

# OUR TOWN

THE TOWN OF ONONDAGA RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



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## Town of Onondaga Information



### Onondaga Town Hall

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### Onondaga Town Board

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Mary Ryan, Councilor	(315) 469-3637
John Mahar, Councilor	(315) 877-1955
Kathy Fedrizzi, Councilor	(315) 345-7402

### County Legislators

John D. McBride (11th District)	(315) 345-1403
William T. Kinne (15th District)	(315) 469-4363

### Committees

#### Recreation & Seniors Committee:

- Councilors Belle & Fedrizzi

#### Insurance Committee:

- Councilors Ryan & Mahar

#### Highway Committee

- Councilor Fedrizzi & Supervisor Andino

#### Personnel Committee

- Councilor Belle, Mahar & Supervisor Andino

#### Fire & Safety Committee

- Councilors Ryan & Mahar

#### Library Committee

- Councilors Ryan & Fedrizzi

#### Development & Code Review Committee

- Councilor Mahar & Supervisor Andino

### Town of Onondaga Phone Numbers

Supervisor's Office	(315) 469-3888	Highway Department	(315) 469-1664
Town Clerk's Office	(315) 469-1583	• 4478 W. Seneca Tpk., Syracuse, NY 13215	
Tax Receiver's Office	(315) 469-0483	Justice Department	(315) 469-1674
Assessor's Office	(315) 469-3216	Historical Society	(315) 214-2383
Codes Office	(315) 469-3144	Parks & Recreation and Senior Center	(315) 469-3464
		• 4834 Velasko Rd. Syracuse, NY 13215	

## **Dear Fellow Residents,**

This year the federal government will be conducting the 2020 Census. Between March 12th and March 20th, the US Census Bureau will have sent you an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census either online, by phone or by mail. If you do not respond either online, by phone, or by completing the written questionnaire by the first week of May, employees of the US Census Bureau will be going door to door from May 13th to July 31st to obtain your information. Your response is important as the population and other statistical information gathered are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the US House of Representatives and in the distribution of federal funds allocated to states and local municipalities.

Over the past few weeks, a number of Town residents have asked me about the number and age of the Town of Onondaga snowplows. I want to assure our Town residents that the Town of Onondaga Highway Department has an adequate number and age appropriate fleet of vehicles to provide safe and efficient snowplowing operations for our Town residents. Over 20 years ago, under my leadership, the Town Board working with our Highway Superintendent initiated a Town Highway Vehicle Replacement Program to assure that our fleet was adequate and age appropriate to keep our Town roads plowed and salted during our Syracuse winter weather. Currently the Town Highway Department has eleven snowplows. The oldest snowplow is a 2005 model and the newest is a 2020 model. During a snowstorm ten snowplows are used to clear our Town of Onondaga highways. If a plow breaks down during a storm the extra plow, the 2005 model, is put into service while repairs are made to the other vehicle. Once winter is over the snowplows are removed from the eleven vehicles and they are repurposed for use in all of other Highway functions performed from spring through fall. The Town has purchased five new snowplows since 2014 and our plan calls for another new snowplow to be purchased next year to replace the oldest snowplow in our current fleet. All of this has been done and will continue to be done while maintaining debt free Highway Department and General Fund budgets.

In November 2019, our Town Board passed the 2020 Town Budget. Not only did we not exceed the 2% property tax cap but we were able to reduce the combined Town Highway and General Fund tax rate from \$2.55 per thousand to \$2.52 per thousand. I am also pleased to report that again at the end of last year Moody's Investors Services recognized the sound fiscal management and strong financial position of the Town of Onondaga and reaffirmed the Town's Aa2 credit rating. In its report Moody's stated: "The credit position for Onondaga is very strong. The notable credit factors include a strong financial position as well as low debt and pension liabilities. The debt burden of Onondaga is very low and is a credit strength with respect to its Aa2 rating."

Earlier this year, in an effort to reduce cost and provide more efficient services to our residents, the Town has eliminated the position of Dog Control Officer and has contracted with the Central NY Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (CNYSPCA) to respond to and enforce all New York State laws and Town of Onondaga ordinances pertaining to dogs within the boundaries of our Town. If you need to report a concern or issue about a dog you should contact the CNYSPCA @ 315-454-0928. After hours you should call 911 and they will contact CNYSPCA to respond to you. Contact information for the CNYSPCA is also on our Town website.

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

*Sincerely,*  
**Thomas P. Andino, Jr.**





## **Town Residents,**

As we move into Spring and warmer weather, here are some important items we'd like to share with you:

### **The 2020 Census and Confidentiality**

Here's a bit of information from the US Census Bureau:

- The US Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. Census statistics help determine the number of seats each state holds in the US House of Representatives and how billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated to state and local communities for the next 10 years.
- By now you will have received your initial invitation from the 2020 US Census to respond online or by phone. Reminder letters will continue up until April 27<sup>th</sup>. If a household does not respond to any of these mailings, a census taker will follow up in person between May 13 and July 31.
- Responding to the 2020 Census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impacts our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in our community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states in local communities each year based on census data.
- Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics – they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to US Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

**For more information about the 2020 Census, please visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).**

### **Board of Elections**

It's a Presidential Election Year! Here's how the calendar looks for upcoming elections:

- ***Presidential Primary Election and Special Election to fill vacancy in 50th Senate District***
  - Tuesday, April 28, 2020 – Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Early Voting will be held April 18 – April 26
- ***Primary Election***
  - Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Early Voting will be held June 13 – June 21
- ***General Election***
  - Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Early Voting will be held October 21 – November 1



As I write this, the early voting polling places and hours are not available. If you're interested in early voting, please contact the board of elections. Also, remember to look for that yellow postcard in your mailbox regarding your Primary and General Election Day polling place. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board of Elections Office at 315-435-VOTE or 315-435-8683.

## Rabies Clinics

As you know, it is a NYS Law that your dogs are licensed with the municipality where you live. In order to have a dog license, your dog must have a current rabies vaccination. Onondaga County Health Department holds Rabies Clinics throughout the year. These clinics are for both dogs and cats. Here are the upcoming dates:

**Thursday, April 23, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Meachem Ice Rink, 121 W. Seneca Tpk, Syracuse

**Thursday, August 6, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Village of Minoa DPW, 100 Kalin Drive, Minoa

**Thursday, May 14, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Clay Highway Garage, 4483 Route 31, Clay

**Thursday, August 13, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

St. Lucy's Auditorium, 425 Gifford Street, Syracuse

**Thursday, June 4, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Camillus Town Hall, 4600 W. Genesee St, Syracuse

**Monday, September 14, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Cicero Highway Garage, 6658 State Route 31, Cicero

**Thursday, June 18, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Marcellus Fire Dept, 4242 Slate Hill Road, Marcellus

**Thursday, October 22, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

St. Lucy's Auditorium, 425 Gifford Street, Syracuse

**Thursday, July 16, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Onondaga Nation Fire Dept, Route 11A, Nedrow

**Thursday, December 3, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

North Syracuse Comm Ctr, 700 S Bay Road, Syracuse

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

**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 through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 315-469-1583 or visit our website at [www.townofonondaga.com](http://www.townofonondaga.com). Have a safe and enjoyable Spring and Summer.

