

# ABOUT TOWN

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

[www.townofgeddes.com](http://www.townofgeddes.com)

Fall 2020

\*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](mailto:parks@townofgeddes.com) or call the Department at (315) 487-8238.

**We appreciate your understanding and stay safe and well!!**

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## YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

At this point in time, we are waiting on guidelines and protocols from NY State in regards to the sport of basketball, for a decision on the Youth Basketball League.

This year, due to COVID, the Westhill School District has requested we not run our program at Cherry Road School. We understand and abide by their decision.

Therefore, if clearance is given for the sport of basketball, in cooperation with the Solvay-Geddes Community Center, we will be offering our League at their location of 1010 Woods Road, Solvay.

Please check the Town of Geddes website, the Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation's Facebook page, or call the Recreation Department at (315) 487-8238, Mon.-Fri. 9am to 4:30pm for more information.



## ACTIVITY KITS

For the months of October, November and December, we will be offering more theme based activity kits, similar to the ones offered this summer!!

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

The kits will include various supplies and activities for the Fall and Holiday months.

These bags full of fun activities were a big hit in the summer!

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

**LIMITED TO 20 KITS.**



## SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN & CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONIES

New ideas for the Santa's Coming to Town Holiday Party and the Christmas Tree Lightings are still in the works! Stay tuned for more information! Check out the Town website and our Facebook page – Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation for updates!

Also, you may call the Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 9am-4:30pm.

## FLU SHOTS

**APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE CLINIC! PLEASE READ!**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
from 12:30 to 3:00 pm  
at the John Carno Recreation Center  
823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland  
315-487-8238

The Flu Shot clinic is being sponsored by Wegman's Pharmacy. Proper guidelines and protocols will be followed by both the Recreation Department and Wegman's Pharmacy.

To receive a flu shot, an appointment is necessary. Reservations for appointment times can be made by calling the Recreation Department at (315) 487-8238, during office hours, Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm.

After receiving your appointment time, the Wegman's Pharmacy will contact you 10 days prior to the Clinic date for all your necessary billing information. With this format, the only paperwork needed to be completed on the Clinic date will be the consent form with the Pharmacist administering the shot.

## Holiday Schedule - 2020 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.**

## HALLOWEEN BOO! DRIVE-THROUGH

Come on down to 1000 Woods Road (Town Hall) for our first ever drive-through Halloween Boo in cooperation with the Village of Solvay! Get the kids dressed up in their costumes, hop in the car and head on over to see some amazing Halloween decorations and goodies! We will also be handing out light bags! **LIMITED TO 150 GOODIE BAGS! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!**

Starts precisely at 11:00am until either goodie bags are gone or 12:30pm.

1000 Woods Road Town Hall  
Saturday, October 24th  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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



## Town of Geddes

1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209

**SUPERVISOR**  
Gerald Albrigo

**ATTORNEY**  
Thomas J. Cerio

**ENGINEER**  
Dunn & Sgromio

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

**TOWN CLERK**  
Alison Dorchester

**SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS**  
Paul Trovato

**ASSESSOR**  
Christopher Russo

**TOWN JUSTICES**  
Daniel Matthews III  
John Kinsella

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**  
David Balcer

**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 Carmo Recreation Center.....	(315) 487-8243

## 2020 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

### Comprehensive Plan

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

### Zoning & Planning / Codes /

### Buildings & Code Book

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

### Highway

Ed Weber, Chair  
Email: edweber@townofgeddes.com  
Martin Kelley  
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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board – Last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Geddes Town Hall,

1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209

and are open to the public.

# ABOUTTOWN

**ABOUTTOWN** 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 Abouttown

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 will begin accepting reservations for the use of the pavilions on **Monday, January 4, 2021.**

Lakeland Park is located on Alhan Parkway and the reservation entitles you to the use of the large pavilion, restrooms, and electricity. Facilities at Lakeland Park include tennis courts, basketball courts, field areas and playground equipment. Lindbergh Lawns Park is located on Bennett Ave. in the Lindbergh Lawns area and include a small pavilion, bathrooms, half court basketball area and playground equipment.

Those wishing to reserve the pavilion must be Town of Geddes Residents and a **\$35.00 user fee** will be charged. Reservations must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance. For additional information call the department at 315-487-8238.

Please bear in mind there may be changes and restrictions in the allowance of reservations, due to guidelines and protocols for COVID.



# 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 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

### 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., Wyndrop Rd., Hatherleigh Rd., Chaumont Dr., Century Dr., Southview Rd., N. Terry Rd., Timberwolf Circle, Coppleigh 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 1<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup> as is the current schedule. All grass clippings **MUST BE** in PAPER BAGS, CARDBOARD BOXES or a container NOT TO EXCEED 50 lbs.

