

ABOUT TOWN

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

www.townofgeddes.com

Winter / Spring 2022

COMING SOON!!

The Geddes Recreation Department will soon be accepting registrations for all programs on a new **MyRec** page!!

Our page should be up and running in a few months to make the registration process easier for all our participants!

At that time, we will also be accepting credit cards for all programs that are payable to the Town (excluding programs such as AARP Driver Safety classes or any programs that payment is made directly to the organization).

All our program information will be listed on this page!

Look for it soon!!

CHECK IT OUT!!

The Geddes Recreation Department now has a QR code that you can scan with your smartphone and pull up our website!

This will be very helpful once we have our **MyRec** page up and running!

Town of Geddes
Recreation Department



SPECIAL EVENTS AND TRIPS FOR 2022

Please check the Town of Geddes website or call the department (315-487-8238) for additional information

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 13th, 2022.**

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

*Due to school districts managing with the COVID-19 virus, some programs, locations, dates and times of programs may be cancelled or changed. For updated information, check our website, the Town of Geddes and the Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation Facebook pages, email the Department at parks@townofgeddes.com or call the Department at (315) 487-8238. We appreciated your understanding and stay safe and well!!

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ACTIVITY KIT

We will again be offering theme based activity kits, similar to the ones offered last year!! They will be offered every two months – Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, etc.

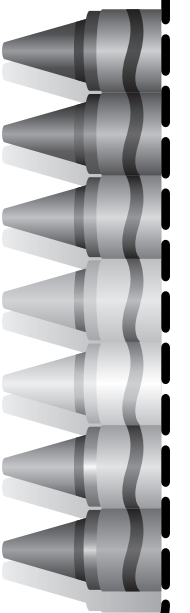
The fee for each month's kit will be only \$10!

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

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

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

LIMITED TO 20 KITS.



VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY DRIVE THROUGH

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

LIMITED TO 200 GOODIE BAGS! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

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

1000 Woods Road Town Hall

Saturday, April 2nd

Begins at 10:30 a.m.

No registration!!

For 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 & Sgromo
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	ASSESSOR Christopher Russo	DIR. OF RECREATION Deborah Morrell
	CODE ENFORCEMENT David Balcer	SENIOR REC. LEADER John Liberati, Jr.

OFFICE/BUSINESS HOURS

(MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY)

Town Hall Offices . . . 1000 Woods Road, Solvay

*8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*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

*9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*9:00am to 3:30pm Fridays Only - Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend

DIRECTORY

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

2022 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
Martin Kelley
Christina Quijano

Comprehensive Plan

Susan LaFex, Chair
Email: slafex@townofgeddes.com
Ed Weber

Zoning & Planning / Codes /

Buildings & Code Book
Martin Kelley, Chair
Email: martinfrancis52@hotmail.com
Marcia Ferguson
Chris Maroney

Highway

Ed Weber, Chair
Email: eweber0@townofgeddes.com
Chris Maroney
Marcia Ferguson

Recreation / Seniors & Youth

Chris Maroney, Chair
Email: cmaroney@townofgeddes.com
Marcia Ferguson
Susan LaFex

Finance

Susan LaFex, Chair
Email: slafex@townofgeddes.com
Martin Kelley
Christina Quijano

Public Safety

Christina Quijano, Chair
Email: cquijano@townofgeddes.com
Ed Weber

MEETINGS

Town Board Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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

Zoning Board – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Geddes Town Hall,

1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209

and are open to the public.

ABOUTOWN

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

c/o Aboutown

Town of Geddes Dept. of Parks and Recreation

823 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209

(315) 487-8238

Town of Geddes Pavilion Reservations

(Memorial Weekend to Columbus Day Weekend)

The Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation began accepting reservations for the use of the pavilion at Lakeland Park and Lindbergh Lawns Park on January 3, 2022.

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 **\$40.00 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 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.

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Holiday Schedule - 2022 for Garbage and Recycling Pick ups

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

- 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 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.

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

From the Highway Department:

Paul Trovato, Highway Superintendent

ABSOLUTELY NO MATTRESSES OR BOXSPRINGS WILL BE PICKED UP BY THE GEDDES HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

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.

****Services performed by the Town of Geddes Highway Dept. are for residents doing the work themselves at their homes.**

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

1. BRUSH and YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Monday – Lakeland area (Including Linbergh Lawns)

Thursday – W.Genese 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 include: Furniture (**NOT including mattresses/boxsprings**), clothing, large plastic toys, etc. ****No full house clean outs**

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

No more 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 (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, mattresses and box springs.

