

Our Town

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A Newspaper for Residents of the Town of Onondaga



**"We are never more fully alive, more completely ourselves or more deeply engrossed in anything than when we are playing."
-Charles Schaefer**

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TOWN OF ONONDAGA INFORMATION

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Charles Petrie, Councilman.....	315-469-4086 (H)
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COUNTY LEGISLATOR

John D. McBride.....	315-435-2070
J. Ryan McMahon, II	315-345-1403

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	Parks & 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.

While the construction of the Town of Onondaga Town Highway Building itself has been completed, there is still additional site work to be done. In the spring and early summer final grading, drainage, paving and landscaping will be completed. Later

this summer we will

set a date to have an open house so that all of our residents may have the opportunity to visit this new facility. I know that our town Highway employees are very happy with their new building and are anxious to give guided tours to anyone who would like to do so.

While Syracuse winters can be difficult, this year's winter provided its own unique challenges with record breaking cold temperatures, significant snowfall and even heavy rains which caused flooding in some areas of the town. I would like to thank our Highway Superintendent, John Wheatley and all of our town Highway employees for the excellent job they did throughout this past winter as they salted and plowed 100 miles of Town roads and 22 miles of Onondaga County roads. Thank you for making our Town highways safe for travel during adverse conditions.

The town was successful in obtaining Community Development Grants late last year in the sum of \$50,000. These grant monies will be spent for the construction of a new pavilion in Kelley Brothers Memorial Park, Nedrow and for

continuing interior improvements in the Town of Onondaga Senior Center.

The town was also successful, with the assistance of Senator John D. Francisco, in obtaining a state and municipal facilities program (SAM) grant in the amount of \$100,000. That grant will be used later this summer to replace the heating and air conditioning rooftop units at the Town of Onondaga Town Hall. The town has applied for additional grants from Community Development for 2018 and we will continue to look for additional state grants throughout this year.

Earth Day in the Town of Onondaga will be Saturday, April 21st. We are grateful for all those who volunteer to pick up trash along our town highways and streets. You may bring your trash bags to the Town Highway Garage between 8:00 AM and noon on Saturday, April 21st. As they have for many years, Waste Management will again be donating a truck and driver to assist us in making our town a more environmentally friendly community.

July 2, 2018 will mark the 100th anniversary of the explosion at the Split Rock Munitions Plant that supplied TNT for World War I. On that fateful evening 50 people lost their lives and 50 people were injured. Since September of 2017, honor students from OCC have been working with their professor, the Town of Onondaga Historian, the Town Historical Society and the Town Board to focus attention on this event and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the "Split Rock Disaster". We thank the students at OCC for their efforts in helping us to commemorate this historic event.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please call me at 315-469-3888.

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

A MESSAGE FROM LISA GOODWIN, TOWN CLERK



Lisa Goodwin

Happy Spring!! After a long snowy March, winter has finally come to a close. I hope this article finds you and your family planning some wonderful summer vacations. Here's some information that I'd like to share with you:

U.S. Passports

There has been a slight increase in the US Passport prices. These prices are set by the US Department of State and are the same across the country. Beginning April 2, 2018, the Acceptance Fee will be \$35. Here's a breakdown of the US Passport Fees:

U.S. Passport Book

	Passport Fee Payable to Department Of State	Execution Fee Payable to Town of Onondaga	Total First-Time Applicant Fee
Adults First Time (age 16 and over)	\$110	\$35	\$145
Adults Renewal (Applying with DS-82)	\$110	\$0	\$110
Minors (under age 16)	\$80	\$35	\$115

U.S. Passport Card

	Passport Fee Payable to Department Of State	Execution Fee Payable to Town of Onondaga	Total First-Time Applicant Fee
Adults First Time (age 16 and over)	\$30	\$35	\$65
Adults Renewal (Applying with DS-82)	\$30	\$0	\$30
Minors (under age 16)	\$15	\$35	\$50

If you would like to apply for your Passport Book or Passport Card, the Town Clerk's Office is the place to go. For traveling across the borders by car or boat, the Passport Card is sufficient. Any air travel out of the country requires a Passport Book. As in the past, all applicants must appear in person. When applying for a child's passport book or card, it is required that children under the age of 16 have the signatures of both parents. Ages 16 through 18 require one parents signature.

Current processing time is four to six weeks. If you are traveling out of the country in the upcoming months, please try to plan

Rabies Shot Clinics

The following is a list of the 2018 Rabies Vaccination Clinics being held by the Onondaga County Health Department:

Thursday, April 26, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Meachem Ice Rink, 121 W. Seneca Tpk, Syracuse

Thursday, May 10, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Clay Highway Garage, 4483 Route 31, Clay

Thursday, May 24, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

NBT Bank Stadium (Lobby), 1 Tex Simone Dr, Syracuse

Thursday, June 7, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Camillus Town Hall, 4600 W. Genesee St, Syracuse

Thursday, June 21, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

SPCA, 5878 East Molloy Road, Mattydale

Thursday, July 19, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Onondaga Nation Fire Dept, Route 11A, Nedrow

Thursday, August 2, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Village of Minoa DPW, 100 Kalin Drive, Minoa

Thursday, August 16, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

St. Lucy's Church, 432 Gifford Street, Syracuse

Monday, September 10, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Cicero Highway Garage, 8236 Brewerton Rd, Cicero

Saturday, October 6, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

SPCA, 5878 East Molloy Road, Mattydale

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am – 12 noon

SPCA, 5878 East Molloy Road, Mattydale

For more information about the clinics, call Animal Disease Prevention at the Onondaga County Health Department (315)435-3165.

A MESSAGE FROM LISA GOODWIN, TOWN CLERK

ahead. The expedite option is still available for an additional \$60 with a return time of two to three weeks. For more information on the requirements for a passport book or a passport card or for an application, you may visit www.travel.state.gov or call the Town Clerk's Office at (315)469-1583.

Solicitors

It's that time of year again when solicitors are out and about and knocking on doors. Please remember to never open your door if someone makes you feel uncomfortable. All individuals soliciting in the Town must first register in the Town Clerk's Office. If someone comes to your door selling or soliciting goods or services, they should have a form with them that is printed on my letterhead with my signature and the Town of Onondaga's raised seal. If they cannot provide this, feel free to tell them that they are required to register in the Town Clerk's Office and ask them to leave. Also, the hours that they are allowed to solicit are Monday through Saturday, between 9 am and 7 pm, never on Sunday's or national holidays.

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 Spring and Summer.

*Your Town
Clerk,
Lisa Goodwin*

FROM THE RECEIVER OF TAXES

Dear Tax Payers,

During the next several months, I will be updating the records for the September School collection of taxes. The School tax bills will be mailed the first week in September. If you are responsible for the payment of your own taxes, and do not receive a bill, please notify my office and I will mail you a duplicate bill. Please be aware that it can take up to 2 months for my office to be notified of any changes in new ownership or changed escrow status. If you have recently moved into the Town of Onondaga or are no longer escrowed and are now responsible for paying your own taxes, please notify my office of this change.

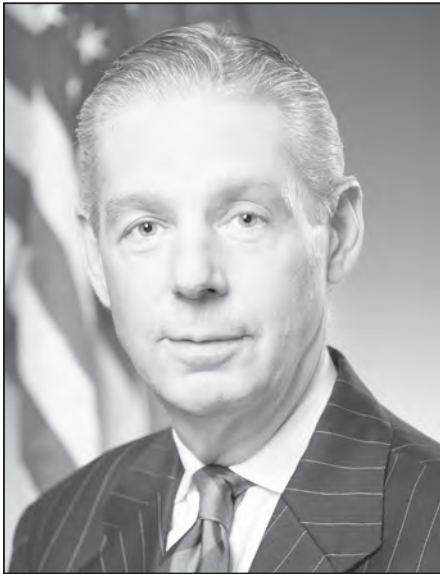
If you would like to take advantage of the partial pay-

ment option, please remember that you must make the first partial payment which can be of any amount, in the penalty free period of the bill (the first 30 days) and 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.

