

ABOUT TOWN

Town of Geddes, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209

www.townofgeddes.com

Winter/Spring 2020

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SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASSES

Strength & Balance Class

The strength, flexibility, and balance class is designed to help seniors maintain and increase their ability to remain independent for years to come. Instructor Fred Wilson makes exercises FUN by choreographing the moves to popular music from Glenn Miller to Stevie Wonder to Justin Timberlake.

Mondays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 1: January 6/9 to February 10/13

Session 2: February 17/20 to March 23/26 (exc. March 12)

Session 3: March 30/April 2 to May 4/7

Instructor: Fred Wilson is 78 yrs old, holds an MS degree in Medical Technology, and is certified to train older adults, including those with cancer and other medical issues.

Fee: \$17 per person, per 6 week session of either program

Minimum of 8 needed to hold each class

Checks payable to Town of Geddes

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

Senior Aerobics

The senior aerobics class helps seniors improve their cardiovascular fitness as well as their strength, balance, flexibility. The first 30 minutes is FUN aerobics to music and the second 30 minutes is strength, balance, and flexibility. Exercises are choreographed to popular music specially selected for older adults.

Tuesdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Session 2: February 18/21 to March 24/27 (exc. March 10)

Session 3: March 31/April 3 to May 5/8

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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.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND TRIPS FOR 2020

Please check the Town of Geddes website

www.townofgeddes.com

or call the department

315-487-8238

for additional information.

BUNCO GAME DAYS

Seniors 55 and over are invited to join us for Bunco Game Day! Supplies and simple refreshments are provided! Prizes will be furnished by the Recreation Department.

John Carno Recreation Center

Wednesday, January 29th, February 26th, April 29th, May 20th 2020
(no date in March)

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling the department at **315-487-8238** and must be made by the Monday prior to each of the dates.

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 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, 2020.**

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

Holiday Schedule - 2020 for Garbage and Recycling Pick ups

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

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| ● New Year's Day | ● Labor Day |
| ● Memorial Day | ● Thanksgiving Day |
| ● Fourth of July | ● 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 7 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

SUPERVISOR
Gerald Albrigo

TOWN CLERK
Alison Dorchester

TOWN JUSTICES
Daniel Mathews III
John Kinsella

COUNCILORS
Edward Weber
Susan LaFex
Thomas Donovan
Martin Kelley
Christina Quijano
Christopher Maroney

SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS
Paul Trovato

TOWN MANAGER
Jennifer Scott

ASSESSOR
Christopher Russo

CHIEF OF POLICE
Victor M. Gillette

CODE ENFORCEMENT
David Balcer

DIR. OF RECREATION
Deborah Morrell

ATTORNEY
Thomas J. Cerio

ENGINEER
Dunn & Sgromo

SENIOR REC. LEADER
John Liberati, Jr.

OFFICE/BUSINESS HOURS

(MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY)

- Town Hall Offices 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
1000 Woods Road, Solvay *8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Highway Dept. Office 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
654 Terry Road, Westvale
- Recreation Dept. Office 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland *9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * 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

2020 TOWN BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

Town Supervisor

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

Administrative & Ethics

Jerry Albrigo, Chair
Susan LaFex
Tom Donovan

Comprehensive Plan

Susan LaFex, Chair
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Martin Kelley
Chris Maroney
Ed Weber

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Buildings & Code Book

Martin Kelley, Chair
Email: martinfrancis52@hotmail.com
Ed Weber
Chris Maroney

Highway

Ed Weber, Chair
Email: edweber1@verizon.net
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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
Chris Maroney
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

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 2, 2020.

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**.



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 be 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 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 by adopting a "no smoking" policy in town parks. The enforcement of this policy is through voluntary compliance.**

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

From the Highway Department:

Paul Trovato, Highway Superintendent

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 are – Furniture, mattresses, 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 than 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 (315-488-7705)

The following items **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BY OUR DEPT.** – Tires, gas tanks, l.p. tanks, car parts, refrigerators, freez-

ers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, micro-waves, 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 7:00 a.m.**



Recycle in your blue bin

 <p>Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs and Softcover Books Keep loose, don't tie.</p>	 <p>Cardboard, pizza, pasta and cereal boxes Flatten.</p>
 <p>Papers, Mail, Envelopes</p>	 <p>#1 and #2 Plastic BOTTLES* Empty and rinse, no lids.</p>
 <p>Cans and Jars Empty and rinse out food residue, labels are okay.</p>	 <p>#5 Plastic Tubes Empty and rinse, no lids.</p>

* While there are #1 and #2 food containers, ONLY #1 and #2 BOTTLES are recyclable. Bottles have necks and smaller tops than bottoms. Can't read the numbers on the bottom? Most bottles are #1 or #2 – so if it is a plastic BOTTLE, recycle it!

