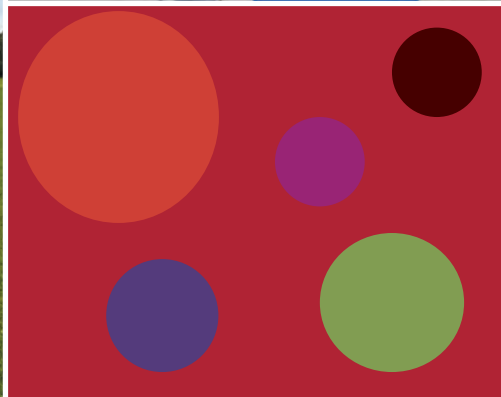


Our Town

2017/2018

A Newspaper for Residents of the Town of Onondaga



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TOWN OF ONONDAGA INFORMATION

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 Suzanne Belle, Councilwoman 315-476-4168 (H)
 Mary Ryan, Councilwoman 315-469-3637 (H)
 Charles Petrie, Councilman..... 315-469-4086 (H)
 Donald Hamilton, Councilman 315-469-5088 (H)

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Pat Kilmartin 315-498-6398
 J. Ryan McMahon, II 315-435-2070 (W)

COMMITTEES

Recreation & Seniors Committee..... Councilors Hamilton and Belle
 Insurance Committee..... Councilors Ryan and Petrie
 Highway Committee..... Councilors Hamilton and Petrie
 Personnel Committee..... Councilors Belle, Hamilton
 and Supervisor Andino
 Fire & Safety Committee Councilors Ryan and Petrie
 Solid Waste Committee..... Councilors Ryan, Belle and Hamilton
 Library Committee..... Councilor Ryan
 Development & Code Review Committee..... Councilors Ryan and Petrie

TOWN OF ONONDAGA PHONE NUMBERS

Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Rd., Syracuse, NY 13215

Supervisor's Office.....	315-469-3888	Highway Department.....	315-469-1664
Town Clerk's Office.....	315-469-1583	Justice Department.....	315-469-1674
Tax Receiver's Office.....	315-469-0483	Park & Recreation and Senior Center	
Assessor's Office	315-469-3216	4834 Velasko Road, Syracuse, NY 13215	315-469-3464
Codes Office	315-469-3144	Historical Society	315-214-2383

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR



Thomas P. Andino, Jr.

Dear Fellow Residents:

During the past two years there has been considerable discussion, numerous meetings and much publicity concerning government consolidation, mergers and shared services. Some New York State leaders have tried to make

Town governments a target claiming local Towns are the reason for New York State's high property taxes. Television sound bites and generalizations from newspaper interviews without documentation can be misleading. Bigger government is not necessarily better government. In fact, history shows bigger government is often less efficient, less accountable and more costly.

Ten years ago in 2007, in my Our Town article, I incorporated a spread sheet comparing the tax dollars collected from you, the Town of Onondaga residents, by various governments and school districts. I have requested and received from the Town of Onondaga Tax Receiver the taxes collected in 2017. The spread sheet below provides updated information on what has occurred over the past ten years.

			INCREASE		% INCREASE IN 10 YEARS	AVE/YR
TOWN OF ONONDAGA	2006-2007	2016-2017	IN TAX \$ COLLECTED			
Tax Rate	2.4587	2.5343	0.0756		3%	0.3%
Highway & General Fund	\$ 2,807,009	\$ 3,457,145	\$ 650,136		23%	2.3%
			INCREASE		% INCREASE IN 10 YEARS	AVE/YR
ONONDAGA COUNTY	2006-2007	2016-2017	IN TAX \$ COLLECTED			
Tax Rate	3.9364	5.3835	1.4471		37%	3.7%
Onondaga County	\$ 4,485,733	\$ 7,343,956	\$ 2,858,224		64%	6.4%
			INCREASE		% INCREASE IN 10 YEARS	AVE/YR
SCHOOL DISTRICT	2006-2007	2016-2017	IN TAX \$ COLLECTED			
Jamesville-Dewitt	\$ 1,102,157	\$ 2,304,154	\$ 1,201,997		109%	10.9%
Marcellus	\$ 2,252,043	\$ 3,392,262	\$ 1,140,219		51%	5.1%
OCS	\$ 5,950,593	\$ 7,752,085	\$ 1,801,492		30%	3.0%
West Genesee	\$ 4,470,537	\$ 6,170,745	\$ 1,700,208		38%	3.8%
Westhill	\$ 7,765,861	\$ 10,638,801	\$ 2,872,940		37%	3.7%

Your County of Onondaga Tax Rate in 2007 was \$3.93 per thousand.

Your County of Onondaga Tax Rate in 2017 is \$5.38 per thousand, a 37% increase.

Your Town of Onondaga Highway & General Fund Tax

Rate combined in 2007 was \$2.46 per thousand.

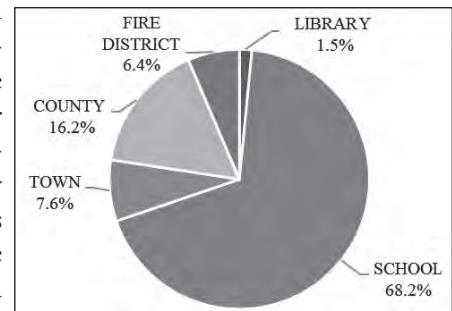
Your Town of Onondaga Highway & General Fund Tax Rate combined in 2017 is \$2.53 per thousand, a 3% increase.

These monies fund the operation of the entire Town Highway Department and the Town Hall Government, including the Offices of the Assessor, Tax Receiver, Town Clerk, Codes, Supervisor, Justice, Town Planning and Zoning Boards, Town Historian and Parks and Recreation and Senior Center.

In the Town of Onondaga we already share services by buying all of our highway equipment, fuel, asphalt and salt from County or State Contracts. We plow 22 miles of Onondaga County roads. We had the foresight in 2005, when we designed and built our Town Hall to include the Onondaga County Sheriff's South Substation as part of our new Town Hall.

The graph below displays the overall average percentages of the allocation of your total 2017 property taxes collected by the Tax Receiver in the Town of Onondaga. The percentages will vary slightly as the tax rate for each school district and fire district is different.

While the Town provides tax collection services for the schools and other government entities, on average only 7.6% of the taxes you pay are for the services provided by your Town of



Onondaga government. The other 92.4% is disbursed as illustrated above. This does NOT include the thousands of dollars that we all pay to New York State for income taxes, sales taxes and numerous fees for other services.

At all levels of government, including our Town of Onondaga government, we should always be looking for ways to be more efficient, work with others and share services, when appropriate, to save taxpayer dollars. I will continue my efforts to provide cost effective government services as I begin preparation of the 2018 Town budget.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call my office at 315-469-3888.

Very truly yours,
Thomas P. Andino, Jr.
Supervisor

FROM THE RECEIVER OF TAXES

Dear Tax Payers,

I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer. Unfortunately, it seems like it is the shortest season. The school tax bills will be mailed after Labor day in September. If you have recently moved into the Town of Onondaga or are no longer escrowed, please notify my office with this information. Unfortunately, it takes approximately two months for my office to be notified of a new owner or change in your escrow status. If you do not receive a bill by the middle of September and should receive a bill, please contact my office immediately and I will send you a duplicate bill. If you would like to take advantage of the partial payment option, please remember that you must make the first partial payment which can

be of any amount within the penalty free period (the first 30 days). The remaining balance will have an interest fee added of 2% until the end of October. No delinquent taxes can be owed on the property.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at 315-469-0483. I am here Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. I look forward to seeing many of you this fall.

*Sincerely,
Michele Kresser
Receiver of Taxes*



FROM THE BUILDING/CODES DEPARTMENT

Dear Fellow Town of Onondaga Residents,

The Building/Codes Department is pleased to announce some personnel changes within the department. Ben Vincent will be managing the Codes Office as the Code Enforcement Officer and Paul Votra will now be serving as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Together, Ben and Paul have

more than twenty years of experience in the Codes Office. As always, they look forward to providing guidance in Local and State Building Codes, and are pleased to be serving the community and the residents of the Town of Onondaga.

A MESSAGE FROM LISA GOODWIN, TOWN CLERK



Lisa Goodwin

I are keeping busy by offering many services to our residents in a friendly and professional manner. Here are a few things that you might be interested in...

