALS

A variety of recreational activities are planned for children the weeks of **February 18 - 21** and **April 6- 9**. Activities may include crafts, games, field trips and more. Flyers will be distributed to the schools with program specifics prior to each break week, or visit townofdewitt.recdesk.com for more information.

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, January 29 - March 4 from 3:30-4:30pm OR Saturdays, February 1 - March 7 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, January 29 - March 4 from 4:30-5:30pm OR Saturdays, February 1 - March 7 from 11:00am-Noon.

Fee: \$108 Residents
\$113 All others



ADULT PROGRAMS

BOATING

About Boating Safely

Mandatory for all boat operators in New York!



The About Boating Safely class is presented by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Brewerton Flotilla, 02-14. This is an introductory, beginner boater safety course - this is not an operator's licensing course. This course fulfills the Boater Safety requirement for New York State and is required for all powered boats, jet skis and sailboats with auxiliary power.

Topics to be covered include: Introduction to Boating, Boating Law, Boat Safety Equipment (required and recommended), Boating Safely, Basic Navigation, Boating Problems, Trailering, Storing and protecting your boat. **Persons born before May 1, 1996 are no longer exempt from taking this course.** Upon successfully passing a written test, participants will receive their USCG Auxiliary Certificate of completion and a certification card. Two sessions will be held. Saturday, March 7 **OR** Saturday, April 4 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, March 21 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, February 4 – May 14 (not 2/18, 2/20, 3/5, 4/7, 4/9) from 6:00-6:40pm at Moses DeWitt Elementary School.

Fee: \$100 one class per week Residents
\$105 All others
\$171 two classes per week Residents
\$176 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, February 3 – May 11 (not 2/17, 4/6) from 6:00-7:00pm at Tecumseh Elementary School. A yoga mat is needed.

Fee: \$114 Residents
\$119 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, February 4 - May 12 (not 2/18, 4/7) from 6:45-7:30pm at Moses DeWitt Elementary School.

Fee: \$104 Residents
\$109 All others

GOLF

Four Seasons Spring Golf

Enjoy five weeks of one-hour golf lessons covering all aspects of the game. Held Wednesdays, April 29 - May 27. Class time are 5:30 OR 6:30pm. Fee includes balls and clubs.

Fee: \$95 Residents
\$100 All others

TRIPS

A Bronx Tale

Wednesday, February 19
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 Residents
\$76 All others

Harlem Globetrotters

Sunday, February 23
War Memorial



Don’t miss the one and only Harlem Globetrotters in an all-new tour! There will be new high-flying dunks, hilarious stunts, a new record-breaking attempt and unforgettable family moments. See the Pushing The Limits World Tour live!

The Harlem Globetrotters are worldwide icons, synonymous with family entertainment and great basketball skills. The Globetrotters represent 90-plus years of breaking down barriers, acts of goodwill and a commitment to fans that goes beyond the game.

Tickets include school bus transportation to and from the War Memorial Arena and 100 Level seats for the show.

The show time is 3:00 - 5:00pm. The bus will depart from the DeWitt Town Hall at 2:15pm and return at approximately 5:30pm.

Fee: \$45 DeWitt Residents
\$50 All Others



An American in Paris

Wednesday, June 3
Crouse Hinds Theatre



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

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

"Pure Joy...*An American In Paris* is a TRIUMPH!"
- New York Times

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 Residents
\$76 All others



SENIOR PROGRAMS

BOWLING

Meets Wednesdays through April 22
Village Lanes (201 E. Manlius St, East Syracuse).

Come join the fun, laughs, exercise and, of course, bowling! Sign up any Wednesday. A banquet will be held on the last day of bowling.

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

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 through June, 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 spring jobs. Presently seeking male singers!

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

DEWITT SENIOR FAIR

Thursday, April 23

11:30am-1:30pm

DeWitt Town Hall

FREE

Community members are invited to attend the DeWitt Senior Fair, where they can learn about health and wellness opportunities within Central New York.