Please call my office at 315-469-0483 with any questions or concerns that you may have. Enjoy your Spring and Summer.

*Sincerely,
Michele Kresser, Receiver of Taxes*

FROM THE OFFICE OF JOHN D. MCBRIDE



John D. McBride

I want to start by expressing my gratitude for electing me to serve our town in the County Legislature, it is truly an honor.

As I embark on my first term in office, I have spent much of the first few months familiarizing myself with the workings of county government. Chair-

man McMahon appointed me to two program committees; Public Safety and Planning and Economic Development. I will be serving as a member of the Public Safety committee and I have been appointed as Chairman of the Planning & Economic Development committee.

Several departments and agencies report to the Planning & Economic Development committee; Agriculture Districts, the Economic Development office, the Community Development division, the Information Technology department, the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency, the Onondaga Civic Development Corporation, the Trust for Cultural Resources, the Greater Syracuse Property Development Corporation (Land Bank), the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency (SOCPA), the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, Visit Syracuse and Cornell Cooperative Extension. Each of these depart-

ments, organizations and agencies plays an important role in the progress our county is making to create jobs, improve our neighborhoods and bring visitors to our region. I look forward to working with each entity to continue to draw people to Central New York.

I will also be serving on two additional outside committees, the Economic Development Advisory Board and the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board. The Economic Development Advisory board was established in 2013 to oversee Economic Development Incentive funds. The members of the advisory board review project applications for economic development funding, based on established criteria, to draw new businesses to Onondaga County and to help existing businesses expand and succeed here. The CNY Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB) is a public agency serving five counties; Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Oswego and Onondaga. CNY RPDB provides a range of services associated with growth and development in our communities. They are instrumental in transportation planning, environmental and energy management, community and economic development and land use. This board is responsible for overseeing development, services and management from a regional standpoint.

As Chairman of the Legislature's Planning and Economic Development Committee, it is imperative that I am collaborating with these boards and departments to ensure we are all moving Onondaga County in the right direction. Thank you again for the honor to serve our town, if you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time at 315-345-1403.

*Very truly yours,
John D. McBride
County Legislator – District 11*

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT REMINDERS & UPDATES

Dear Town of Onondaga Residents:

It's that time of year again....

My Tentative Roll will be filed on May 1st 2018 and will be available for viewing in my Office or online @ townofonondaga.com.

If any changes have been made to your assessment you will receive a notice on or before May 1st 2018.

If no changes have been made to your assessment..... You will **NOT** receive a notice.

Please Note... your ASSESSOR and the BAR (BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW) can only review your ASSESSED VALUE THEY DO NOT AND CANNOT ADJUST YOUR TAXES. If you feel that your assessment is fair but your taxes are too high, your comments should be addressed to the appropriate taxing jurisdiction.

Grievance Day: is always held on the 4th Tuesday in May this year's date is **May 22th between the hours of:**

3:00pm – 5:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Informal meetings with me will be held on the following dates:

Saturday May 5th

8:30am -12:30pm

Monday May 7th

4pm – 8pm

Tuesday May 8th

1pm – 4pm

Thursday May 10th

9am – 1pm

All meetings will be held at the Town Hall:

Town of Onondaga

5020 Ball Rd

Syracuse, NY 13215

To schedule an appointment for an Informal meeting or Grievance Day, please call my office @ 315 469-3216 between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30.

If you plan on attending an Informal meeting or Grievance Day you must complete the form RP-524 and bring it with you along with all you're supporting documentation to your scheduled meeting.

This form can be picked up at my office or downloaded from our website: www.townofonondaga.com

Instructions on how to download...

Click.....Assessor - under Departments

Click..... On the Link -NYS office of real property

Type in under search RP-524

Click.... on Pdf RP-524 form to print.

If you are unable to attend Grievance Day and would like to file a written complaint it must be received in my office on or before **May 22nd 2018**. All written complaints must be submitted with a completed RP-524 form and your supporting documentation. They can be mailed to the above address or brought to the Assessor's office during regular business hours.

Wishing all residents a wonderful spring & summer!

Sherry LaVancher, Assessor



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Thank you voters!

OFL was honored once again with the title Best Library based on the Syracuse New Times' Best of Syracuse annual readers' poll. Our staff, board of trustees and Friends would like to thank everyone who voted for OFL. This shows that our community is enjoying our beautiful space and collections, friendly staff and all the programs and services we offer.

Summer @ Your Library

OFL is the place to be this summer - there's something for everyone! We have summer reading programs for children and teens entering grades K-12, as well as adults. And for our youngest patrons, check out our year-round 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. There are countless prizes to be given away to our readers this summer!

Children and teens entering grades K-12 can keep track of the books they read by logging the titles online. For each book logged, participants will receive a raffle ticket that can be used to enter one of our many raffle drawings. Reach reading milestones and you will get an extra chance at winning prizes with a Power Reader raffle ticket! Stop by the library anytime on or after June 1st to register. Begin logging books and registering for programs on June 18th.

Keep an eye out for the following summer specials: Dan the Snakeman, the M.O.S.T., Games on a Roll, the Bubbleman, Zoo to You and more. Also, join us as we bring back these family favorites: American Girl, Pokémon, S.T.E.A.M. Discovery Hour, Kids Create It, Wiggleworms (formerly called Kids in Motion) and Family Storytime. This summer, even get a chance to see baby chicks hatch right here at OFL!

Teens, you're invited to join a volunteer squad this summer! Have fun helping out with programs, teaching patrons how to use our new tech gadgets or promoting everything you love about the library. The volunteer program is for teens who will be entering grades 7-12 this fall. If you are interested, stop in and fill out a Junior Library Volunteers (JLV) application. You can also download and print the JLV application from our website. Applications are due back to the library by Friday, June 1st at 5pm.

Children and teens can also get books on their school's summer reading lists right here at the library. Extra titles will be available at the library or can be requested from other libraries for pick up at OFL.

Adults, you can get in on the fun too! You could win one of our 4 prize bundles worth \$50 each (sponsored by the Friends of OFL). For each book

you read (or listen to if you're an audiobook fan), fill out and submit a raffle ticket. Need help coming up with titles to read for the Summer Reading Program? Join the OFL Book Club! We read popular books, both fiction and non-fiction, that provoke discussion about many different topics. Each month, you will 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!

For dates and times of all programs and activities, please pick up a program guide or visit our website, www.oflibrary.org. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @OnondagaFreeLib! Sign up to receive our e-newsletters to stay up-to-date on events happening at OFL. If you have questions about any of our events, please call us at (315) 492-1727 or email us at onondagafree@onlib.org.

Do you have a program idea? A topic you would like to learn more about? You can e-mail us your suggestions.