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 typically 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 OCRR'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 OCRR's next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
- Scrap metal. Take to a scrap dealer.

From the Geddes Police Department:

Victor M. Gillette, Chief of Police

With the cold weather upon us, the Geddes police would like to offer the following safety tips to the residents of the Town of Geddes.

When temperatures are in the minus degrees, do not venture out if you don't have to. If you need to go outside, limit your exposure by dressing in layers and wear waterproof and or a windproof outer layer.

Should your clothes become wet, remove yourself from the environment and remove the wet clothes immediately.

Fingertips, earlobes and noses tend to be highly susceptible to frostnip or frostbite. Keep these areas covered, while out in the cold weather. The body loses 40% of its heat through the head. Wearing a hat will help conserve body heat.

Frostnip is a common and reversible result of exposure to the cold. Persons suffering from frostnip can easily rewarm fingers, toes and nose by gently rubbing these areas briskly.

Frostbite, however, is a more serious condition caused by long exposure to the cold. This, if left untreated, may result in the actual freezing of an extremity, digit or nose. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REWARM A FROSTBITTEN EXTREMITY BY RUBBING IT.** Re-warming must be done gradually and in an EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

The very young, the elderly and or the infirmed also tend to be prone to cold related injuries. It is important to monitor children and to regularly check on

elderly relatives and neighbors.

Make sure you have a working smoke detector in every bedroom on every level. Check and change the batteries often.

Do not attempt to heat your home with an oven. Burning gas in a closed house or apartment uses up oxygen and produces deadly carbon dioxide gases.

Just a reminder that there is No Parking on town roads from November 1st through April 1st between the hours of 2am and 6am. This ordinance is strictly enforced in an attempt to assist the Highway Department with snow removal.

If you are going out of town, on vacation, this winter and would like your home checked while you are away, give us a call at 315-468-3283 to participate in the Home Check Program. Geddes police officers will check your home while you are out of town.

Congratulations to Officer Michael Sheppard, who recently graduated from the Police Academy. Officer Sheppard will now begin his Field Training with the Department before being assigned to road patrol.

If you would like to share police information, or if you have a question for the Police Department, there is an email address on our website that can be utilized - policetips@townofgeddes.com. We also have a Police Department Facebook page that is used to keep residents of Geddes and surrounding communities updated on crime and events happening in the Town.

From the Code Enforcement / Fire Marshall's Office:

David Balcer, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall

Spring will be here hopefully sooner rather than later and with that everyone will be looking to start their projects for the upcoming year. 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.

Since taking over the Codes Enforcement office this past year, I have added our complaint form to 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. As we start the New Year, we request all complaints are written on the form provided with all information filled in. Your name, address, phone number & signature are

required information 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 Clerk's Office:

Joseph L. Ranieri, Town Clerk

Thank you for the privilege of being your Town Clerk these past ten years. It was an honor to assist everyone with their needs. I also want to thank all the employees past and present from the Town of Geddes as I learned many things from you. I know the Town is in good hands going forward with Alison and Melissa.

Joe Ranieri

Happy New Year to everyone in the Town of Geddes and Village of Solvay.

If you need a Handicap Parking Permit, and live outside of the Village of Solvay, contact our office for an application. Village residents must go to the Solvay Police Dept to obtain a permit.

All residents of the Town who own a dog must license the dog. A Current Rabies certificate is required to obtain a license and proof of spay or neuter will save you some money.

Fishing and Hunting licenses can be

obtained in our office during normal business hours.

If you are planning to get married, contact our office for instructions on the requirements for obtaining a marriage license and what documents are required.

The 2020 Town & County Property Tax collection is under way. Please contact our office if you have not received your bill and do not pay your taxes through escrow. The penalty free collection period ends on January 31, 2020. There will be a 1% penalty added from February 1 through February 29, 2020. There will be a 1.5% penalty added from March 3 through March 31, 2020. Beginning on April 1, 2020 the Onondaga County Finance Dept is responsible for collecting unpaid taxes and a 6% penalty is added.

If you have any questions for the Town Clerk's office call Alison or Melissa at 468-3600 x 2. We will always do our best to serve you.

From the Town Supervisor Office:

Jerry Albrigo, Town Supervisor

Happy New Year! Lots of staffing changes were made during 2019 in the Town of Geddes.

- Cindy Maggioro retired as Director of Recreation after 38 years with the town and was replaced with the promotion of Debbie Morrell from Recreation Supervisor.

- John Liberati was promoted from an 8 year recreation attendant to Senior Recreation Leader to replace Debbie Morrell.

- Peter Albrigo retired as the code enforcement officer after 31 years and was replaced with David Balcer, who comes to us with many years of experience with the Town of Cicero.