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

**\*\*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.**

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 [ocra.org](http://ocra.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 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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

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

### Recycle in your blue bin



Newspapers,  
Magazines,  
Catalogs and  
Softcover Books  
Keep loose, don't tie.



Cardboard,  
pizza, and  
cereal boxes  
flattened.



Papers, Mail,  
Envelopes



#1 and #2  
Plastic BOTTLES\*  
Empty and clean, no lids.



Cans and Jars  
Empty and clean and food  
labels, not too oily.



#5 Plastic Tubs  
Empty and clean, no lids.

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

## From the Code Enforcement / Fire Marshall's Office:

David Balcer, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall

October brings us fire prevention week and although the cold weather is still months away (we hope) here are the dos and don'ts of operating your fireplace or wood stove...

### Fireplace Safety

• Use natural logs. However, if you use the artificial logs, be sure to follow the directions on the package.

• Check your fireplace and chimney often and keep them clean and in good repair.

• Always make sure that a good firescreen is in front of the fireplace.

• Keep the damper set so the draft (flow of air) will remove all smoke and gases when the fireplace is on. Remember, too much air flow might let the fire get out of control.

• Keep the area near the fireplace clear of materials like papers, books, toys, etc. Everyone should know about the possibility of flying sparks from the fire and what to do about them.

• Make sure that the fire is completely out before going to bed or if you plan to leave the house.

### Fireplace Dangers

• Do not stack artificial logs in the fire place like you would real wood.

• Do not use your fireplace if it has loose bricks or needs to be cleaned.

• Do not burn charcoal, coal, or plastic materials (wrap, cups, plates, etc.).

• Do not burn garbage in the fireplace.

• Do not ever use gasoline or other such liquid to start or help a fire to start.

• Do not allow small children near the fireplace.

• Do not leave a fire unattended

\* always keep a fire extinguisher nearby \*

Another fire safety thing to keep in mind is to not burn leaves or any items from the yard. Check with the Highway Department on their limitations and rules for picking up yard waste. Recreational fires in the yard need to comply with D.E.C. rules as well as N.Y. State fire code rules. The main thing to keep in mind is to only burn clean seasoned wood in an outdoor recreational fire pit.

## From the Assessor's Office:

Christopher Russo, Assessor & Ally Grim, Assessment Clerk

Please be advised, 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](http://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 exemptions.

**The Enhanced STAR Income Verification Program (IVP) is now mandatory.**

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, all new Enhanced STAR applicants are required to participate in the IVP. The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will annually review applicants' income to determine their eligibility for the Enhanced STAR exemption.

In the first year, the assessor will verify eligibility based on the income information you provide. Subsequently, the Tax Department will also review applicants' income to confirm eligibility.

In the following years, Tax Department will verify income eligibility, and applicants will not need to reapply for the exemption or provide copies of their tax returns to the assessor.

Property owners who were previously participating in the IVP do not need to submit any information to assessors. The Tax Department will notify existing IVP participants if they:

\* Need additional information to determine eligibility, or

\* Determine they are not eligible for the exemption.

## From the Dog Control Office:

Diana Fadden, Dog Control Officer

Hello pet parents, this is Ms. Diana Fadden writing from the Dog Control Office.

I have been receiving a lot of calls, questions, & concerns regarding loose cats in peoples neighborhoods. I wanted to take the time to talk about it.

Dog Control does not pick up loose or stray cats because there is no license or leash law for them like there is dogs.

If you see a cat and you truly believe it is not a neighbors, the best resource

Impact on applications for the senior citizens (467) exemption

As a result of the IVP changes, property owners applying for the senior citizens exemption for the first time will no longer automatically receive the Enhanced STAR exemption. To receive both exemptions, they will have to apply for each one separately.

If your income qualifies for Senior Citizens with the Limited Income Exemption, you will need to reapply with proof of income to the Town of Geddes Assessor's Office by our annual tax status date, **MARCH 1ST**.

\* When applying for the Enhanced STAR exemption, please provide a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return for the 2019 year, and proof of age, 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, such as Persons with Disability and Limited Income, Veterans, Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker, Senior Citizens with Limited Income, please contact my office at (315) 468-3600 Ext. 4. All exemption applications must be filed by our annual tax status date, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please kindly be advised that our public hours at the office have changed due to Covid-19. We are now open to the public from 10:00am to 2:00pm until further notice.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Thank you.

available now (in my opinion) is the CNY Cat Coalition. You can e-mail them questions or concerns, along with a picture of the situation/cat.

