ABOUTOWN

Town of Geddes, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209
www.townofgeddes.com
Winter / Spring 2021

*Due to COVID, the John Carno Recreation Center gymnasium is currently closed for open gym or organizational meetings - with the exception of our Adult Exercise Classes.
*Also, due to school districts managing with the COVID-19 virus, some programs, locations, dates and times of programs may be cancelled or changed.
For updated information, check our website, the Town of Geddes and the Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation Facebook pages, email the Department at parks@townofgeddes.com or call the Department at **(315) 487-8238.**
We appreciate your understanding and stay safe and well!!

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VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY DRIVE THROUGH

Come on down to 1000 Woods Road (Town Hall) for our first ever drive-through Visit With The Easter Bunny! Hop in the car and head on over to see some Easter decorations! We will also be handing out goodie bags!

LIMITED TO 150 GOODIE BAGS! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

Starts at 10:30am to 11:30am or until goodie bags are gone!

1000 Woods Road Town Hall
Saturday, March 27th
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
No registration!!

For more information, call the Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 9am-4:30pm.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for tentative summer employment.

Applicants must be Town of Geddes Residents and must be high school graduates or enrolled in college at the time of their appointment. First Aid certification is required for some positions. Types of positions that will be filled include playground leaders, playground supervisors, and office staff.

Applications may be obtained at the Department of Parks and Recreation Office, located in the John Carno Recreation Center, 823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland and also at the Geddes Town Hall, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline date for accepting application is **Friday, May 8th, 2021.**

For more information, call the department at 315 487-8238.

ACTIVITY KITS

Each month, we will again be offering more theme based activity kits, similar to the ones offered last year!!

The fee for each month's kit will be only $5!

The kits will include various supplies and activities for the season and Holidays.

The kits have lots of activities and crafts to keep your child busy!

Call the Recreation Department at (315) 487-8238 to register for a kit today!

LIMITED TO 20 KITS
PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.

Holiday Schedule - 2021 for Garbage and Recycling Pick ups

Garbage and Recycling **will not** be picked up on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

The garbage and recycling pick ups on these days will be a day late. If your garbage and recycling pick up is on Monday and the Holiday is on Monday all garbage and recycling routes for the week will be a day late. If the Holiday falls on a Wednesday only Wednesday and Thursday's route will be affected. ***Addendum* - if holiday falls on the weekend, the regular Monday-Friday schedule will prevail.**

Please have garbage and recycling on the curb by 6 a.m.
Garbage and recycling pick up will remain on the current days and time table.

Recycling Hauler –
Superior Waste Removal, (315) 672-3174
Garbage/Trash Hauler –
Superior Waste Removal, (315) 672-3174

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HOURS: 7:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

Town of Geddes
1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209

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Gerald Albrigo

COUNCILORS
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Susan LaFex
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Christopher Maroney

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CODE ENFORCEMENT
David Balcer

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TOWN MANAGER
Jennifer Scott

CHIEF OF POLICE
Victor M. Gillette

DIR. OF RECREATION
Deborah Morrell

SENIOR REC. LEADER
John Liberati, Jr.

OFFICE/BUSINESS HOURS
(MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY)

Town Hall Offices . . . 1000 Woods Road, Solvay
**Town Hall is currently open with limited hours for in-person business
(Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.)**
Staff Available via phone 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
*9:00am to 3:30pm Fridays Only - Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend
Highway Dept. Office . . . 654 Terry Road, Westvale
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Recreation Dept. Office . . . 823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland
Building currently closed, but staff is available by phone 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
*9:00am to 3:30pm Fridays Only - Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend

DIRECTORY

Geddes Town Hall	(315) 468-3600
Supervisor's Office	ext. 1
Clerk's Office	ext. 2
Tax Office	ext. 2
Comptroller's Office	ext. 6
Assessor's Office	ext. 4
Codes Enforcement Office	ext. 8
Dog Controller's Office	ext. *
(Emergencies)	(315) 468-2521
Sewer Maintenance Office	(315) 488-7705
Justice Court	(315) 468-3613
Geddes Police (non-emergency)	(315) 425-2333
Police Administration	(315) 468-3283
Highway Department	(315) 488-7705
Parks and Recreation Department	(315) 487-8238
John Carno Recreation Center	(315) 487-8243

2021 TOWN BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES ALONG WITH AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Town Supervisor
Jerry Albrigo
Ex-Officio Member of all Committees
Email: jalbrigo@townofgeddes.com

Administrative & Ethics
Jerry Albrigo, Chair
Susan LaFex
Tom Donovan
Christina Quijano

Comprehensive Plan
Susan LaFex, Chair
Email: slafex@townofgeddes.com
Martin Kelley
Chris Maroney
Ed Weber

Zoning & Planning / Codes / Buildings & Code Book
Martin Kelley, Chair
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Christina Quijano
Chris Maroney

Highway
Ed Weber, Chair
Email: edweber@townofgeddes.com
Chris Maroney
Tom Donovan

Recreation / Seniors & Youth
Christina Quijano, Chair
Email: cquijano@townofgeddes.com
Martin Kelley
Susan LaFex

Finance
Tom Donovan, Chair
Email: tdonovan@townofgeddes.com
Susan LaFex
Christina Quijano

Public Safety
Susan LaFex, Chair
Email: slafex@townofgeddes.com
Martin Kelley
Ed Weber

MEETINGS
Town Board Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Board – Last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
All meetings are held at the Geddes Town Hall,
1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209
and are open to the public.