- Lucy Fox retired as the town assessor after 20 years of service and was replaced with Chris Russo, who comes to us with many years of experience as an assessor in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- Officer Taylor Potter has joined the police force as a full time officer from Dryden police department and Officer Neena Testa has joined the police force as a part time officer coming to us from Onondaga County. The knowledge that they both bring with them will be an asset

From the Assessor's Office:

Christopher Russo, Assessor

EXEMPTIONS

Please be advised, the last day to file for any exemptions for the 2020 tax rolls in the Town of Geddes, is **March 1, 2020**. 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, 2020 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

to the Town of Geddes.

- Michael Sheppard has successfully completed the police academy and is currently doing field training with our officers and will be on his own early 2020.

- Joe Ranieri is retiring after 13 years of service as the town clerk. Congratulations to Alison Dorchester who won that seat during elections and will take over as town clerk at the beginning of the year.

- Melissa Tokaryk has been appointed by Alison Dorchester as the Deputy Town Clerk. We will miss her in the assessor's office but look forward to her expertise in the town clerk's office.

- Bill Morse retired at the beginning of the year with 8 years as the town engineer. His knowledge will be missed.

- Jennifer Scott has joined the town as the Town Manager and brings with her many years of management, HR and payroll experience.

- Joining us on the board is Christina Quijano, a local school teacher and Christopher Maroney, a business owner in the town of Geddes. Looking forward to the ideas they have and bring to the table.

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 **2018** 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 (**2018** or **2019**) 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 26th, 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.

I 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.

From the Dog Control Office:

Diana Fadden, Dog Control Officer

Hello Pet Parents,

Ms. Diana Fadden writing from the Dog Control Office; just wanting to share some information on dog licensing.

All dogs in New York State need to be licensed to the home it lives at; all you need to license a dog is a current rabies certificate. If you or a friend is ever in need of a FREE or LOW COST shot; please call me and ask for that information. Since New York State requires all dogs be vaccinated, they are more than willing to provide that vaccine to the public for FREE or LOW COST. In the case a vet says a rabies shot will jeopardize your dog's health, bring us a note from said vet saying so; we can still issue the license.

All license tags in Geddes, Solvay, or Lakeland are only 7\$ for a spayed or neutered dog; 16\$ if they are not. Most

times when people license a puppy, the first license will be 16\$ since the dog hasn't been spayed or neutered yet; then at license renewal time (license renewal is once a year) you can show us the spay/neuter certificate, and we'll drop the license price down to the 7\$.

In the case a vet says spaying or neutering the dog will jeopardize its health, bring us a note from said vet saying so; we will still give you the 7\$ license price. If your dog is NOT spayed or neutered, and you'd like to have that done for LOW COST, I have information on that as well.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and call if you have ANY questions 315-468-3600 x320.

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.

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Town of Geddes Halloween Party Costume Contest Finalists



Most Original: Arielle Kennedy, Liam Kennedy, Alexander Amidon



Cutest: Anthony Wheatley, Hellienna Peabody, Anthony Schmidt



Scariest: Joshua Williams, Eternity Titus, Kareem Titus



Prettiest: Lilly-onna Edmunds, Sylvia DiFlorio, Lily Volski

Recreation Programs / News

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 6th to February 10th (6 weeks)

Session 2: Mondays, February 17th to March 23rd (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.

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 7th to February 11th (6 weeks)

Session 2: Tuesdays, February 18 to March 24th (6 weeks)

Session 3: Tuesdays, March 31st to May 5th (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.

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 9th to February 6th (5 wks.)

Session 2: Thursdays, February 13th to March 12th (5 wks.)

Session 3: Thursdays, March 19th to April 16th (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

VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY



Children, ages 3 to 12, can come and visit with the Easter Bunny, play games, enjoy cookies, punch, face painting and entertainment. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Reservations are necessary.**

Saturday, April 4th

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Solvay High School

No Charge

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

EASTER CRAFT CLASS FOR PARENT & CHILD

Children will make Easter crafts, with the help of their parent. The craft projects are provided in the cost. Children must be 5 to 9 years old, and there must be one parent for each child attending. Minimum class size is 5, and maximum is 8.

John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland

Saturday, March 28th

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Instructor: TBA

Fee: \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents

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

SCHOOL VACATIONS

Youths and teenagers may take advantage of the following activities and supervised recreation during winter and spring recesses. Must be a Town of Geddes, Solvay or Westhill School District resident to participate. No preregistration, but must register at the locations on that day.

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED AT CHERRY ROAD. NO LUNCHES OR FOOD CAN BE BROUGHT IN AND EATEN.

WINTER RECESS ACTIVITIES:

Supervised Recreation

Cherry Road School -

Tues., Feb. 18 to Thurs., Feb. 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

John Carno Recreation Center - Call the department for times and dates

SPRING RECESS ACTIVITIES:

Supervised Recreation

Cherry Road School -

Mon., Apr. 6 to Thurs., Apr. 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No Friday Apr. 10 Recreation Due To Good Friday Observation

John Carno Recreation Center - Call the department for times and dates.