The Highway Department does not accept electronics. Please visit ocra.org for recycling options.

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

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

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

GARBAGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECYCLING

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

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

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



From the Assessor's Office:

Christopher Russo, Assessor & PJ Rimualdo, 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 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 deter-

mine 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, the 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.

Impact on applications for the senior citizens (467) exemption

As a result of the IVP changes,

RECYCLING INFO
(Please visit ocra.org for recycling options
Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency)

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 taxable status date, **MARCH 1ST**.

- When applying for the Enhanced Star exemption, please provide a copy of your Federal Income Tax Return for the 2020 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 (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 our office at (315) 468-3600 Ext. 4. All exemption applications must be filed by our annual taxable status date, March 1st.

Should you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open to discuss your property or you may contact our office at (315) 468-3600 Ext 4. Our business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thank you, and Please stay safe and healthy

From the Town Supervisor Office:

Jerry Albrigo, Town Supervisor

Street Lighting Project in Westvale

On November 24th, 2021, the Public Service Commission issued an order pursuant to Section 70 of the New York State Public Service Law authorizing the sale of streetlight assets from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid to the Town of Geddes. National Grid has supplied the town with a checklist of items needed to be completed to close on the assets sale. In January the Supervisor along with councilors will meet with the Director of City of Syracuse Street Lighting project for recommendations on how to proceed with this project. The Town will also have to identify a Project Manager for the Town of Geddes to handle the projects installation in Westvale. This has been a long process but the tentative project plan timeline is to have the construction of the installation of LED lights in Westvale's streets starting in spring of 2022.

Collective Bargaining

The Town Council has successfully negotiated and approved collective bargaining agreements for the Office & Technical union for the period 2019-2022 as well ratify the Geddes Police Benevolent Association, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31st, 2023.

Grant Funding

As of December, TOG has been granted:

- \$60,000 to build a bridge to link to the Loop the Lake trail at Dwight Park. This is part of an overall revamp of the cul de sac area of Dwight Park, which will be cleaned out and revitalized as a picnic/gathering/parking area for residents to hop on the Loop the Lake trail.

- \$295,974 from the Department of State Local Government Efficiency Program for the shared property data collection project with the Town of Onondaga.

- \$219,161 from the Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities program for the improvements at Westvale Plaza.

- \$25,000 from Onondaga County Community Development awarded to improve access for persons with disabilities and the parking lot at the Carno Center.

- \$11,000 for installation of a Car Charging Station at the Town Hall.

- \$50,000 Cyber security upgrades and installations to ensure security for TOG departments, information and systems.

- \$50,000 Onondaga County's Ways and Means committee recommended approval of the CDG proposal to renovate and secure access for persons with disabilities at Lakeland Park.

To stay up to date on all the latest news from the Town, please visit our website townofgeddes.com or our Facebook page @TownofGeddes

Be safe and be well.

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?

The Towns Clerks office welcomes Lisa Bagozzi as the new Deputy Town Clerk. Lisa's skills and talents will be a great asset to the department. I (Alison Dorchester, Town Clerk) look forward to working with Lisa.

TRANSACTION OPTIONS:

APPEAR IN PERSON

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fridays (Memorial Day thru Labor Day)

US MAIL

Geddes Town Clerk
1000 Woods Road
Solvay, New York 13209

EMAIL

Townclerk@townofgeddes.com
Deputytownclerk@townofgeddes.com

PHONE

(315) 468-3600 Ext. 2

FAX

(315) 487-5721

The Town Clerk's Office now has a credit card machine. It can be used for all transactions EXCEPT tax payments. Tax payments may be paid online at www.ongov.net. There is a service charge for all credit card transactions.

TOWN & COUNTY TAX COLLECTION 2022:

The Town & County Tax collection begins December 27th and runs thru January 31st. without penalty. A penalty will apply to all payments received between February 1st 2022 and March 31st 2022. After March 31st all payments must be submitted to Onondaga County Finance Department.

Payment options are as follows:

1. Online at www.ongov.net/RPTS;
2. By mail at 1000 Woods Road Syracuse, NY 13209.
3. Drop box to the left of the front door at the Town Hall.
4. In person at the Town Hall between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

If you do not receive your bill, please call our office at (315) 468-3600 Ext 2.