They are a volunteer service, so please be kind and patient when asking for help. They use all of their own resources, money, and personal houses to care for these homeless/abandoned cats.

Thanks for taking the time to read this!

## From the Town Supervisor Office:

Jerry Albrigo, Town Supervisor

Over the course of the past year, despite business interruption caused by COVID-19, the Town of Geddes was busy with reviewing and approving commercial development plans, such as the following:

### SEPTEMBER 2019

1127 Grand Avenue - Tiffany's School of Dance & Performing Art Center, LLC (former Jerry's Carpets). Owner proposed change of use 755 State Fair Boulevard - Hair Studio 5 LTD (former Liquor, Wine & Moon Shine). Owner Proposes change of use. Liquor, Wine and Moon Shine move to newly constructed commercial building at 904 State Fair Blvd.

In the Village of Solway on Third St. a re-development of St. Cecilia School into apartments.

### JANUARY 2020

Farrell Road - Demolition of the former General Electric Building #1 by

**At the August 11th Town Board meeting, Supervisor Albrigo and the Geddes Council surprised Chief Vic Gillette with a proclamation in his honor declaring August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as Chief Victor Gillette Day! Chief Gillette will be retiring at the end of this month after 43 1/2 years of service in law enforcement. We wish him many years of happiness, as he enjoys his well deserved retirement!!**



## From the Geddes Police Department:

Victor M. Gillette, Chief of Police

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer but now it is time to focus on the Fall Season. Here are a few tips that will help prepare you for driving during the fall months.

1. Slow down if you are driving on a road covered with leaves, especially when driving around turns.

2. Allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency. Keep a greater distance between you and the car in front of you.

3. Leaves make it more difficult to see potholes and bumps in the road.

4. Keep your windshield leaf free to avoid wet leaves getting stuck under the windshield wiper blades.

5. When driving in fog, set your headlights to low beam. This setting aims the beam of the lights toward the roadway.

6. Keep your headlights clean and in working order. Make sure they are aligned.

7. Always keep a pair of sunglasses in your vehicle. The bright sunlight often creates a large amount of glare.

If you have plans to travel out of town this winter, call us with details and we will be happy to check your home while you are away. This service is provided throughout the year to those residents who travel, giving them peace of mind that their home is being checked.

As always, lock your car doors, close your first floor windows at night and lock your home.

I would like to congratulate our newest Geddes Police Department hire. Officer Sophia Dimkos started with the department on August 26, 2020. She will be field training for the first several months before going out on her own. Sophia was a campus police officer at Ithaca College prior to being hired by Geddes.

Have an Enjoyable Fall Season !!!

## 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:**

\* It's the responsibility of the property owner to ensure timely payment of taxes, even if a bill is not received in the mail or the payments are supposed to be made via escrow with a mortgage company.

\* NYS Real Property Tax Law states that no Town or County Official has the authority to waive penalty fees.

### 2020 ELECTION:

The 2020 election is around the corner. The Town Clerk's office has voter registration and absentee ballots available and ready for pick-up. Please be sure to vote on November 3, 2020.

### 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](mailto:townclerk@townofgeddes.com)

[Demputytownclerk@townofgeddes.com](mailto:Demputytownclerk@townofgeddes.com)

\* PHONE - (315) 468-3600 Ext. 2

\* FAX - (315) 487-5721

On behalf of my Deputy Clerk and I, we would like to personally thank all residents who expressed patience and kindness towards us and others during these difficult times. We work diligently making sure your transactions run smooth and efficient.

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

Stay home, social distance and be safe.

# 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](mailto: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 AboutTown 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](mailto:parks@townofgeddes.com) or call the Department at (315) 487-8238.

We appreciate your understanding and stay safe and well!!



## PERSONALIZED LETTER FROM SANTA

Surprise your child, children, grandchildren or anyone with their own personalized letter from Santa! Letters from Santa will be delivered right to your door! We would need the following information for the letters: child's first and last name, address, age, boy or girl and the gift they want the most from Santa. Please mail the following information:

Child's name, address (street, city, state and zip), age, boy or girl and the gift most wanted, along with the \$1.00 per letter fee to cover mailing and printing costs, to:

Town of Geddes Recreation Department,  
823 State Fair Blvd.,  
Syracuse, NY 13209.  
Deadline for letters is Wednesday, December 9th.

