

ABOUT TOWN

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

www.townofgeddes.com

Summer 2023

NOW AVAILABLE!!!

John Carno Gym and Rooms Are Available To Rent!!

The John Carno Recreation Center Gymnasium and Rooms are now available to rent for small birthday parties, showers or get-togethers on Friday evenings and weekend days!

Rooms can be rented for meetings too!

Unfortunately, at this time the gymnasium can not be rented for sport/team practices or events.

For more information and rates, call the Department at (315) 487-8238!

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Town of Geddes Summer Concert Series

Concerts are Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30pm

July 6 - The DeSantis Orchestra - Variety

At Woods Road Park, Solvay
Co-Sponsor: Solvay Bank

July 13 - Hey Day - Variety

At Lakeland Park, Lakeland

July 20 - The Horn Dogs - Variety

At Cherry Road School, Westvale
Co-Sponsor: John's Auto Care

July 27 - DreaMe - Pop

At Woods Road Park, Solvay

Aug. 3 - Mellow D's - Variety

At Lakeland Park, Lakeland

Aug. 10 - Mood Swing - Variety

At Cherry Road School, Westvale
Co-Sponsor: Geddes Federal Savings & Loan

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL GEDDES RECREATION DEPT. AT 487-8238

FLU SHOTS

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

from 4:45 to 6:00 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.

PEACE, INC. SENIOR LUNCHES

Join us at the John Carno Recreation Center for Peace, Inc. Senior Lunches on Tuesdays, with lunch being served at 12noon.

Seniors age 60 and over and their spouses of any age are eligible to participate.

Suggested contribution is \$3.50, and guests under age 60 are \$7.00.

Reservations are necessary no later than 11:00am on the Monday prior to the date you plan on attending.

Call the Recreation Department at (315) 487-8238 to register for our location.

If you are unable to attend and have made a reservation, please call to cancel as soon as possible. Peace, Inc. pays for all meals even if there are cancellations, so it is imperative to call us as soon as possible.

All meals are to be consumed on site during our mealtime.

We will be offering special lunch days with added activities such as fun bingo, cards and movies!

We welcome everyone and hope to see you soon!!

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 seasonal summer employment.

Town of Geddes residents are given preference. Must be current high school graduates or enrolled in college at the time of their appointment. Recent college graduates or teachers may also be considered for employment. Positions to be filled include playground leaders and supervisors.

Applications can be obtained at the Town Hall, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by emailing jkolakowski@townofgeddes.com or parks@townofgeddes.com

Deadline for applications is **Friday, May 12th, 2023.**

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

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 Annette Cregan

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

2023 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 - Deputy Supervisor
Martin Kelley
Ed Weber

Admin Sub-Committee for Tree Committee

Kevin Sullivan, Chair
Email: krseny@gmail.com

Finance

Susan LaFex, Chair
Email: slafex@townofgeddes.com
Marcia Ferguson
Martin Kelley

Highway

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

Comprehensive Plan

Susan LaFex, Chair
Email: slafex@townofgeddes.com
Marcia Ferguson
Martin Kelley
Ed Weber

Public Safety

Chris Maroney, Chair
Email: cmaroney@townofgeddes.com
Marcia Ferguson
Christina Quijano
Ed Weber

Zoning & Planning / Codes / Buildings & Code Book

Martin Kelley, Chair
Email: martinfrancis52@hotmail.com
Chris Maroney
Christina Quijano

Recreation / Seniors & Youth

Marcia Ferguson, Chair
Email: mferguson@townofgeddes.com
Susan LaFex
Chris Maroney
Christina Quijano

MEETINGS

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

Planning Board – Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 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 Annette Cregan, 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 Day weekend to Columbus Day Weekend)

The Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation began accepting reservations for the use of the pavilions on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023.**

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.

To reserve either park pavilion, the following fees apply:

Geddes residents: **\$75.00 Rental fee** and **a \$100.00 security deposit** will be required.

Non-residents: **\$100.00 Rental fee** and **a \$100.00 security deposit** will be required.

Security deposits will be returned within 10 business days of the rental date, barring any damage to the Pavilion, bathrooms or park grounds.

Reservations must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance. Cancellations must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance by notifying the Department of Parks and Recreation at 487-8238 and a refund will be issued. After two (2) weeks prior, a refund will not be issued. In the case of rain, we do not reschedule permit dates.