ABOUTOWN

ABOUTOWN is a Town of Geddes Newspaper which is published three (3) times a year. Editions are available in January, May, and September. This publication is compiled by the Department of Parks and Recreation Staff: Deborah Morrell, Director of Recreation and John Liberati, Jr., Senior Recreation Leader. Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel to drop them a note.

c/o Aboutown
Town of Geddes Dept. of Parks and Recreation
823 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209
(315) 487-8238

Town of Geddes Pavilion Reservations

(Memorial Weekend to Columbus Day Weekend)

The Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation began accepting reservations for the use of the pavilion at Lakeland Park and Lindbergh Lawns Park on January 4, 2021.

Lakeland Park is located on Alhan Parkway, just off State Fair Blvd. The facilities available at Lakeland Park include a pavilion/electricity, restrooms, playground equipment, playing fields, tennis and basketball courts.

Lindbergh Lawns Park is located on Bennett Ave, just off Longbranch Road. The facilities available include a small pavilion, restrooms, playground equipment, and half-court basketball.

Groups or organizations reserving the pavilions understand that they are entitled to exclusive use of the pavilion, but not of all the other park facilities. They are still open to the public.

Those wishing to reserve the pavilion must be **Town of Geddes Residents** and a **$30.00 user fee** will be charged. For reservations, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at **315 487-8238.** Reservations will be only accepted by phone at this point in time - no in person reservations.

Please be reminded that reservations may be cancelled due to NY State COVID protocols and guidelines.

TOWN OF GEDDES PARK REGULATIONS & POLICIES

In order to **help keep our parks clean, safe and usable by all**, Local Law 8 of the year 2001, entitled "Park Regulations" was enacted to govern park use in the Town of Geddes.

The law in its entirety can found in the Town of Geddes Code Book – Chapter 143. Some of the regulations adopted are listed below:

Park Hours: **Sunrise to Sunset**

Pavilion Use: **Memorial Weekend to Mid-October**

Facilities and areas in the park shall be used only for the purposes designated or implicit in their character.

No person shall carry into and/or have possession of any **glass** beverage containers.

It shall be unlawful to bring or cause to be brought any animal into any park, recreation or playground area, except for trained guide dogs for the blind which are expressly exempt from all provisions of the chapter.

Fires may not be built or allowed anywhere in park or playground areas except in stoves, fireplaces, or designated areas provided for that purpose.

Licensed motor vehicles shall be permitted only on designated roadways, and vehicles shall be parked in areas of places so provided and designated. Motor scooters, motorcycles, minibikes, go-carts, and snowmobiles shall not be not be permitted.

Commit any act which is defined as criminal conduct under the New York State Penal Law.

Any conduct which constitutes a violation of this chapter will be a violation, punishable by up to fifteen (15) days in jail and/or a fine of up to $250.00. Each such violation shall constitute a separate violation punishable under this section.

HELP KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN AND SAFE, if you see anyone misusing the park - please let us know. To report any problems, etc. call the Geddes Police or the Geddes Recreation Department.

****The Town of Geddes supports the county's no smoking initiative in public parks byadopting a "no smoking" policy in town parks. The enforcement of this policy is throughvoluntary compliance.

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

From the Highway Department:

Paul Trovato, Highway Superintendent

****Services performed by the Town of Geddes Highway Dept. are for residents doing the work themselves at their homes. If a resident has a contractor working for them, the contractor is responsible for removing all the construction debris.**

Important Changes To Highway Department Policy

Effective immediately, the Town of Geddes Highway Department will NO LONGER accept mattresses or box springs. Onondaga County has initiated a $15 charge per piece of bedding.

Curbside pickup of **YARD WASTE, GARBAGE, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS & OTHER REFUSE** is for the benefit of Geddes residents. There should be no drop-offs from non-residents to residences located in the Town of Geddes.

Any contractor doing remodeling or repairs on a Town residence is responsible for the disposal of any debris from the remodeling/repairs.

Services performed by the Town of Geddes Highway Dept.

1. **BRUSH and YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

Monday – Lakeland area (Including Linbergh Lawns)

Thursday – W. Genesee St., Wilshire Rd., Wynthrop Rd., Hatherleigh Rd., Chaumont Dr., Century Dr., Southview Rd., N. Terry Rd., Timberwolf Circle, Copliegh Dr., Kenyon Dr., Westlind Rd., Westfall Dr., Stanley Dr., Clearview Dr., Horseshoe Dr., Duchess La., Watchtower La., Blackstone Wy., W. Granger Rd. from S. Terry Rd to town line, Limestone La., Treeland Circle, Crabapple La., Blueberry La., Pumpkin La., Spructree La., Kimberly Dr.