Lisa Bagozzi, Deputy Clerk and I, are here to serve the Town Residents. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at (315) 468-3600 Ext. 2.

**Get your shot,
wear your mask
and be safe.**

From the Geddes Police Department:

John Fall, Jr., Chief of Police

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

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

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

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

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

The department has been able to take advantage of some specialized training. Officers Bradley Boothe, James Difulio, Jason Neal and Michael Sheppard successfully completed the Field Training Program, to help train new officers. Officers Jason Neal and Michael Sheppard also successfully completed an Evidence Photography Course held at Monroe Community College.

The department received New York State reaccreditation status on December 4th, 2021 in Albany at the State Capitol Building. New York State Accreditation is extremely difficult to achieve and we have had the honor of being an accredited agency for 20 years, first reaching the distinction in 2001.

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

The Town of Geddes Police Department Mission Statement.

"A Safe Community for all citizens is our Commitment and our Duty, serving all with Integrity and Dedication."

From the Code Enforcement / Fire Marshall's Office:

David Balcer, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall

With winter upon us, remember it is the town code that it is not permissible to 'plow, shovel, sweep or pile snow from a private driveway in such a manner as to deposit the same in the public roadway or on a public right-of-way or sidewalk or across the street from said driveway or onto the property of another'.

Keep in mind that all new fences, sheds (accessory structures), pools, decks, etc. require a Building Permit, even if you are replacing an existing item. Building codes & zoning codes change over the years and the current codes must be addressed and complied with.

Complaint forms are available on the Town's website (as well as available in our office) to make it easier for residents to file a complaint. We will address all written complaints submitted to our office. We request all complaints are written on the form provided with all information filled in as we did last year. Your name, ad-

dress, 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.

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

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.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF:

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

Scott Bartowski - Recreation Attendant
Jack Allen - Recreation Attendant

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

Recreation Programs / News

GYMNASIUM HOURS at the JOHN CARNO RECREATION CENTER

Gym Hours are subject to change, due to staff shortage, classes, special activities, etc. Please call to check daily hours!

****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.

Mondays	10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
.....	7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
.....	7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
**Wednesdays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays	10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
.....	7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(CLOSED SATURDAYS AT THIS TIME)

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COLORS

Goldenrod	Apricot
Mango tango	Copper
Olive green	Magenta
Aquamarine	Shadow
Piggy Pink	Maroon
Pacific blue	Aloe
Eggplant	Slate
Periwinkle	Blue
Cornflower	Blush
Peach	Tan
Orange	Brown
Orchid	Purple
Denim	Cerise
Rust	Salmon
Khaki	Silver
Sunglow	Grey
Dove	Almond
White	Red
Melon	Manatee
Black	Thistle
Lavender	

Recreation Programs / News

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSES

At this time, we are awaiting guidance from AARP as to whether we will be able to offer classes in the upcoming months. More information will be posted if we are allowed to offer the classes that are listed. Please feel free to contact the Recreation Department at (315) 487-8238 for more information.

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, Feb. 8th and Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 2022

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

Instructor: Jay Guss

or

Wednesday, March 16th, 2022

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

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

Instructor: Jay Guss

or

Tuesday, Apr. 26th and Wednesday, April 27th, 2022

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

Instructor: Jay Guss

Cost: **\$25.00 (with AARP membership card)**

\$30.00 (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

CASINO TRIPS

As of this date, the del Lago Casino is not receiving buses for trips.

With the new outbreak of the virus, we will not be offering any trips until at least April or May.

At that time, we will possibly be offering trips to the Turning Stone Casino since it is close and people may be more comfortable riding a bus for a short distance.

More information will be posted at a later date!

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 you 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 3rd to February 7th (6 weeks)

Session 2: Mondays, February 14th to March 21st (6 weeks)

Session 3: Mondays, March 28th to May 2nd (6 weeks)

Fee: \$65 residents, \$67 nonresidents (per 6 week session)

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: David Deluca, Tai Chi Chuan instructor

Minimum of 4 needed to hold class.

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



ZUMBA

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

John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland

Session 1: Thursdays, January 6th to February 3rd (5 wks.)

Session 2: Thursdays, February 10th to March 10th (5 wks.)

Session 3: Thursdays, March 17th to April 14th (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

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 5, 2022

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 **Monday, May 2nd**.

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 4th to February 15th (exc. Jan. 25th) (6 weeks)

Session 2: Tuesdays., March 1st to April 5th (6 weeks)

Session 3: Tuesdays, April 12th to May 17th (6 weeks)

Fee: \$55 residents, \$57 nonresidents (6 week session)

6:00 to 7:00 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.