***Your Town Clerk,  
Lisa Goodwin***



## *From the Highway Superintendent...*

**Dear Fellow Residents,**

Happy Spring to everyone, this year's mild winter was a very nice change from last year. We are currently sweeping the Town roads, and doing drainage work throughout the Town in preparation for our summer road repairs. We will also be picking up brush and yard waste throughout the summer months, please remember we can only pick up paper bags with lawn waste, NO PLASTIC OR TRASH OF ANY KIND, NO DIRT OR ROCKS IN BAGS. We would also like to remind everyone that brush pickup will end for the season at the end of October, after that you will need to take your yard waste and brush to OCCRA as the highway department will be preparing for the upcoming winter.

The Town will be participating in Earth Day Clean-up again this year which will be Saturday April 25, 2020 from 9am to noon at the highway garage. If you would like to participate in earth day cleanup you can do so by contacting OCRRA online at [www.OCRRA.org](http://www.OCRRA.org) or call 315 453-2866 for more information. I would like to thank all participants in advance for helping clean up our town.

The Annual Fall trash pickup will start after Labor Day, flyers will be mailed out at the end of July with your scheduled week and instructions. NEW THIS YEAR OCRRA WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT MATTRESSES WITHOUT AN EXTRA CHARGE OF \$15.00, THEREFORE THE TOWN WILL NO LONGER TAKE THEM IN THE FALL PICKUP.

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 emails, [LCrowley@townofonondaga.com](mailto:LCrowley@townofonondaga.com). You can also visit our website for information on all services provided by the Highway Department, [www.townofonondaga.com/highway](http://www.townofonondaga.com/highway).

***Very truly yours,***  
***John Wheatley***  
*Highway Superintendent*



## *From the Receiver of Taxes...*

**Dear Taxpayers,**

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. It can take up to 2 months for my office to be notified of any changes in new ownership or a change in 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 payment 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*

## **Town of Onondaga Residents,**

Thank you, to the residents of the Town of Onondaga for your overwhelming support this past November in my re-election bid for a second term representing the 11th District on the Onondaga County Legislature. It has been a privilege and honor of a lifetime to serve and strive for the betterment of the community where we all work, live and raise our families.

As we start a New Year, allow me to highlight a few of our County's past accomplishments. We ended 2019 spending \$16 million less than previously and we are currently projecting a \$3 million budget surplus. This surplus brings the county's fund balance to \$73.3 million which is \$7 million more than the 10% fund balance goal.

The 2020 County budget is in balance with an historic low tax rate of \$5.00 per thousand. In addition, we refinanced \$25 million in bonds at a true interest rate of 1.43%, which will allow us to save the hard-working taxpayers \$3.2 million over the next ten years.

At our last legislative session, I co-sponsored and the legislature passed and sent a resolution to our New York State representatives imploring them to amend the new Bail Reform law. We asked them to think through the unintended consequences of this law before we experience an unimaginable tragedy here in our community. We also passed a resolution during our budget process asking New York State to provide additional funding for this entirely unfunded mandate that was placed on the County.

Lastly, I would like to mention the renewed energy, coordination, and teamwork displayed throughout Onondaga County government. Our newly elected County Executive, Ryan McMahon, has a vision for Onondaga County that I feel is noble. It is a vision that we all can get behind and support enthusiastically. With a focus on tackling poverty, building up our infrastructure, and improving on the economic resurgence taking hold in our region, Onondaga County, and the residents of the town of Onondaga, have a lot to look forward to as we start a new decade.

## ***John D. McBride*** ***Onondaga County Legislature***

*County Legislator – 11th District*  
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*John McBride represents the 11th district in the Onondaga County Legislature which includes the Town of Onondaga and portions of the Town of Camillus. John welcomes constituent feedback; he can be reached by email at, [lmcbri1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lmcbri1@twcny.rr.com) or on his cell at 315-345-1403.*



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- **Phone:** 315-480-0279
- **Website:** [www.oflibrary.org](http://www.oflibrary.org)
- **Email:** [info@oflibrary.org](mailto:info@oflibrary.org)
- **Social Media:** @OnondagaFreeLib  
✓ *We're on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!*

*OFL's Board of Trustees meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the library's community room.  
Public is welcome to attend.*

### Hours:

- **Monday – Thursday:** 9am-8:30pm,
- **Friday & Saturday:** 10am-5pm
- **Sunday:** 1-5pm.

### Summer weekend hours (6/21 – 9/7)

- **Saturdays:** 10am-2pm
- **Sundays:** Closed

### Holiday closings:

- Easter, April 12
- Mother's Day, May 10
- Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day weekend, September 5-7

## The "New" OFL is Turning 10!

Join staff, Board of Trustees and Friends on Saturday, May 2 in commemorating the 10-year anniversary of OFL's expansion and renovation project. We are very excited to celebrate and look back at this exciting part of OFL history! We will also touch on many noteworthy highlights since the opening of the new building, including adding more open hours, full-time positions, new and growing collections, programs, services, technology enhancements, outreach and more.

## New Teen Space

The newest building improvement we are thrilled to show off is our new Teen Space! It has so many great new features that our teens are going to love, including a gaming station (Xbox One X), a smart TV which is perfect for collaborating on group projects, Chromebooks for checkout, a genre-fied collection, comfy seating and more!

## Friends of OFL

In 2019, the Friends of Onondaga Free Library raised over \$17,000 through memberships, book sales and other successful fundraisers. With this money, they were able to make significant contributions to OFL, including 10 Empire Passes, an indoor flagpole, a bench for the foyer, Playaway Launchpads, sensory toys and more. The Friends also sponsored numerous programs, such as our first storywalk at Santaro park, the adult summer reading program, annual cooking competition, holiday concert and Senior Center art reception.



## JOIN THE FRIENDS!

OFL is the center for lifelong learning, development and growth for the Town of Onondaga and its residents. You can become a member anytime—membership brochures are available at the library and online. The Friends also invite you to attend their monthly meetings to learn about volunteer opportunities—meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.



## Spring @ Your Library

This spring, OFL is kicking off a 6-month reading and discussion series, *Votes for Women*. In 2020, our nation celebrates 100 years of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Women's Suffrage. The history of the women's suffrage movement in our state and nation spanned 70 years and includes many overlooked stories. The book selections in this series – a combination of history, biography and fiction – provide a window into this chapter of American social progress and a springboard into ongoing discussions of women's – and by extension, our society's – past, present and future. Books are available for checkout each month at the library and registration is required for each book discussion. This series will conclude with field trip to the Women's Rights National Historical Park located in Seneca Falls (sponsored by the Friends of OFL) on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Funded by a Humanities New York grant, this discussion series will be facilitated by Sarah Stegeman, a PhD candidate at Syracuse University, specializing in African American Women's History. Learn more about this series on our website, [www.oflibrary.org](http://www.oflibrary.org).