For additional information call the department 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: The Town Of Geddes policy towards the hours of use of it’s parks shall be as follows:

A. - Parks shall be open for use by the public from **8:00 am until 15 minutes prior to Sunset daily**. These hours of operation apply to use by the public in general as well as groups who rent orreserve fields within the parks.

B. - No park or field shall be used after sunset and the use of mobile or temporary lighting (e.g. vehicle headlights or roof lights, electric lights, battery operated lights) to **artificially light a field afterSunset is expressly prohibited.**

Pavilion Use: Memorial Day Weekend to Columbus Day Weekend only.

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.

****Also** the Town supports the county’s initiative in public parks by adopting a “no smoking” policy in town parks. The enforcement of this policy is through voluntary compliance.

Holiday Schedule - 2023 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.	

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

From the Highway Department:

Paul Trovato, Highway Superintendent

If you are a Geddes resident and experiencing a sewer backup, please call the Town Highway Department first to determine if it's Town responsibility or homeowners responsibility. This is a service that the town provides to our residents at no cost.

****During business hours 315-488-7705, after hours 315-885-1996 or County Sewers 315-435-3157.**

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

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

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

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

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

2. **BULK ITEM PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

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

Bulk items 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 that 3 cubic yards at one time (equal to a pickup truck full), year round with weather permitting.

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

No fluorescent fixtures.

4. **WHITE GOODS PICK-UP** –

Picked up same day as brush and yard waste.

White good items are – Stoves, dishwashers, clothes dryers, washing machines, hot watertanks, 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 ocrra.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.**

RECYCLING INFO

(Information obtained from Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency)

From the Town Clerk's Office:

Alison Dorchester, Town Clerk; Lisa Bagozzi, Deputy 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

Voter registration forms and absentee ballots are available in our office.

Effective March 14, 2023 a \$20.00 fee will be charged for any bounced check (insufficient funds) received in the Town Clerks Office. This will apply to all transactions.

Notary services are available in the Town Clerks Office at no charge. Please bring photo identification.

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.

**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

From the Code Enforcement / Fire Marshall's Office:

David Balcer, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall

Check with our office or the Town website on what projects require a Building Permit. Replacing existing fences, sheds, decks/porches, etc. all require Building Permits. Zoning Code & Building Codes change over the years and the new codes must be met. Projects that get overlooked as requiring a Building Permit is basement remodeling and turning garages to habitable spaces. Basements and garages are designed as utility/storage spaces. Turning them into habitable spaces requires a Building Permit for code compliance to be met. The main concern is the secondary means of egress out of the basement must be met. When N.Y.S. adopted the current 2020 Residential Building Code, all new houses were required to have this secondary means already installed to make the conversion easier, but still requiring a Build-

ing Permit when done.

Here are some reminders for the season: We will address all written complaints submitted to our office filled out with your name, address & phone number. Complaints are kept confidential and the forms are available on our website or in our office. Basketball hoops should not be set up and left in the road right-of-way, it is very dangerous to have them there. Recreational fire pits are allowed, but all regulations need to be complied with, including most importantly that it is cleaned seasoned wood that is burned. The same you would use in an indoor fireplace.

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

From the Town Supervisor's Office: *Jerry Albrigo, Town Supervisor*

Street Lighting Project Completed in Westvale

New York Power Authority (NYPA) Crews have finally completed the conversion of streetlights to LED in the Westvale area. Many Westvale residents have complemented the upgrade in lighting in their neighborhoods. Westvale residents should contact the Town Highway Garage at 315-488-7705 to report an outage. Residents in Solvay and Lakeland will continue to contact Solvay Electric Department for outages.

Sewer Infrastructure

Commissioner Shannon Harty and other representatives from the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection (WEP) held an informational town hall meeting on April 19th, specifically addressing the sewer concerns of residents of Bronson Road. Bronson Road has been experiencing a high volume of service calls due to sewer backups and storm water overflow. Multiple studies on Bronson have been done in the past. In 2011, WEP partnered with the Town of Geddes to install backwater valves on individual laterals to protect homes that were experiencing frequent basement backups. But the backwater valves only treat the symptom, not the problem. Field inspections and localized closed circuit television (CCTV) inspections have been done to find sources of infiltration into the sewer system. Potential sources include; sump pump, footer drains, City of Syracuse water main breaks as well as cracks in the sewer pipes.