Fridays – Westvale area (Westholm Blvd. section to Avery Ave., City Line) – (subject to change due to pick up volume and weather)

Grass Clippings will be picked up during regular yard waste days from April 1st through December 1st as is the current schedule. All grass clippings MUST BE in PAPER BAGS, CARDBOARD BOXES or a container NOT TO EXCEED 50 lbs. **ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS! (Mulching is a better alternative)**

All yard waste, other than tree branches, must be in paper bags, cardboard boxes, trash cans. (**NO PLASTIC BAGS) – there is a 50 lb limit for barrels and bags**

Loose raked leaves in wind rows along your front yard (**do not put in roadway)** will only be picked up from October 1st through Dec. 1st. All other times of the year, rakings must be in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or trash cans. (NO BLUE BINS).

2. **BULK ITEM PICK-UP SCHEDULE** –

Picked up **day after garbage and recycling, except Lakeland and Lindbergh Lawns which will be picked up on Monday**.

Bulk items – Furniture (NOT including mattresses/boxsprings), clothing, large plastic toys, etc.

No full house clean outs

3. **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS**

Picked up **day after garbage and recycling, except Lakeland and Lindbergh Lawns which will be picked up on Monday**.

No more that 3 cubic yards at one time (equal to a pickup truck full), year round with weather permitting.

Construction debris is: toilets, sinks, bathtubs, shower doors, cabinets, countertops, sheet rock, wood, doors (wood & metal), windows, siding, paneling, insulation, roofing, plywood and electrical.

No fluorescent fixtures.

4. **WHITE GOODS PICK-UP** –

Picked up same day as brush and yard waste.

White good items are – Stoves, dishwashers, clothes dryers, washing machines, hot water tanks, small amounts of scrap metal, etc.

5. **CONCRETE, STONES, DIRT, ETC.**

A wheelbarrow full (approx. 4 cu. ft.) will be picked up once a month from April 1st through November 1st. Residents must call Highway Garage Department and be placed on list (488-7705)

The following items WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BY OUR DEPT.

Tires, gas tanks, l.p. tanks, car parts, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, t.v.'s computer monitors.

The Highway Department no longer accepts electronics. Please visit ocrra.org or contact the Highway Department for a list of e-waste recycling options.

Please note: Only wind damage and Christmas Trees will be picked up curbside from December 1st to April 1st.

Please do not leave any construction debris, bulk items or yard waste in front of the salt barn or in the parking lots at any time.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in help keeping our Town clean. Any questions call 315 488-7705.

GARBAGE

Superior Waste Removal is the **garbage/trash hauler** for the Town. If you have any garbage/trash questions, please call Superior Waste Removal at **315-672-3174** from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m on weekdays

1. Do **NOT** put garbage out any earlier than the night before.

2. All garbage must be at **curbside** by **6:00 a.m.** on collection day.

3. The weekly limit on household trash is a total of 10 trash bags and not weighing more than 75lbs. each

4. Please use **clear** trash/garbage bags.

5. **NOT** included in your trash pick-up is: construction debris, yard waste, furniture, appliances, and anything hazardous.

6. Sign-up to receive email notices of 1-day delays in collection due to holidays, along with details on other services offered, by visiting their website

RECYCLING

Superior Waste Removal is the **recycling hauler** for the Town. If you have any recycling questions, please call Superior Waste Removal at **315 672-3174.**

1. Do **NOT** put recycling out any earlier than the night before.

2. All recycling must be at **curbside** by **6:00 a.m.**

RECYCLING INFO
(Information obtained from Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency)

Softcover books and #5 plastics accepted in the blue bin!

• Softcover books are any bound item that is NOT a hardcover book. Think paperbacks, phone books, manuals, workbooks, notebooks, etc. There is no special preparation necessary if the softcover book's binding is stapled or glued. Just toss it into your blue bin. If it has a spiral, wire or plastic binding those must be removed before you can toss the soft-cover and its contents into your bin.

• #5s are wide-mouthed, tub shaped plastic containers that typcially hold yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, etc. Check the bottom for a #5 symbol to be sure.

What goes in the trash?

Trash this Paper:

• Corrugated cardboard with wax, plastic, or styrofoam
• Frozen food boxes
• Paper plates & cups
• Paper towels, tissue, toilet paper
• Egg cartons (paper or styrofoam)
• Non-paper envelopes (Tyvek)
• Hardcover books
• Metallic paper (including cards with silver / gold trimming)

Trash this Plastic:

• Plastic food trays (frozen food trays, candy trays, cake, cookie containers)
• Styrofoam (coffee cups, packaging materials, trays)
• Hard plastics (tableware, toys)
• Motor oil bottles (or any bottle that contained a hazardous material)
• Plastic bags (NOTE: CLEAN plastic bags can be recycled at most grocery and retail stores)

Trash this Glass:

• Dishes & drinking glasses
• Ceramics (plates or mugs)
• Window & auto glass
• Mirrors
• Pottery & clay pots
• Light bulbs

- Fluorescent bulbs: Please do not place in the trash or Blue Bin.