CHILDCARE AND BABYSITTING SAFETY

The Child and Babysitting course is designed for young people, ages 12 and over, providing babysitting and child care services. It will be taught by a EAVES Ambulance Services certified instructor who is a professional Emergency Medical Services health care provider. Along with the basic hygienic topics covered, students will also learn bleeding control, spinal protection and how to assist children and infants that are choking. While many experts feel that 14 is generally an appropriate age to begin babysitting, maturity, responsibility, and the ability to react effectively in case of an emergency must always be considered, regardless of age. There will be a small test at the end of the class. Must pre-register!

Please bring a snack, some paper and a pencil or pen.

Saturday, March 21

9:00am to 12:00noon

John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland

Fee: \$50 per person (Checks payable to EAVES)

Minimum of 4 needed to hold class



GYMNASTICS

Class includes the basics of gymnastics – tumbling, vaulting, balance beam and more.

Westside Gymnastics, 1119 W. Genesee St. (old Flower City Glass Bldg.)

Mondays, Feb 3rd to 24th - Preschool (3-5) - 4 to 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, Feb 4th to 25th - Beginner Girls - 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, Feb 4th to 25th - Ninja/Boys - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fees: \$65 for Preschool class & Boys 6 & up class (4 week session)

\$75 for Girls 6 & up class (4 week session)

Checks payable to Westside Gymnastics

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

AFTERSCHOOL CRAFTS

Youngsters grade Kdg. and up will create various holiday craft projects (Easter, Valentine's Day, etc.), with various materials provided by the instructor. Must be able to use scissors. Bus transportation is not provided by school districts, registrants are responsible for transportation.

Cherry Road School

Session 1: Mondays, Jan. 27th to Mar. 2nd (exc. Feb. 17th)

Session 2: Mondays, Mar. 9th to Apr. 20th (exc. Apr. 6th & 13th)

3:20 to 3:50 p.m.

John Carno Recreation Center (Kdg. And up)

Session 1: Thursdays, Jan. 30th to Mar. 5th (exc. Feb. 20th)

Session 2: Thursdays, Mar. 12th to Apr. 16th (exc. Apr. 9th)

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: TBA

Fee: \$10 residents, \$12 nonresidents (per 6 week session)

Minimum: 5 class size Maximum: 8 class size

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

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AARP SMART DRIVER COURSES

Take the 6 hour classroom refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and over. Auto insurance discounts in most states – consult your insurance agent. Class size is limited and a minimum number of participants is required. Pre-registration is necessary and can be made by calling the department at **315 487-8238**.

John Carno Recreation Center

823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland

Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 11th, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. (two day course)

Instructor: Jay Guss

or

Wednesday, June 10th, 2020

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (one day course)

Full day class - **Bring a lunch!**

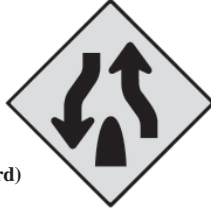
Instructor: Jay Guss

Cost: **\$20.00 (with AARP membership card)**

\$25.00 (non-members)

Payable to: **AARP (checks only)** – payment must be received prior to class)

Mail payment to the Geddes Recreation Department, 823 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209



SENIOR CITIZENS "SPRING" CARD PARTY

Seniors 55 and over are invited to attend our annual Spring Card Party. Each table will determine what type of card game they will play and how they will distribute their table prizes. Prizes will be furnished by the Recreation Department. You must bring your own cards.

John Carno Recreation Center

Thursday, May 7, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lunch: Bring your own lunch/snacks or order out – to order out must be here by 10:30 a.m. so the order can be placed

Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling the department at **315-487-8238** and must be made by **Friday, May 1st**.

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.

SENECA/NIAGARA CASINO TRIPS

Enjoy the day at Seneca/Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls, USA. A bus incentive package (slot dollars and food vouchers) will be available, however they are subject to change at the Casino's discretion. Food and beverages are available at the casino and surrounding restaurants. Reservations are required and limited to 50 people per trip.

Seneca/Niagara Casino, USA

Thursday, April 23rd, 2020

Thursday, June 4th, 2020

Must be at least **21 years of age** and must bring a **valid** government issued photo ID (driver's license, etc.)

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Depart Solvay/Geddes Community Youth Center at 8:00 a.m.

Arrive at the casino at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Depart casino at 6:00 p.m.

Arrive at the John Carno Rec. Center at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Bus Pickup Points:

Solvay/Geddes Youth Center – Geddes Town Hall, Solvay (please park behind the Youth Center)

John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland

Cost: **\$34.00 per person**

(non-residents will be charged an additional \$2.00)

Checks must be payable to the Town of Geddes and should be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the trip.