Conservation Licenses

License sales for the 2017-2018 season began on August 1st. The deer management permits (DMP) will be available until October 1st. Because this falls on a Sunday, if you'd like to get your DMPs from my office, they are available until the close of business on Friday, September 29th. When you come in to purchase your DMP's, it is helpful if you review the Deer Management Unit Map to determine where you will want your permit issued, prior to getting your license. If you are requesting Land Owner Preference, please be prepared with a recent **tax bill** in order to obtain the acreage and tax map number information required by the State. This information needs to be seen **every year** in order to comply with state regulations. The prices for all licenses have remained the same as 2016. Don't forget, duck stamps are also available at the Town Clerks Office for \$26.

Board of Elections

As we all know, elections are coming up soon. As I write this, it is still not determined if there will be a Primary Election. If there is, it will be held September 12, 2017 from Noon – 9:00 p.m. General Elections will be held on November 7, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. The Board of Elections has made a couple of changes to the polling places this year. Here's a list of all of the polling places in the Town: (The locations that have changed are shown in **bold**.)

<u>Districts</u>	<u>Location</u>
1, 10	South Onondaga Fire Department
2, 17	Grace Assembly of God
3, 19	St. Michael and St. Peter Church (basement)
4, 8	St. Andrew's Anglican Church
5	Jamesville Community Church
6, 7	Howlett Hill Fire Department
9, 11	Onondaga Free Library
12, 18	Westhill High School (Grand Ave Entrance)
13, 15	Onondaga Town Hall
14, 16	OCC Mulroy Hall

As in the past, the Board of Elections will be sending out postcards with your polling place on them. Please make sure to watch for these. If you have any question about where you should go to vote, feel free to call my office or call the Board of Elections at 315-435-VOTE. You can also visit the Board of Election website at <http://www.ongov.net/elections/index.html>. Voter Registration Forms and Absentee Ballot Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Parking Permits for Persons with Disabilities

If you suffer from a disability that limits your mobility, whether it's temporary or permanent, the Town Clerk's Office is where you should come to receive your hangtag. All you need to do is get a form from your doctor and bring it to our office along with your driver's license or non-driver's identification card.

A very important reminder to those of you that already have a hangtag – The hangtag you have was issued to you and you alone. It can go in any car you go in, but you **MUST** be in the car for it to be used. We have recently seen an increase in the number of tags that are being misused by family members and/or friends of the person with the disability. To avoid having your tag revoked or receiving a fine, please do not misuse the hangtag that was issued to you.

As a reminder, here are some of the services offered to you by the Town Clerk's Office:

Dog Licenses • Conservation Licenses • Marriage Licenses • Notary Services • Passport Application Acceptance • Passport Photos • Handicapped Parking Permits • Veterans Favor Cards • Records Management • Records Access / FOIL Requests • Plus a Whole Lot More!

As always, if there's anything we can assist you with; Cheryl and I are here to help. Feel free to call us Monday thru Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 at 315-469-1583 or visit our website at www.townofonondaga.com. Have a safe and enjoyable Fall and Winter.

*Your Town Clerk,
Lisa Goodwin*

<u>Address</u>
3130 Cedarvale Road
4220 Fay Road
4791 West Seneca Turnpike
6138 South Salina Street
6300 East Seneca Turnpike
3384 Howlett Hill Road
4840 West Seneca Turnpike
4501 Onondaga Boulevard
5020 Ball Road
4926 Onondaga Road

FROM THE OFFICE OF PAT KILMARTIN



Pat Kilmartin

Dear Neighbor,

At the conclusion of this calendar year, my service at the Onondaga County Legislature will end. For the past eleven years, I have had the great privilege of serving as County Legislator, and I am extremely thankful you provided me with the opportunity to make a small con-

tribution to our County.

Over the past decade, Onondaga County has faced many challenges, including the Great Recession, a banking crisis, high unemployment, a challenging local economy and very difficult budget cycles. In the coming years, the County will continue to face challenges, which will include flat population growth, modest economic growth in the northeast and the challenge to encourage our children to settle here in Onondaga County as opposed to the southeast and southwest United States.

Despite these past challenges, the County has slowly and methodically persevered and worked to remain fiscally strong, efficient and effective in delivering basic government services. Over the past ten years, the County tax rate has been reduced, the County levy (County spending) is down significantly, the size of County government is substantially smaller, and County government relies much less on property taxation and more on sales tax (driven by local discretionary consumer spending). As a result, the County is well positioned to overcome future obstacles and we have great reason to be hopeful and optimistic because our County is

- armed with tremendous local attractions and resources:
- **Education.** One of the finest community colleges in the country with high academic standards and state of the art facilities at an incredibly competitive cost;
 - **Parks.** In Highland Forest, Beaver Lake Nature Center and the Rosamond Gifford Zoo we have diverse and beautiful park facilities for year round enjoyment;
 - **Public Safety.** A wonderful forensic science lab that works hand in hand with one of the best prosecutor's offices in our entire country to keep County residents safe;
 - **Infrastructure.** Ever improving roads, bridges and sanitation systems that have been well maintained and are prepared for the next 100 years;
 - **Technology.** A transformation in County services that utilizes digital technology to deliver services at a reduced cost;
 - **Downtown.** A revitalized downtown experiencing commercial, office and residential growth for the first time in more than 50 years;
 - **Onondaga Lake.** A much cleaner and vibrant Onondaga Lake with increased boat use, walking, running and pike paths, a beautiful Onondaga Lake Park and the Lakeview Amphitheater which has transformed the lake; and
 - **Services.** Outstanding public servants who provide critical services to those facing poverty and crisis, including children, the elderly and our local veterans.
 - **Fiscal Stability.** A rock solid AA plus bond rating and a healthy emergency reserve account in preparation for any crisis the County may face;

While the challenges ahead will be many in number and not small in size, with hard work, courage, mutual respect, cooperation, and a willingness to make reasonable concessions to achieve a greater good for you, your local, state and federal representatives can insure Onondaga County remains vibrant and growing stronger with each passing day.

*Very truly yours,
Pat Kilmartin
County Legislator-1*

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT REMINDERS & UPDATES

Dear Town of Onondaga Residents:

New Homeowner Basic Star Instructions.....

New Home Owners Applying for Basic Star need to register with the New York State Tax Department to receive a STAR check. (My Office no longer can process new Basic Star Applications.)

Visit www.tax.ny.gov or call (518) 457-2036.

New STAR applicants will receive a credit in the form of a check directly from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption on their school tax bill. The amount of your STAR benefit is the same regardless of how you receive it.

Contact your local assessor to remove basic or enhanced star exemptions on your previous address before you apply for your new exemption.

New Enhanced Star Applicants Homeowners turning 65 years of age by December 31, 2018 can still apply in the Assessor's Office.

Bring...

One item for proof of age - driver's license birth certificate etc.

A copy of the first 2 pages of your 2016 income tax proving adjusted gross income of 86,000 or under.

(if married and file separately bring both.) We can make copies if you are unable to.

If you do not file an income tax, please bring all your statements proving your income for 2016.

New Enhanced Star Applicants can also apply online
@ www.tax.ny.gov or call 518 457-2036

STAR Eligibility Requirements...

Basic STAR

The total income of the owners and the owners' spouses who primarily reside at the property must not exceed \$500,000.

Enhanced STAR

2018 income limit – 86,000

All owners must be at least 65 years old (unless the owners are spouses or siblings, in which case at least one owner must be at least 65).

Current Star & Enhanced Star exemption recipients:

Current Basic exemption recipients will keep their exemptions as long as they continue to own their current homes.

Current recipients of the Enhanced STAR exemption who are not enrolled in the (IVP) income Verification Program must continue to file renewal applications with their local assessors each year.

Because Exemption rules are complicated to understand, please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns regarding them or any other assessment related questions we can help you with.

Wishing all Residents good health and much happiness!

Kindly,

Sherry LaVancher

Assessor

FROM THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Fellow Residents:

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. As always, it seems like it just starts and its over. The Fall Cleanup schedules were mailed out at the end of July, but if you didn't receive one or misplaced it, our schedule is on page 6.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at the highway garage at 469-1664 or email

LCrowley@townofonondaga.com. You can also visit our website for information on all services provided by the Highway Department at www.townofonondaga/highway.