Two great gardening programs are coming to OFL this spring! On July 7-9 we will visit the gardens of Alan, NaPier, as a fundraiser for the annual CNY Reads program. Then, on May 9<sup>th</sup>, Cornell Cooperative Extension will present *Tomatoes: From Seed to Table*. Learn the difference between a determinate and an indeterminate tomato, an heirloom and a hybrid. Learn how to choose the best tomato variety for your needs and how to successfully grow tomatoes using organic methods.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We will be hosting two Mental Wellness Workshops in our new Teen Space on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Learn new techniques and share your own practices of how to reduce stress and anxiety. Also, participate in mindfulness activities, learn self-care tips and explore new hobbies to help you de-stress. On May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Syracuse presents *Ending the Silence: A Mental Health Awareness Program for Youth*. Teens and adult caregivers are encouraged to attend this program to learn about the warning signs of mental health conditions as well as the steps teens should take to find support for themselves or their friends. Get the facts and then hear from a young adult living with mental illness who will share his/her road to recovery. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain an understanding of an often-misunderstood topic. Through dialogue, we can help grow the movement to end the stigma around mental illness.

## Summer @ Your Library

*Imagine Your Story* at OFL this summer! We have something for everyone- summer reading and programs for all ages!

This year, OFL's summer reading program will run July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> and will be paperless for for kids, teens and adults. Also new this year, kids will be able to set their own reading goals as well as choose between logging minutes or books. There will be random raffle drawings each week. Teens and adults will log books with random raffle drawings on August 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Learn more about our summer reading program at [www.oflibrary.org/summer-reading](http://www.oflibrary.org/summer-reading).

Don't miss the great lineup of programs planned this summer as well: Dinosaur Dig, Fairytale with Moose, Zoo to You, M.O.S.T., Dan the Snakeman, storywalk at Santaro Park, American Girl, Pokemon, Games on a Roll, Babysitter's Training, teen gaming events, NaNoWriMo summer writing camp, Girls AND Guys Who Code programs, jewelry classes, food truck, book discussion series and more! For the 3<sup>rd</sup> summer in a row, we will be hatching baby chicks! So much fun for the whole family. You won't want to miss one minute of the exciting times at OFL this summer!

## **Dear Park Patrons,**

Once again Spring has sprung and we all know that means summer is just around the corner. Our Parks and Recreation staff is busy preparing programs and tidying up our parks for use by Town of Onondaga residents.

Several projects are scheduled for our parks. Kelley Park continues getting a face lift thanks to funds from the Onondaga County Community Development grant the Town received in 2019. Last fall saw the completion of a new handicap accessible pathway to the pavilion as well as the parking lot getting repaved. Several trees and plantings have been added to make the park more pleasing to the eye. Last on the list will be the striping of the parking lot this spring. King Park and Howlett Hill Park will each see new playground equipment installed this spring as well. Make some time this summer to visit these wonderful town parks.

Little Free Libraries will be coming to a park near you this spring. A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. They function on the honor system. You do not need to share a book in order to take one. If you take a book or two from a little library, try to bring some to share to that same library, or another in your area, when you can. We will be installing two libraries this spring, one at King Park and one at Santaro Park. If the program is successful, we will be adding library boxes to our other two parks in the fall.

Check out all our new offerings in this Our Town and continue to get out and play no matter your age!

***Sincerely,***  
***Charry Lawson***  
*Parks and Recreation Director*



## Parks and Recreation Department

- **Address:** 4834 Velasko Rd. Syracuse, NY 13215
- **Phone:** (315) 469-3464
- **Fax:** (315) 469-2816
- **Email:** [toorecreation@msn.com](mailto:toorecreation@msn.com)
- **Web:** [townofonondagarecreation.com](http://townofonondagarecreation.com)

## Parks & Recreation Department Office & Senior Center



## Serving your Leisure Needs

- **Charry Lawson** - Parks & Recreation Director
- **Jack Davison** - Recreation Supervisor
- **Barbara Michalski** - Senior Program Coordinator
- **Richard Lamphier** - Park Labor Crew Leader
- **Sandra Carter** - Recreation Secretary
- **Ann Owens** - Recreation Secretary

### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. – Fri: 8:30AM - 4:30PM (September 4 - June 26)

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. – Fri: 8:00AM - 4:00PM (June 29 – August 28)

**Due to closures and statewide mandates intended to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus, some dates and times that appear in this issue may be changed. Please refer to our website, [www.townofonondagarecreation.com](http://www.townofonondagarecreation.com) to see the most up-to-date information regarding all of our programs.**

## Registration Information

### REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

- Non-residents pay \$10.00 more for most programs.
- Registration is online at [townofonondagarecreation.com](http://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 2.65% (\$3.00 min.) convenience fee is added to each credit card transaction. **This fee is non-refundable**, even if the program is cancelled by the department.
- 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 & Cancellation Policies

### REFUND/CREDIT POLICY

- Please use care when selecting classes. A 100% refund (excluding the convenience fee for registration when using a charge card) will be made when a class is canceled by the Recreation Department. Refunds or account credit will be made up to a week before the program begins. Credit will be added to your account in full, but a \$5.00 administration fee will be deducted for refunds. 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.

Every child 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 has established 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 – or 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.

We thank you in advance for contributing to our scholarship fund!



**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!**



Listed are the four Town parks and a brief description of each facility. Please be aware that dogs are banned from all parks. Parks will be closed November through April. Although all parks have restrooms, they are only open when there is a permit, or when we have a program held at that site. Otherwise, the bathrooms will be closed. Reservations for courts, fields, and pavilions require a permit, available at the Parks & Recreation office, or online at [townofonondagarecreation.com](http://townofonondagarecreation.com). The permit form found online or in our office, lists all fees and rules. An online account must be created prior to submitting a reservation form to complete the rental process.

**Kelley Brothers Memorial Park - 251 Dorwin Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205**

This 15-acre park has a new, rentable pavilion with an accessible walkway leading up to it. The park also has a restroom, play areas, tennis court, beach volleyball and grills. There is a small pavilion near the playground equipment to provide shade and picnic seating for all the families that utilize the play areas. The maximum occupancy for permits is 75.

**King Memorial Park - 4030 Split Road, Camillus, NY 13031**

The athletic fields are 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, pavilions, 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. The maximum occupancy 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, pavilion, grills, a play area, and restrooms complete this park. The maximum occupancy 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. Two large grills are adjacent to the upper pavilion. 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. The maximum occupancy 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 on 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.

## Youth Programs

### Mommy, Daddy and Me Soccer

Bringing 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 to keep. (receive first day). **MAX. 20**



- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- King Park - Saturdays, May 16 – June 27 (not 5/23), 10:15 – 11:00 AM.
- Kelley Park - Saturdays, May 16 – June 27 (not 5/23), 10:15 – 11:00 AM.

- **Fee:**

- \$45.00 - Town of Onondaga residents
- \$55.00 - All others

### Hot Shots Youth Soccer

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

**MAX 40**

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- King Park - Saturdays, May 16 – June 27 (not 5/23), 9:00 – 10:00 AM.
- Kelley Park - Saturdays, May 16 – June 27 (not 5/23), 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

- **Fee:**

- \$45.00 - Town of Onondaga residents
- \$55.00 - All others



### Mini-Styx Lacrosse

Boys and girls ages 4-8 years old can join our spring 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.

- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Santaro Park - Wednesdays, May 20-June 24,
  - **Ages 4-5:** 5:00 – 6:00 PM
  - **Ages 6-8:** 6:00 – 7:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$40.00 - Town of Onondaga residents
- \$50.00 - All others



### Match Point Tennis Lessons

Instruction for aspiring youth tennis players ages 4 and up! Come learn the basics of the game or work on your skills with our experienced coaches! **Some racquets are available to borrow during lesson time** (first come first served basis). 6 Min/12 Max per group. Groups may be combined to ensure all registrants have opportunity to participate.



- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Santaro Park - Saturdays, May 16 – June 27 (not 5/23).
  - Ages 4 – 6: 9:00 – 10:00 AM
  - Ages 7 – 10: 10:00 – 11:00 AM
  - Ages 11 – 15: 11:00 – 12:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$40.00 - Town of Onondaga residents
- \$50.00 - All others

## Childcare and Babysitting

American Heart Association course

Learn the essentials of babysitting in this American Heart Association course designed to prepare potential babysitters for the job. All participants will receive training from American Heart Association instructors and upon successful completion of the class, will receive certifications to show to parents.

**Min. 4 / Max. 12**

- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center
- Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 1:00 PM



- **Fee:**

- \$55.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$65.00 All others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 5/23/20

### Kids Got Game!

Does your child like to play pool (billiards), card games and/or board games? Sign them up for 6 weeks of supervised afternoon activities at the Onondaga Sr. Center where they can play pool on our full-size billiards table, bring their Magic the Gathering or Pokémon cards, play any of our in-house board games or take turns playing Wii Sports! Staff will be on site to supervise and assist kids ages 10-14 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM every Monday, July 6 – Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Min. 10 / Max. 20**

- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center
- Mondays, July 6 – Aug. 10, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$15.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
- \$25.00 All others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 6/29/20



### Youth Archery Clinic

Introductory Archery clinic with expert instruction at King Park! We will be hosting short clinics for young archers (or aspiring archers!) on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Children ages 10-16 are welcome to register for the clinics. USA Archery Instructor Charlie Kline will coach participants on safety, types of bows, and proper shooting form.

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- King Memorial Park
- July 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Ages 10 – 12: 9:00 – 10:30 AM
  - Ages 13 – 16: 10:45 – 12:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$25 Town of Onondaga Residents
- \$35 All Others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 7/18/20



### Summer Karate

This 8-week class taught by Bruno Daniele, lead instructor of Tenchi Karate in Marcellus NY, is designed to teach basic movements, blocks and strikes used in self-defense class for youth ages 6 and up. Class will include exercise and stretching in addition to self-defense techniques. Uniforms and information about advanced classes are available through the instructor.

**Min. 10 / Max. 20**

- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center
- Mondays, June 29 – August 17, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$50.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
- \$60.00 All others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 6/22/20



### Start Smart Baseball

The Start Smart Baseball Program brings parents and children ages 4 & 5 together to work on skills such as throwing, catching, batting, and general motor skills. This program prepares children for organized tee ball, baseball and softball, in a FUN, non-threatening environment. Each child receives their own bat, 2 balls, glove and baseball manual. When registering, let us know if your child is left-handed. **Max: 20**

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Santaro Park
- Tuesdays, July 7 – Aug. 11, 6:00 – 6:45 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$55.00 Town of Onondaga residents:
- \$65.00 All others:
  - Add \$10 to fee after 6/30/20



\*There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday June 30 at the Onondaga Senior Center at 6:00 PM.\*

## Adult Programs



### NIA Dance Class with Midge Regier

NIA is a cardio-dance workouts that combine dance arts, martial arts and healing arts to get fit in 60 minutes-body, mind, emotion and spirit.

Based on the intelligent design of the body,

NIA is non-impact, practiced barefoot and adaptable to individual needs. Each workout brings mindfulness to your dance movement, leaving you feeling energized, mentally clear and emotionally balanced.

**Min. 8 / Max. 14**



- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center, Downstairs Dance Studio
- Wednesdays, May 6<sup>th</sup> - June 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

- **Fee:**

- \$35.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$45.00 All others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 4/29/20

### Pickleball @ King Park

Looking for a place to play Pickleball this summer? Come to our outdoor venue at King Park! Bring your friends or other player's ages 18+.

**Equipment is available to borrow!**



- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- King Park
- Thursdays, June 4 – Aug.27, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$30.00 per punch cards. **Cards do not expire.**
- \$3.00 per session (drop-in fee)



### Pickleball Clinic

Want to learn the basics before jumping into play? Sign up for our beginner's clinic and learn the fundamentals of the game and practice with guided drills to help prepare you for open play at our program at King Park or other venues!

**MAX. 16**

- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- King Park, Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 - Noon

- **Fee:**

- \$10 per participant
  - Add \$10 to fee after 5/23/20

### Adult Slow Pitch Softball (USSSA league)

Looking to join or register a softball team this summer? Slow pitch softball is a great way to meet new people, or have fun with old friends. **Registration and fee are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you don't have the numbers to put a team together but you still would like to play, Men's and Co-Ed teams are always looking for regulars and substitutes for weekly games. Men's teams play on Tuesday's, Co-Ed teams on Wednesday. Co-Ed league has men bat with non-dominant stance. Games usually begin at 5:45 PM and 7:00 PM, and are played at Howlett Hill and King Park. If you're interested in joining an existing team, contact Jack in our office at [toorecreation@msn.com](mailto:toorecreation@msn.com) or call us at **(315) 469-3464** to be placed on a "Free Agents" list. Registration includes league fees, new balls for the season and scorebook.

- **Location/Dates/Times**

- King Park and Howlett Hill Park. Games start PROMPTLY at 5:45 & 7:00 PM
  - Games switch to 6:00 & 7:15 in June
- Men's Teams on Tuesdays / Co-Ed Teams on Wednesdays
- Weeks of May 5<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup> (may extend for rain out dates/COVID-19 mandates)

- **Fees:**

- \$350 per team (most teams have sponsors)
- \$30/team for umps each game (paid directly to umpires; 2 on each field)





## KinderKids

KinderKids is a supervised, six-week playground program for children ages 3-5. Children will get structured and unstructured activities both indoor and outdoor (weather depending) as well as weekly reading programs from local library volunteers and special drop in guests. 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.**

- **Location/Date/Time**

- Onondaga Hill Middle School Cafeteria
- July 6 – August 14, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

- **Registration Fee:**

- **Town of Onondaga Residents:**

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday: \$100
- Tuesday & Thursday: \$70
- Monday – Friday: \$150

- **All Others:**

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday: \$140
- Tuesday & Thursday: \$110
- Monday – Friday: \$230

- **Late Registration Fee:**

- Add \$10 to applicable fee after 6/29/20



- **Age & Residency Requirements:**

- Child must be 3 by: 7/1/2020
- The child must not have attended Kindergarten yet
- Parent/Guardian may need to provide proof of age.
- Residency Requirements:
- Child's primary parent or legal guardian must reside in the Town of Onondaga to receive resident rate.
- May require proof of guardianship.
- Parent/Guardian may need to provide proof of residency.