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 is for adults 50 and older. This class will offer techniques and step-by-step training from a fitness professional. The class begins with a standing warm-up. After the warm-up there are light weight exercises standing and sitting. These are designed to help strengthen muscles. The class ends with a full body stretch. Each participant must provide his/her own weights. Two sessions will be offered. **Session I:** January 28 - April 2. **Session II:** April 7 - June 18.

Fee:	Session I	\$55 Residents
		\$60 all others
	Session II	\$60 Residents
		\$65 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 tournaments, Pitch games, bridge, hypertension screening, and more. It is also a Senior Nutrition site on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Lunches served at noon. Call (315) 470-3331 to reserve a meal. A \$3.50 fee is suggested for lunch. All Onondaga County seniors are welcome.

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



Jamesville Young-at-Heart Center

Jamesville Fire Station
(Rt. 173, Jamesville – across from Jamesville Correctional Facility)
Open: Tuesdays, 9:00am-2:00pm
Wednesdays, 9:00am-12:30pm
Corinne Brown, Director
Beverly Elliott, Ceramics Instructor
Lee Ann Farr, Stamping Instructor

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

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

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

Ceramics Fee: \$5 plus cost of greenware

Stamping Fee: \$4 plus coffee fund fee



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

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

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

NOTE: 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

NTBC Art Classes

Class Fees Listed Below

Morning Classes: 9:00-11:00am

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

Afternoon Classes: 1:00-3:00pm

Beginning Basic Watercolor - \$15/year - Connie
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

The Grand Hotel

Saturday – Wednesday, June 20-24



Our first day we travel to Frankenmuth, a thriving community of 4,900 residents who take pride in preserving their German heritage. Dinner this evening will be served family style in Frankenmuth. There is time after dinner to explore Frankenmuth. The next morning we depart Frankenmuth for the Grand Hotel.

Grand Hotel and Mackinac Island. A Magical Journey Back in Time. Our exciting four night trip includes three days and two nights at the Grand Hotel. Upon our arrival on Mackinac Island, we will be met by horse-drawn carriages (no motor vehicles

are ever allowed on the island). Truly there is little in this world that can surpass the first breathtaking glimpse of the Grand Hotel as our carriage approaches to reveal it perched upon the bluff, its 660-front porch bedecked with flags and flowering geraniums.

The Grand Hotel is a resort and they certainly want you to feel at ease and dress comfortably during the day in casual resort attire, please no halter tops, tank tops or cut-off shorts. **Evening wear is required in all areas of the hotel after 6:30pm. Evening wear for ladies includes dresses, skirts and blouse, or pantsuit; and for gentlemen a suit or sport coat, necktie and dress slacks; no denim in the evening please.**

Dining at the Grand Hotel is almost too delicious for words. Our visit includes 2 five-course dinners; 2 full breakfasts; and the Grand Buffet plus a carriage ride of historic Mackinac Island. On Tuesday we begin our journey back home, stopping overnight at the Elmhurst Inn in Ingersoll, Ontario. Dinner and breakfast are included at the Elmhurst Inn.

Trip includes four nights of hotel accommodations, four breakfasts; four dinners, Grand Buffet Lunch, carriage ride of Mackinac Island, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, Travel Choice International Escort, and all tips and gratuities.

\$100 deposit per person is due at registration. Final payment is due by April 17. Trip is non-refundable after April 17.

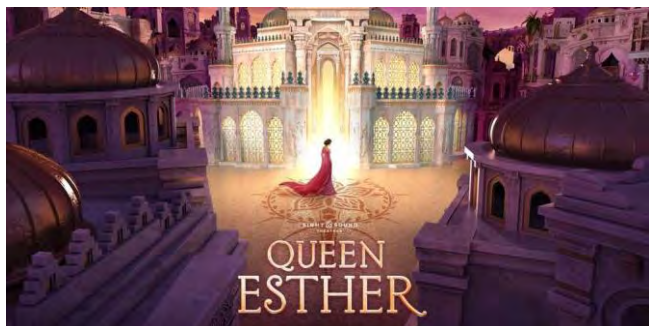
Fee:	Single	Double	Per Person
	\$1,839	\$1,349	Residents
	\$1,854	\$1,364	All others