Very truly yours,

John Wheatley

Highway Superintendent



John Wheatley

2017 ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP

It's time to discard your unwanted items (junk) from your yard, shed, garage, basement, etc...

Our crew and trucks cover over 200 miles of road during the 7 week Town Cleanup. Please have your junk, brush and yard waste at the roadside by 7am on Monday of your scheduled week to ensure you are not missed. **We will only pick up once on your street during that week.**

Examples of acceptable items: Sofa, chairs, mattress, washer, dryer, toys, scrap wood, plumbing fixtures, lawn furniture, grill, carpeting, dry empty paint cans without lid.

Brush: MUST be piled separately from Junk and will be picked up with your scheduled Fall Cleanup. Branches must be 6 inches in diameter or less and no more than 8 feet in length. Please stack neatly away from fences and power poles.

Leaves & Yard Waste: MUST be in paper leaf bags or cardboard boxes. No plastic bags will be picked up as they are not biodegradable and cannot be composted. **No stones, dirt or trash of any kind in bags please.**

PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL NOT RETURN FOR BRUSH AND YARD WASTE AGAIN UNTIL AFTER ALL 7 FIRE DISTRICTS ARE COMPLETED. THIS MEANS NOT UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 23, 2017.

SCHEDULE

Fire Districts: Week of:

Nedrow **Fire District**..... Sept 4th
West of S. Salina St.

Nedrow **Fire District**..... Sept 11th
East of S. Salina St. Includes: Southwood, Crownpoint & Sentinel Hgts.

Onondaga Hill **Fire District**.... Sept 18th
South of Rt. 175 Cut off is Cole Rd, but does not include Cole Rd.

Onondaga Hill **Fire District**.... Sept 25th
North of Rt. 175 Includes: Limehill, Breckenridge and Autumn Ridge

Taunton 1 & 2 **Fire District**.... Oct 2nd
Includes: Harris Hill, Buxton Woods & Sherwood Farms

Howlett Hill **Fire District**..... Oct 9th
Cedarvale Rd. to Townline Rd.

S. Onondaga **Fire District**..... Oct 16th
& Navarino

Fire District information can be found on your property tax bill or call Hwy Dept for help.

ITEMS WE CANNOT PICKUP

- Recyclables of any kind, plastic & glass bottles, papers, newspapers, magazines and cardboard. (These all belong in your Blue Bin.)
- Tires & Batteries
- Barrels of any kind
- Gas & Propane tanks
- Tree stumps & Rocks
- Freezers, Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers
- Toxic containers, Medical supplies or waste
- Lawn Chemicals
- Asbestos, Shingles, Pipe wrap
- Concrete and any other Building Materials of any kind from your home.
- Paint cans with contents & lid on.
- **No TV's**, Computers, Microwaves, Air Conditioners, or Electronics of any kind.
- **Please no household garbage**

For help disposing of the above items contact
OCRRA: (315)453-2866 or www.ocrra.org

Blue Bins are available at the Town Hwy Dept. to be picked up, Mon-Fri 7am to 3:30pm.

If you have questions about any information on this flyer please call or email the Hwy Dept. for assistance.

Town of Onondaga Highway Department
John Wheatley-Highway Superintendent
4478 W. Seneca Turnpike
Syracuse, NY 13215
Ph: (315) 469-1664 Fax: (315)469-4557
Email: LCrowley@townofonondaga.com
Website: www.townofonondaga.com

MARY KAY RYAN, TOWN COUNCILOR

The Town of Onondaga Parks and Recreation Department offers recreation activities for all residents of our town. The programs developed for the town's residents encourage leisure activities and socialization for all age groups.

The department has been recognized on the local and state level for individual programs, and the staff has received numerous professional awards as well.

The Town of Onondaga is proud to have the oldest full time senior center in Onondaga County. The Senior Center offers many activities, including art classes, trips and daily lunches.

Senior exercise classes include yoga, TaiChi, Chi Kung, lightweights, and more. Many of our art "students" have won awards at the New York State Fair, year after year.

The Senior Center will help mature adults with adult assisted services. Free tax advice and tax preparation is available for those needing the services. Legal services and AARP driving classes are scheduled periodically at the center.

The Senior Center also publishes a bimonthly "Senior Ga-

zette." We encourage individuals with an interest in the activities available at the Senior Center to add their names to the gazette's mailing list.

For the young residents of our town, many activities are available for their enjoyment.

One of the programs involving children and their parents is "Start Smart." The program introduces and develops sportsmanship and sports skill sets for children ages 3 - 5. Parents will learn coaching skills and spectator knowledge.

The Town of Onondaga has 60 acres of developed parkland at our four parks: Howlett Hill, Kelley Brothers Memorial, King Memorial and Santaro parks. All feature pavilions, grills, restrooms, athletic fields, basketball and tennis courts, and playground areas.

The Town of Onondaga is proud of the many programs and activities offered at the Parks and Recreation Department. Read further in the "Our Town" newsletter for listings of the programs planned for the Fall and Winter seasons.



RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

TOWN OF ONONDAGA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

4834 VELASKO ROAD

(315) 469-3464 Phone

(315) 469-2816 Fax

www.townofonondagarecreation.com

toorecreation@msn.com



Serving your Leisure Needs

Edean Casey, *Parks & Recreation Director*

Charry Lawson, *Recreation Supervisor*

Barbara Michalski, *Senior Program Coordinator*

Richard Lamphier, *Park Labor Crew Leader*

Terri Burns, *Recreation Secretary*

Ann Owens, *Recreation Secretary*

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:30AM - 4:30PM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration is accepted on a first come, first served basis. Non-residents pay \$10.00 more for most programs.
- Mail/drop off registration form(s) with the fee. Checks are payable to Town of Onondaga.
- We have a drop box in the rear of the building/office on East Avenue. Please do not leave cash.
- When you register by mail, you are automatically enrolled in the class of your choice, unless otherwise notified.
- Registration deadline (unless otherwise specified) for all programs is one week before the program begins. Please add \$10.00 to the program fee when registering after the deadline.
- Don't wait for deadlines. Popular programs fill early!
- It is the intention of the Town that no youth be denied the ability to participate in programs because of an inability to pay. Partial scholarships are available for youth programs to eligible families upon proof of income. Donations accepted through our H.E.R.O. Scholarship Fund.
- Parking and entrances on both Velasko Road and East Avenue.
- Now accepting major credit cards.



H.E.R.O. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Every youth deserves the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of recreation programs. To help meet the need of families who might not be able to afford to participate, the Town of Onondaga Parks & Recreation Department is establishing a youth scholarship fund. Become a **H.E.R.O. (Help Expand Recreation Opportunities)** by contributing to our scholarship fund.

Your generous gift of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 – whatever you can contribute – enables another child in our community to enjoy a recreation activity or program. 100% of your contribution to the H.E.R.O. fund will benefit a Town of Onondaga youth.

Next time you visit the Parks & Recreation office or sign up for a class, please consider making a contribution. Inquiries about the H.E.R.O. program can be made by calling (315) 469-3464.

REFUND POLICY

Please use care when selecting classes. A 100% refund will be made when a class is canceled by the Recreation Department. Refunds will be made up to a week before the program begins. A \$5.00 administration fee will be deducted. A \$20.00 fee will be charged for any returned checks.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of a cancellation due to weather or any other unavoidable problem, every effort will be made to contact participants. However, sometimes this is impossible. If you are ever in question as to whether or not a class might be canceled, call the Recreation Office at (315) 469-3464.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration will be available from our updated website (see above) in the near future. Check there for dates and how to begin registering your family.

YES, I want to be a Town of Onondaga Recreation H.E.R.O.

Enclosed is a donation in the amount of

- ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25
☐ \$50 ☐ \$100
☐ Other \$ _____

Checks payable to: Town of Onondaga

I understand that 100% of my donation will be given to the H.E.R.O. Scholarship Fund.

The following information is optional

Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Thank you for giving these opportunities to others!