## Summer Dance Classes

This is a perfect time to discover whether your child(ren) like to dance before committing to our school year program. 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. Proof of age required for all 3-year old's. Max per Class: 8**

### Class Schedule

- **Tuesdays July 7 – August 11**

- 4:00 – Ballet ages 3-5
- 4:30 – Ballet ages 3-5
- 5:00 – Ballet ages 3-5
- 5:30 – Ballet ages 6-8

- **Thursdays, July 9 – August 13**

- 4:00 – Jazz ages 3-5
- 4:30 – Jazz ages 6-8
- 5:00 – Ballet ages 3-5
- 5:30 – Ballet ages 3-5

### **WAITING LISTS**

If the class you register for is full, please add yourself to the waiting list for your preferred class **UNLESS** you register for a different time.

**Fee:**

- \$25.00 - Town of Onondaga residents
- \$35.00 - All others
- Add \$10 to fee after 6/30/20

### **CHILDREN'S DANCE SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM**

Registration for the 2020-21 school year will begin Wednesday, August 19 for returning school year students. All others can register beginning Monday, August 26. Class schedules will be available in the office and online by mid-August. Classes are slated to begin the week of September 14.

## SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

Spend your summer days with us! Summer playgrounds hold a variety of fun daily activities for school age children including games, arts & crafts, sports, special events and weekly field trips. Registration includes **ALL SIX WEEKS!**

### King Park

4030 Split Rock Rd  
Camillus, NY

### Santaro Park

4979 Velasko Rd.  
Syracuse, NY 13215

### Wheeler Elementary

4543 S. Onondaga Rd.  
Nedrow, NY 13120

**PLAYGROUNDS ARE OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9:30 – 3:00 PM FOR AGES 6-14**  
**(5 years old if child has completed kindergarten. Must Bring a Report Card for proof of age)**

**July 6 - August 14, 2020 - 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

### 6 Week Program Fee:

- \$80.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$160.00 All others
- More than 2 children: each additional child \$35.00
  - After 6/19/20 add \$10.00 per child

### Proof of Residency Requirements

- Child's primary parent or legal guardian must reside in the Town of Onondaga to receive resident rate.
- Parent/Guardian may be required to provide proof of guardianship.
- Parent/Guardian may need to provide proof of residency.



### DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER!

*Minimum of 50 youth must be registered by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Failure to reach minimum will result in site cancellation.*

### Transportation from Rockwell to Wheeler

Can't get kids over to Wheeler? Transportation from Rockwell to Wheeler is available every day of the summer playground program. Bus leaves Rockwell @ 9:00 AM and returns at 3:15 PM. When registering online, make sure to add this program as it is **NOT INCLUDED** in playground registration.

**Max 40**

### 6 Week Transportation Fee:

- \$20.00 Per Child



### Playground Extended Hours (ALL LOCATIONS)

Need to drop your kids off early? Sign up for the playground "extended hours" at any of our 3 locations. Extended hours are available every day program runs from 8:15 – 9:30 AM.

**Min. 12 at each location**

**\*Make sure to add this program as it is NOT INCLUDED in playground registration\***

### 6 Week program fee:

- Town of Onondaga resident: \$60.00
- All others: \$70.00
  - Add \$10.00 to fee after 6/29/20



## Summer Camps

### Youth Soccer Camp

Award winning soccer coach Brian Henneberry will run this summer camp that includes a full week of instruction in technique, game practice, team building 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 and team play improvement. All children ages 5 – 14 are welcome to register. **Min: 12**

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**
  - Santaro Park
  - Monday – Friday, June 22 – 26, 4:30 – 6:00 PM
- **Fee:**
  - \$40.00 - Town of Onondaga residents
  - \$50.00 - All others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 6/15/20



### All-Star Football Camp

Are you ready for some football? Our football camp, led by Westhill coaches, provide participants ages 7-12 the opportunity to learn and improve football skills in a fun, friendly (non-contact) setting. Positions of focus include Quarterback, Running Back, and Wide Receiver. Proper fundamentals will be taught for each position in an age-appropriate manner. Demonstrations and drill sessions will be presented daily. A football game/activity will be played at the end of each session. **Min: 12**

Participants must bring sneakers and a water bottle.

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**
  - Westhill High School football field: Mon. – Wed.
  - August 10 – 12, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- **Fee:**
  - \$28.00 Town of Onondaga residents
  - \$38.00 All others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 8/3/20

### Tennis Camp

Steve Cary, former CNS Girls and Liverpool Boys tennis coach, will be running a tennis camp 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. **MIN: 6 / Max: 12 (per group)**

- **Location/Dates/Times:**
  - Santaro Park - July 13 - 17 (Monday – Friday)
    - **Ages 4 - 8:** 8:30 – 9:30 AM
    - **Ages 9 - 12:** 9:30 – 10:30 AM
    - **Ages 13 & up:** 10:30 – 12:00 PM

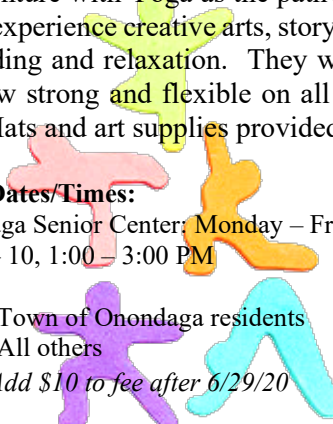


### YogaKids Camp

Join Trista Phillipson, a certified YogaKids facilitator, in a learning adventure with Yoga as the pathway. Children ages 4-10 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. Mats and art supplies provided.

**Max: 16**

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**
  - Onondaga Senior Center: Monday – Friday
  - July 6 – 10, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- **Fee:**
  - \$65.00 Town of Onondaga residents
  - \$75.00 All others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 6/29/20



### Mommy, Daddy and Me Soccer

Bringing 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 to keep. (receive first day).

**MAX. 20**

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**
  - King Park
  - Wednesdays, July 8 – Aug. 12, 4:30 – 5:15 PM
- **Fee:**
  - \$45.00 Town of Onondaga residents
  - \$55.00 All others
  - Add \$10 to fee after 7/1/20



## Summer Camps (cont.)

### Nature Explorers Camp

Discover nature this summer during a weeklong nature camp! 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. There will be a number of nature related crafts and nature games all week long. Camp will run 9:30AM-3:00PM and is open to youth ages 6 - 13. Field trips may include: Beaver Lake, Clarks Reservation or Green Lakes. **Min: 15**



• **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Santaro Park, August 17 - 21
- 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

• **Fee:**

- \$85.00 - Town of Onondaga residents
- \$95.00 - All others
- Add \$10 to fee after 8/10/20

### Brick Inspiration LEGO® Camp

Our LEGO camps explore science, technology, architecture, engineering and art concepts using LEGO® bricks for pupils aged 5-14. They will design, build entire city comprising of tall buildings, bridges, roads, and parks. The possibilities are limited only by their imagination. They work either individually or in groups and participate in challenges.

• **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Town Hall (Back room)
- Aug. 24 & 25 (Monday & Tuesday), 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

• **Fee:**

- \$35/day – Town of Onondaga Residents
- \$45/day - All others
- Add \$10 to fee after 8/17/20

\*LEGO® is a registered trademark of the LEGO® Group of companies which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse these camps\*



### Sensible Soccer

An action-packed week of soccer activities, including quality coaching, fun soccer games, mini soccer tournaments, speed, agility & fitness exercises for children ages 5-14. 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.