Reservations are **required and limited** and may be made by calling the department at **315-487-8238**.

del LAGO RESORT & CASINO TRIP

Come and enjoy the day at the del Lago Resort and Casino located in Waterloo, NY. A bus incentive is subject to the Casino's discretion (slot dollars and food voucher). Must be at least **21 years of age** and must bring a **valid** government issued photo ID (driver's license, etc.). Food and beverages are available at the Farmer's Market Buffet, Smashburger, Moe's, Ciccino's Pizzeria. Reservations are required and limited.

Tuesday, February 25th, 2020

Tuesday, March 31st, 2020

10:15 a.m. to 5:30p.m.

Arrive at casino approximately 11:15 a.m. and depart at 4:30 p.m.

Bus Pickup Points: (starting at **10:15 a.m.**)

Solvay/Geddes Youth Center – Geddes Town Hall, Solvay (please park behind the Youth Center)

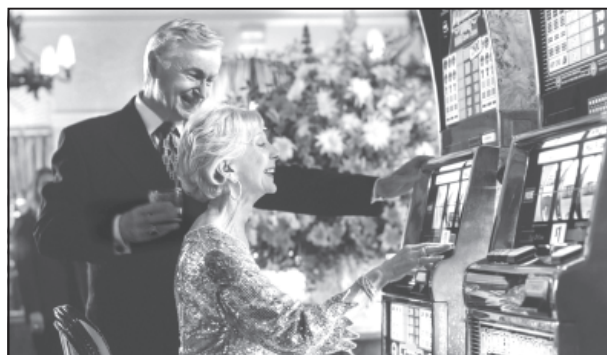
John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland

Cost: **\$20.00 per person**

(non-residents will be charged an additional \$2.00)

Checks are payable to the Town of Geddes and must be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the trip.

Reservations are **required and limited** and may be made by calling the department at **315-487-8238**.



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Winter Word Search

BLANKET	FROSTY	SHOVEL
BLEAK	GALES	SKATING
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BONFIRE	HATS	SNEEZING
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COALS	ICE	SNOWMAN
COAT	ICE FISHING	SNOWMOBILE
COLD	ICICLE	SNOWPLOW
COUGH	LOGS	SWEATER
EAR MUFFS	MITTENS	TOBOGGAN
FIREPLACE	NIPPY	WIND
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FREEZING	SHIVER	

Community News



Solvay Fire Department Inc.

Headquarters is Station 1, 1925 Milton Ave., Solvay NY 13209
PO Box 123, Solvay, New York 13209
Phone: 315-468-1710, Fax: 315-468-1694



The Solvay Fire Department, Inc. hopes that you had a wonderful Holiday season and wish you a very Happy New Year. We would like to take this time to remind you of some fire safety tips for the winter Season as there are still a few months of cold weather ahead.

1. Be sure to have your furnace or boiler serviced annually.

2. Make sure all combustible materials are kept clear from any elements that are used for heat whether it be a space heater, furnace, fireplace, etc..

3. Do not plug any electric heating devices into power strips or under-rated extension cords.

4. If you have a fireplace or wood burning stove, make sure to have the chimney inspected/cleaned out annually.

5. Best practice is to have a smoke detector in every bedroom/sleeping space and a minimum of one on each floor of

your home. Also be sure to have a Carbon Monoxide detector on each floor as well.

6. Change the batteries in your detectors whenever you move the clocks ahead or behind or replace them with the new 10 year sealed battery detectors.

If you have any fire safety or general questions about the Solvay Fire Dept., please feel free to call us on our non-emergency numbers @ 315-468-1710 or 315-468-2323. However if you have an emergency or even if you are not sure if you problem is an emergency or not, please call 911 instead of the non-emergency numbers, as there is not always someone at the fire station.

Lastly, the Solvay Fire Department is always looking for new members. Below are a few short paragraphs that one of our members has written about how and why

he decided to join our team. If you are interested, please stop into the station @ 1925 Milton Ave. and ask for an application. Thank you.

WHY I JOINED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT... AND WHY YOU SHOULD TOO. BY FIREFIGHTER DAN CAMPBELL

5 years ago, I joined the Solvay Volunteer Fire Dept. because I wanted to help my community. I have always been involved in various volunteer organizations growing up and after not having done anything for awhile, I wanted yo get back into it and I wanted to do something that I had never done before. So I decided to become a Volunteer Firefighter. What I didn't know at the time is how much more I was actually going to get, besides being able to help others.

When you join the Fire Dept., not only are you helping your neighbors, but you

will learn more new skills than I can cover in this short article. You will make new friends, become stronger, and even become eligible for tax breaks and join in on the various social activities that we all do together. It won't cost you anything but time, as all training and equipment is provided to you. Best of all, you are given an opportunity to better your community, and yourself.