GENERAL REGISTRATION FORM

*Submit a completed form and full payment by cash/check/credit. Checks payable to: Town of Onondaga
You will only be notified if a class is full or cancelled. Registration Drop box located in the rear of the building on East Avenue*

Participant's Name: _____

Sex (Circle): M F Date of Birth _____ Age: _____ Grade _____

Program Name: _____ Day/Time: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____ Daytime Contact #: _____

Emergency Contact (**other than parent**) Name & #: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Child's School: _____ Allergies: _____

I hereby absolve the Town of Onondaga, its employees, and officers from all liability which may arise as the result of my participation in all above activities; and, in the event that the above-named participant is a minor, I hereby give my permission for his/her participation as indicated and in so doing absolve the Town of Onondaga, its employees and officers from such liability. Pictures and other materials which may include myself or my child (ren), may be used by the Town of Onondaga for promotional purposes.

PARTICIPANT/PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Receipt # _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Please Note: The payment processing company charges a convenience fee of 2.95% or \$3.00 minimum to cardholders.

Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ CSC# _____

Cardholder's Name (Print) _____ Cardholder's Signature _____

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RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S DANCE

Dance classes taught by Miss Andrianna, Miss Joylynn and Miss Christa are held at the Onondaga Senior Center. Participants should wear leotards and tights along with the appropriate dance shoes: ballet slippers for ballet, jazz, hip hop and tap shoes for tap.

- All registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis, with a limited number taken for each class.
- No registrations will be accepted without payment.
- All **NEW** registrants must have proof of age when registering.
- Child must be 3 by 9/1/17

**CLASSES RUN THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 - MAY 2018**

**NO class 10/9, 11/22, 11/23
{weeks of Dec. 18th & 25th} 1/1, 1/15
{weeks of Feb 19th & April 23rd}**

**REGISTRATION: STARTING AUGUST 23rd FOR
RETURNING 2016/2017 SCHOOL
YEAR STUDENTS.
ALL OTHERS MAY REGISTER
STARTING AUGUST 25th.**

**FEE: \$140.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$160.00 All others
After 9/15/17 add \$10.00**

If there is a need to pay in two installments: 1st payment due when registering. 2nd payment due by October 27, 2017

**CLASS OBSERVATION WEEK:
January 8 - 11
REHEARSAL/RECITAL DATES
late May/early June**

BALLET

Ages 3 -5

Tuesdays:

4:30-5:00 PM

5:00-5:30 PM

5:30-6:00 PM

Thursdays:

4:30-5:00 PM

5:30-6:00 PM

6:00-6:30 PM

Ages 6-8

Wednesdays:

4:00-4:30 PM

Thursdays:

5:00-5:30 PM

Ages 9-12

Wednesdays:

5:30-6:00 PM

JAZZ

Ages 3-5

Wednesday:

5:00-5:30 PM

Ages 6-8

Monday:

5:00-5:30 PM

Wednesday:

4:30-5:00 PM

Ages 9-12

Monday:

5:30-6:00 PM

Wednesday:

6:00-6:30 PM

Ages 12-14

Monday:

6:30-7:00 PM

Ages 15+

Monday:

7:00-7:30 PM

HIP HOP

Ages 9-12

Monday:

6:00-6:30 PM

TAP

Ages 6-8

Monday:

4:30-5:00 PM



THANK YOU

The Town of Onondaga Parks & Recreation Department Staff would like to thank both the West Genesee School District and the Onondaga Central School District's Transportation Departments for the use of their buses during our summer playground program held at three different sites. The field trips were an added delight to over 350 youth we served on a daily basis during a seven week program.

A special thanks goes out to the Onondaga School District and its staff at Wheeler Elementary for their cooperation, assistance and the use of the school facilities for our summer playground program. We registered over 150 children there this summer.

We would also like to thank the staff at the Onondaga Hill Middle School for all their help in the success of our Pre-K Program.

YOGAKIDS

Onondaga Senior Center

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REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$35.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$45.00 All others

After 9/20/17 add \$10.00

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

KARATE

Onondaga Senior Center

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REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$50.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$60.00 All others

After 10/9/17 add \$10.00



Uniforms are available the first day for an additional fee of \$20.00. If interested include child's size on registration form.

SOCCER

King Park

This Fall Soccer Program is available for boys and girls ages 5-8. This is an instructional program where kids can learn the fundamentals of the game of soccer. Saturdays, September 16 - October 21, 9:00-10:00AM. All participants should bring a water bottle, sweatshirt on cold days and shin guards. Program will be canceled on heavy rain days. Max. 40

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$40.00 All others

After 9/13/17 add \$10.00



MOMMY/DADDY & ME SOCCER

King Park

The Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer program brings parents and children ages 3-5 together to work on a variety of soccer skills. This program prepares children for organized soccer in a FUN, non-threatening environment. It offers soccer exercises that become increasingly more difficult as the class progresses and children show improvement. The six-week program will run Saturdays, September 16-October 21, from 10:00 to 11:00AM. Fee includes a soccer ball and shin guards. All participants should bring a water bottle and a sweatshirt on cold days. Program will be canceled on heavy rain days. Max. 20

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$45.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$55.00 All others

After 9/8/17 add \$10.00

AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS & TUMBLING PROGRAM

Split Rock Gymnasium

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Time

3:30- 4:20PM

3:30 -4:20PM

Grade/Age

1st - 5th

4&5 yrs. old (boys need to be 5)

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation office

REGISTRATION FEE: \$28.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$38.00 All others

TWEEN/TEEN BASKETBALL

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Whether sharpening your skills to prepare for basketball season or just learning new techniques this is the program for you. Bring your friends and have some fun on Tuesday evenings this fall. Pick-up games will be played each week. Open to youth in grades 5-8. Tuesdays, October 17 - November 21, 7:00-8:30PM. Min. 12

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$40.00 All others

After 10/10/17 add \$10.00



INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Youth in grades 1-6 may take part in this instructional basketball program to develop and polish their fundamental skills. Held Saturdays, November 4-December 16 (not 11/25).

GRADE

1 - 3

4 - 6

TIME

8:30 - 9:30AM

9:45 - 10:45AM

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$25.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$35.00 All others

After 10/27/17 add \$10.00

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

START SMART BASKETBALL

Onondaga Hill Middle School

The Start Smart Basketball Program prepares children, ages 4-6, for organized basketball in a FUN, non-threatening environment. It allows children the opportunity to work one-on-one with a parent. This six week program offers exercises that become increasingly more difficult as the class progresses and children show improvement. The program will run Saturdays, November 4-December 16, (not 11/25) from 11:00-NOON. A parent meeting will be held Wednesday, November 1, 6:00PM at the Onondaga Senior Center. Fee includes 2 basketballs and a pinnie.

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$55.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$65.00 All others

After 10/27/17 add \$10.00

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Our Youth Basketball program is open to both boys and girls in grades 1-6. This program emphasizes the fundamentals of basketball as well as fair play, sportsmanship and FUN! Saturdays, January 6 – March 3 (not 2/24).

This is a noncompetitive league for the new player still learning skills as well as the player who is looking to sharpen his/her skills for possible future competitive play. The first two weeks will be practice only with league play beginning January 20st.

HELP...To assure the success of the program we need VOLUNTEERS!!

If you are able to coach or assist, please sign-up when you register your child or call us at (315) 469-3464

GRADE

PRACTICE/GAME TIMES

1-3

8:30 - 9:45AM

4-6

9:45 – 11:00 AM OR 11:00 – 12:15 PM

REGISTRATION: starts Monday, December 4, 2017

FEE: \$50.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$60.00 All others

After 1/2/18 add \$10.00

NEW IDEAS?

We do our best to provide the community with diverse recreational programs to meet the needs and interests of everyone. Because of these diverse needs, creative input is important in developing new programs or improving existing ones. Please feel free to contact us with any new ideas or suggestions.