Community News

Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center

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

Swim Lessons

\$60 each 6 week session – (reduced fee for members)
Please call for dates and registration form

Adult Aqua Classes

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)
Please call for dates and registration form

Bingo

Saturday Evenings at 7pm, Doors open at 4pm, Kitchen opens at 5pm
Last game pays \$1,000.00
Average pay out weekly is \$4,000.00

Smart Driver Class (AARP)

February 1st and 2nd, 2022 10am – 1pm both days
February 16th, 2022 9:30am – 4pm
March 1st and 2nd, 2022 6pm – 9pm (only evening class)
April 6th, 2022 9am – 3:30pm
May 3rd and 4th, 2022 9am – noon
June 8th, 2022 9am – 3:30pm
(Please call 315-488-6639 for details and enrollment)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Monday – Friday 2PM – 6PM
When school is in session
Open to students in Grades 2-12
Buses provided from Elementary and Middle School

KNITTING/CROCHETING

Social Group meets every other Thursday from 9:30am – 11:30am
BEST KEPT SECRET IN SOLVAY.....

Did you know that the Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center hosts a knit and crochet group? Probably Not, but YES and they do. They meet every other Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. The members, wonderful people from the Solvay, Westvale area come in and knit, crochet hats of all sizes, shawls, lap blankets, eye glass cases, scarves, mittens, and blankets for St. Joe's hospital. We also provide items for Linus Blankets.

This year we included making hats for the Solvay Central School district for the children Grades K thru 12.

Beside knitting and crocheting for donation, also we make and help each other with personal projects. Also we give lessons for knitting/crocheting.

Tom Venturini, Director of the center has graciously let us house our sessions right in the center. This is a community project. All are welcome to join.

For more information, please call 315-488-3666 or Email us at Contact@SolvayYouthCenter.com



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.

Regular Open Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays 1:00 pm. To 5:00 p.m.

Be sure to check our Facebook page as well as our website and online calendar regularly for updated library news. These are great ways to know about upcoming library events and program information.

Item Returns

Patrons can to use the outside book drop and/or place return items into the book slot at the front desk of the library.

Patron Donations

We are once again not accepting donations of old books as we have no room to store them at the moment. If you have a couple, newer books, DVDs or blu rays, call the library and we will discuss whether we can accept them now or not.

Rapid Reads and Fast Flicks

Our 7 day Rapid Read books and 3 day Fast Flick dvds are back! Want the newest book or dvd? Stop in and maybe you'll be lucky and find them, these items cannot be placed 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.

- 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 315-468-2441.

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



Solvay Tigers Auxiliary

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

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

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

We welcome new adult members who

live in the towns of Geddes, Camillus, Onondaga or in the Village of Solvay. New members need to commit to work five times for a year at Bingo selling refreshments, 50/50 or supplies. When your year is completed you are entitled to a Family Membership. A Family Membership applies to you, your significant other and children under 18/or enrolled in college.

Come join and have fun with us! With a FAMILY Membership you and your family will be able to use the pool for daily exercise, swimming laps and attending aerobics (soon). You can also use the gym to walk or shoot hoops and

the exercise room to stay in shape. For more information, call Trustee, Carolyn Femano at 315-488-7194 or Chris Johns Kirby at 315-481-5046. Bingo is back in session so we really need new members.

Bottle Drive

Donate your returnable bottles and cans to a good cause! The Solvay Tigers Auxiliary is continuing to sponsor a drive at Bottles End Redemption Center on Montrose Ave. The money earned will support youth programs such as scholarships, sponsorship of teams and other youth programs. No waiting at the Re-

demption Center, just leave the bottles and ask them to credit the bottles to the Youth Center. Bottles End is open Mon.-Wed.: 8-5, Th. closed, Fri.: 8-5 and Sat. 8-4. Bags/boxes of bottles may also be dropped off at the Youth Center during normal business hours. (8-2/ 6-8) If you need assistance or have a large donation, please call 315-488-3666. Leave your name and number to arrange for a pickup. Someone will call you. Thank you so much for your support of this fund raiser. We anticipate continuing the fund raiser for as long as possible.