What’s Next? Field investigations will continue to try and identify the cause of the problem on Bronson Road and the surrounding area.

- Investigations include:
- Flow monitoring
 - Increased cleaning to prevent clogs
 - More manhole inspections

From the Assessor's Office:

Christopher Russo, Assessor & PJ Rimualdo, Assessment Clerk

EXEMPTIONS

Please be advised, the Assessor’s office has completed the processing of all applications for exemptions, including but not limited to, the Enhanced STAR, Senior Citizens with Limited Income, Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, Veterans, Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers, Business and Clergy Members.

We would like to inform you, if you did not submit your renewal exemption form or if your income was over the allowed amount, we were not able to roll over any exemptions this year like we were able to do the previous two years due to Covid.

The Town of Geddes Assessor’s Office, as a courtesy, will mail out all renewal applications for exemptions in September 2023. When applying for the Enhanced Star exemption, please provide a copy of your Federal Income Tax return for **2022** with the completed application. When applying for the Senior Citizen with Limited Income exemption please provide a copy of your **2022** Federal Income Tax (or any end of year statements) with the completed application and the **2022** end of the year Social Security Benefit Statement. Any owner, who presently receives the Basic Star, turning 65 by December 2024, may be eligible for the Enhanced Star. All applications for exemptions must be filed by our annual taxable status date, **MARCH 1st**.

****PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SIGNED AND DATED****

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. To apply, you will need to

- Smoke testing
 - More CCTV inspections
 - Groundwater monitoring
- Once WEP knows the root cause they are then able to find a long-term solution. During this investigation period, homeowners can help by doing the following:

- If you have a floor drain in your basement, plug it.
- Consider eliminating our basement sewer connection if you don’t need it.
- If you have a sump pump, foundation drain, and/or roof drain, check to see if connects to your sanitary sewer lateral. If it does, disconnect it and let it drain to a ditch outside.
- Fats, oils, grease, wipes and other hygiene products should be thrown away in the trash can, not flushed down the drain. These items can cause “fatbergs” that clogs pipes.

Geddes residents experiencing a sewer backup please call the Town Highway Department first to determine if it’s Town responsibility or homeowners responsibility. This is a service that the town provides to our residents at no cost.

During business hours 315-488-7705, after hours 315-885-1996 or County Sewers 315-435-3157

Tree Committee

At a recent meeting of the Geddes Tree Committee, the group drafted a proposed Geddes Tree Ordinance which was presented at the Administrative Committee and distributed to legal counsel, members of the zoning, planning and Town Boards for their review and feedback. This ordinance is needed in order for Geddes to be certified by the Arbor Day Foundation as “Tree City USA” status. By earning Tree City USA status, the Town will be eligible for additional sources of public and private grant funding. The Town will provide updates to the residents on the status of this issue.

contact New York State Department of Taxation and Finance at **(518) 457-2036 OR** register online at WWW.TAX.NY.GOV/STAR and click on “Register for Star” and follow the instructions.

Also, if you have missed the March 1st deadline for filing for the Enhanced STAR program, you can file a good cause RP-425-GC with New York State or contact them directly at the number above.

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

Just a reminder, there may be people in your area gathering information for the data collection project regarding the grant that we received from New York State.

GRIEVANCE

Grievance Day this year is the fourth Tuesday in May. This year Grievance Day will be on **Tuesday, May 23**, from 4pm to 8pm. Applications will be available the first week in May at the Assessor’s office. Once an application is submitted to our office you will be given a time to appear in front of the Board of Assessment Review, to present your complaint. The tentative assessment roll is available for review in the Assessor’s office. Please be advised the Grievance form is available online at: <https://townofgeddes.com/departments/assessors-office/>

As always, we wish you a very pleasant summer, drive safely and remember to renew your exemptions, (if required) by **March 1st**, annually. Should you have any questions, my office door is always open to discuss your property, or you may contact our office at (315) 468-3600 Ext. 4.

Memorial Day

The Town of Geddes and Village of Solvay are assisting the VFW – Stanley Pennock Post with the Solvay /Geddes Memorial Day Observance. All residents are welcome to join us at Woods Road Park in Solvay, NY on Monday, May 29th @ 10:00 am for a brief Memorial Day ceremony, honoring and mourning the

From the Geddes Police Department:

John Fall, Jr., Chief of Police

The good weather is hopefully upon us here in Central New York! Please see some safety tips to follow. Wear reflective clothing, or at least light-colored clothing when walking in our neighborhoods, especially in the evening. Always try and walk with another person, not only for personnel safety, but also in the event you have a medical issue/emergency. Make sure if you are outside for extended periods of time that you hydrate, this is extremely important.