TEEN/ADULT PROGRAMS

CHILDCARE AND BABYSITTING SAFETY

Onondaga Senior Center

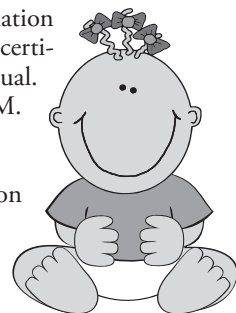
This program covers child safety and basic care techniques. Created especially for kids and teens ages 11 and up who are interested in becoming babysitters. This class does include CPR training. Taught by American Heart Association and American Safety and Health Institute certified instructors. Participants receive a manual. Held Thursday, November 16, 6:00-9:00PM. Max. 12

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$55.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$65.00 All others

After: 11/9/17 add \$10.00



FIRST AID & CPR

Onondaga Senior Center

Family and friends are invited to take the American Heart Association Heart Saver First Aid & CPR and AED training. Open to youth age 15 and older and as well as adults. Thursday, November 2, 6:00-10:00PM. Max. 12

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$55.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$65.00 All others

After: 10/26/17 add \$10.00



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Thursdays, 7:30-10:00 PM October 5 – May 3, 2018 (not 11/23, 12/28, 2/22, 4/26). This is an opportunity to become involved in a pick-up game for 18 years and older. Max. 25

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

FEE: \$60.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$70.00 All others

After 9/28/17 add \$10.00



RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SKI PROGRAM 2017-2018

FRIDAY NIGHT SKI CLUB LABRADOR MOUNTAIN

Fridays 4:00-10:15PM

January 5 - February 9, 2018

Includes: Six 1½ hour lessons, free skiing entire ski season on Fridays.

Participants must be age 12 & older or in at least 6th grade.

Registration begins November 1, 2017.

Payment, completed forms and a 2" x 2" picture are required at the time of registration.

FEE: TBA

- **PROOF OF RESIDENCE MUST ACCOMPANY CASH PAYMENT**
- **DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15 - NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE!**

BUS STOP	PICK-UP	RETURN
St. Michael's Church (Onondaga Hill)	4:00PM	10:15PM

Arrive at Labrador Mountain at 4:45PM and depart no later than 9:45PM.

- Ski rentals for six weeks available for \$83.76. \$103.21 snow board package. \$32.40 helmet package.
- Receive a \$3.00 discount when skiing other days
- Rental packages may be charged to Labrador Mt. All other fees: charge, check or money order to Town of Onondaga.
- Register early - buses fill quickly!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Town of Onondaga Parks & Recreation Department will be responsible for providing quality facilities, grounds, programs, and leisure services to all residents of the Town of Onondaga. We will strive to provide the highest quality programs and facilities through strong, imaginative and caring leadership.

WINTER/SPRING 2018

REGISTRATION STARTS JANUARY 2, 2018

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Session I: January 22-March 19 (not 2/19)

REGISTRATION: Starts Tuesday, January 2, 2018

FEE: \$50.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$60.00 All others

After 1/16/18 add \$10.00

Session II: March 26-May 21 (not 4/23)

REGISTRATION: Starts Tuesday, January 2, 2018

FEE: \$50.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$60.00 All others

After 3/19/18 add \$10.00

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REGISTRATION: Start Tuesday, January 2, 2018

FEE: \$40.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$50.00 All others

After 3/28/18 add \$10.00



RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SPRING BASKETBALL

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Continue learning and improving your skills or join us for the first time this year. Youth in grades 1-6 may take part in this recreational basketball program on Saturdays, March 31 - May 5 (not 4/21, 4/28).

GRADE	TIME
1 - 3	9:00-10:00AM
4 - 6	10:15-11:15AM



REGISTRATION: starts Tuesday, January 2, 2018

FEE: \$25.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$35.00 All others

After 3/23/18 add \$10.00

LACROSSE

Santaro Park

Boys and girls ages 5-8 years old can join our staff this spring in our new instructional lacrosse program. Sessions will cover basic instruction at an introductory level. Catching, throwing, stick handling and age appropriate ball handling skills are emphasized with a soft lacrosse ball. These fundamental skills are taught through fun, engaging games that keep kids active and excited to learn. No helmet, goggles or pads are required! Only lacrosse stick and mouth guard are needed. Wednesdays, May 16 - June 20, from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

REGISTRATION: starts Tuesday, January 2, 2018

FEE: \$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$40.00 All others

After 5/9/18 add \$10.00

MOMMY/DADDY & ME SOCCER

King Park

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REGISTRATION: starts Tuesday, January 2, 2018

FEE: \$45.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$55.00 All others

After 5/4/18 add \$10.00

Pictures taken at programs may be used on the Town website, Facebook page, in local newspapers or in our brochures, unless otherwise noted by a parent/participant.

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Grade/Age

1st - 5th

4&5 yrs. old (boys need to be 5)

REGISTRATION: Ongoing at Recreation Office

REGISTRATION FEE: \$28.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$38.00 All others

TENNIS LESSONS

Santaro Park

Instruction will be offered for youth ages 4 and up. Limited spaces available, register early. Must have own tennis racquet. Saturdays, May 12 - June 23 (not 5/26).

NOON - 1:00PM - Ages 4-6

1:00 - 2:00PM - Ages 7-9

2:00 - 3:00PM - Ages 10+



REGISTRATION: starts Tuesday, January 2, 2018

FEE: \$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$40.00 All others

After 5/4/18 add \$10.00

SOCCER

King Park

This **Spring** Soccer Program is available for boys and girls ages 5-8. This is an instructional program where kids can learn the fundamentals of the game of soccer. They will play games at the end of each session. Saturdays, May 12- June 23 (not 5/26), 9:00-10:00AM. All participants should bring a water bottle, sweatshirt on cold days and shin guards. Max 40

REGISTRATION: starts Tuesday, January 2, 2018

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RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

CHILDCARE AND BABYSITTING SAFETY

Onondaga Senior Center

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REGISTRATION: starts Tuesday, January 2, 2018

FEE: \$55.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$65.00 All others

After: 2/15/18 add \$10.00

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Applications for summer employment will be accepted from January 2 to May 1, at the Recreation Office. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age. Jobs include Playground Supervisors, Leaders, and Pre-K staff.

CIT PROGRAM

(COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING)

We are looking for 15 & 16 year old youths interested in volunteering at a summer playground. C.I.T.'s will join the hired staff learning the ropes of being a counselor. When they turn 17, they will have the skills needed to possibly become a paid counselor. Applications for CIT's will be accepted from January 2 to May 1. Limited spaces available.

2018 ADULT SOFTBALL

Softball leagues will be held at King and Howlett Hill Parks. Men's leagues are on Tuesdays with Co-Ed on Wednesdays. Teams that played in '17 will receive a pre-registration form in February. The completed form and payment must be received by March 9th to reserve a space. New teams will be accepted beginning March 12th.



2018 PARK PERMITS

Permit applications may be found online @www.townofonondagarecreation.com

KING MEMORIAL PARK

4030 Split Rock Road, Camillus, NY 13031

King Park is a twenty acre park located on Split Rock Road, featuring athletic fields, beach volleyball court, tennis/pickleball and basketball courts, playground area, grills, pavilion and restrooms. The park accommodates up to 100 people.

KELLEY BROTHERS MEMORIAL PARK

251 Dorwin Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13215

Kelley Park is a fifteen acre park, located off Dorwin Avenue in Nedrow, featuring a tennis court, two ball fields, a basketball court, a beach volleyball court, small pavilion, several grills, playground area and restrooms. The park accommodates up to 75 people.

HOWLETT HILL PARK

5051 Youth Center Road, Camillus, NY 13031

Howlett Hill Park is a nine acre park on Youth Center Road off Howlett Hill Road, featuring athletic fields, two softball fields, a tennis court, a basketball court, a covered shelter, grills, playground area, and restrooms. The park accommodates up to 75 people.

ANTHONY J. SANTARO MEMORIAL PARK

4979 Velasko Road, Syracuse, NY 13215

Santaro Park is a twenty two acre park, located on Velasko Road, featuring tennis and basketball courts, athletic fields, playground areas, pavilion, grills, shade shelter, in-line skate & bike path and restrooms. The park accommodates up to 150 people.

TOWN RESIDENTS: Can apply exclusively for park use from February 1 – April 30, 2018

Proof of residency required at the time of application.

FEES: 1-50 people: \$80.00
(includes \$50.00 security deposit)

51-100 people: \$90.00
(includes \$50.00 security deposit)

101-150 people: \$100.00
(includes \$50.00 security deposit)

NON-RESIDENTS: Can apply beginning May 1, 2018

FEES: 1-50 people: \$160.00
(includes \$100.00 security deposit)

51-100 people: \$180.00
(includes \$100.00 security deposit)

101-150 people: \$200.00
(includes \$100.00 security deposit)

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SENIOR PROGRAMS

*"There Are No
Strangers Here –
Only Friends We
Haven't Met"*



4834 VELASKO ROAD,
SYRACUSE, NY 13215
PHONE: 315.469.3464

Any senior citizen 55 or older is welcome to participate at the Onondaga Senior Center in a wide variety of ongoing scheduled programs and activities throughout the week. We offer day trips, classes, special events, as well as health, fun and fitness activities.