- RESIDENTS should make an appointment for OCRRA's next Household Hazardous Waste Day.

- BUSINESSES should follow NY state requirements, see the DEC website for info.

Search under "fluorescent bulbs".

Trash this Metal:

• Latex paint cans (dry out paint and remove lids)

- To dispose of oil based paints, stains, and varnishes make an appointment for OCRRA's next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

• Scrap metal. Take to a scrap dealer.

From the Code Enforcement / Fire Marshall's Office:

David Balcer, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall

We had a very busy year with everyone doing projects around their house instead of vacationing. Keep in mind that all new fences, sheds (accessory structures), pools, decks, etc. require a Building Permit, even if you are replacing an existing item. Building codes & zoning codes change over the years and the current codes must be addressed and complied with.

Complaint forms are available on the Town's website (as well as available in our office) to make it easier for residents to file a complaint. We will address all written complaints submitted to our office. We request all complaints are written on the form provided with all information filled in. Your name, address, phone number & signature are required for our office to successfully investigate each complaint. Complaints are kept confidential, but we may need to contact you for more information if we are unable to locate what your concern was at a parcel. Also, by signing the complaint form, it gives us permission to enter your yard to see an issue not visible from the street, for example in a back yard.

Basketball hoops should not be set up in the road right-of-way. The metal rims projecting out into the street is a very dangerous situation that a school bus, mail truck, garbage truck, an emergency vehicle, etc. could hit with their windshield. We ask that you keep them in your driveway for safety reasons.

As always, we are happy to answer any questions. Call 315-468-3600 Ext.8 or email us at dbalcer@townofgeddes.com.

From the Town Supervisor Office:

Jerry Albrigo, Town Supervisor

Over this past year the Town of Geddes has had to change its way of conducting business during these unprecedented times. The Town offices have been operating, but public access has been limited depending on the current COVID-19 restrictions. The Town departments operated with limited staffing at times due to the Governor's mandated staff reductions but the services we provide were never interrupted. Our playgrounds have been reopened but access to the basketball courts are still prohibited. The Parks and Recreation programs and events have been modified to meet the current mandates set by the Governor's office.

Our Police Department is continuing a temporary suspension of its extended services due to the restrictions with social distancing. The officers have continued with their normal 24 hour patrolling and responding to calls for emergency service but will handled non-emergency complaints, where a report is to be generated or police advice of a situation by phone. We ask for residents to dial 911 and ask for the Town of Geddes and an officer will call you regarding your compliant. For all copies of police reports call 315-468-3283 during business hours or email the following jdougherty@townofgeddes.com or canthony@townofgeddes.com. You can access Motor vehicle accident reports through CRASHDOCS.ORG

We will continue posting updates through our website and Facebook as we move through these trying times and we will continue to take safety precautions to help protect Town of Geddes employees and residents. We appreciate all your patience and continued support.

Be safe and be well.

Happy Thoughts

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From the Dog Control Office:

Diana Fadden, Dog Control Officer

Hello Pet Parents; Ms. Diana Fadden writing from Dog Control.

I just wanted to make everyone aware that for our CRUELTY complaints, we are using our own Police Officers now.

If you have ANY kind of NEGLECT or CRUELTY issue, please call the corresponding Police department (Solvay or Geddes).

They will conduct an investigation, and contact Dog Control if a dog needs to be seized from a home/property.

Thanks for taking the time to read this!

From the Geddes Police Department:

John Fall, Jr., Chief of Police

The cold weather is upon us, here are some safety tips to follow. Take extra time when traveling and make sure your vehicle is clear of snow and ice. Make sure you have a blanket, extra hats and gloves in your vehicle in the event your vehicle becomes disabled. It is always smart to wear a weather resistant coat while outside. Attempt to avoid getting wet and being exposed to the cold for extended periods of time, as this could cause frostbite. Best to think always plan ahead and accordingly.

Please be careful when shoveling snow, be aware of the extra excursion you are putting on your body. Your body is already fighting to stay warm and when shoveling you could have a medical issue. Always make sure someone knows you are outside in the cold shoveling, so if you aren't seen for a bit they can come find you to make sure you are o.k.

A reminder during these winter months from November 1st to April 1st, 2021 between the hours of 2am and 6am there is No Overnight Parking on the Town streets. This is to allow plows to properly clean the streets we travel on. Our Highway Department does an amazing job during the winter months, so please help them by making sure you don't park your vehicles on the streets during that time frame. Thank You!

The Solvay and Lakeside Fire Departments would like to ask all residents to make sure they have working smoke detectors, especially during the winter months. Many of us try different ways to heat our homes and stay warm, so in the event of a failure or issue a working smoke detector can save lives!