• **Locations/Dates/Times/Fee:**

- Program information is TBA

#### FAMILY DISCOUNT

\$5 less for second sibling, \$10 less for third sibling when registering for Sensible Soccer or LEGO Camp



### STEAM-WARTS Camp

We have brewed up a brand new and magical week of spellbinding adventure for kids ages 6-14! You and your STEAM-WARTS Housemates will take a full load of wizarding Classes from Transfiguration, Flying Broomsticks, Charms, Potions and Magical Beasts!

**Min: 10**

• **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Town Hall, July 20 - 24
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

• **Fee:**

- \$165 - Town of Onondaga Residents
- \$175 - All others
- Add \$10 to fee after 7/13/20



### STEAM-TANK ENTREPRENEUR Camp

Calling all innovative and inventive kids ages 6-14 to an adventure in STEAM entrepreneurship! You and your tribe will learn the ins and outs of launching your own successful businesses as you build, design and create brand new stores and product lines all week long!

**Min: 10**

• **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Town Hall, August 3 - 7
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

• **Fee:**

- \$165 - Town of Onondaga Residents
- \$175 - All others
- Add \$10 to fee after 7/27/20

#### FAMILY DISCOUNT

\$15 discount for each additional child registered.





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*"There are no strangers here...  
only Friends we have not met"*

All senior citizens of Onondaga County 55 or older are welcome to participate at the Onondaga Senior Center. We have ongoing programs and activities; catered luncheons with entertainment; speakers for enlightenment; day trips; classes; health; fun and fitness activities. There is no yearly membership fee. A bi-monthly newsletter, the *Senior Gazette*, featuring all events and activities at the Center, is mailed out to interested seniors. To receive a copy, please call to get on the mailing list. (Free to residents of the Town of Onondaga; \$5 annual charge for seniors not residing in the Town of Onondaga.)

The *Senior Gazette*, along with the monthly calendar of events and P.E.A.C.E. Inc. lunch menu is available on our website [onondagany.myrec.com](http://onondagany.myrec.com) in the [Forms/Docs](#) category.

## LEFT CENTER RIGHT DICE GAME

Tuesdays May 26 & June 16 @ 12:50 PM (Check calendar each month for the next games)

It's a dice game of chance! Bring 6 quarters to play. You could win the pot! If you are not having lunch at the Center, please arrive by 12:45 PM to form tables.

## TRIVIA TUESDAY

Tuesdays, May 12 & June 23 (Check calendar each month for the next games). Have fun with us after lunch for a short game of Trivia! We promise the questions won't be too hard! Tables of folks will compete against each other. It's free and you could win a prize too!

## NUTRITION COUNSELING

To receive dietary counseling in the privacy of your own home or at the Senior Center contact a counselor at the Department of Aging, 315.435.2362 x4939 for an appointment.

## KNIT & CROCHET

Need help? Would you like to learn or start a new project? Call the Center and leave your name and # to schedule a time to meet with our instructor. Enjoy a new hobby!

## MAH JONGG LESSONS

Instructor: Wendy Christopher

Mah Jongg is a game for four players that originated in China. Mah Jongg involves skill, strategy, and calculation, as well as a certain degree of chance.

Wednesdays June 3, 10, 17 & 24, 1-3 PM

- RESIDENT FEE: \$25
- NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$35
  - After May 27 add \$10

## SENIOR PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

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

## SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

- Enjoy a hot lunch provided by P.E.A.C.E., Inc. every Monday thru Thursday at 12 Noon
- \$3.50 for any senior 60+. \$7.00 for anyone under 60.
- Call the lunch line at 315.469.3259 for reservations.
- Reservations should be in by 12:30 PM Wednesday for the following week.
- Drop by and pick up a monthly lunch menu at the Senior Center.



## CATERED LUNCHEONS

Sign up in the Senior Center Office for the Catered Luncheons on the first Thursday of *most* months. Payment is due at sign-up. \$5 per person. These are special lunches and we always have entertainment after lunch. Come for a great lunch and a festive time!

## CREATE A GREETING CARD

Wednesday May 13, 1-2:30 PM

Using precut designs (and maybe you have to cut a little too), not pre-stamped, put together a greeting card of your choice. You have the opportunity to MAKE TWO GREETING CARDS AND A SPECIAL POP-UP CARD if you like! All materials are provided! **Max 8 per class.** Sign-up Required. FREE CLASS

## AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Anyone 50+ is eligible to take this one-day course. Registrants will receive an insurance reduction averaging \$40 per year for 3 years, and a point reduction of up to four points on the participant's driver's license.

### ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

- \$20 AARP member — \$25 non-member
- Checks are payable only to AARP

### BRING TO CLASS:

- YOUR AARP CARD with membership #. (This is required on the form you fill out to submit to AARP)
- Your current driver's license
- Pen/pencil
- A bagged lunch (nothing that needs to be microwaved!) Coffee and Tea provided

### Reservations now being taken for these Friday Class Dates

- May 15, June 19, October 16, November 20

**Class time:** 8:45 AM – 4 PM; Lunch: 12 - 12:30 PM

*Senior Center Doors open at 8:30 AM*

## DOMINOES

Played Mondays 1-3 PM.

## MAH JONGG

Advanced players meet Wednesdays 1–3 PM.

## POOL (BILLIARDS)

The Billiard room with a regulation pool table is located in the lower level of the Senior Center.

Seniors are always welcome to come and play

## RED HAT GROUP

The ladies meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:15 PM. It's a nice group of ladies who enjoy each other's company for their meeting and an outing out to lunch each month too!

## BINGO

Bingo is played once or twice a month, Thursdays at 1 PM. Please arrive by 12:45 PM to purchase cards. Four games are played. Pick up a calendar for the dates scheduled. \$1 for first card; \$.50 for each additional card. All \$'s collected go into the winning pots!

## Wii BOWLING, GOLF, & TENNIS

Available throughout the day. A great group bowls every Wednesday morning before lunch!

## INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Private counseling is available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 AID SOCIETY OF MID NY

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 12, September 8.

## BOOK CLUB

Meetings every Monday afternoon at 12:45 PM. A new book is read each month with a discussion about the chapters you've read each week. A few of the recently read books: Three Sisters Three Queens by Philippa Gregory; The Moment of Lift by Melinda Gates; Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand; While My Sister Sleeps by Barbara Delinsky.

## LIBRARY

Shelves of books are located in the front entrance of the Senior Center. Stop by and pick up a paperback book for your next read. If you have books you've read and would like to donate, drop them off at the Center. We take clean used paperbacks. No hardcover books.

## CARDS FOR FUN

BRIDGE is played Mondays and Wednesdays 1-3 PM. Leave your name and phone number and we'll add it to our sub list. More players welcomed!

## VOLUNTEERS

Helpful hands are always needed at the Senior Center.

\*We are in need of lunch serving and clean up help.

Can you help out one day each week for a few hours.

\*Or help with our Catered Luncheon once a month.

Many thanks to all our volunteers, - now our friends!