The Solvay Volunteer Fire Dept. was established in 1895 and services the Village of Solvay and the Town of Geddes. We are dispatched to over 1500 calls per year, everything from medical alarms to structure fires. If you, or someone you know, would like to join, then visit solvayfire.com or call or text me at (315) 657-8755 to set up a tour of the station and discuss your next steps in an experience that you will never forget.



Lakeside Fire Department, Inc.

Organized 1949 * 1002 State Fair Blvd. • Syracuse, New York. 13209
submitted by John Dantuono, Secretary

By the time this article is published and read, the Lakeside FD will have responded to in excess of 600 alarms in 2019. These alarms include fire, EMS related, motor vehicle accidents, and calls for Mutual Aid to neighboring fire departments. Along with answering alarms our dedicated membership continues to drill on a weekly basis to remain proficient in life and property saving skills and to keep current on the ever-changing technology in Emergency Services.

Training for the past year has included

EMT certifications, "Active Shooter" situations, fireground operations, water rescues, personal safety, OSHA/PESH compliance and facility familiarization tours for pre-planning. We also train with our mutual aid departments to become better acquainted with their equipment and organizational structure during emergency situations.

The Lakeside Fire Department also supports the community in other ways besides emergency services. Some of the events the department has participated in

the past year are:

- Solvay Tigers Little League opening day ceremonies
- Memorial Day Watchfire Ceremony
- Town of Geddes Parks & Recreation Safety Day
- "Buddy Walk" at Longbranch Park
- Fire Prevention detail at Holy Family School
- CNY Veterans Day Parade and Expo at the NYS Fairgrounds
- Parade of Lights in the Village of Baldwinsville

In closing I'd like to mention that the Lakeside Fire Department is a 100% volunteer organization and is always searching for new members, so if you think you have the "Fire in You" and would like to provide service to your community, please feel free to stop by our fire station on Monday evenings to speak with an officer to have any questions you may have answered and about filling out an application, or call 315-468-0072 or 315-487-7218.

REMEMBER WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS AND CO ALARMS SAVE LIVES!

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.

Special Programs

Readers from Birth-Every second Tuesday of the month at 5:15PM. Special program offering storytime activities for preschool children and their parents.



Chair Yoga at the Library-every Wednesday at 4pm. Learn to stretch and relax at your local library.



Armchair Travel and Coffee-Every first Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Monthly series of travel programs at the Solvay Public Library. The next Armchair Travel will be Travels in Ireland on Tuesday, January 7 at 2pm.



Bells and Motley- Saturday, February 15, 2020, 2pm. Celebrating Valentine's Day with English and French traditional folk music.



Irish Dance with Rince Na Sonas- Saturday, March 7, 2pm. An afternoon of traditional Irish dance and folk music.



Light of the World Ballet- Saturday, April 4, 2pm. Light of the World Ballet is a full-time professional ballet company which performs locally, state-wide, and tours nationally and internationally.



Ongoing Library Programs

We would love to hear your ideas for future programs and activities held at the library. Please call the library or stop in and let us know what you would like to see at your library! We are looking for adult, teen, and children's program and

activity ideas.

Be sure to check our website and online calendar regularly or stop by the library for updated calendars and news. It's a great way to know about our new programs, upcoming library events, program descriptions, schedules, and library news. All programs are free and open to the public.



· **Story Time**- On Tuesdays from 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. children ages 2 ½ to 5 can come with their parent or caregiver for story time. Children will hear a story, make a craft to take home, and enjoy a small snack.

· **Library Wednesday Movie**- The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Pack a picnic dinner from home or your favorite takeout restaurant and head to the library for a movie night!

· **Chair Yoga at the Library**-every Wednesday at 4pm. Learn to stretch and relax at your local library.

· **Game Day**- Children ages 5 – 14 can join us every Thursday from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. for game day. We have a variety of gaming activities including board games, computer games, card games, and more! Play one of the games we have or bring your own game to share.

· **Friday Crafts**- On Fridays from 4:00 – 4:45 children ages 5 – 14 will be able to make crafts that they can take home. All supplies are provided!

· **Sunday Movie Matinee**- On the 2nd Sunday of each month, we feature a movie from 2:00 – 4:00. These are free and open to the public.

· **Book Club**- Did you know Solvay Library has an adult book club? New members are always welcome! Call the library for meeting times or to join.

· **Rapid Reads and Fast Flicks**- No more waiting for bestselling book titles and popular DVDs! With Rapid Reads new books and Fast flicks DVDs on our shelves you can borrow these new, popular titles without having to put them on hold.



Library Services

· Do you have an eReader? You can download books to read or listen to for free from our online catalog. You will need to download some free software in order to access our books.