Reminder to all drivers in our neighborhoods, our citizens will be out walking and exercising. Children will be out playing and riding bikes. **PLEASE USE CAUTION**, drive safely and be aware of pedestrians and kids playing who may dart out into traffic at times. We will be in the neighborhoods and main streets in the town, enforcing traffic safety. Our speed signs will also be out, bringing awareness to speeding vehicles on our streets. If we all do our part, our streets will be safe for everyone to enjoy this summer!

Please always remember to lock your vehicles and your homes. Try and get into a routine of doing this. We call it **“The 9PM ROUTINE”**, just takes a few seconds to make sure your vehicle and home is secure. It also just takes a few seconds for someone to open your vehicle and take your belongings or money.

Please always remember if you **“See Something Say Something”**. A phone call to the 911 Center or our office might be the tip or alert we need to stop a crime or help a citizen. Never be afraid to call, you can make your call anonymous if

U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

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.

you wish. We need those extra eyes out there in our Town Neighborhoods!

When going to local Town Parks, County or State Parks, always park in a highly visible location and remember to lock your vehicle.

Any resident planning on going away for any period, 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 residents 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.

We have been contacted by the Veterans Association and they advised that the “Watch Fire Event” is scheduled this year after not having it the last two years. The date is May 28th, 2023. The event is held in the parking lot directly across from the front of the fairgrounds.

Our Department is extremely dedicated to our Missions Statement.

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

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

2022-2023 YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

SPECIAL THANKS:

- to all the parents and volunteers who gave their time and effort to make the Youth Basketball League a great success!!
- to Westhill School District, Walberta Park School and their staff for allowing us use of their facilities, enabling us to run our program!!

CONGRATULATIONS:

- to all who participated in the League for a good season!

YOUTH BASKETBALL GRADES 1/2 & 3/4

Grade 1/2

Indiana: Rowan Barclay, Joshua Cruz Jr., Maddison Odrain, Mac Neider, Nathan Samhammer, Declan Mulderig, Finnegan Morse, Alexander McKee, Ian Fuller

Notre Dame: Andrew Gersbacher, Wilfred Fuentes, Hadley Sullivan, Connor Wells, Lola O’Neil, Gavin Blaich, Lucas West, Jeffrey Lisi, Connor Sullivan

N. Carolina: Johnathan Tolbert, Daxson Cohen, Phoebe Grobosky, Emmett Hall, Lorenza Mangovski, Teddy Malone, Devin Dowd, Liam Grinnals

Wake Forest: Noah Kenneally, Santino Procopio, Sylvia DiFlorio, Jaxon Doughty, Mario Marku, Ethan Tyler, Ahmik Robinson, Adrianna Morrison, Ameer Ibrahim

Florida: Cahrle Gehm, Nathan Gehm, Abigail Carruth, Jovanni Lamorie, Annie Ganley, Owen Kurro, Andrew Romancik, Cal Jackson, CC Ganley

Pittsburgh: Anthony Mills, Danny West, Jackson Gridley, Erin Redmond, Logan Hope, Samuel Smith, Gabriella Rowe, Trevor DeTomasco, Jenson Thurlow, John Pease

Grade 3/4

Ohio State: Seamus Burke, Ismael Thabet, Mayar Thabet, Rana Thabet, Baron Gumtow, Gavin Claps, Everett Hammerle, Gabriel Mamorella, Sam Stroman, Hartley Gehm

Duke: Caleb Gallardo, Dylan D’Agostino, Lux O’Neil, Joseph Widrick, Liam Kenneally, Antonio Camacho, Cash Prince, Keena Kelly, David Widrick

Iowa: James Morse, Sam Morse, Catherine, Headd, Luciano Rpmanno, Vasilios Marku, Griffin Coleman, Lylah Fegley, Anthony Pierce Jr., Lilly Winch, Timothy Vasiliades

Syracuse: Lilly DiMarco, Emily Sission, Gabe Proctor, Griffin Platt, Matthew Pease, Antonio Canetta, Evan Fuller, Wesley Shelmidine, Milanys Flores, Julianys Flores