Senior Citizens Corner

Solvay Senior Citizens

submitted by: Sharon Marr, Publicity

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and hope the New Year is starting out good for all. In November, we had our Harvest Dinner at Vito's Restaurant. It was well attended and the food was very good. In December, we had our Christmas Dinner at Lasca's in Auburn. We had a family style dinner and if anyone said they didn't get enough, they were fibbing. It was wonderful.

In January and February, our meetings will be held at 12:00 noon on the second Thursday of each month. March, we will be returning to our regular time, 7:00pm. Remember if schools are closed for any reason, there will be no meeting. Our meetings are held at the Youth Center on Woods Road and we are always looking for new members. You must live in the Village of Solvay.

We do not have a schedule for speakers yet, but we are hoping to have the Police Chief and the Mayor in the future. As far as trips, they will be announced at the meetings. Due to Covid, we will have to wait and see what happens.



Lakeland Senior Citizens

submitted by: Joe Mingin

IT's baaaaaaack. Although IT never really left us. The omicron variant has spread throughout the country. We were able to squeeze in a couple of lightly attended meetings in November and December and a lunch buffet outing at Tony's restaurant on Burnet Ave. in November. These outings were possible due to the fact that our Leadership Committee in October decided to insist that anyone attending any Lakeland Senior function be fully vaccinated and display proof before entering. The safety of our members being our most important concern. We had to make some tough, but we felt

necessary, decisions. On Sunday, December 19th, we had our annual Christmas party at the Camillus Elks club. It was catered by Rodfathers Catering. A good time was had by all especially since our committee rustled up 43 door prizes from area businesses valued from \$50 to \$10. Entertainment was provided by Dave Puma. We were blessed with good weather. Finally Ours could not accommodate us for a luncheon we had tentatively scheduled. They, like many other restaurants are short of help. We may be going there over a 2 day period in February. Twenty people on a Tuesday and

another 20 or so on the next day, Wednesday. We are planning on having a drive through dinner at Suzie's in January. Again, nothing is firm because of IT. These drive thrus are very popular because of the limited exposure they present. And of course because the meals are delicious. In February, we hope to have some Town of Geddes officials update us on the state of the town. We have not tried to plan any other functions beyond February due to IT. One bright note, due to our lack of outings in 2021, we decided to lower our annual member donation to \$5.00 for 2022. Everybody liked



that! After IT leaves us, you might want to consider joining the other 128 people in the area and become members of the best Seniors club in Lakeland. (open to anyone in Onondaga County) Joe 315-488-3713.

Geddes Senior Citizens

submitted by: Conni Walker

While we are not yet having regular meetings, we sure have been busy!

In October, we co-hosted a Doug's "to go" fish truck with the Lakeland Seniors at Holy Family Church in Fairmount. It was a big hit- it was busy all day. The fish was delicious! We are thinking that we should do that again. A big Thanks to Doug's Fish Fry of Skaneateles and to our co-partners, the Lakeland Seniors!

In November, we had another great dinner, provided by Suzi's Diner of Lakeland. It was a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There were over 90 dinners served. Geddes Savings donated key chains and document holders

for our members. Thank you to Suzi's for sponsoring our dinners this year. They have all been a huge success and gave our members a chance to have a day when they didn't have to cook! A thanks to our members whose hard work helped make these dinners happen. Thank you to Geddes Savings for their support.

In December, we had our Christmas Luncheon at Bellevue Country Club. The rooms were beautifully decorated, creating the magic of the season. We had 70 members attend. It was the first time that we were together in awhile, so there was a lot of catching up to do. It was great to see everyone without trying to guess

who is behind the mask! Our meals were wonderful. Our party was partially underwritten by the Town of Geddes - and we thank the Town for adding to our celebration. Geddes Savings also donated calendars and letter openers to include with table favors. A special thank you went out to our officers and committee members that have done a great job in unusual times these past two years. We also acknowledged our members over 90 years of age, with a special tribute to Mr. Manuel Martinez, the only one in attendance. He is 100 this year! While our tribute was not as amazing as being on the Jumbo-Tron at a Yankees game, or recognition of

the Town of Geddes or Camillus, it was heartfelt. "Manny" has been a great contributor to the Towns in which he has lived and worked, as well as a decorated veteran of World War II. We are honored that he is a member of our group!

With the rise in cases of this darned COVID, it was decided that we wouldn't have a meeting until March. More to come on that. We hope that by then, things will have calmed down a bit. If you are not currently a member, and would like to join us, please contact Addie Silvia, our President, at 315-468-0288.

Here's hoping that 2022 is a Safe, Happy and Healthy Year!!