· **Computer and Tech Help**- The library has 14 computers available for public use with printing capabilities. We provide free WiFi service if you'd like to

come in with your own device and connect to the Internet. We also offer free one-on-one tech assistance by appointment. If you need help with computer basics including using the Internet, how to set up an email account, fill out an online application, or help with downloading books onto your eReader, call the library at 468-2441 to make an appointment.

· **Library Community Room and Meeting Rooms**- The library has a variety of meeting spaces for your community group and clubs. Our spaces are ideal for a special program, workshops, or a committee meeting. We have wireless access, a digital projector, and other equipment for meeting use. Due to municipal laws paid, private tutors are not allowed to use our facility. Call the library for more information on how to schedule a room for your meeting or group.

· **Public use scanners and a photocopier.**

· **The Library is home to the archives of the Solvay Process Company** and has special collection material related to the remediation of Onondaga Lake. The Local History room also houses archives of the Solvay Union Free District and some local history materials. Use of the room is possible by appointment only.

· **Artist of the Month**- We welcome local artists to display their work in the library. If you would like to share your creative talents with our community by exhibiting your work, please contact the library.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Solvay Public Library was established in 2004. They provide vital support to the library and its programs, and advocate for the library in our community. Membership now totals 110.

Help support the ongoing programs and book collection at Solvay Public Library by joining the Friends of the Li-



brary organization. Active members attend monthly meetings every third Thursday at the library and/or volunteer at book sales, programs, and fundraisers. Unable to attend the meetings or commit your time to volunteering? Inactive members contribute with membership dues. Membership forms are available at www.solvaylibrary.org, at the library, or can be mailed to you by calling the library at 1-315-468-2441.

Join them at their next meeting as they plan and prepare for their next fundraiser and annual book and bake sale.



Members of the Friends of the Solvay Library and Solvay Library patrons at the annual Easter Party



Solvay Tigers Auxiliary

submitted by Carolyn Femano

The Solvay Tigers Auxiliary is looking to increase their membership. Our membership is now open to include people from the Town of Geddes, Camillus, Onondaga and the Village of Solvay.

We are a service organization that supports the Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center and programs for the youth of our area. We earn money by selling refreshments at Solvay Tigers Bingo which is held on Saturday nights at the youth center. By joining the auxiliary and helping to sell refreshments at bingo once every five weeks you can earn a free membership to the center to exercise and have use of the pool. Please call Carolyn Femano at 488-7194 or Judy DeLucia at 468-1906 for more information.

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Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center

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

Defensive Driving Class

February 5th, 2020 10:00am – 4:30pm
March 3rd and 4th, 2020 6:00pm – 9pm (2 days)**
April 8th, 2020 9:00am – 3:30pm
May 5th and 6th, 2020 9:00am – 12:00pm (2 days)
June 3rd, 2020 9:00am – 3:30pm

****Only Night Class**

(Please call 315-488-6639 for details and enrollment)



Bingo



Saturday Evenings at 7pm,
Kitchen opens at 5pm
Admission is \$5.00 which includes 8 regular games,
Special games extra
Last game pays \$1,000.00
Average pay out weekly is \$4,000.00

**For more information,
please call 315-488-3666**

**FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM HERE FOR GRADES 2ND – 12TH
MON – FRI BEGINNING @ 2:15 PM**

Pool hours for the After School Program:
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 3 – 5pm

Swim lessons

\$60 each 6 week session – (reduced fee for members)
Next session begins week of March 2, 2020

Please call for class information, dates and registration form

ADULT AQUA CLASSES

Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 – 10:45am

\$60.00 each 6 week session (reduced fee for members)

Wed. Evening 6:00 – 7:00pm

\$30.00 each 6 week session (reduced fee for members)

Tues. & Thurs. 1:00 – 1:45pm

\$60.00 each 6 week session (reduced fee for members)

PIYOCHI Fridays 10:00 – 11:00am

\$30.00 each 6 week session (reduced fee for members)

Please call for dates and registration form

Senior Citizens Corner

Solvay Senior Citizens

submitted by: Sharon Marr, Publicity

2019 has come to an end. As we look back on the year, we had a very interesting year.

In September, the Kiwanis Club visited us and served cake and ice cream. Also, Flu shots were given to members.

October brought us to the Sunset Restaurant, in Auburn for our Harvest dinner. The food was delicious as usual.

November was a short month for us. We had a trip to the de Lago Casino in Tyre, New York. The buffet was fabulous. It was very rewarding for some of our Seniors and of course the “L” losers. All in all it was a good day.

December was a good month. We held our Christmas Party at Twin Trees II. The buffet was very good and enjoyed by all. John Vona entertained us with his beautiful voice and great music.

As we start off 2020, our first speaker of the year will be Alan Wood, Police Chief or someone from the Department. We always look forward to hearing about the safety of our Village.