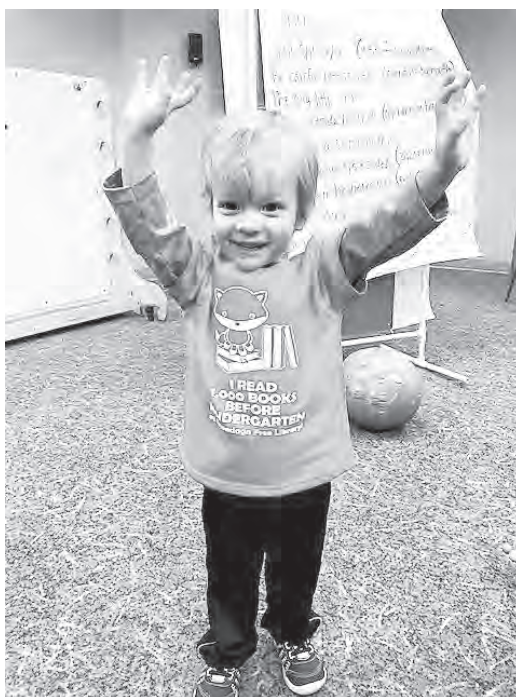
Friends of OFL

The fall and winter seasons were very busy this year for our Friends as they hosted three big fundraisers - their annual used book sale, Festival of Trees and membership campaign together raised nearly \$12,000. Not only did the 11th Annual Festival of Trees bring joy to library visitors, but it was also the most successful yet. The Friends thank all who participated in these fundraisers: volunteers, tree decorators and donors.

Recently, the Friends have provided funds for a new bike rack, children's toys and career outfits, titles for our Lucky Day, Fast Flicks and e-book collections and a fun family holiday concert. In addition, the Friends funded OFL's new free tax form printing station, of which patrons were very appreciative. Several Friends also provided volunteer support at the library's annual cook-off event, which was once again a great success!

SPRING BOOK SALE: The Friends will be hosting a used book sale May 3-6. The library will be accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles during open hours April 27 - May 2. Please no magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or cassette or VHS tapes.

FREE RAFFLE! As a thank you for all the support they get from the community, the Friends of OFL will be raffling off a pair of tickets to see New York Times bestselling author and screenwriter Maria Semple on May 29th as part of the Rosamond Gifford Lecture Series. The winner will also receive a copy of Semple's latest book *Today Will Be Different*. Stop by the library anytime



Congratulations to David for being one of the first kids to complete our program & earning a custom t-shirt!

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between May 1st and 18th. The winner will be drawn Friday, May 18th at 4:30pm.

ONONDAGA SENIOR CENTER ART SHOW: The Town's Senior Center will have their annual art exhibit at OFL in June, with a reception on Thursday, June 7, 4-6pm, at which you can meet some of these local artists, including the class instructor Tom Hussey. Please join us as we celebrate these artists and their beautiful works.

CRAFTS, COFFEE & CONVERSATION HOUR: Last fall, the Friends of OFL started a fun and friendly crafting group that meets Thursdays at 9:30am and it has become one of the most popular groups here at OFL! Enjoy a cup of coffee while you share crafting/hobby ideas and work on your current projects. There is no fee or obligation- Just bring your craft or hobby and a friend!

JOIN US! Onondaga Free Library is the center for lifelong learning, development and growth for the Town of Onondaga and its citizens. It is a privilege to provide support to OFL. We can accomplish great things with more members and new ideas. You are invited to join the Friends of OFL anytime - monthly meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Membership brochures are available at the library or you can download a membership form at www.oflibrary.org.

About OFL

Onondaga Free Library is open

Monday through Thursday 9am-8:30pm, Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm. Summer weekend hours run July 1st – Labor Day and are as follows: Saturdays 10am-2pm and closed Sundays. Holiday closings: Mother's Day, May 13th; Memorial Day weekend, May 26th-28th; Independence Day, July 4th; Labor Day weekend, September 1st-3rd.

OFL's Board of Trustees meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the library's community room. Public is welcome to attend. The board will not be meeting in June and August.



Onondaga Free Library is located at 4840 W. Seneca Turnpike on Onondaga Hill.
Please stop by and visit us!

FROM THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT



John Wheatley

Dear Fellow Residents:

Happy spring to everyone, this past winter was very long and I'm sure everyone is glad it's over. Now what we are left with are the many pot holes and broken up roads caused by the frequent freezing and thawing. We are aware of the situation and are doing our best to correct the problems as soon as possible. We are also in the process of sweeping our Town roads and drainage work in preparation of our summer paving projects. I would like to remind everyone that the Town's Annual Cleanup will remain in the fall, please do not put your junk out until your pickup date. We will send out flyers

in mid to late July and begin picking up after Labor Day. As in past years we will pick up brush and lawn waste throughout the summer, please remember we can only pick up paper bags with lawn waste, NO PLASTIC, NO DIRT OR SOD, NO ROCKS AND NO TRASH OF ANY KIND IN BAGS.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the highway garage at (315) 469-1664.

*Very truly yours,
John Wheatley
Highway Superintendent*

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

There has been a whirlwind of activity within our Recreation Office over the last several months. Edean Casey the longtime Director retired in October. We wish her the best of luck. This left the opportunity for me to be promoted from Recreation Supervisor to the Director position. I have been with the department for over 23 years so the transition has been a smooth one. Jack Davison came on board in November as our Recreation Supervisor. His past work history includes three years with the Town of Dryden Parks & Recreation Department. We look forward to him continuing with our existing ongoing programs and bringing in new ideas as well. The final staff change started with our full-time secretary Terri Burns moving to the Supervisor's Office in November and Debi Dolasinski replacing her here in the of-

fice in February. Now that we are fully staffed we are looking forward to serving the community's leisure time needs.

Along with all the staff changes, in August we moved to an online registration program for most of our programs and facility requests. You can find our web site at townofonondagarecreation.com. Before registering for a program or signing up for a Park Permit you need to create an account. If you need our assistance please feel free to give us a call. The staff is more than willing to help.

Enjoy your spring & summer and please visit our parks or sign up for a program today.

*Sincerely,
Charry Lawson
Parks & Recreation Director*

TOWN OF ONONDAGA JUSTICE COURT

Where does one start? What words can be used to honor Judge J. Craig Kerr that will do justice to thank him for his esteemed and prestigious 40-year career here in the Town of Onondaga?

Judge Kerr started his judgeship in 1977 at the old town hall on West Seneca Turnpike with the rickety steps and haunted upstairs lobby where bats in the belfry and rats in the basement were not unheard of. He started when times were simpler, when crimes committed were fairly basic and referred to in a much kinder way. For example, kids swiping a candy bar from the drug store, driving tipsy after a golf tournament or Christmas party and school pranks that were a nuisance; however, property was not damaged and weapons were not commonplace AND all paperwork was completed with a pen and submitted by mail!!!

Fast forward 40 years and he leaves having had the opportunity to serve in the beautiful new town hall, with everything happening fast, with technology leading the way, everything done at the push of a button and "in the cloud", electronically & uploaded!!!!

Judge Kerr kept pace and loved every minute of it. It is estimated that he held court over 2000+ times, performed approximately 1000+ wedding ceremonies (even married one gentlemen twice to 2 different brides as he liked Judge Kerr so

much). Oh, the stories he can tell.....

Thank you, Judge Kerr, for always taking the time with our kids to show them a better way, thank you for always being available to answer questions not only from your Court Clerks but Clerks and Judges from all over the County and beyond. Thank you for being on call for the last 40 years for middle of the night arraignments taking time away from your own family.

BUT MOST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP FROM YOUR TOWN OF ONONDAGA FAMILY.



RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

4834 VELASKO ROAD
SYRACUSE, NY 13215

PHONE: 315-469-3464 FAX: 315-469-2816

toorecreation@msn.com

townofonondagarecreation.com



OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:30AM - 4:30PM
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Serving your Leisure Needs

Charry Lawson, *Parks & Recreation Director*

Jack Davison, *Recreation Supervisor*

Barbara Michalski, *Senior Program Coordinator*

Richard Lamphier, *Park Labor Crew Leader*

Debi Dolasinski, *Recreation Secretary*

Ann Owens, *Recreation Secretary*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is accepted on a first come, first served basis. Non-residents pay \$10.00 more for most programs.

- **Registration is online at townofonondagarecreation.com.**
- We have a drop box in the rear of the building/office on East Ave. Please do not leave cash.
- Registration deadline (unless otherwise specified) for all programs is one week before the program begins. A late fee of \$10.00 will be added to the program fee when registering after the deadline.
- Don't wait for deadlines. Program may be canceled if minimum not reached.
- 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.
- Parking and entrances on both Velasko Road and East Avenue.
- Now accepting major credit cards. A 2.95% (\$3.00 min.) convenience fee is added to each credit card transaction.
- If paying in person or by mail, please make checks payable to Town of Onondaga. An online account must be created even if you choose not to pay online.

REFUND/CREDIT 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.



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.

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 \$ _____

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!

PARKS

Listed are the four Town parks and a brief description of each facility. Please be aware that dogs are banned from all parks.

Reservations for courts, fields, and pavilions require a permit, available at the Parks & Recreation office, or online at www.townofonondagarecreation.com. The permit - available in both resident and non-resident form, lists all fees and rules. An on-line account must be created prior to submitting a reservation form to complete the rental process.

KELLEY BROTHERS MEMORIAL PARK

251 DORWIN AVENUE, SYRACUSE, NY 13215

This 15 acre park has youth baseball games and practices most weeknights. The park has a restroom, small pavilion, play areas, tennis court, beach volleyball and grills. The maximum for permits is 75.

KING MEMORIAL PARK

4030 SPLIT ROAD, CAMILLUS, NY 13031

The athletic fields are heavily used by our adult softball leagues during the week, with WOYSA playing games on Saturdays, spring and fall. This 20 acre park has two softball fields, a beach volleyball court, two tennis courts, basketball court, two pickleball courts, grills, pavilion, playground equipment and restrooms. There is a small pavilion near the playground equipment to provide shade and picnic seating for all the families that utilize the play areas on a regular basis. The maximum for permits is 100.

HOWLETT HILL PARK

5051 YOUTH CENTER ROAD,
CAMILLUS, NY 13031

Adult softball games are held week nights, along with WOYSA holding soccer games on Saturdays in the fall. This 9 acre

park has one tennis court, basketball court, covered shelter, grills, a play area including a rock tunnel, and restrooms complete this park. The maximum for permits is 75.

ANTHONY J. SANTARO MEMORIAL PARK

4979 VELASKO ROAD, SYRACUSE, NY 13215

This 22 acre park is a major site for WOYSA, Blue Wave Lacrosse, Westhill and Onondaga Community College athletic teams. Playground pieces for children 2-5 years old, as well as a play piece for older children. The shade shelter, adjacent to the play areas, is for the use of all park participants, providing shade and picnic seating. It is not reserved for groups—only the upper pavilion is available by permit. The park also has tennis courts, a tennis wall and a basketball court. Tikes 'n Bikes Santaro Town provides a safe, fenced in area for in-line skating, and children with big wheel type rider toys, tricycles and small bikes with training wheels. Bike riders and in-line skaters MUST wear protective equipment. Two large grills are adjacent to a large pavilion. The maximum for permits is 150.

PARK SECURITY

Our Town facilities are routinely patrolled by our staff and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department. If you have an emergency, it is best to call 911.

Vandalism in any park is expensive and senseless. Unfortunately, we have seen a rise in vandalism and a general disregard for the facilities including excessive trash, unsupervised children in restrooms, improper use of park property, etc. Any or all of these things leads to additional time and money spent for repairs or even the sudden cancelling of activities including park permits.

We need your help to keep the Town of Onondaga Parks beautiful. You are urged to call 911 to report any suspicious activity. All reports are anonymous. Park ordinances are strictly enforced with appearance tickets.

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.

SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT! INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The Town of Onondaga Parks & Recreation Department is always looking for new and innovative talent.

If you possess a skill and the ability to lead an activity, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 315-469-3464 to discuss your idea.

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SPRING PROGRAMS

Mommy/Daddy and Me Soccer (Spring Session)

King Park

The Mommy/Daddy and 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. Fee includes a soccer ball and shin guards (receive first day). The six-lesson program will run Saturdays, May 12-June 23 (not 5/26), from 10:15-11:15AM. Max 20

FEE: \$45.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$55.00 All others
After 5/4/18 add \$10.00

SOCCER

King Park

This Spring Soccer Program is available for boys and girls ages 5-7. 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. Max 40

All participants should bring a water bottle, sweatshirt on cold days and shin guards. No cleats needed.

FEE: \$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$40.00 All others
After 5/4/18 add \$10.00

TENNIS LESSONS

(Spring Session)

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+

FEE: \$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$40.00 All others
After 5/4/18 add \$10.00



LACROSSE

Santaro Park

Boys and girls ages 4-8 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.

FEE: \$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$40.00 All others
After 5/9/18 add \$10.00

FAMILY PROGRAMS

FIRST AID & CPR

Onondaga Senior Center

Family & friends are invited to take the American Heart Association Heart Saver First Aid & CPR/AED class. Class includes child & adult CPR and AED training. Open to youth age 15 and older as well as adults. Tuesday, July 17th, 6:00-10:00PM. Max 12

FEE: \$55.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$65.00 All others
After 7/10/18 add \$10.00



PICKLEBALL

King Park

One of the fastest growing sports in America, Pickleball combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping pong in a game that is easy to learn and fun for all ages. Come to our skills session for new players ages 16 and up with local player Greg Kennedy to learn how to play, and improve upon your skills! Each session will be filled with lessons, drills, and game play to help you become a proficient player! All equipment is provided but you are welcome to BYOP (bring your own paddle)! Class runs Wednesdays, July 18 – August 8 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

FEE: \$20.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$30.00 All others
After 7/11/18 add \$10.00

“Humans are designed by biology to play throughout their entire lifecycle.”

-Dr. Stuart Brown

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

KINDERKIDS

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Monday / Wednesday / Friday, July 2-August 10 (Not 7/4), 9:30-11:30AM

Kinderkids is a supervised, six week playground (not nursery school) program. Program includes outdoor play, games, and crafts. Children should come dressed to play and bring a snack & drink.

Space is limited, minimum 10 - Maximum 25 each day. **Child must be potty trained.**

➤ AGE REQUIREMENT

- Child must be no younger than 3, no older than 5.
- Must be 3 by: 7/2/18
- The child must not have attended Kindergarten yet
- Parent/Guardian may need to provide proof of age.

➤ RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

- The child must reside in the Town of Onondaga to receive resident rate.
- Parent/Guardian may need to provide proof of residency.

FEE: \$ 100.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$ 140.00 All others
After 6/25/18 add \$10.00

Mommy/Daddy and Me Soccer (Summer Session)

Santaro Park

The Mommy/Daddy and 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-lesson program will run Tuesdays, July 10 - August 14 from 4:30-5:30PM. Fee includes a soccer ball and a pair of shin guards (receive first day). Max: 20

FEE: \$45.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$55.00 All others
After 7/3/18 add \$10.00

All participants should bring a water bottle, sunscreen, shin guards and soccer ball each day. The program will be cancelled on heavy rain days.

"Do not keep children to their studies by compulsion but by play."