Oregon: Avery Kalinowski, Anthony Summa, John Samhammer, Mckenzie LeFever, Hayden Green, Ryan McGlynn, Jonah Garvey, Noah Winchell, Theresa Sharpe, Brice Oliver, Mary Lighton

Xavier: Maxwell Elmer, Chase Preville, Jacob Jordan, Vincent Adams, Tanner Dowd, Jairiana DeJesus, Anna Gerasimovich, Jackson Tarkowski, Kaylee Shelley, Connor Rudiger

Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation

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

OFFICE TELEPHONE:
315-487-8238 / 315-487-8243

OFFICE HOURS:
Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend -
Fridays Only: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Email: parks@townofgeddes.com

RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF:

DEBORAH MORRELL - Director of Recreation
ANNETTE CREGAN - Senior Recreation Leader
Brayla Bagozzi - Recreation Attendant
Myranda Cantrell - Recreation Attendant
Donte LaFlair - Recreation Attendant
Xianna Sierotnik - Recreation Attendant

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

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

Programs and classes through the Recreation Department are added throughout the year and are not necessarily advertised in the AbouTown newspaper. For updates and program/class listings please go to www.TownOfGeddesRecreationDepartment.com or call direct at 315-487-8238.

Recreation Programs / News

Town of Geddes Summer Playground Program

Pre-registration Only - NO Walk-Ins

- * Youths ages 5 to 13 – Tues., July 5th to Fri., August 11th – Monday to Friday only
- 6 week program, from 10:00am to 3:00pm each day.
- *Three locations:
Cherry Rd. School, Woods Rd. Park and John Carno Recreation Center (Woods Rd. Park will use the Youth Center if inclement weather)
- * With safety as our first priority, **pre-registration** is necessary (no walk-ins) and an application or online registration is necessary. There is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 participants for each program location.
- * Fees: Based on per child, resident, nonresident and Family Rate
Geddes residents - \$200 per child
\$190 for each additional child - Family rate (more than 1 child)
Non-residents - \$225 per child
\$215 for each additional child - Family rate (more than 1 child)
- * A parent or guardian must sign in and sign out the child daily. All participants must stay at the program from 10:00am to 3:00pm, unless a parent pre-arranges any changes with the Department or employees.
- * All participants **MUST BE PICKED UP BY 3:00PM** or a late fee will be charged.
- * Snacks or lunches may be brought by participants, but not shared. Participants must bring their own filled water bottles. The Town is not responsible for and will not have available snacks, lunches or water bottles.

To register, go to TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com and click “Create New Account” to create your account. This allows quicker and easier access to program registrations, facility reservations, memberships, and more. Be sure to add everyone in your household when creating your account, and don’t forget to opt in for cancellation notifications via email or text. Your new household account will provide you with registration history, transaction receipts, and so much more! If you choose not to pay by credit card, the registration will be put on hold until payment has been made in person or by mail. Once payment for the program has been made, the registration will be complete. **BUT**, with the registration on hold, you child’s space is not guaranteed until payment is complete. **When paying by credit card, there will be a 3% convenience fee add to the cost of programs.**

If you are unable to register online, applications are available at the Recreation Department Office.

Questions or more information, call the Recreation Department at (315) 487-8238, Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm. Please leave a message if necessary.

*Remember there is limited availability at each location, and no refunds will be made after the program has begun. There is a **minimum of 10** and a **maximum of 30** participants for each program location.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

We will be showing a movie. Come out and enjoy the movie, with your family & friends outdoors, on the lawn, at Cherry Road School. Bring your own blankets, chairs and snacks. All children must be supervised by an adult or guardian.

Friday, July 21 @ 8:30 pm

Cherry Road School

No Charge, No Registration

For more information, call the Recreation Department at 487-8238, during business hours, Mon.-Fri., 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

****Additional summer programs may be offered, so please go to TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com and the Town of Geddes Parks & Rec Facebook page**

CRAFTS & ACTIVITY KITS

We will again be offering theme-based activity kits.

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!

They will be offered every two months – May/June, July/Aug., Sept./Oct.

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

To register go to: www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com

For more information call 487-8238, Mon.-Fri., 9:00am - 4:30pm.

LIMITED TO 20 KITS.