Any resident planning on going away for any period of time, please feel free to contact our office. We will be happy to check your home for you while you're away. We have had a Home Check Program for years and our hope is that all resident would take us up on this offer to keep an eye on their home. Please call 315-468-3283 weekdays between 8:30am and 4:30pm and we will ask you a few questions and then you'll be all set to go on vacation! If by chance your home or a family member's home becomes vacant, please let us know about that also. We would like to check those homes as well.

The department has been very busy as of late. We have made several arrests for crimes occurring in our neighborhoods. Please always remember if you see something say something. A phone call to the 911 Center or our office might be the tip or alert we need to stop a crime or help a citizen. Never be afraid to call, you can make your call anonymous if you wish. We need those extra eyes out there in our Town Neighborhoods!

The department has handed out five Commendations in the last few months. One Commendation was to Officer Makenzie Glynn for saving a life during a house fire on Ontario Ave, back in September. She was able to help get a resident that was confined to a bed and wheel chair, to the door way where Lakeside Fire members were waiting. Four Commendations were handed out in December to Sergeant Michael Borell, Officers Taylor Delperuto, John Dungey and Adam Lustrinelli. These officers worked on apprehending a known felon and fugitive and helped capture this wanted person, bringing him to justice for the crimes he committed in our town and others. These five members of your police department were recognized for their bravery and acting above and beyond the call to duty! They're all extremely dedicated to the phrase "Protect and Serve"!

The department has been able to take advantage of some specialized training in our county. Officers Makenzie Glynn and John Dungey successfully completed the Field Training Program, to help train new officers. Officers John Dungey and Bradley Boothe successfully completed an Evidence Photography Course held at the Solvay Fire Department. Officer Adam Lustrinelli successfully completed Instructor Development Course. New Officer Brandon Amidon joined us in November after successfully completing Phase II of the Police Academy in October.

Please follow us on FACEBOOK (Town of Geddes Police Dept). If any resident needs anything please call 911 or our Administrative Office Monday to Friday during our business hours (8:30am to 4:30pm). Thank You

From the Town Clerk's Office:

Alison Dorchester, Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE PUBLIC SERVICES:

· DEC Licenses (Hunting, Fishing, Etc) - Prices Vary

· Dog Licenses (NYS Law – All Dogs over 4 months of age Must be Licensed)

$7.00 – Spayed/Neutered

$16.00 – All Other

· Marriage License - $40.00

· Marriage Transcripts - $10.00

· Gaming Licenses - Prices Vary

· Disabled Parking Permits - No Charge

· Veterans Favor Cards - No Charge

· Notary Public Service - No Charge

DID YOU KNOW:

· Tax Bills and Tax Receipts are available online at www.ongov.net.

· Partial payments are accepted in the Town of Geddes. Up to 3 partial payments can be made on School Taxes. Up to 4 partial payments may be made on Town and County Taxes.

TRANSACTION OPTIONS:

· Appear in person

Check Website for scheduled hours

· US MAIL - Geddes Town Clerk

1000 Woods Road

Solvay, New York 13209

· EMAIL -

Townclerk@townofgeddes.com

Deputytownclerk@townofgeddes.com

· PHONE - (315) 468-3600 Ext. 2

· FAX - (315) 487-5721

2020 was a challenge due to restrictions caused by Covid. Moving ahead in 2021 we look forward to providing the best service for you that we can.

On behalf of my Deputy Town Clerk, Melissa and myself, have a safe and healthy New Year.

If you have any questions, please call (315) 468-3600 Ext. 2.

Stay home, social distance and be safe.

From the Assessor's Office:

Christopher Russo, Assessor & Ally Grim, Assessment Clerk

EXEMPTIONS

Please be advised, the last day to file for any exemptions for the 2021 tax rolls in the Town of Geddes, is **March 1, 2021**. This includes Senior Citizens with Limited Income, Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, Veterans, Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Workers, Clergy, Business Exemptions and those turning 65 by December 31, 2021 filing for Enhanced STAR for the first time.

There have been some changes to the STAR Exemption Program. If you are a new owner or do not already have a STAR Exemption on your primary residence, you may qualify for a STAR Relief Check. In order to apply, you will need to contact New York State Department of Taxation and Finance at **(518) 457-2036** OR register online at WWW.TAX.NY.GOV and click on "Register for STAR" and follow the instructions.

The Town of Geddes Assessor's Office has mailed out all renewal applications for all other exemptions.

If you are currently in the Enhanced STAR program, you no longer are required to annually renew your Enhanced STAR Exemption with the Assessor Department. Going forward, New York State will automatically renew you based on your income qualifications. If you receive anything from NYS regarding your STAR exemption and need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office. If you are receiving the Basic STAR exemption and are now eligible to apply for the Enhanced STAR, please provide a copy of your proof of age, (such as a driver's license) and Federal Income Tax Return for the **2019** tax year, along with your completed applications. When renewing for the Senior Citizen with Limited Income or Persons with Disability and Limited Income exemptions, please provide a copy of your MOST RECENT Federal Income Tax Return (**2019 or 2020**) along with your completed application and end of the year Social Security Benefit Statement.