-Plato

START SMART BASEBALL

Santaro Park

The Start Smart Baseball Program continues our efforts to bring parents and children ages 4 & 5 together to work on skills such as throwing, catching, batting, and running/agility. This program prepares children for organized tee ball, baseball and softball, in a FUN, non-threatening environment. Each child receives their own participant kit including a bat, 2 balls, glove and baseball manual. When registering, let us know if your child is left handed. Tuesdays, July 10 - August 14, 6:00 - 6:45PM. Max: 16

There will be an informational parent meeting on Tuesday July 3 at the Onondaga Senior Center.

FEE: \$55.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$65.00 All others
After 7/3/18 add \$10.00



TENNIS LESSONS (Summer Session)

Santaro Park

Instruction will be offered for youth ages 4 and up. Limited spaces available, register early. Must have own tennis racquet. Mondays/Wednesdays, July 9-25.

4:00-5:00PM - Ages 4-6
5:00-6:00PM - Ages 7-9
6:00-7:00PM - Ages 10+

FEE: \$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$40.00 All others
After 7/2/18 add \$10.00

DRAWING LIKE DISNEY Onondaga Senior Center

Learn to draw your favorite cartoon characters from movies like "Frozen" and "Monsters, Inc.". Draw Mickey, Minnie, and all of their friends, as you relive your favorite Disney moments. Find out how animated films are made, and make your own very simple flip book. Open to youth ages 6-14 years old. Monday-Friday, July 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Min: 10

FEE: \$40.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$50.00 All others
After 7/16/18 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.

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

DODGEBALL FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Santaro Park

Join the latest craze of team dodgeball. Gather your friends or make new friends on Thursday evenings this summer. Teams will be formed each night. NADA rules will be followed. Open to youth ages 10–15. Must be pre-registered in order to play. Thursdays, July 12 – August 16, 6:00–7:00PM.

FEE: \$20.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$30.00 All others
After 7/5/18 add \$10.00

CHILDCARE AND BABYSITTING SAFETY

Onondaga Senior Center

This program covers child safety and basic care techniques. Created especially for youth ages 11 and up who are interested in becoming babysitters. Taught by American Heart Association & American Safety and Health Institute certified instructors. Participants receive a manual. Held Thursday, July 19, 1-4PM.

FEE: \$55.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$65.00 All Others
After 7/12/18 add \$10.00



SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

KING PARK
4030 Split Rock Rd.
Camillus, NY 13031

SANTARO PARK
4979 Velasco Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13215

**ONONDAGA CENTRAL
HIGH SCHOOL**
4457 S. Onondaga Rd., Nedrow, NY 13120

WHEELER ELEMENTARY
4543 S. Onondaga Rd.
Nedrow, NY 13120

July 2 - August 10, 2018 • 9:30AM – 3:00PM
(No playground July 4)

PLAYGROUNDS ARE OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY, FOR AGES 6-14
(5 YEARS OLD IF COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN, MUST BRING REPORT CARD FOR PROOF OF AGE)

Summer playgrounds hold a variety of daily activities for school age children. Program includes games, arts & crafts, sports, special events and field trips.

- **REGISTRATION – ALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS NOW ONLINE AT TOWNOFONONDAGARECREATION.COM**

SIX WEEK PROGRAM FEE: \$75.00 Town of Onondaga resident
More than 2 children: each additional child \$30.00
\$160.00 All others
After 6/15/18 add \$10.00 per child

- **PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**
- Child must reside in the Town of Onondaga.
 - Parent/Guardian may need to provide proof of residency.
- **TRANSPORTATION FROM ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY TO WHEELER ELEMENTARY IS NOW AVAILABLE!**
- Bus leaves Rockwell @ 9:00 am and returns at 3:15 PM
 - Transportation Fee: \$20.00 **PER CHILD**

MINIMUM OF 50 YOUTH MUST BE REGISTERED AT A SITE BY JUNE 1ST SO SUPPLIES CAN BE ORDERED AND STAFF HIRED. FAILURE TO REACH THE MINIMUM WILL RESULT IN CANCELLING THE SITE. PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO REGISTER!!!

EXTENDED HOURS AT WHEELER JULY 2 – AUGUST 10 (Not July 4)

Also available for children attending Onondaga Central High School playground

Again this summer we will be extending the morning hours at Wheeler School. This is a separate program from the Playground itself. The program will provide supervision from 8:15-9:30AM when the youth will then sign into the Playground program. Those attending the OCHS playground will be escorted over at 9:30 AM. Min. 12

SIX WEEK PROGRAM FEE: \$60.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$70.00 All others
After 6/25/18 add \$10.00

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

CHILDRENS' DANCE

Classes are taught by our experienced instructors and will be held at the Onondaga Senior Center on Velasko Road. Class size is limited..... first come, first served. All registrations must be accompanied by payment. This is a perfect time to discover whether your child(ren) like to dance before committing to our year long (September-May) program.

Proof of age required for all 3 year olds.

FEE: \$20.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$30.00 All others

Times TBA. Check out our website for a full listing of summer classes soon!



CHILDREN'S DANCE SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

Registration for the 2018-19 school year will begin Wednesday, August 22 for returning school year students. All others can register beginning Friday, August 24. Class schedules will be available in the office and online by mid-August. Classes are slated to begin the week of September 17.



CAMPS

YOGAKIDS CAMP

Onondaga Senior Center

Join Midge Regier, a certified Yogakids facilitator, in a learning adventure with Yoga as the pathway. Your child/young person will experience creative arts, storytelling, music, earth care, reading and relaxation. They will learn skills while they grow strong and flexible on all levels. Dress comfortably. The camp runs July 9-13 from 1:00-3:00PM for youth 4-10 years old. Mats and art supplies provided. Max: 16



FEE: \$45.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$55.00 All others
After 7/2/18 add \$10.00

GIRLS SOCCER CAMP

Santaro Park

Brian Henneberry, a local soccer coach will run this soccer camp for girls. A full week of instruction in technique and game practice, combined with teambuilding and leadership activities which will elevate every player's game. The camp focuses on improvement of individual ball skills, comfort and confidence with the ball. Monday - Friday, June 25 - 29, for 5-8 years old from 4:00 - 5:30 PM and 9-14 years old from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

FEE:
5-8 year olds
\$30.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$40.00 All others
9-14 year olds
\$35.00 Town of Onondaga resident
\$45.00 All others
After 6/18/18 add \$10.00



RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

CAMPS

LEGO® CAMP

Onondaga Town Hall

Our LEGO camps explore science, technology, architecture, engineering and art concepts using LEGO® bricks for pupils aged 5-14. The camp will fire up your child's imagination and spark creativity in the form of inspired play building one of our many themed LEGO creations coupled with our magical delivery. Our curriculum will provide your child with an opportunity to design and build lots of different LEGO® creations. The possibilities are limited only by their imagination. They work either individually or in groups and participate in challenges, group competitions as well as free build time towards the end of the camp. Camp runs from July 30 to August 3.

AGES

5-7

8-12

TIME

9:00 AM - NOON

12:30 - 3:30 PM

FEE: \$ 99.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$109.00 All others

After 7/23/18 add \$10.00

**Family discount (\$5.00 less for second sibling, \$10.00 less for third sibling)*



"It is paradoxical that many educators and parents still differentiate between a time for learning and a time for play without seeing the vital connection between them."

-Leo F. Buscaglia



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TENNIS CAMP

Santaro Park

Steve Cary, CNS Girls and Liverpool Boys tennis coach, will be running a tennis camp July 30-August 3 which will emphasize fundamentals, skill-building games, team competitions and fun activities for each player. The camp will cover basic stroke production, rules, positioning and strategy.