GYMNASIUM HOURS at the JOHN CARNO RECREATION CENTER

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

Mondays 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **

Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(After Memorial Day, gym closes at 3:30 p.m. on Fridays)

Saturdays Closed

****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.

Recreation Programs / News

YOGA

Class is structured as a gentle vinyasa flow, aligning the breath with movement. All levels of students from beginners to those with experience are welcome. Poses are offered with modifications adding increasing levels of complexity. Each class is composed of quiet time to de-stress, gentle movement for flexibility, and poses to increase stretching and balance. Class is concluded with a few minutes of quiet relaxation. Wear loose comfortable clothing for class. Please bring a mat, strap and block if you have one, these items are available if you do not have them. Class guided by Heidi Noce, RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher), who is an instructor with over 8 years of experience teaching yoga to many different levels students.

John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland
Each Session last 6 weeks.
Session 1: Tuesdays, May 23 to June 27
Session 2: Tuesdays, July 11 to Aug. 22 (exc. July 18)
Session 3: Tuesdays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 17
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Instructor: Heidi Noce, registered and experienced yoga instructor
Fee: \$55.00 for Geddes residents, \$57.00 for nonresidents (6 week session)
Minimum of 6 needed to hold class.
To register or for more information, go to TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com
For more information call 487-8238, M-F, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.



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. Instructor will take you through the Tai Chi 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
Each session lasts 6 weeks.
Session 1: Mondays, May 22 to July 10 (exc. 7/3)
Session 2: Mondays, July 17 to Aug. 28 (exc. 7/24)
Session 3: Mondays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 23 (exc. 10/9)
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Instructor: Dave DeLuca, Tai Chi Chuan instructor
Fee: \$65 residents, \$67 nonresidents (per session)
Minimum of 6 needed to hold class.
To register go to TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com
For more information call 487-8238, M-F, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.



STRENGTH & BALANCE

This class teaches resistance training routines which improve strength, muscular endurance & muscle tone. Standing based Yoga-Style postures & occasional light cardio will improve balance & flexibility.

Please bring a set of handheld weights (2-6lbs.)
*Routines will be adjusted for all levels of ability
*This class doesn't require you to get down on the floor
John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland
Each session lasts 6 weeks.
Session 1: Thursdays, May 25 to June 29
Session 2: Thursdays, July 6 to Aug. 10
Session 3: Thursdays, Aug. 17 to Sept. 21
11:30 am to 12:15 pm
Licensed Zumba Gold Instructor: Tammy Panzironi
Fee: \$32 Geddes residents, \$35 nonresidents
Minimum of 6 needed to hold class.
To register go to: www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com
For more information call 487-8238, M-F, 9:00am - 4:30pm.



TENNIS CLINIC

The clinic is for youth and teen beginners, ages 7 and up, will consist of instruction in the various strokes, playing strategies and different aspects involved in the game of tennis.
Preregistration is necessary. Minimum of 6 but limited to 10.
July 10 – 13 (M-Th) 4:00pm – 5:00pm
July 17 – 20 (M-Th) 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Cherry Road School
Instructor: Justine Stanejko
Fee: \$30 residents, \$35 nonresidents
To register go to: www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com
For more information call 487-8238, Mon.-Fri., 9:00am - 4:30pm.



SENECA NIAGARA CASINO TRIP

Enjoy the day at the Seneca Niagara Casino!
A coin and food bonus is subject to the Casino's discretion. Food and beverages are available at the casino and surrounding restaurants.
Reservations are required and limited to 50 people per trip.
*Must be at least 21 years old - must bring a valid government issued photo ID (driver's license, etc.)
Thursday, October 12th, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (arrive at casino at 11:30 a.m. and depart at 6:00 p.m.)
As of printing, the casino bonus is \$25 of free play!
Cost: \$45.00 residents, \$50 non-residents
Checks payable to the Town of Geddes and must be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the trip.
Bus Pickup Points: 8:00 a.m. - Geddes Town Hall, Solvay and shortly after the John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland
Reservations are required and limited and may be made by calling the department at 487-8238.