To find out more information and/or eligibility requirements for any exemptions or if you would like to confirm we have received your exemption paperwork, please call our office at (315) 468-3600, Extension 4.

GRIEVANCE

Grievance Day is always the fourth Tuesday in May. This year Grievance Day will be on Tuesday, May 25th, from 4pm to 8pm. Applications will be available the first week in May at the Assessor's office. Once an application is submitted to our office you will be given a time to appear in front of the Board of Review, to present your complaint. The tentative assessment roll is available for review in the Assessor's office.

Please be advised that safety measures have been taken during this Covid-19 pandemic. Our public office hours have been reduced to 10:00am – 2:00pm and upon arrival you will undergo a temperature screening. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as it is important to us to maintain your safety.

We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy prosperous New Year. Should you have any questions, my office door is always open to discuss your property. With all the approaching deadlines, we appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you.

Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation

John Carno Recreation Center • 823 State Fair Blvd. • Syracuse, NY 13209

OFFICE TELEPHONE: 315-487-8238 / 315-487-8243
OFFICE HOURS: Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend - Fridays Only: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
Email: parks@townofgeddes.com

RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF:

DEBORAH MORRELL - Director of Recreation
JOHN LIBERATI, JR. - Senior Recreation Leader

Scott Bartowski - Recreation Attendant
Katherine Lobello - Recreation Attendant
Megan Sierotnik - Recreation Attendant
Jack Allen - Recreation Attendant
Cole Ladouceur - Recreation Attendant

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

- Advanced registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise stated. Town residents will be given preference.
- Register by calling the Recreation Department at 315-487-8238, or by stopping by the office located in the John Carno Recreation Center, 823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland, during office hours.
- Registration fees must be paid prior to the first class/program by mail or in person. NO REFUNDS will be made after classes/programs begin.
- All programs and classes are on a first come first serve basis. Class sizes are limited, and we reserve the right to combine or cancel classes.
- The department does not carry medical insurance for program participants.
- Registrants are responsible for their own transportation.

Programs and classes through the Recreation Department are added throughout the year and are not necessarily advertised in the AbouTown newspaper. For updates and program/class listings, please check the Town of Geddes website or call the department at 315-487-8238 during business hours.

Recreation Programs / News

*Due to COVID, the John Carno Recreation Center gymnasium is currently closed **for open gym or organizational meetings.**

*Also, due to school districts managing with the COVID-19 virus, some programs, locations, dates and times of programs may be cancelled or changed.

For updated information, check our website, the Town of Geddes and the Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation Facebook pages, email the Department at parks@townofgeddes.com or call the Department at (315) 487-8238.

We appreciate your understanding and stay safe and well!!

YOGA AND MEDITATION PRACTICE

In this 6 week yoga course you will be learning and practicing the basic philosophy, breathing techniques, and yoga postures that are most popular in group classes today. Although yoga is an ancient practice and is used as a tool to reduce stress, you will learn how to apply it so that it is suitable for you in a modern world. It is acceptable to have minor injuries to take this course, however, you must be able to get up and down off the floor. Yoga mats will be provided but please bring your own if you have one.

John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland
Session 1: Tuesdays, January 12th to February 16th (6 weeks)
Session 2: Tuesdays., February 23rd to March 30th (6 weeks)
Session 3: Tuesdays, April 6th to May 11th (6 weeks)
Fee: $52 residents, $54 nonresidents (6 week session)
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Heidi Noce, certified and experienced yoga instructor
Minimum of 4 needed to hold class.
For registration or more information, call the Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 9am-4:30pm.

TAI CHI CHUAN

TAI CHI is an art that teaches you to move slower and realign the pain in your body, relieve stress and have you feeling better with no hard work outs. Sensei Dave Deluca take through taichi class step by step class.Learn to move slowly to realign your body, relieve stress, learn to relax and feel better, without hard workouts! Anyone, age 13 to 80, is welcome to register!

John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland
Session 1: Mondays, January 1th to February 15th (6 weeks)
Session 2: Mondays, February 22nd to March 29th (6 weeks)
Session 3: Mondays, April 5th to May 10th (6 weeks)
Fee: $62 residents, $64 nonresidents (per 6 week session)
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: David Deluca, Tai Chi Chuan instructor
Minimum of 4 needed to hold class.
For registration or more information, call the Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 9am-4:30pm.

ZUMBA

Take the "work" out of workout!! Zumba mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and World rhythms take over, you'll see why Zumba Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise. Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class!

John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland
Session 1: Thursdays, January 14th to February 11th (5 wks.)
Session 2: Thursdays, February 18th to March 18th (5 wks.)
Session 3: Thursdays, March 25th to April 22nd (5 wks.)
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Alyssa Bartlett, licensed Zumba instructor
Fee: $27.00 for Geddes residents, $29.00 for nonresidents (5 week session)
For registration or more information, call the Department at 487-8238, M-F, 9am-4:30pm

Presently Closed

GYMNASIUM HOURS at the JOHN CARNO RECREATION CENTER

Gym Hours are subject to change, due to classes, special activities, etc.