Schedule:

9:00 - 10:00AM Ages 4 - 7

10:00 - 11:15AM Ages 8 - 12

11:15 - 12:30PM Ages 13+

FEE: Ages 4-7

\$35.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$45.00 All others

FEE: Ages 8+

\$45.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$55.00 All others

After 7/23/18 add \$10.00



NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP

Santaro Park

Let's discover nature with Lisa Spencer this summer during a week long nature camp, August 13-17. We will be enjoying the great outdoors through a number of exciting activities including nature trail exploration, nature themed activities, creek walks and very exciting trips to new and exotic places. There will be a number of nature related crafts and nature games including camouflage. Camp will run 9:30AM-3:00PM and is open to youth ages 6-13. Field trips may include: Beaver Lake, Clarks Reservation and Green Lakes. Min: 15

FEE: \$80.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$90.00 All others

After 8/6/18 add \$10.00



RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

CAMPS

SENSIBLE SOCCER CAMP

Santaro Park

Sensible Soccer staff joins the Town of Onondaga soccer program again this summer. The staff is all UEFA or FA qualified British coaches hired by Sensible Soccer, one of the UK's leading soccer education companies. Their principle objective is for each and every child to have an enjoyable experience and gain the understanding and confidence to enjoy the world's most popular sport - soccer.

Two sessions will be offered for ages 4-12. The camps will run Monday-Friday, August 6-10.

Soccer Squirts: Ages 4-6, 9:00-10:00AM

An action packed week of soccer activities, including quality coaching, fun soccer games, mini soccer tournaments, speed, agility & fitness exercises. This program offers an introduction to the game in a relaxed and fun-filled environment for young players. Fundamental skills are introduced through a series of exciting and 'disguised learning' games & exercises. Constant encouragement from our coaches will ensure a memorable soccer experience.

FEE: \$44.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$54.00 All Others

** Family discount (\$5.00 less for second sibling, \$10.00 less for third sibling)*

After 7/30/18 add \$10.00

Skill Development: Ages 7-12, 9:00-Noon

An action packed week of soccer activities, including quality coaching, fun soccer games, mini soccer tournaments, speed, agility & fitness exercises. This dynamic program emphasizes the development of a player's touch, technique and skill development. Players will develop their understanding of the game and improve their confidence through the use of progressive instruction and small-sided games, providing a challenging and enjoyable soccer experience.

FEE: \$99.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$109.00 All others

** Family discount (\$5.00 less for second sibling, \$10.00 less for third sibling)*

After 7/30/18 add \$10.00

HARRY POTTER® CAMP

Onondaga Town Hall

Use the MAGIC of creativity during this Harry Potter themed workshop which includes a variety of creative activities to capture your child's imagination. Children will develop their wizardry skills in a range of creative Harry Potter Related activities. The curriculum has been designed to enable pupils to learn how to draw their favorite Harry Potter characters, act out famous scenes in fun drama sessions, play Quidditch sports games, develop their dueling magic wand skills, devise their own spells to defend Against the Dark Arts, and much more to further develop their interest and knowledge of Harry Potter. Open to youth ages 5-14. The camp will run Monday-Friday, August 6-10, 1:00-4:00PM.

FEE: \$ 90.00 Town of Onondaga resident

\$100.00 All others

After 7/30/18 add \$10.00



"Our minds need relaxation and give way
Unless we mix work and a little play."

-Moliere

HOST..... A BRITISH LEGO®/ HARRY POTTER/SOCCER INSTRUCTOR..... it's easy and fun!

The British instructors of the LEGO®, HARRY POTTER and SOCCER camps will stay with local families in our community for the duration of the camp week. We are looking to recruit some host families for the instructors to stay with. In return for this fantastic opportunity your family will benefit from a week long cultural exchange and receive a free camp. All that needs to be provided is housing and meals. If you are interested please contact the Recreation office at 315-469-3464 and register your interest for the host an instructor program.



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

All senior citizens of Onondaga County, 55 or older, are welcome to participate at the Town of Onondaga Senior Center in a wide variety of ongoing scheduled programs and activities throughout the week. Each month we have Catered Luncheons with musical entertainment. Most luncheons are \$5. Payment is due upon sign-up in the front office. We also bring in speakers during the year for enlightenment on various topics. We offer day trips, classes, as well as health, fun and fitness activities. There is no yearly membership fee.

A bi-monthly newsletter, the *Senior Gazette*, featuring all events and activities, is mailed out to interested seniors. The Gazette includes details on all the 'happenings' at the Senior Center and more impromptu activities that may be added to the calendar.

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.townofonondagarecreation.com.

SENIOR PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Call the Onondaga Senior Center for appointments and additional information about all programs offered.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

- ❖ Enjoy a hot lunch every Monday thru Thursday at 12 Noon from P.E.A.C.E., Inc.
- ❖ \$3 for any senior 60+. \$6 for anyone under 60.
- ❖ Call the lunch line at 315.469.3259 for reservations.
- ❖ Reservations should be in by 12:30 PM Thursday for the following week.
- ❖ Drop by and pick up a monthly lunch menu at the Senior Center.

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. Sign up required. Reservations now being taken for the following Friday classes: May 18, June 15, October 19, November 9.

SENIOR ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Private counseling is available on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 12:30 - 2:30 PM regarding: Food Stamps; HEAP Energy Assistance; Veterans Benefits; Meals On Wheels; Housing Subsidies; Home Repairs and Weatherization; Caregivers; Tax Assistance; Food Pantries; Social Day Programs. By appointment only.

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, Simple Will & Testament, Veterans Benefits, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Power of Attorney Revocation, Social Security, Health Care Proxies, Medicare, Public Assistance and Utility Issues. By appointment only. Tuesdays: May 8, September 11, November 13.



RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SENIOR PROGRAMS continued

CARDS FOR FUN

BRIDGE players meet Monday & Wednesday 1- 3 PM. Subs needed. Add your name to our list!
PINOCHLE is played Monday 1-3 PM. Come in before 1 PM to set up the foursome. If it has been awhile since you've played, they will help you get up to speed. No pressure!

DOMINOES

Played Mondays 1-3 PM.

LIBRARY

The 'library' is located in the front lobby of the Senior Center. We take clean, used paperback books (no hardcover books). Donations are always appreciated and welcomed.



MAH JONGG

Wednesdays 1-3 PM. Experienced players please. If you would like to learn the game contact us and we'll form a group lesson.

POOL (BILLIARDS)

The pool room is open mornings and afternoons. A men's group regularly plays 1-3 PM each day. Come in and play. It's a nice way to spend the afternoon. Shoot pool and the 'breeze'!

QUILTING GROUP "BUSY HANDS"

The Onondaga Hill quilters are changing their name after twenty years. Their focus has changed, and they would like people to understand who they have become.

The original group started out as the "Creative Needlework". An article in the newsletter in 1995 announced Barbara Trudeau was going to teach at the Onondaga Senior Center. It read, "Start a new project, pick up an unfinished project to complete, or just learn a new craft to last a lifetime."

When Jane Tracey became president a few years later, they became the "Onondaga Hill Quilters". They learned new patterns and made quilts to give to needy projects, etc.

Today they have come full circle. The members knit, crochet, cross stitch, embroider, and quilt. Therefore, the change in name, and focus.

The "Busy Hands" will still meet Mondays from 10-12 Noon and welcome anyone who would like to fellowship with them and maybe learn a new craft or finish an unfinished project of their own.