A bi-monthly newsletter, the *Senior Gazette*, featuring events and activities, is mailed out to all interested seniors. To receive a copy, please call the Senior Center to get on the mailing list. There is no charge to residents of the Town of Onondaga. There is a \$5 annual charge for those seniors not residing in the Town of Onondaga. The *Senior Gazette* is also available on our website www.townofonondagany.com.

Call the Onondaga Senior Center for appointments and additional information about the programs offered, and always check the monthly calendar to find out the exact date of the event you are interested in.

SENIOR PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Enjoy a hot lunch every Monday thru Thursday at 12 Noon from P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Lunch reservations must be made one day in advance, and by 12:30 PM Thursday for the following Monday. \$3 for any senior 60+, \$6 for anyone under 60. Call the lunch line at 315.469.3259 for reservations. Pick up a monthly lunch menu at the Senior Center.

Catered Luncheons with live entertainment are held throughout the year on most first Thursday's of each month. We always have ample and delicious meals. Payment is due upon sign-up in the front office. Most Luncheons are \$5, and are supplemented by the Onondaga Seniors Committee Fund and donations from the Friends of the Onondaga Seniors.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM CONTINUED

September 7 - \$5- Sign up by Tuesday September 5

Lunch: Froggers Pizza, Zita, Salad, and Dessert. Vinnie Cupo entertaining!

October 5 - \$5- Sign up by Tuesday October 3

Lunch: Deli Sandwiches, Salads, and Dessert; Rock Shadows entertaining!

December 4 (Monday) - \$ and Lunch: TBA

Sentimental Serenade Entertaining!

LEFT CENTER RIGHT DICE PARTY

Tuesday September 26 at 1 PM

Left Center Right, is a dice game of chance. The players make no decisions of any kind, even as to wagering. Bring 6 quarters to play with. You could win the pot!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Monday October 30

Come join our Halloween festivities!

Costume Contest! Games! Prizes!

Costume judging will begin @ 11: 45 AM. Please arrive early in your costume for a chance to win a Prize!

This will be a regular P.E.A.C.E. lunch, \$3. Call the lunch line to sign up @ 315.469.3259.

FREE LUNCH FOR VETERANS OF ALL U.S. MILITARY SERVICES

Wednesday November 15

Veterans, you are invited to be our guest for a FREE lunch in honor of your military service. (All non-Veterans \$3) Your P.E.A.C.E. Inc. lunch is paid for by the Friends of the Onondaga Seniors. Call the lunch line for your reservation.

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SENIOR PROGRAMS continued

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

One day course for anyone 50 or older. \$20 AARP member - \$25 non member. Class time 8:45 AM – 3:30 PM. Bring a bagged lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Reservations now being taken for the following Friday classes: October 20, November 17. Sign up required.

SENIOR ASSISTANCE SERVICES

An Adult Care Manager will advocate for you for the sudden life changes or uncertainty you are having dealing with basic living expenses, accidents, or a change in physical ability/rehab. They will navigate you through the system to find the help you need regarding: Food Stamps; HEAP Energy Assistance; Veterans Benefits; Meals On Wheels; Housing Subsidies; Home Repairs and Weatherization; Caregivers; Tax Assistance; Pantries; Social Day Programs. By appointment only. Private counseling is available on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 12:30 - 2:30 PM

LEGAL SERVICES OF CNY

Legal services provided to residents of Onondaga County Age 60+. Services cover the following civil areas: Consumer Debtor Relief, Living Will, Power of Attorney Prep, Simple Will & Testament, Veterans Benefits, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Power of Attorney Revocation, Social Security, Health Care Proxies, Medicare, Public Assistance & Utility Issues. By appointment only. Tuesday: September 12 and November 14.

ONGOING AT THE SENIOR CENTER

BOOK CLUB meets Monday afternoons at 12:45 PM. Latest reads, 'Us' by David Nicholls, 'The Nest' by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. Come and sit in on one of the meetings and see what it's all about. You can join too!

CARDS FOR FUN

BRIDGE is played Mondays and Wednesdays 1-3 PM. Subs are always needed, and they would like more players each week.

PINOCHLE is played Mondays 1-3 PM. Come in before 1 PM. That's when they start to set- up the table and form a group.

DOMINOES is played Mondays from 1-3 PM each week. We supply the Dominoes game at the Center.

LIBRARY - Located in the front entrance of the Center, we have shelves filled with paperback books from a variety of authors, all donated by our readers. Come in and browse, and take home a few books to enjoy. We take clean, used paperback books. No hard cover books please. If you have hardcover books to donate, you can bring them to the Onondaga Free Library beginning September 15 – 27 for their annual book sale starting September 29 – October 1.

MAH JONGG is played Wednesdays 1–3 PM. They would like more experienced players to join them!

POOL (BILLIARDS) is played on the lower level, mornings and afternoons. A group of men come in 1-3 PM each day to play and are looking for more competition! Check it out!

QUILTING group meets Mondays at 10 AM. They all are working on different projects and share ideas each week. They are a helpful group and very willing to share their ideas.



RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SENIOR PROGRAMS continued

KLASSY' RED HATTER'S meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:15 PM. They also have an outing each month, along with the meeting. Our Red Hatter's have been in existence for over 12 years! What a nice group they are. Come in and join them!

WII BOWLING is played anytime upon room availability. Wednesday morning and afternoon before and after lunch has become a very popular time to play! We've got some great bowlers who have had some impressive scores!

FREE POPCORN & MOVIE

Alternating Thursdays at 1 PM each month. (Check the Senior Gazette Calendar)

MOVIES

September 14, *Hidden Figures*; September 28, *The Zookeepers Wife*; October 19, *Fences*; November 9, *Jackie*; November 30, *Loving*; December 14, *Beauty and the Beast*.

BINGO FOR BUCKS!

September 21; October 12 & 26; November 2 & 16; December 7 & 21.

\$1 for first card \$.50 each additional card.

SENIOR EXERCISE WITH LIGHT WEIGHTS

Thursdays 10:30-11:15 AM *Except on Catered Luncheon or Party days. Make-up class is at 10 AM Friday. Check the calendar each month.*

FREE.....Ongoing class, following a video, doing beneficial stretching and exercises using 1, 2, 3 or 5 lb. hand weights that are provided.

EXERCISE.....FIT AFTER FIFTY

Instructor: Midge Regier

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 AM

Current Session thru ~~XXXXXXXX~~ September 26

Next 12 Week Session begins ~~XXXXXXXX~~ October 3-Dec 19

Resident Fee: \$24

Non-Resident Fee: \$34

~~After October 31 add \$10~~ ~~XXXXXXXX~~ September 26 add \$10

Come join the fun and exercise to increase your strength and mobility. When we combine strength training and cardiovascular exercise, our endurance improves, we relieve arthritic symptoms, improve our balance and feel safer and more confident in all that we do. Payment and Sign-up required.

CHAIR YOGA

Instructor: Diane Zarzecki

Wednesdays 1:00-2:00 PM

First 5 Week Session: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 9/27-10/25

Next Sessions: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 11/1-11/29

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Resident Fee: \$25

Non-Resident Fee: \$35

Come enjoy the benefits of yoga. Practice right from your chair. Improve your flexibility, strength, balance and mental focus. In these classes Diane presents variations and options for postures so that each student can learn comfortably and participate fully. *Bring your own mat, or we do have extra mats available.*

TAI CHI

Thursdays 12 Noon - 1:00 PM

Instructor: David Dolbear

T'ai Chi is characterized by soft, slow and continuous movement. Physically it promotes pliability, improved cardiovascular and pulmonary function, improved posture and increased strength, especially in the legs. Psychologically, it promotes concentration, relaxation, self confidence and overall improvement in the function of the central nervous system.



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SENIOR PROGRAMS continued

CHI KUNG

Thursdays 11 – 12 Noon

Instructor: David Dolbear

Chi-Kung is Chinese Exercise meaning Therapeutic Breathing Exercise for Health. These classes involve simpler movements and breathing to reduce stress and promote pliability, improved pulmonary and cardiovascular function. Can be done sitting in a chair or standing.