## EXERCISE - WITH LIGHT WEIGHTS

THURSDAYS 10:30 - 11:15AM

Exception: WHEN THERE IS A THURSDAY PARTY/LUNCHEON, MAKE UP CLASS IS 10 AM FRIDAY.

FREE for all participants...This is an ongoing class, following a video. We stretch and exercise using hand weights provided.



## EXERCISE - FIT AFTER FIFTY

**Next 12-week Sessions:**

*To be announced*

Fun exercise with music and instructor Diane Zarzecki  
Check with Office, class may be full.

Day & Time: Tuesdays, 10 - 11 AM

Town Resident Fee: \$24

Non-Resident Fee: \$34

## LOOKING FOR TALENT

*We're planning a Talent Showcase for  
Thursday August 6 @ 12:30 PM.*

Do you have a talent you would like to show off to our audience of Seniors? If you have a poem or story, a funny joke, skit, dance or whatever ya' got! Let's see it! We'll have a rehearsal or two before the actual showcase and work on putting a show together. Let's have some fun!! Give us a call for more information.

## BEGINNER ART (Oil Painting)

**Next 12-week Session:**

*TBD*

Contact Tom at wthussey@gmail.com or (315) 253-5288  
for information regarding supplies for class.

**Maximum 12 participants in class.**

**Day & Time:** Tuesdays 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Town Resident Fee: \$90.00

Non-Resident Fee: \$100.00



## ADVANCED ART

**Next 12-week Session:**

*TBD*

**Day & Time:** Tuesdays, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Town Resident Fee: \$66.00

Non-Resident Fee: \$76.00

## TAI CHI / CHI KUNG

**Next 12 Week Session:**

*To be announced*



**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. **Instructor:** David Dolbear

**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. **Instructor:** David Dolbear

Town Resident Fee: \$60.00

Non-Resident Fee: \$70.00

Maximum 14 participants in each class.

## ONGOING WALKING PROGRAM

Beginning in May, walk at Brookdale Summerfield (across from Santaro Park). There is 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.

**Days & Time:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 - 11 AM

## SENIORS GOLF AT ORCHARD VALI GOLF COURSE

The Senior MENS Golf League (for seniors over age 55) will be starting up for the 2020 season the end of April. If you are interested in playing call league secretary:

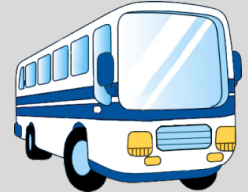
**Gil Madigan** (315) 469-4934 or (315) 257-0739.

For LADIES interested in golfing, please call Orchard Vali directly at (315) 677-3303. They have women's leagues available with a mixed age group.

## DAY TRIPS

Day Trips are posted at the Senior Center and published in the Senior Gazette. The following are SOME of the trips scheduled this year. More trips will be added for the Fall.

- **May 20**
  - Skä•noñh - Great Law of Peace Heritage Center in Liverpool; Onondaga Historical Association; lunch at Dinosaur Barbecue.
- **June 11**
  - Rockin' Thru the Decades @ Silver Birches Resort
- **June 30**
  - Musical Tribute Show & Gaming @ Del Lago Casino
- **July 15**
  - Finians Rainbow @ Cortland Repertory Theater, lunch at the Hathaway House
- **August 14**
  - State Fair @ MGR PLAYHOUSE, lunch at Springside Inn
- **August 25**
  - Sound of Music @ THE GLIMMERGLASS FESTIVAL, COOPERSTOWN, lunch @ Otesaga Resort
- **September 11**
  - Buddy Holly Story @ MGR PLAYHOUSE, lunch at Sherwood Inn



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. If you require assistance to get around, you will need a travel companion to accompany you and provide the proper help you need.

The bus leaves on time. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to departure so we know you are coming.....If you become ill or need to cancel for a trip, always call the senior center and leave a message. Phone messages are checked each morning. If there is a waiting list someone may be available to take your place.

## “BUSY HANDS” (QUILTING /NEEDLEWORK GROUP)

*Mondays from 9 - 12 Noon*

We have a vibrant group of talented folks that do quilting, needlework, cross stitch and embroidery projects. Most of their work is donated to hospitals and non-profits. If you have a portable sewing machine that you would like to donate, it would be put to good use during this time. Drop by to see what they are working on and join them!

## DONATIONS WE COLLECT:

**\*\*BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION \*\*BYRNE DAIRY RECEIPTS \*\*ALUMINIUM PULL TABS \*\*CANNED & NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS** (for a local Food Pantry) **\*\*YARN** (for charitable projects.)



## **Southwood Volunteer Fire Department**

### **Great things happening at The Southwood Volunteer Fire Department.**

Last fall we had an open house celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> year serving our community for Fire and EMS. What a great celebration it was! We had a chicken BBQ that sold out quickly as the chicken was delicious. There were pony rides, a bounce house, face painting, popcorn and snow cones. The Sheriff's department was on site producing Child ID's, Onondaga County Volunteer Fireman's smoke house was set up so children could learn how to escape a fire and AMR joined us showing off their ambulance and EMS equipment.

Breakfast with Santa in December was a hit with the kids as we had record breaking attendance. So many happy children and families! We love to see that! Watch for the newsletter in the fall for next year's date with Santa.



**Gary Boisseau** celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year with Southwood Fire Department. Gary is 85 years young and still driving and pumping water for Southwood. He is our Fire Police Captain as well as a great historian. We celebrated Gary's achievements at our installation banquet and surprised him with all his children and their spouses in attendance. He received many proclamations to honor this momentous achievement.

**Colby Curtis** received Firefighter of The Year Award for 2019 at our Installation Banquet. Colby's hard work and dedication this year has paid off. He is a full-time student attending college. He has earned his Basic Exterior Firefighter as well as Interior Firefighting operations. Congratulations Colby. Keep up the great work.



Spring open house and recruitment will be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 pm so mark your calendars and come out to see what's new and how you can be a part of our team.

Southwood Fire Department needs people to volunteer. Won't you help? So many opportunities to choose from; Fire Personnel, interior and exterior, EMS, Fire Police and Support Group. We will train you, offer free physicals, free education and a lifetime of knowledge. Stop by any Tuesday at 7:00pm to talk with members. You'll be glad you did! Our address is 4581 Grace Place, Jamesville. Southwood Volunteer Fire Department serving our community for 75 years!

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## **Howlett Hill Fire Department**

### **Howlett Hill's Cadet Program trains the future leaders of the fire service**

- Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00PM, Howlett Hill Fire Department Cadets and RAMs enjoy a special drill night at the firehouse. Cadets (ages 13-16) and RAMs (ages 16-18) work with senior firefighter members to learn and then enhance their skills. The Chief has opened the door for all local youths. The goal is to assist in developing good, young citizens. Stop by any Wednesday evening to learn more about our program.

### **James "JEB" Bealer celebrates 50 Years of Service with the Howlett Hill Fire Department**

- Congratulations to Past Chief JEB Bealer on achieving this momentous milestone in service to the community. Starting in 1969, JEB has held every office on the firematic side of the department including Chief of the Department. A formal recognition celebration of his years of service will be held later this year. Congratulations JEB!