RED HAT GROUP

Our 'Klassy Red Hatters' meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:15 PM. Once a month they dine around town for lunch. The ladies have been together over 12 years! People come and people go, but the ladies are still enjoying their get togethers!

BINGO

Bingo is played throughout the year, once or twice a month. Check the Senior Gazette or pick up a calendar at the Senior Center for the dates we are playing. \$1 for the first card, \$.50 for each additional card.

Wii BOWLING

A group plays regularly Wednesday mornings before lunch. No sign up required, just come in to watch or play, or play on your own, with a friend, anytime upon room availability. There is also a golf, tennis, baseball and boxing game that can be played on the Wii.

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SENIOR PROGRAMS continued

DONATIONS: WE COLLECT...

****BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** for the Benefit of the Onondaga Central Rockwell/Wheeler Middle School PTO. Clip and save the coupons and deposit them at the Center.

****BYRNE DAIRY RECEIPTS** to receive FREE half gallons of ice cream for our parties!

****FOOD PANTRY.** Canned and non-perishable items are appreciated for a local food pantry.

****YARN** for knitted and crocheted items made as charitable projects.

****ALUMINIUM PULL TABS** from food and soda cans for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

EXERCISE WITH LIGHT WEIGHTS

Thursdays 10:30 - 11:15 AM

Exception: ON THE DAY OF THE CATERED LUNCHEONS THERE'S NO CLASS. THE MAKE UP CLASSES ARE AT 10 AM FRIDAY. This is an ongoing class, following a video, doing beneficial stretching and exercises using hand weights. A nice friendly group comes in to exercise each week!

EXERCISE.....FIT AFTER FIFTY

Instructor: Diane Zarzecki (filling in for Midge Regier)

Tuesdays 10 - 11:00 AM

Current session thru April 24

Next 12 week Sessions:

May 1 – July 17

After April 24 add \$10

July 24 – October 9

After July 17 add \$10

Resident Fee: \$24

Non-Resident Fee: \$34

Exercise to music to increase strength and mobility.



CHAIR YOGA

Instructor: Diane Zarzecki

Wednesdays 1 - 2:00 PM

Current Session thru May 16

Next 8 Week Sessions:

May 23 – July 18

After May 21 add \$10

NO CLASS JULY 4

Resident Fee: \$40 (each session)

Non-Resident Fee: \$50

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 / CHI KUNG

Instructor: David Dolbear

CHI KUNG - Thursdays 11 - 12 Noon

A Chinese Exercise meaning Therapeutic Breathing Exercise for Health, involving simpler movements and breathing to reduce stress and promote pliability, improved pulmonary and cardiovascular function. Chi Kung can be done sitting in a chair or standing. This is a beginner class for anyone who wishes continuing on to Tai Chi.

TAI CHI - Thursdays 12 Noon - 1 PM

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.

Current Session thru June 21

Next 12 Week Session:

June 28 – August 16

After June 21 add \$10

August 23 – November 8

After August 16 add \$10

RESIDENT FEE: \$60 (Each Class Session)

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$70

Maximum 14 participants in each class.

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SENIOR PROGRAMS continued

ART INSTRUCTION

Instructor: Thomas Hussey

Ongoing classes. Join at any time.

BEGINNER (Oil Painting)

Tuesdays 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Current Session thru May 8

Next 12 Week Sessions:

May 15 – July 31

After May 8 add \$10

August 7 – October 23

After July 31 add \$10

RESIDENT FEE: \$90 NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$100

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

ADVANCED

Tuesdays 9 AM - 12 Noon

Current Session thru May 1

Next 12 Week Sessions:

May 8 – July 24

After May 1 add \$10

July 31 – October 16

After July 31 add \$10

RESIDENT FEE: \$66 NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$76

ONGOING WALKING PROGRAM

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 - 11:00 AM

Thru the month of April walking is indoors in St. Michaels Parish Center located behind the rectory. Take off your boots and put on your comfy sneakers! Beginning May 1, our walking program continues at Brookdale Summerfield (across from Santaro Park). Walking at Summerfield is from 9 – 11 AM. They have a walking path that goes around the building. It's a nice outdoor walk for the summer. Stop by the Senior Center and fill out a Medical & Emergency Information Form if you are interested joining in.



DAY TRIPS

Day Trips are posted at the Senior Center and published in the Senior Gazette. The following are some of the trips scheduled for this year. More trips will be added for the Fall. **A DAY IN CORTLAND** to the Central New York Living History Museum, and 1890 House, Wednesday May 9; **DIRTY DANCING @ THE LANDMARK THEATER**, Sunday May 20; **LIVELY RUN GOAT FARM, AMERICANA WINERY, SAMPSON MUSEUM**, June 13; **MAMA MIA @ MERRY-GO-ROUND PLAYHOUSE**, Monday June 25; **WEST SIDE STORY @ THE GLIMMERGLASS FESTIVAL**, Cooperstown, Monday July 16; **WOMEN IN JEOPARDY @ CORTLAND REPERTORY THEATER**, August 17; **BEE HIVE @ MERRY-GO-ROUND PLAYHOUSE**, September 25.

Sign up at the Senior Center or send a check for payment. Include with check: name of person(s) taking the trip, and your phone #, date of trip, bus stop, and menu choice (if any). Make check payable to Onondaga Seniors. Detailed flyers explaining the trips are displayed at the Center. THE BUS LEAVES ON TIME. PLEASE ARRIVE 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE SO WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING. If you require assistance to get around, YOU WILL NEED A TRAVEL COMPANION TO ACCOMPANY YOU AND PROVIDE THE PROPER HELP YOU NEED.

SENIORS GOLF AT ORCHARD VALI GOLF COURSE

The Senior MENS Golf League (for seniors over age 55) will be starting up for the 2018 season the end of April. If you are interested in playing call Bill Swift at 315.729.0726, or email him at goredstorm2@aol.com.

For LADIES interested in golfing, please call Orchard Vali directly at 315.677.3303. They have womens leagues available with a mixed age group.

RECREATION NEWS & HAPPENINGS

SENIOR PROGRAMS *continued*

KNIT & CROCHET

Diane our instructor, will answer your questions and help you with your projects. Call the Center and leave your name and # and she'll call you to schedule a time to meet.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Helpful hands are always needed at the Senior Center.

*we are in need of lunch serving and clean up help; one day each week would be perfect;

*or you can help with our catered luncheon once a month;

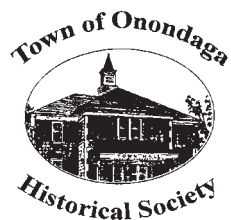
*or take care of our library (we'll teach you our system, passed on to us by a former librarian);

*or a bingo caller

We appreciate all our volunteer helpers. They are the heart and soul of the Senior Center and have fun while sharing with others and contribute to making all who come to the Center welcomed.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



The Town of Onondaga Historical Society will have a meeting on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall. Rich Miller will discuss the importance of Split Rock in World War I.

The May 16 meeting on Wednesday

evening at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall will have Rich Miller speaking about the July 2, 1918 Split Rock explosion and consequences. Programs this year will focus on the 100th year anniversary of the tragic 1918 fire and explosion at Split Rock. Refreshments are served.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

HOWLETT HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Howlett Hill Fire Department recently updated its website. You can now apply for membership, make donations and purchase fund raising tickets online and much more. Please have a look.

In January 2017, the Howlett Hill Fire Department established an explorer/scouting program in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America. If you are between the ages of 12-16 and have a desire to explore the fire service and learn valuable skills, please give us a call at (315) 673-1817. We meet every Wednesday from 6-8pm. You can also check out our website for more information.