## \*\*\*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, September 3 to October 1 (5 week session)*

Fee: \$27 residents, \$29 nonresidents (5 week session)

*Session 2: Thursdays, October 15 to November 12 (5 wks.)*

Fee: \$27 residents, \$29 nonresidents (5 week session)

*Session 3: Thursdays, November 19 to December 17 (5 wks.)*

Fee: \$27 residents, \$29 nonresidents (5 week session)

**6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Instructor: Alyssa Bartlett, licensed Zumba instructor

Minimum of 6 needed to hold class, maximum of 15.

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, October 27 to December 1 (6 week session)*

Fee: \$52 residents, \$54 nonresidents

*Session 2: Tuesdays, December 8 to December 15 (2 weeks)*

Fee: \$18 residents, \$20 nonresidents (2 week mini session)

*Session 3: Tuesdays, January 5 to February 9 (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 6 needed to hold class, maximum of 15.

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

# Recreation Programs / News

## TAI CHI CHUAN

Learn to move slowly to realign your body, relieve stress, learn to relax and feel better, without hard workouts! Anyone, ages 13 to 80, are welcome to register!

**John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland**

*Session 1: Mondays, August 31 to October 5 (exc. Sept. 7)(5 weeks)*

Fee: \$52 residents, \$54 nonresidents (5 week session)

*Session 2: Mondays, October 12 to November 16 (6 weeks)*

Fee: \$62 residents, \$64 nonresidents (6 week session)

**6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Instructor: Dave Deluca, Tai Chi Chuan instructor

Minimum of 6 needed to hold class, maximum of 15.

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

## AARP SMART DRIVER COURSES

All in-person AARP Driver Safety courses have been canceled by AARP until January 2021.

They are offering a 25% discount if you take the course online at the AARP website.

The website is [www.aarpdriversafety.org](http://www.aarpdriversafety.org) and you will need to enter the promotional code

DRIVINGSKILLS to receive the discount. This discount is valid through December 31, 2020.

Please call the department at (315) 487-8238, in December, to check if any classes for our location have been scheduled for 2021.

## Crossword

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# 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 Tigers Auxiliary is sponsoring a returnables drive to help fund the Go Fund Me Drive for the Solvay Geddes Youth Center. While Bingo is suspended, we need to raise funds for the Center. The fundraiser is ongoing. Drop off your returnables to the Bottle's End Redemption Center, 101 Montrose Ave. If they are in a bag/carton you may leave

them to be counted and ask that the amount be applied to the Solvay-Geddes Youth Center Account. Current hours are M-F 9 am to 5 pm. Closed for lunch 1 to 1:30. Thank You!

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 Chris Johns Kirby at 481-5046 for more information.



## Lakeside Fire Department, Inc.

Organized 1949 \* 1002 State Fair Blvd. \* Syracuse, New York. 13209

*submitted by John Dantuono, Secretary*

Although we have recorded one of the hottest summers on record, soon we will be getting that crisp, cool autumn air moving into our area and before we know it we will be thinking of turning the thermostat up or firing the wood stove or fireplace to take the chill out of the air.

If you use gas to heat your home, make sure to have your heating appliance checked out by a certified HVAC contractor to ensure its in good working order. Also have working smoke and CO detec-

tors in place to alert you to any problems. If you use a gas fireplace, make sure all lines and connections have been inspected before the heating season begins.

If wood is the fuel you use for heating, make sure your chimney is clean and free of debris and that there are no cracks in the fireplace. Use a fireplace screen to keep any sparks or fire debris inside the fireplace and do not leave a fire unattended. When cleaning out the

fireplace make sure to empty any ash and debris into a metal container for disposal.

When using any portable or space heating device make sure to leave a three-foot area around the heater clear. Never hang any clothing on space heaters to dry and keep the heater away from draperies and furniture. Finally, never leave the heating unit unattended and if you have left your home turn the heater off and never use extension cords to sup-

ply power to the unit, make sure to plug the device directly into the outlet.

Please practice fire safety every day. The Lakeside Fire Department is always seeking new members to join its ranks. If you would like to join us in protecting our community, please call the Chief's office at 315-487-7218 for membership information.

**REMEMBER- WORKING SMOKE AND CO ALARMS SAVE LIVES!**

## 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 5:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.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. (starting Nov. 6th)

### Saturdays

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (starting Nov. 7th)

\*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.

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# Senior Citizens Corner

## Solvay Senior Citizens

submitted by: Sharon Marr, Publicity

Hello from the Solvay Seniors. Hope everyone is staying safe and well during the pandemic. We will be honoring some of our Members who are no longer with us.