Chi Kung is a beginner class for anyone who wishes continuing on to Tai Chi.

Tai Chi & Chi Kung Classes

Current Session thru October ~~XX~~ 26

Next Session: No Class 11/23

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ November 2-December 28

After ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 10/26 add \$10

RESIDENT FEE: \$40 (Each Class Session)

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$50

BEGINNER ART (OIL PAINTING)

Tuesdays 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Instructor: Thomas Hussey

Current Session thru September 26 No Class 10/3

Next Session: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Oct 10 - Nov 28

After ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Oct 3 add \$10

RESIDENT FEE: \$60

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$70

Contact Tom at wthussey@gmail.com or 315.253.5288 for information regarding supplies for the class.

ADVANCED ART

Tuesdays 8:45 – 11:45 AM

Instructor: Thomas Hussey

Current Session thru September 19

Next Session September 26 – November ~~XX~~ 21

After September 19 add \$10 No Class 10/3

This class is ongoing throughout the year.

RESIDENT FEE: \$44

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$54

ONGOING WALKING PROGRAM

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 - 11 AM

Thru the month of September walk outdoors at Brookdale at Summerfield across from Santaro Park on Velasko Rd. The walking path goes around the building. Beginning October 3 thru the month of April, walking resumes at St. Michael's Parish Center located behind the rectory. Stop by the Senior Center and fill out a Medical & Emergency Information Form if you are interested in joining the group.



KNIT & CROCHET

If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, or you just need a brush-up course, call the Senior Center and leave your name and #. You can meet with our instructor Diane at the Center. Supplies are available for you to practice on. She'll also help you with projects you are having trouble with.



FUN BOWLING AT MARCELLUS LANES

Bowling leagues start Tuesday, September 5 at Marcellus Lanes, 4325 Slate Hill Road Marcellus, NY. The cost is \$8 each week. They have a good group of bowlers, but there's always room for more! Couples! Triples! or individual bowlers and teams are welcome! For information call John Harris, 315.673.1123.

When the Marcellus School District is closed due to inclement weather, there is no bowling.

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SENIOR PROGRAMS continued

DONATIONS: WE COLLECT:

- ** **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** to benefit the Onondaga Central Rockwell/Wheeler Middle School PTO.
- ** **BYRNE DAIRY RECEIPTS** to purchase free ice cream for our parties!
- ** **FOOD PANTRY.** Canned and non-perishable items appreciated.
- ** **YARN** for knitting and crocheting items made as charitable projects.
- ** **ALUMINIUM PULL TABS** from food and soda cans for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

DAY TRIPS

Life Could Be a Dream @ Cortland Repertory Theater, Tuesday September 5 (Trip Full - Wait List Only); Adirondack Fall Day, Friday September 29 (Trip Full - Wait List Only); Scenic Western NY, Wednesday October 18; visit Millers Market, a large Amish store, Leonard Oakes Estate Winery, tour Medina Railroad Museum and take a train ride; Lion King @ Landmark Theater with lunch at Twin Trees II, Thursday November 9.

IF A TRIP IS FILLED, BE SURE TO GET ON THE WAITING LIST. AS SOON AS WE GET A CANCELLATION THE NEXT PERSON ON THE LIST WILL BE CALLED.

Day trip announcements are posted at the Senior Center and published in the Senior Gazette. For reservations, sign up at the Senior Center or send a check to the Center for payment. Include with check: name of person(s) taking the trip, phone #, date of trip, your pick-up point & menu choice (if any). Make check payable to Onondaga Seniors.

Your payment includes bus transportation and all fees for the day, along with gratuities to restaurants and bus driver.

Bus pick-ups are at two locations: Nedrow Fire Department and the Onondaga Senior Center back parking lot. We no longer pick-up in St. Michael's parking lot. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to departure.

FLU SHOT CLINIC IN SEPTEMBER

Thursday September 21 from 11:30 AM – 1 PM

Rite-Aid is offering a Flu Shot Clinic at the Senior Center. No appointment is necessary, just remember to bring your Medicare card with you.

FREE OVIATT HEARING TEST

Wednesday October 11, 11 AM – 1:30 PM.

Call the Senior Center for an appointment. Each screening takes 10 minutes.

*We are fun and interesting,
and a very social group of
Seniors who enjoy meeting
new friends. Join us for
conversation and laughter,
a nice lunch, and on many
days, homemade goodies too!*



ONONDAGA FREE LIBRARY

Onondaga Free Library • Fall/Winter 2017-18

A Letter from Our Director

The library has been very busy and productive this year. Total circulation is up 17 percent compared to 2016 and is on track for breaking new records. Over 500 children registered for summer reading. The additional hours of operation and full time staff has improved library collections, programs and services to the Town. We continue to see outstanding engagement as evidenced by program attendance, library visits and website traffic. We thank our wonderful community for its support to make these accomplishments a reality.

Read all about what is planned for the fall and winter months and we look forward to seeing you at the library!

New @ OFL

-NEW HOURS- Did you know the library has new extended hours? We now open at 9am Monday through Thursday. Spend a full day with us on Saturdays, from 10am-5pm. Sundays are open later, from 1pm-5pm.

-HOOPLA- Hoopla is now available to OFL cardholders! With Hoopla, you can stream or download movies, TV shows, music albums, eBooks and audiobooks. Choose from over a half million titles, and the best part is no wait lists! Get started today- All you need is your library card, a digital device and internet connection. Visit our website to start accessing our newest digital collection today.

-1000 Books Before Kindergarten- This summer, OFL launched a new year-round reading program for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. This program encourages child/caregiver bonding time through reading. After each 100 books logged, the child will receive a prize. Stop in to pick up or visit our website to print your child's first 100 books reading log today!

Events @ Your Library

-LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH- September is Library Card Sign-up Month! Visit your local library and sign up for your FREE library card. A library card unlocks a world of adventure—giving everyone access to books, e-books and other digital content, computers, homework help, music, movies and more. Your library card is sure to become the “smartest” card in your wallet!

-BANNED BOOKS WEEK- Join OFL, along with thousands of other libraries and bookstores all over the country, as we celebrate Banned Books Week, September 24-30. This year, this annual celebration puts a spotlight on the importance of the 1st Amendment and is responding with “Our Right to Read,” a celebration of the diverse range of ideas found in books, and our right as citizens to make our own intellectual choices.

-FOOD FOR FINES WEEK- This November, participate in Food for Fines Week at OFL! During the week of November 13-19, bring in non-perishable, undamaged, unexpired food items. For each food item you bring in, we will reduce your fines by a maximum of \$10. All food items will be donated to a local food pantry in the Onondaga Hill community.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Join the New OFL Book Club! Read popular books, both fiction and non-fiction, that provoke discussion about many different topics. Each month, meet new members and a new staff facilitator. Enjoy a casual discussion and light refreshments. Come to as many or as few meetings as you like... There is no obligation!

Life Along the Erie Canal This fall, join us in welcoming back the Tinman, aka Dennis Heaphy for a fun, educational program that all ages can enjoy! Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2pm, Heaphy, a historic re-enactor, will portray a 19th century canal boat captain making repairs to his vessel. He will dress in period attire, use antique implements and interact with visitors while he tells stories and shares information about the Erie Canal. Registration requested.

Quilting Program/Author Event It's been a while since we've had author and avid quilter here at OFL, but what better time to welcome her back than following the release of the latest book in her Scrap Therapy series, *The Versatile Nine Patch*. Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2pm, explore the ever-popular 9-patch block with a variety of patterns and clever technique twists to create quilts, bags, home decor and more! Also, get an overview of Ford's Scrap Therapy method to cut, store, and use your leftover quilting scraps in scrappy projects that are cohesive and beautiful! Registration requested.

Look for more great adult programs... This fall, the Cornell Cooperative Extension will help us get ready for another long Syracuse winter by teaching us how to winterize our gardens Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 6:30pm. We will also welcome back Lt. Jonathan Anderson Saturday, Oct. 14 at 3pm to share stories about and remember the officers who were killed in the line of duty in Onondaga County from 1893 to 2006. Join us for our monthly movie matinees and jewelry classes. Take an online group class right here at the library in our new Learning Circle series. Learn more about the services the library offers with our new “OFL 101” series. Get one-on-one help when you book a computer/tablet basics or e-reader techtorial appointment.