Harvest Dinner



Christmas Party at Twin Trees



Christmas Party at Twin Trees

February our Mayor, Derek Baichi will be our speaker. We always look forward to his visit. He

keeps us pretty well informed about what is going on in the Village.

March, right now is up

in the air. Not sure who will be our guest.

As we say good-bye to 2019 and hello to 2020,

The Solvay Seniors wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Senior Citizens Corner

Geddes Senior Citizens

submitted by: Anne DeMarchi and Sandra Makarwicz, Publicity Chairladies

The Geddes Seniors had a busy Fall starting with our September meeting which was our annual Bingo and Pizza night. There were six lucky members who shouted "BINGO"! We had a lot of fun and many laughs.

Also in September, we enjoyed a "Mystery Trip" to the Catskill Mountain area. Our tour guide gave us the history of the area and landmarks along the way to Blackhead Mountain Lodge in Round Top, NY. We enjoyed an Octoberfest German meal (homemade spaetzle) and wonderful music. We also visited 5 State Lookout points, the Catskill Mountain Country Store and a Guaranteed Irish Gift Shop. The trip was fun and entertaining.

Our October meeting was our annual Harvest Dinner catered by Dave Forest. The meal was delicious and enjoyed by all. We did not have a speaker but were able to enjoy the company of our fellow members.

A trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania took place in November. We saw two Christmas shows: "Joy to the World" at the American Music Theatre and "Miracle of Christmas" at the Millennium Sight and Sound Theatre. The tour also included a visit to an Amish Farm and House and a private schoolhouse presentation at the Willow Lane One-Room School on the farm. The entire trip was enjoyed by all.

At our November meeting, Adam Weitsman, owner and CEO of Upstate Shredding - Weitsman Recycling, spoke to us about his recycling business. Adam currently has 17 scrap metal recycling locations in NY & PA, one of which is located on Bridge Street near the NYS Fairgrounds which employs many people in our area. It was a pleasure to have him speak at our meeting. Also at our November meeting,

many of our members prepared delicious apple desserts for us to enjoy.

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon was held on December 5th at the Embassy Suites across from Destiny. The food was wonderful, the door prizes plentiful and the holiday spirit was definitely vis-

ible among the Geddes Seniors.

Travel plans for 2020 are still being planned.

For 2020, the January, February and March meetings will be held in the afternoon, with coffee ready at 1:30 PM and meetings starting at 2 PM.



Installation of new Officers



Our guide at the Amish Village - Lancaster, PA



Our Bingo Caller - Maureen!



Adam Weitsman with Geddes Seniors



Our own Amish model!



Pizza Night



Christmas Party - 2019



Christmas Party at Embassy Suites



Christmas Party at Embassy Suites

Senior Citizens Corner

Lakeland Senior Citizens

submitted by: Mary Ann Zalewski

Unbelievably, 2019 is coming to a close and winter is upon us. By now, spring is around the corner. It is always exciting to reflect on the many special events we attended throughout 2019. We have created new friendships and ongoing happy memories. Our seniors have had some very special events throughout the past year. Some examples are: a speaker on senior health issues, scam recognition by a speaker from Solvay Bank, multiple lunch outings, a variety of musical entertainment and of course our annual summer picnic and annual Christmas party. All were well attended as you can see by the pictures taken by Joe, who is never without his camera.

As a reminder we meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the John Carno Rec. Center at 823 State Fair Blvd. January, February and March meetings are at 1PM. The rest of the year we meet at 6:30. Our goal is to have our current and new members brightly shining with smiles. Our Activities Committee is hard at work for our 2020 season to make this happen.

Here's what's up for the next four months. Our January meeting will feature Deacon Bob Fancio from Holy Family Church. We will lunch at the Western Ranch. In February, we will have our annual meet the town leaders, including our Supervisor, town councilors, chief of police, highway superintendent and town clerk. Pizza will be served!! Jammers will be our lunch destination. At our March meeting John Wilson will entertain us. On the 24th we lunch at Mona Lisa. You won't want to miss our April meeting. We have Belly Dancers. Bring your own castanets. And we top off the month with lunch at Kirby's.

If all this sounds uplifting to you, we invite any-

one at least 50 years young to come and see what we are all about. Either call Joe at 315-488-3713 or just come to a meeting.

Finally, we would like to thank the officers and volunteers of 2019 for the great job they did.

Keep remembering: build friendships, have fun and make memories.

Our new motto is: IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.



John and Deb Puma



Vinnie Cupo at our Christmas Party



Shoe Boxes for the Kiwanis Club



New Members David, Sharon and Fran



Christmas Party at Daniella's At the Fair



Cortland Repertory Theatre at Little York



Senior Fair with Sen. Antonacci



Tom with his Harem



Lunch at Fisher Bay



Tom (Elvis) Gilbo