Upcoming Events:

May 13th- Mother's Day Chicken Barbeque- 1:00 until gone

September 8th- Kings Feast and Motorcycle Raffle- This year the department is raffling off a 2017 Harley Davidson Street bob. Tickets are \$100, which entitles purchaser and a guest to all you can eat and drink from 1:00-6:00pm and a chance for a new Harley. The menu includes Hamburgers, Hot dogs, sausage, BBQ Chicken, salt potatoes, corn on the

cob. Tickets can be purchased on our website, or by stopping in the station.



ONONDAGA HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

As we open 2018 the Onondaga Hill Fire Department starts its 98th year of service to the Town of Onondaga and its communities. In the 2017 year we were able to purchase an ARM Automated Chest Compression Device with donations from the community. The Men and Woman of Onondaga Hill responded

to 1108 calls for assistance in the 2017 calendar year. We are always looking for new members anyone interested in joining, who is over the age of 14 please check our website www.OHFD.net or call 315-492-1778 or e-mail office@ohfd.net



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SOUTH ONONDAGA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS SPRING 2018

In 2017, the South Onondaga Fire Department responded to our community and surrounding community's aid 282 times. We do this with a totally volunteer force of dedicated men and women of varying ages, occupations and schedules. As such, we are always looking for new members. If you ever considered becoming a volunteer fire fighter, please contact one of our members, stop by the fire station any Monday night or like us on Facebook, South Onondaga Fire Department.

Besides having the satisfaction of helping your community, there are added benefits such as the LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program), where annual contributions are made to a pension like fund. The pension type plan that is available to volunteer firefighters if they meet the minimum level of activity has gone through an extensive review over the past year, culminating in the change to a new administrator and a new investment service. This change, which was approved by all 8 Town departments, was done to get the best returns on the investments of our members as part of the reward for helping to serve their communities. Another available benefit, if you are a college student or aspiring to be one, FASNY (Fireman's Association of the State of New York) offers HELP (Higher Education Learning Plan), where active members can receive tuition cost coverage at any community college in New York State for up to 80 credit hours, regardless of the major of study. Why don't you join us and reap these benefits as a member of the South Onondaga Fire Department.

We are looking forward to the delivery of a new heavy Rescue truck this Spring which will replace our current truck of 28 years. The current Rescue truck has undergone several refurbishments and as such is in need of replacement. The new Rescue truck will conform with current OSHA mandates and will improve our response time to better serve our communities. It is with your continued support that has made this acquisition possible.

We would like to replace our display/message sign located along Makyes Road with an LED-lighted sign that could be used to post multiple messages but have been informed by the Town that current zoning laws won't permit this type of replacement. If this is a change you would like to see, we would like to hear from you.

Our fire station is also the community center for the South Onondaga area. It is available for school functions, receptions, fund raising events, etc. We have remodeled our kitchen area to give it a fresh look with new cabinetry and countertops that have endured many years of use. If interested in using our facility, contact any member about making a reservation and terms of usage.

Remember to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. It is with honor that we serve our community and we appreciate your continued support. After a long and cold Winter, have a safe and enjoyable Summer and never drink or text and drive.

*Lance Tucker
President*

South Onondaga Fire Department



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SOUTHWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

There's a new Fire Chief in town. His name is Tom Bouvia. Tom has held many positions in the Southwood Fire Department and has been a member since 1998. Stop by the Fire Department and see what we have to offer!

When you join the Southwood family, we will offer: free health care screening, such as physicals, immunizations, TB screening, flu shots and so much more; free training for interior and exterior firefighters; free driver training for the fire apparatus; free Emergency Medical Services (EMT) education; and many other benefits. This is a great start if you're planning on going to school for nursing, paramedic or just undecided on what to do with your life. We need caring individuals who want to serve and give back to our community. If you're interested please call our station at 315-469-5171. We'll be looking for you!

To help keep taxes down we have introduced some new things you might be happy about: we have new LED lighting in our bays, we also switched to municipal license plates for Chiefs cars and we purchase our fuel thru the County Highway Department for the past 2 years. This is all in an effort to maintain costs and maximize your tax dollars.

Breakfast with Santa was a huge hit again this year. Every child from the ages of days old to 12 years old received a nice gift from Santa. A big Thank You to Covanta, Hoefer Communications, Jamesville Car Care, The Pastry Palace, Fabric Mill and Kinney

Drugs for their donations. Without their donations our breakfast would not be possible.

Last year we also purchased 10 new sets of turnout gear for our Interior firefighters as well as 10 new air bottles to update equipment and keep our members safe.

Our members are on committees throughout Onondaga County so they can bring back the latest information to update our fire personnel. Members choose which committee they would like to serve on and report at our General Meetings, the second Tuesday of the month. These meeting include: Onondaga County Chiefs, Onondaga County Volunteer Fireman's Association, Fire Police, Southern Section, FASNY and EMS committees.

The Southwood Fire Department drills every Tuesday. We train at the Town of Onondaga Fire Training Center as well as the State Fire Academy at Montour Falls. We are proud to say that we now have nearly 30 members, which include 10 certified EMT'S and 1 AEMT, as well as our 7 Support Services members to help serve our growing community.

Southwood Fire Department is planning a huge summer event to showcase volunteer opportunities and increase community spirit. Stay tuned for more info.

Southwood Fire Department still making house calls since 1944. Stay Safe.

THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Natalie A. Williams-Dardaris, Town of Onondaga Historian

The date of July 2, 1918 stands alone from others in the Town of Onondaga's over 200-year history as it marks the day Split Rock exploded. The site of a munitions manufacturing plant, in support of WWI America and its' efforts in Europe, was the scene of an intense explosion that was experienced by the community from downtown Syracuse to Navarino and lots of other places in between. This "Year of the Rock – 2018" will be commemorated with a number of events throughout our community. The Town of Onondaga Historical Society will feature a speaker series focused on the topic of Split Rock. We have also been honored to have the efforts and research of TOHS member Richard Miller culminate in a four volume series of books, all based on Split Rock, which are available at the TOHS Museum.

To stay up to date with what is happening at the museum and with the Town's Historical Society, there is now a Facebook page for the Town of Onondaga Historical Society. Events are posted and there are links to our current podcasts on Split Rock and to two recent articles also on Split Rock featured in the Eagle Newspapers' Prime Living Magazine. A big thank you to Andy Dolloff, OCS instrumental music teacher, who has provided us with his

expertise in getting our podcasts up and running.

Split Rock history benefited from the creative efforts of Professor Laurel Saiz OCC English Honors Seminar from the Fall 2017 semester. The students created a Friends of Split Rock Facebook , which is a great resource for those who would like to learn more about Split Rock as well as the explosion. Another class creation was the drama "Split Rock: Stories from the 1918 Explosion" which will be presented in collaboration with the Onondaga Historical Association. Presentation of this work will take place on May 2, at 11:15 AM and 7 PM at Storer Auditorium on the OCC Campus, featuring performances of college actors and actors from the community as they portray people who experienced the tragedy.

For your reading enjoyment, the museum now has available the book "Legacy of an Immigrant Farmer", written by Town of Onondaga native Mary Luchsinger Sperling.

A former teacher at Onondaga Central, Mary decided to spend some of her retirement time writing about her farm family, from her grandfather's arrival in this country through the good times and the struggles of being a farm family. Those who know the Luchsinger family will recognize many other longtime community residents in her story. Mary's book is available at the TOHS Museum. Hours are Monday through Friday, 1 to 3 PM, 5020 Ball Road.

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