Most recently Agnes Delmaso,

Agnes Mosher and Emma Fidele. In the last year or so, Elsa Barba, Mary Bondoni, Vera Michleson, Theresa Molta, Louise Salvaterra (Inga), Mike Pirro, and Betsy Simao. We also have two members who have left, due to mov-

ing. They are Anne Howard and Joan DeVaul. They will all be missed.

To anyone interested in Flu Shots, Katherine from Wegman's is taking names of anyone, who would like to get theirs, she will

contact you when they are in. She's the same pharmacist who has done our shots the last few years.....

As of now, there will be no meetings, till 2021. We will let you know, what month they will resume.

## Lakeland Senior Citizens

submitted by: Mary Ann Zalewski

As all of you are aware, we are in the midst of a once in a lifetime pandemic. Virtually all of the activities we were planning have been cancelled. We don't know when or if we will be getting together again this year. Our biggest disappointment was the fact that we had to cancel our annual summer picnic. However, our wonderful Activities Committee met in the back yard of one of our member's house in late June and decided that even a pandemic wouldn't stop us from holding our picnic. Our desire was to give something back to our members who have been missing our monthly meetings and lunch outings. Observing social distancing and mask wearing we forged an alternate plan for our picnic. We picked a date in early September in hopes that we would have an available venue. Since that time

there have been a few more wrinkles for us to work out. We knew we couldn't have a traditional style picnic so we decided on a drive up format. The wellbeing of our members is our primary concern and we are taking every precaution to ensure everyone's safety. While some of the details still need to be worked out, we are confident that we can continue our tradition of excellent picnics. Our Activities Committee will be meeting again in late August to iron out remaining issues.

If anyone out there would like to get out for our drive up picnic you can contact Joe Mingin at 315-488-3713. The picnic date is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> with rain dates the next two days.

We will also be discussing our annual Christmas Party which is scheduled for Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Stay well and we hopefully will get through this together.

Since many of us are stuck inside, here is a recipe that is delicious and will make your house smell amazing:

### Apple Cinnamon Bread

1/3 cup brown sugar (not packed)

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

2/3 cup white sugar

1/2 cup butter, softened

2 eggs

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 cup milk

1 apple, peeled and chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease and flour a 9 x 5 inch loaf pan. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon together in a bowl and set aside

Beat white sugar and butter together in a bowl using an electric mixer until smooth and creamy. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time, until incorporated; add vanilla extract.

Combine flour and baking powder together in another bowl; stir into creamed butter mixture.

Mix milk into batter until smooth. Pour half the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Next add half the apple and half the brown sugar cinnamon mixture. Lightly pat apple mixture into batter.

Pour the remaining batter over apple layer; top with remaining apple and add more brown sugar/cinnamon mixture. Lightly pat apples into batter; swirl brown sugar mixture through apples using a finger or spoon.

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean, 30 to 40 minutes.

## Geddes Senior Citizens

submitted by: Conni Walker

Hi everyone! Hope this finds you and your families safe and healthy. I hope that we are on the downside of this crazy COVID 19!

Our meetings for September and October are cancelled, and November is questionable. What a change this year has brought! Geddes Seniors are usually busy with meetings, trips, and dinners getting together to catch up with each other and what is going on in the community. We really miss the meetings. I know I can't wait to see you all in person again!

Happy, Happy Birthday to Chuck Reiner, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday!!

Hope you were able to celebrate and have great day!

We remain hopeful that we will be able to hold our annual Christmas Party. Mark your calendars for December 3, 2020 from 12:00-3:00 in The Empire Room at the State Fairgrounds. Daniella's is catering the event. You will have a choice of beef, chicken or pasta entrée. The Town of Geddes has graciously provided monies to the Geddes Seniors. Since we have not had any trips or major expenses this year, some of the monies can be used toward the Christmas Party, keeping the cost per member lower than the last few years (\$10-15). After recently

checking in with Daniella's, we are still booked on their calendar in hopes that by later this year, the State mandate of a maximum of 50 people for an event will be lifted. We have several things in the works to make our party extra special this year! More information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Sadly, we have recently lost several members and friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

John Naples - December 26

Mary Petro - March 16

Elizabeth (Betty) Katona -

March 17

Olga Ptak - April 17

Dominic Farrell - May 23

Patricia (Patty) Smolinski - June 1

Larry Daniul ( Pat Vautrain's husband) - June 16

Fran Duszak - July 18

Diane Viroche - August 4

They will be greatly missed.

Everyone keep doing the things that keep you healthy- especially washing your hands, and social distancing as prescribed. I heard this line from a comedian a few days ago-

"This too shall pass- it might pass like a kidney stone, but it will pass!"

Hang in there, keep smiling and hope to see you soon!