Mondays
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

***Tuesdays**
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

***Wednesdays**
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

***Thursdays**
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fridays
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*The Lakeland Senior Citizens use the Recreation Center the second Wednesday of each month.
Non-Residents will be charged a user's fee ($5.00) during supervised/recreational gym.
For more information, call the department at 315-487-8238.

Presently Closed

Community News

Solvay Public Library

615 Woods Road, (Corner of Woods & North Orchard) Village of Solvay, New York 13209 - Telephone 315-468-2441 for details or directions. To view our Event Calendar with a listing of our programs, online catalog, and databases go to www.solvaylibrary.org. Also, find us on Facebook.

Due to the current coronavirus crisis, the Solvay Public Library now offers Library Takeout Service. Please note the following:

You can request materials (except periodicals) by placing holds online with your library card number and PIN or call the library at 315-468-2441 between 9am and 8pm Monday-Wednesday, 9am and 5pm Thursday and Friday or 9am to 1pm Saturday.

You will be notified via email, phone or text when your hold is ready.

Wait times for holds placed online are currently longer than usual.

After you receive notification that your hold is available, please call the library at 315-468-2441 to make an appointment to pick up your holds.

Have your library card number available when you call.

Curbside service for the public will be limited to half an hour after we open, and half an hour before we close. The specific hours of curbside service will be:

Monday-Wednesday 9:30AM-7:30PM

Thursday and Friday 9:30AM-4:30PM

Saturday 9:30AM-12:30PM

Sunday-Closed

When you arrive for your Library Takeout, please call the library to let us know you have arrived. A staff member will bring your items out to the lower-level vestibule, inside the entrance off Woods Road.

Please wear a mask and have your photo ID ready when you pick up your items. Masks and photo ID are required for all library pickups.

Staff will have your items checked out and placed in a new bag with your receipt.

Please do not use library pickup areas to return items. Items must only be returned in the library book drop.

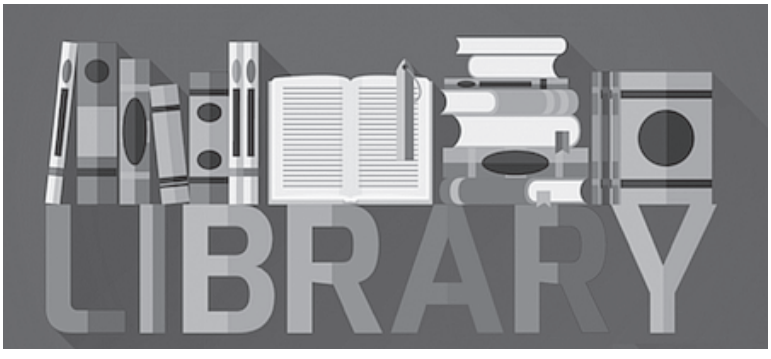
Please adhere to social distancing guidelines

Outdoor signage at the library will guide you through the process.

The library building remains closed to the public.

We cannot accept donations during this period.

Thank you for your patience



Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center

1010 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209 • (315) 488-3666 • Contact@Solvayyouthcenter.com

We have been shut down by Gov. Cuomo's order since March 16, 2020. In addition to our facility being closed, we've also not been able to hold our Bingo games each Saturday.

The loss of revenue has been a huge hit to us. As a result, we have started a Go Fund Me page to help offset our lack of revenue and make us even better when we are able to open.

You can donate online at https://www.gofundme.com/manage/save-the-solvay-geddes-community-youth-center, or you can donate to the center directly by sending a check to:

Solvay Geddes CYC
1010 Woods Rd.
Solvay, NY 13209

Please note: we will not be operating our after school program until we can do so safely. Please refer to our website, www.solvayyouthcenter.com, for updates. Or, you can call the center at 315-488-3666.

Solvay Tigers Auxiliary

Submitted by: Carolyn Femano, Trustee and Chris Johns Kirby, President

The Solvay Geddes Youth Center ….What you didn't know about the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary of the Solvay Geddes Youth Center is always seeking new members. Our organization is not your average group of just retired individuals. We are a robust and varied group. The consistent theme is that our community youth matter to us. This is the motive that unifies our members ages 32 to 94. If this rings true for you, join and be part of our organization. Volunteer your time to financially assist Youth Programs for students in the Solvay Geddes Community.

We welcome new adult members who live in the towns of Geddes, Camillus, Onondaga or in the Village of Solvay. New members need to commit to work for a year at Bingo selling refreshments or supplies, 5 times as a sub or once every 5 weeks as a team member. Also attend a meeting once a month. When your year is completed you are entitled to a Family Membership.