SENIOR CITIZENS "FALL" 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 the table prizes. Prizes will be furnished by the Recreation Department. You must bring your own cards.
John Carno Recreation Center
Thursday, October 5th, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lunch - bring your own (bottled water will be available)
Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling the department at **487-8238**, and must be received by Tuesday, October 3rd

AAA SMART DRIVER COURSES

Take the 6-hour classroom refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and over. Auto insurance discounts in most states – consult your insurance agent. Class size is **40** and a minimum number of participants (**18**) is required. Pre-registration is necessary and can be made by calling the department at (315) 487-8238. Classes may be canceled due to low registration.
John Carno Recreation Center
823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland
Monday, September 25, 2023
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (one day course)
Instructor: AAA
Wednesday, October 11th & Friday, October 13th, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (two day course – must attend both days)
Instructor: AAA
Cost: **\$29.00**
Payable to: **AAA (checks only – payment must be received prior to class)**
Mail payment to the Geddes Recreation Department, 823 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209

Community News

Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center

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

Swim Lessons

Due to lack of instructors, no lessons are being held at this time.

If anyone is interested in becoming a swim lesson instructor, contact the office at 315-488-3666

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

KNITTING/CROCHETING

Social Group meets every other Thursday from 9:30am – 11:30am

Adult Aqua Classes

Wed. Evening 6pm – 7pm \$30.00 each 6 week session (reduced fee for members)

Mon. 1pm – 1:45pm \$60.00 each 6 week session (reduced fee for members)

Tues. & Thurs. 1pm – 1:45pm ... \$60.00 each 6 week session (reduced fee for members)

Please call for dates and registration form

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 2PM – 6PM

Thursday 2PM – 6PM

When school is in session – Beginning September 2022

Open to students in Grades 2-12

Buses provided from Elementary and Middle School

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.

To view our Events Calendar for programs, online catalog, and databases, please visit us at: solvaylibrary.org. You can also find us on Facebook at: [facebook.com / SolvayPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/SolvayPublicLibrary).

Regular 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.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Summer hours (June 18th through September 3rd) we are open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

Summer Reading 2023 - All Together Now

Solvay Public Library’s 2023 Summer Reading Program, *All Together Now*, begins June 26! Stop by the library to register and get your Summer Reading Sign-Up Bag, as well as your first book to keep. Then, record every five books you read on your reading log slips and hand them in for prizes! After you reach all five reading levels, continue to record your reading to be the Library Reading King or Queen! In addition, we have events all summer long, including Game Day, Crafting with Carolyn, Pokémon TCG Night, Storytimes, Family Movie Night, visits from the MOST, Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Dan the Snakeman, and so much more! *Did you know?? Studies have shown that children who read during the summer perform better in the fall when school resumes.* The Summer Reading Program is free and open to all kids ages 3-15.

Friends of the Library

Love libraries? Looking for a way to show some love to YOUR local library? Well, look no further! The Friends of the Solvay Public Library would be delighted to count you among their ranks! Join our great, active group of Friends volunteers, who are instrumental in raising awareness of the library and in bringing the library into the community. Through their fundraising activities, they are an integral part of the Solvay Public Library family, financially supporting the Library’s programs, including the immensely popular Summer Reading program. Interested in lending a hand in planning the Friends massive autumn book sale? You’re sure to have a wonderful time (and maybe walk away with a few new friends and a few old books, too!). Active members meet monthly in our downstairs Community Room on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. *Don’t feel like you have the spare time to be an active member?* The Friends would love to have you join as an auxiliary member, helping to support the group through your membership dues! Membership forms can be downloaded from our website (solvaylibrary.org) or picked up at the library. Feel free to contact us at 315.468.2441 to have a membership form mailed to you. Join now!

ANIMALS

Aardvark	Lynx	Alpaca
Ape	Meerkat	Baboon
Newfoundland	Beagle	Octopus
Bobcat	Otter	Bullfrog
Penguin	Cardinal	Python
Cockatoo	Quail	Dachshund
Raccoon	Donkey	Rhinoceros
Elephant	Salmon	Elk
Seahorse	Football Fish	Swan
Frogfish	Tarpon	Giraffe
Tiger	Gopher	Turkey
Guinea Pig	Umbrellabird	Haddock
Vampire Crab	Hummingbird	Walrus
Iguana	Wildebeest	Irish Terrier
Wolverine	Jack Russell	Xiaosaurus
Komodo Dragon	Yak	Leopard
Zebra	Maltese	

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Community News

Solvay Tigers Auxiliary

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

Considering getting involved with a group of fun and talented people? We welcome you to check out the Solvay Tigers Auxiliary. We are an upbeat organization of Solvay, Geddes, Camillus and Onondaga Hill adults volunteering our time and talents to support the youth programs of the Solvay Geddes community. You'll find us serving refreshments at Saturday night Bingo, selling homemade goodies at bake sales, and brainstorming additional fundraising opportunities—all in support of the children's after-school

program, academic scholarships, baseball and softball programs. Once you've been a member for one year and worked Bingo five times, you are eligible for a FREE Family membership at the Youth Center... which includes use of the gym, pool, and exercise room. Ready to have some fun while supporting youth programs? For more information, please call Carolyn Femano at (315) 488-7194, or Chris Johns Kirby at (315) 481-5046.