### **Annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ**

- Once again, you can treat Mom and the family to our wonderful Mother's Day Chicken BBQ Drive-thru at the fire station (3384 Howlett Hill Rd). Sides include: salt potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans and a roll all in a take-out container with utensils all for \$10 a meal. REMEMBER COME EARLY as we WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY. Doors open at Noon!

### **Sportsman Gun Raffle Tickets available until May 4th**

- Purchase \$20 tickets from any member. If you have no interest in winning a gun, you can elect to win \$250 instead. Since its inception, we use the proceeds to fund a book scholarship for all members and their immediate family to purchase books for college or trade school. here are 30 chances to win during the month of April (one each day in April). The drawing of all winning ticket stubs in Monday, May 4th. Winners will be notified.

## Taunton Fire Department

### Who We Are

- The Taunton Fire Department was established in 1947 and we are proudly 100% volunteer. We respond to emergency calls with our trained Fire-Fighters, Drivers and Emergency Medical Technicians ready to assist in any way possible 24/7. Our goal is to protect our community, families, and friends when in need and to spread awareness on fire safety and prevention.

### What We Need

- We need volunteers. As of January 2020, we have already responded to 50+ calls, and that number continues to grow every month. Since we are 100% volunteer, we need new members who are willing to dedicate their time to the community and join our brotherhood of motivated and professional members.

### Why Join

- Being a member of the Taunton Fire Department is extremely rewarding. Training and equipment is provided to you at no cost, we offer state-of-the-art equipment, a family atmosphere and camaraderie that are tradition in the fire service. Membership retirement benefits and college credits are also awarded. Help your neighbors and community because the opportunities are endless!

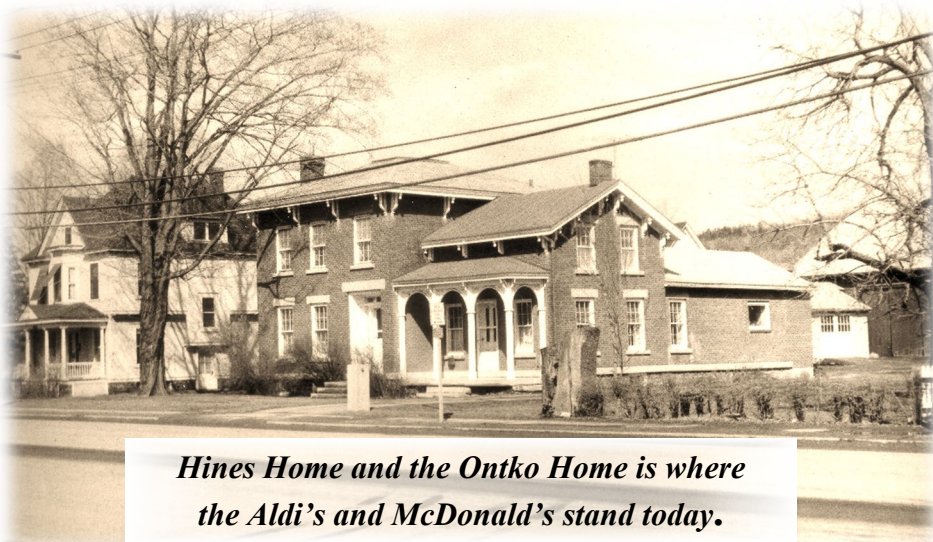
### Where You Can Reach Us

- Feel free to stop by our station anytime for more information and to meet some of the members. We are located at **4300 Onondaga Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13219**. You can also call us at **(315) 468-1011** or visit ***tauntonfd.org***.



## Historian's Corner

The Town of Onondaga Historical Society would like to express our gratitude to Jean Sarazin for her generosity in allowing the museum to preserve all of her late husband's collection of the history of Nedrow in photos and artifacts. Chuck Sarazin was the go-to person for anyone wanting information on Nedrow as the area grew and changed throughout the years. The historical society would also like to acknowledge and thank the efforts of TOHS members and volunteers Kathy and Brian Madigan for being instrumental in our obtaining this wonderful gift.



*Hines Home and the Ontko Home is where the Aldi's and McDonald's stand today.*



*Rockwell Spring 1910*

## **Historical Society News**

The Town of Onondaga Historical Society will have Dr. James Farrell, a Syracuse University Professor of Geology speak on the geology of the Town and County and restoration of the 1852 map of Onondaga County on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm.

On Tuesday, May 26, Dr. Catherine Landis, a SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry Professor will speak on research on the relationship of regional pre-historic plants, animals and climate on Indigenous Peoples and settlement and civilization in our region. The lecture starts at 7:00 pm.

Both lectures are at the Town Hall on Onondaga Hill, 5020 Ball Road, Syracuse NY. (315) 214-2383

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## **Historical Society: Letter from the President**

Your Town of Onondaga Historical Society continues its high level of activity uncovering and preserving the oral and written history of the people and events which directed and defined our evolution over these past two hundred-plus years.

We hope that many of you were able to visit our museum last Fall to observe and appreciate the broad collection of Onondaga artwork and cultural artifacts in our showcases. Most items were on loan from Alfie Jacques, the internationally known, third generation wood craftsman and maker of traditional Lacrosse sticks. The remainder of the exhibit came from the collections of Richard Giarrusso and Richard Houser. We are planning for more Onondaga materials exhibits in the future. We are accepting donations of Onondaga Nation arts, crafts and cultural artifacts to be assembled into a more permanent display at the museum. We shall revisit the Onondaga Culture and their Confederacy in the future, after we explore the many additional themes that attract our members and community.

The Historical Society maintains a modest, but well-conceived and appointed museum at our Town Hall. We benefit from a group of dedicated volunteers who serve a docents Monday through Fridays, 1:00PM to 3:00 PM throughout the year. Please stop into the museum to review our exhibits, study our library collection or simply discuss local history with our volunteers. Our collection of photographs, maps, family histories, cemetery locations and County Poor House Records and more are sure to capture your interest and attention. Remember, your family legacy MAY BEGIN WITH YOU! Think about preserving the history of your family; if you don't do it who shall?

In the next few months, we shall develop an exhibit of antique tools in our museum display cases. Paul Ferenchak MD, a member of our Historical Society, is helping us organize and display examples of the primitive tools used by our local craftsmen in building our village and town. Dr. Ferenchak has restored antique houses and barns, disassembled and moved old buildings and taught himself to use his antique tools in his restoration work. In addition to his tools, perhaps Paul will honor us with some demonstrations of his primitive carpentry skills before the year is out.

One of our Trustees, Tony Baleno, has a deep personal interest in the old barns in our town. He has initiated an effort to photograph and record the history of as many of these critical structures as possible. Many fall victim to the heavy snows of Central New York every year. Tony is actively collecting related information, so please contact him if you have interest in this project or have a barn deserving of documentation.

Please share the good stories of our historical society and museum with your neighbors and friends, especially with people new to the town. Engagement with the TOHS is a great way to introduce yourself and your family to our historic community. Hope to see you at one of our functions soon.

***Carl P. Wieszalis. -President***

*Town of Onondaga Historical Society*

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**If bread is the first necessity of life,  
recreation is a close second.**

**-Edward Bellamy**



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