Come join and have fun with us! With a FAMILY Membership you will be able to use pool for daily exercise, swimming laps and attending aerobics. Use the gym to walk or shoot hoops and the exercise room the stay in shape. For more information, call Chris Johns Kirby, President at 481-5046 or Carolyn Femano, Trustee at 468-7194.

BOTTLE DRIVE

Donate your returnable bottles and cans to a good cause! The Solvay Tigers Auxiliary is continuing to sponsor a drive at Bottles End Redemption Center on Montrose Ave. The money earned will support the Solvay Youth Center GOFUNDME and the Auxiliary to support our mission.

No waiting at the Redemption Center, just ask them to credit the bottles to the Youth Center. They are open Mon.-Wed.: 8 -5, Th. closed, Fri. & Sat. 8 -4. Bags/boxes of bottles may also be dropped of at the Youth Center during normal business hours. If you need assistance with small of large donations, please call 315 488 3666 to leave your name and number to arrange for a pickup. Someone will call you. Thank you so much for your support of this fund raiser. We anticipate continuing the fund raiser.

Senior Citizens Corner

Lakeland Senior Citizens

submitted by: Joe Mingin

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and depending on when you get this, a Happy New Year. Was this a year to beat all years? At last check, I know of only one of our seniors who contracted the virus. Fortunately that person had a mild case and has since recovered. By now maybe some of you have gotten your Covid-19 vaccine shot. At least the first one. I'm not a doctor but under the circumstances, I think it would be wise if we all got the shots. The way it's spreading in Onondaga County as well as the whole country, the prudent thing for all of us seniors is to try to protect ourselves.

I received my first flu shot ever this fall. I had no adverse reactions at all. And so far I haven't got the flu. Thanks for asking. So much for the medical news. Since we were not able to have our picnic or Christmas party this year, we decided to have a couple of drive through dinners. In September thanks to the town of Geddes, we were able to offer our members a free turkey dinner. Suzie's Café in Lakeland provided the meal. Thanks to Suzie and a handful of Lakeland Seniors volunteers, we were able to provide 113 turkey dinners for our members and a few guests. The dinners were delicious and some members said it provided them with 3 meals. We were disappointed that we could not have our Christmas party at Daniella's again this year, but once again thanks to the town and Suzie's we provided 39 turkey dinners and 73 pot roast dinners to our members at our November drive through. Suzie has delicious pot roast! We were blessed with beautiful weather for both events.

We probably won't be comfortable having our monthly meeting in January and February, but we're hopeful by March to be able to get together again possibly with some restrictions. But if not, we have Suzie's promise to be able to have another drive through dinner.

Our Activities Committee has been meeting safely twice in my backyard and once at the Carno Center planning these functions. We will continue to try to meet during the winter months to plan our activities for the coming year.

Another disappointment was not being able to participate in this year's Kiwanis Club's shoebox program. However, as an alternate donation, we contributed $100 to St. Maryanne Cope food pantry in Solvay.

Not much else to talk about right now, but check in with the Spring issue of Aboutown and see what we'll have going on.

Geddes Senior Citizens

submitted by: Conni Walker

Can you believe 2020 is already winding down? There is not much news as this crazy COVID has kept us from meeting! But there is exciting news in the community- vaccines are starting! Maybe we will feel safe to meet in 2021, and can return to our normal meetings!

Our meetings for January, February and March are cancelled.

In October, we usually have our harvest pork dinner. Since we were not able to meet for that, our President, Addie Silvia, organized an alternative- a drive thru dinner at Suzie's Lakeland Diner. On October 19th, a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by over 100 people. It was a big success!

We had hopes that we would be able to get together for our annual Christmas Party on December 3 at Daniella's Seafood and Pasta (formerly The Empire Room). Mid-November, the State mandated that gatherings could only include 25 people. Much to our disappointment, we had to cancel. We decided to ask Suzie's if they could accommodate a second drive thru dinner. The date of December 7 was chosen. This dinner would be roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and pudding.

Since this replaced the Christmas Party, we added in some extra treats- bags of candy, and Christmas cookies! Geddes Federal Savings donated pens and insulated bags that we handed out to members. 111 dinners were served. We hope everyone who participated enjoyed their dinners, and treats!

We would like to thank Suzi's Lakeland Diner for allowing us to offer these dinners to our members and friends. Thank you to Geddes Savings for their donations- and for always supporting the Geddes Seniors. And last, but not least, thank you to the Town of Geddes, for underwriting part of the cost of both dinners.

We have recently lost 2 members:

. Charles (Chuck) Reiner passed away in October. Chuck had celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this year.

. Griselda Masella passed away in November.

Both will be missed. Our condolences go out to their families.

Geddes Seniors is an organization providing educational- recreational activities to senior citizens in the Town of Geddes that are 55 years of age or older. If you are interested in joining, please contact Adelaide (Addie) Silvia, President, at 315-468-0288.

Until we can meet again, stay positive, and healthy! And keep smiling! (you will have them wondering what you are up to!!)

From the Town of Geddes to Your Family