ONONDAGA FREE LIBRARY (CONTINUED)

Onondaga Free Library • Fall/Winter 2016

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FALL FUN This year, we celebrate our annual Apple Day on Thursday, Sept 21. Stop in for storytime at 11am or throughout the day to play apple games and more! Also, while supplies last, enjoy an apple and some apple cider! Families are invited to join us Saturday, Oct. 7 at 1pm to welcome The DeSantis Band. Enjoy listening to hit songs from each decade going all the way back to the 1940s, learn about the band's instruments and each band member's musical career. This fantastic program is made possible by the Senator DeFrancisco Library Cultural Programming Grant. On Saturday, Oct. 14, all ages are invited to join us for a special Halloween event with Jeff the Magic Man at noon.

-MONTHLY PROGRAMS- Many of our monthly favorites also return this fall: Family Matinees – 1 Saturday a month at 2pm (Dates and titles TBA); American Girl – 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm; Pokémon – 1 Wednesday a month at 6:30pm, including a Family Play Night.

-WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS- Regular fall storytimes will return September 12 and are as follows: Mother Goose Time, a playtime for ages 2 and under, is Tuesdays at 11am. Family Storytimes, for ages 2 and up, will be Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 11am. Kids will enjoy hearing stories and making a craft. Kids in Motion will also return as a weekly program- Wednesdays at 11am. Kids, ages 1-5, will have fun dancing and playing with shaker instruments. We will also the following monthly programs: Kids in Motion – 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm; Pajama Storytime – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm; Toddlers' Tango – 1 Friday a month at 10:15 & 11:00am (Dates TBA); Music and Face Painting with Donna Butterfield – 1 Friday a month at 11am (Dates TBA)

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

VOLUNTEER We had a great group of teen volunteers helping out this summer at our weekly programs, reading to young children as part of our new Reading Buddies program and with many other projects. We will continue offering volunteer opportunities this fall for students in grades 7 and up. Call or stop by the library to learn more.

-TEEN READ WEEK- Unleash Your Story during Teen Read Week, October 8-14. Stop in and check out a book from this year's Teen Top Ten list!

-BABYSITTER'S TRAINING- Sign your teen up to become a certified babysitter this fall/winter right here at OFL! We will be offering the Red Cross Babysitter's Training course November 10 and February 23. Learn how to feed and

change a baby, what to do in an emergency, how to set up your own babysitting business and more. Cost: \$55 For ages 11-15. Registration required. Our Babysitter's training classes have been very popular, so we encourage those interested to register early.

-MONTHLY TEEN PROGRAMS- Popular teen programs returning this fall: Game Design Coding Club – Thursdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 at 7pm; Homeschool Series – Thursdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 and Nov. 30 at 2pm; and Writing & Comic Drawing Club – Thursdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 and Nov. 30 at 7pm.

Friends of Onondaga Free Library

The staff and Board of Trustees thank the Friends for a very successful spring quarter and for sponsoring the Adult Summer Reading program. We look forward to their upcoming events:

- **Used Book Sale:** Sept. 29-Oct. 1- Drop off gently used donations Sept. 15-27 (no magazines, VHS Tapes or encyclopedias). Stop by the library to sign up to volunteer to help with the sale-setup, sale days and cleanup.

- **Annual Membership Drive:** Look for your membership form in the mail!

- **11th Annual Festival of Trees:** Seeking decorators in October and November- Call the library if you would like to decorate a tree! Trees will be available for pickup at the library on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Display and raffles will run from the last week of November through Saturday, Dec. 16.

Join the Friends for their monthly meetings (Mondays, Sept. 11, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6 at 7pm)- We're always looking for new volunteers and fundraising ideas.

About the Library

Address: 4840 West Seneca Turnpike; **Phone:** (315) 492-1727; **Email:** onondagafree@onlib.org; **Web:** www.oflibrary.org

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9am-8:30pm, Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm.

Fall/Winter Holiday Closings: Labor Day Weekend – closed September 2-4; Thanksgiving – closing at 5 p.m. November 22, closed November 23 & 24; Christmas – closed December 24 & 25; New Year's – closed January 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – closed January 15; and President's Day – February 19.

OFL Board of Trustees: Monthly meetings take place the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm in our Community Room. Public is encouraged to attend.

Connect with Us! Facebook – Onondaga Free Library; Twitter – @OnondagaFreeLib; Instagram – @OnondagaFreeLib. Also, go to our website to sign up to receive our monthly and/or weekly e-newsletters.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

NEDROW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Busy Start to 2017

In 2016 we responded to 532 alarms. As of Mid-July we have already responded to over 300 calls this year. This is thanks to our dedicated volunteers who spend countless hours serving their community. We also continue to have an overnight crew on Wednesdays from 6pm-6am.

Recruiting

The Nedrow Fire Department and Auxiliary are always looking for volunteers. You may pick up an application any Monday or Wednesday nights or call 315-469-0053.

Congratulations

Aija Holland completed Firefighter1 this summer. Chris Moses, Mack Leonard, and Kevin Krause all currently enrolled in Firefighter 2.

OCS Class of 2017

Congratulations to the OCS Class of 2017. Special congratulations our two seniors Tresean Washington and Tristan Moses. They both plan to enroll in college this fall. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Chicken BBQ. Congratulations to the raffle winners. We will once again be doing a fire/safety calendar fundraiser this fall. If there are Businesses that want to reserve a spot for 2018 please contact us soon, as the slots will fill up fast.


Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is October 8th-14th. Please remember to review your homes fire safety plans. This is also a great time to change the battery in your smoke detectors.

Holiday Blood Drive

Our 5th Annual James Goodman Memorial Blood Drive will be Saturday December 16th. Please consider donating and helping us honor our dear friend. You can register at redcrossblood.org.

TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

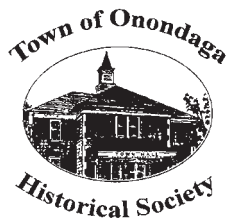


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Be A Volunteer Firefighter

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Phone: 315-488-7004 Email: spflugh@tauntonfd.org

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



TOHS UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The following are the programs for the Town of Onondaga Historical Society. All meetings are at 7:00 PM at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Road, Onondaga Hill. All are welcome

and refreshments are served at each program.

Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 PM

Rick Moriarty, reporter for the Post Standard, will present "When Onondaga Lake crackled with dancing and rides: A search for our lost resorts".

Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM

Sue Boland, Gage Foundation Local Historian, will give a talk on woman's suffrage.

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 PM

Ashley Maready, curator of the Syracuse Erie Canal Museum will give a talk on the history and science of mules on the Erie Canal.

Linda Wozniak

VP/Programs Coordinator

THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Natalie A. Williams-Dardaris, Town of Onondaga Historian

Thank you to the Town of Onondaga Historical Society and The Town of Onondaga Town Board for their support as I take on the position of Town Historian. The role models who have preceded me in that position, individuals such as Jasena Foley, Jane Tracy and most recently, Mary Nowyj, have set the bar high with accomplishments in furthering the knowledge, collection, and accessibility of our town's rich history. I hope to live up to their standards.

I am a Syracuse native, raised in the Tipperary Hill section of Syracuse until a move to Onondaga Hill during second grade, where I continue to reside. My education was local, also, as I graduated from Westhill, Syracuse University and Lemoyne College.

My sons are Onondaga Hill born and raised, having graduated from Onondaga Central. Nick, a College of Saint Rose graduate, is a recording engineer based between Albany, New York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Noah is a history major at Binghamton University. Now that the mom bus of running between school activities has been retired, I can focus on personal activities such as playing the piano, family genealogy, gardening, reading history

books, skiing, and involvement with Onondaga Hill Presbyterian Church. I look forward to serving as the Town Historian and assisting individuals, groups and our community in their historical endeavors.

One of my first projects as Town Historian is to record and archive interviews with long time town residents, as they reflect upon growing up and living in the various areas of the Town of Onondaga. If you or anyone you know would be interested in being part of this recording of town history, please contact me at the Town of Onondaga Historical Society, phone (315)214-2383, email tohsociety@yahoo.com.

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