Our motorcoach travels through Canada. Both U.S. and Canadian customs dictate that each arriving traveler **MUST** carry proof of US Citizenship. The acceptable documents are current Passport, Passport Card, or Enhanced New York State Driver's License. **Anyone without documentation will not be allowed to board the bus.**

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

Queen Esther

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



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

Wednesday: We start our day with the breakfast smorgasbord at our hotel. This morning we experience *Queen Esther* at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster. Set in the opulent Persian Empire, *Queen Esther* is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for a time as this?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trip Questions

Contact Travel Choice at (315) 445-1400

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



Town of DeWitt Recreation Day Camp

For children who have completed grades K-8

Monday, July 6 – Friday, August 14
9:30am – 3:00pm

K-8 Camp Cost: \$425 J-D/ESM Residents
Includes 6 weeks of camp and all field trips.

Camp Location: Jamesville-DeWitt Middle School

Registration Information

All registrations must be completed in person at the Recreation Office (5400 Butternut Drive, E. Syr.)

Please do not fax or mail registrations.

Space is limited! Do not delay!

Resident Registration: Begins Tuesday, March 3

All Other Registration: Begins Tuesday, April 21

Registration Ends Friday, June 26

Required at Registration

- 1) Completed Day Camp Registration Form
(available Feb. 3 at townofdewitt.recdesk.com)
- 2) **Current Immunization Records****
**New copies required by Health Department
- 3) Payment in the form of cash, check or credit card*

**A service fee will be applied to all credit card transactions.*

Summer fun includes:

- Arts & Crafts
- Sports & Games
- Musical Arts & Drama
- Theme Days
- Special Events
- Field Trips

Available Extras

Rates for J-D/ESM Residents

Camp Extended Hours (CEH)

AM (7:30-9:30): \$115

PM (3:00-5:15): \$115

Both Sessions: \$230

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\$35/family - within Town of DeWitt only

4 – 8th Grade Electives

Activities and Prices TBA

Optional Payment Plan

Those interested in utilizing the payment plan must complete paperwork and put down a deposit of one third (1/3) of the total balance due at the time of registration.

All payment plan paperwork must be submitted no later than May 29 and **must be paid in full by June 12.**

Contact the Recreation Office

(315) 446-9250 x 9

recreation@townofdewitt.com





5400 Butternut Drive
East Syracuse, NY 13057
www.townofdewitt.com

CARRIER PARK 2020

We're building CNY's baseball and softball tournament destination...

There's no question CNY needs robust economic development projects that strengthen our economy; Carrier Park is just such a project.

Recreational tourism can play a critical role in building a prosperous future for the DeWitt, Onondaga County, and CNY region. Carrier Park supports tourism by bringing baseball and softball tournaments to our "world-class" recreation facility; that keeps our 30+ hotels busy! It's estimated that just 14 weekend events at Carrier Park can generate over \$5.1 million per year in economic benefits.

DeWitt is a natural tourist hub, offering visitors ready access to restaurants, shopping, Clark Reservation, Jamesville Beach, biking and walking trails, the Erie Canal, connection to the Empire State Trail, and easy access to all major transportation routes.

A fully integrated, fully accessible, multi-sport outdoor complex, Willis Carrier Park is also home of the Syracuse Challenger Baseball program, the local division of Little League for children and young adults with disabilities.

Spring 2020 we will rechristen the park upon completion of a brand new all-inclusive children's playground and three new basketball courts. The courts, partially funded by the Jim & Juli Boeheim Foundation, will be lighted and feature fully adjustable backboards and rims so children and adults in wheelchairs can also play.

The playground, the only one of its kind in the CNY area, is specially designed for children of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs. In addition to special apparatus, the playground area features a soft, ground-level membrane safe for all kids to tumble on, but firm enough for children in wheelchairs, too.

Tournaments, tourism, economic development & family fun...

Carrier Park is a proactive economic "engine" able to provide economic growth, now and into the future, while also enhancing our quality of life and supporting the families of Syracuse Challenger Baseball.

We're building a thriving community.



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