Donate your returnable bottles & cans to a good cause! The Solvay Tigers Auxiliary!! Please support the Solvay Geddes after-school program, college scholarships and sports teams by donating your bottles and cans. You can bring them to Papa Cans Bottle Return: 2359 Milton Ave, Solvay. Be sure to specify that you'd like your credit to go to **The Auxiliary at the Solvay Geddes Community Youth Center**. Papa's hours are: Mon. 8am-2pm, T/

W/Th/F 11am-4pm, Sat 11am-2pm. If you would like your large donation picked up, please call Kim at 315-478-1009. If you prefer, you may also drop off small manageable bags of bottles and cans directly to the Youth Center (1010 Woods Rd., Solvay) during regular business hours (M-F 6am-2pm and 6pm-9pm, Sat 8am-2pm) This is an ongoing fundraiser and we appreciate your continued support!

Senior Citizens Corner

Lakeland Senior Citizens

submitted by: Joe Mingin

I'll list some upcoming activities that you can plan on attending. It's your loss! You missed our meeting on the 12th of April where Clear entertained us. You also missed lunch at Gracie's on the 19th. But if you've a mind to, Gracie's will be treating us to a catered dinner on Wednesday,

May 10 at the Carno Rec. Center. Good food. Members get a special price because, well, they are members. Speaking of good food, we will be having lunch at Eva's in Solvay on Wednesday, May 17th. If you speak Polish, you can converse with Eva in her native tongue. What's happening in

June? Oh yeah, we will have a strawberry shortcake and ice cream festival on June 14th at Carno. Also, George Leija will be singing songs to us while we try to keep strawberry sauce off our shirts. We end the month of June by going to one of our favorite

spots. Finally Ours. And upcoming in July is the best summer picnic you will go to this or any summer. Jesse Derringer will be coming up from Florida to regale us with his tunes. Did the name Jesse Derringer convince you of anything?

Geddes Senior Citizens

submitted by: Conni Walker

We have had a busy winter!! In January, we met Marcia Ferguson, Geddes Town Council Member. She brought us up-to-date on many of the projects being completed in the Town. One of the largest is the change over to LED lighting on all the street lights. She encouraged members to call her with any concerns. In February, members of the cast from the Westhill production, Mamma Mia, came to give us a taste of their talent with several songs. It was wonderful (and yes, they were VERY talented)!! Also, Natalie Kinsella, a Geddes Senior member and a real estate broker with Hunt Real Estate, and Vir-

ginia Calvert, from Melvin & Calvert Law Firm, gave the group information for individuals over 55. They covered choices that seniors could make regarding their homes. They highlighted things such as planning for Medicaid, reverse mortgages and irrevocable trusts. Both answered the many questions our group had. Our March meeting was a luncheon catered by the Fair Deli of Lakeland – corned beef sandwiches and sides. They were delicious. For April, a representative of the Octagon House in Camillus, will speak to us about their endeavors for 2023 and we will be

treated to various cream pies made by our members. **Mark your calendars:** **May 25** – our Annual Pasta Dinner. Tickets will be sold at the April meeting. **June 22** – Strawberry Shortcake Night. Our speakers will be members from different Departments from the Town: Tax, Highway, etc. **July 27** – Annual Picnic at Lakeland Park (at 2pm, catered by Fair Deli) **Aug. 22** – Meeting **Sept. 28** – Pizza and Bingo Night On a sad note, we were very sorry to learn of the death of our

members, Arlene Peck, Joe DeMarchi and Marty Sheridan. Our condolences go out to their families. Our meetings are the 4th Thursdays of the month (the 3rd Thursday in November) at 6:30pm at Robinson Memorial Church, corner of S. Terry and Granger Roads. We invite all Seniors in the Town of Geddes to attend a meeting and get to know us! If you would like more information, please call our President, Addie Silvia, (315) 488-0288. Happy Spring & Summer Everyone!

