

OurTown

Spring/Summer
2019

A newspaper for Residents of the Town of Onondaga



Play energizes us and enlivens us. It eases our burdens. It renews our natural sense of optimism and opens us up to new possibilities.

-Stuart Brown

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- Councilors Hamilton and Belle

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- 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

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I would like to thank all of our Town residents who attended the Open House of our new Town Highway building last Fall. The feedback was very positive. The children had a great time sitting in the big trucks. Everyone enjoyed the guided tours, appreciated the opportunity to walk through the facility to see all of the equipment and learn the many responsibilities of our Highway employees other than plowing and paving roads. Thank you to all who helped make this a successful event.

In November 2018, our Town Board passed the 2019 Town Budget. Not only did the Town not exceed the 2% property tax cap, but we were able to reduce the combined Town Highway and General Fund tax rate from \$2.56 per thousand to \$2.55 per thousand. While New York State continues to impose unfunded mandates and decrease revenues to local towns and municipalities we continue to seek grant monies, Community Development funding and any other sources of revenue that might assist us in reducing your local Town taxes. I will continue my efforts to provide cost effective government services for the benefit of all of our Town residents and taxpayers.

Our application for \$50,000 in Community Development funding for 2019 has been approved. Twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) will be used in Kelley Brothers Memorial Park in Nedrow to improve handicapped accessibility and repave driveway and parking areas. In addition, we will purchase park benches and make landscaping improvements. Twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500) of the grant will be used for the construction and installation of supplemental heating units, new energy efficient LED lighting fixtures and other upgrades to the interior of the Town of Onondaga Senior Center.

We have already made application for additional Community Development funding for 2020. We are attempting to secure \$150,000 for the improvement of water lines in our Nedrow community.

On Saturday, April 27th the Town of Onondaga will participate in Earth Day. We hope that our Town residents will be able to volunteer their time to pick up trash along the Town highways and streets and bring their trash bags to the Town Highway Building between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 27th. We thank Waste Management for again donating a truck and driver to assist us in making our Town a cleaner and more environmentally friendly community.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call my office at 315-469-3888.

Sincerely,
Thomas P. Andino, Jr.



As I'm writing this article, the Central New York weather continues its rollercoaster ride of single digits one day and into the forty's the next. While we haven't had as much snow as usual, we certainly have had our fair share of freezing rain and ice. As we move into Spring and warmer weather, here's what's going on in the Clerk's Office:

US Passports

The Town Clerk's Office continues to be an Acceptance Facility for US Passports. Even during the federal government shutdowns, the US Department of State continued to process passports, and the timeframe remains at four to six weeks for normal processing and two to three weeks for expedited processing. Feel free to contact my office with any questions you might have.

If you are looking for the passport application on-line, it's very important that you only visit the www.travel.state.gov website. Some people have gone to other websites (i.e. www.passportusa.org) and have paid a fee to simply complete the application. You should never be paying a fee to complete the application. If you do not have access to a computer and printer, applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Please call **315-469-1583** with any questions or concerns.

It's important to remember to verify the expiration dates of everyone that is traveling. If a child was under the age of 16 when they received their passport, their passport was only valid for five years vs. an adult's passport which is good for ten years. In addition, the US Department of State strongly recommends that the passport has a validity of at least six months beyond the travel dates. To check travel advisories, travelers' checklists, and to enroll in STEP (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program), please be sure to visit www.travel.state.gov.

Rabies Clinics

As you know, it is a NYS Law that your dogs are licensed with the municipality where you live. In order to purchase 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:

- 1) Thursday, April 25, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Meachem Ice Rink, 121 W. Seneca Tpk, Syracuse
- 2) Thursday, May 16, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Clay Highway Garage, 4483 Route 31, Clay
- 3) Thursday, June 6, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Camillus Town Hall, 4600 W. Genesee St, Syracuse
- 4) Thursday, June 20, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - SPCA, 5878 East Molloy Road, Mattydale
- 5) Thursday, July 18, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 - Onondaga Nation Fire Dept, Route 11A, Nedrow
- 6) Thursday, August 1, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Village of Minoa DPW, 100 Kalin Drive, Minoa
- 7) Thursday, August 15, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - St. Lucy's Church, 432 Gifford Street, Syracuse
- 8) Monday, September 9, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Cicero HWY Garage, 8236 Brewerton Rd, Cicero
- 9) Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
 - SPCA, 5878 East Molloy Road, Mattydale
- 10) Saturday, December 7, 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.

Board of Elections

There have been some changes to the NYS Election Law this year. One of the major changes is that the Primary Election will now be held in June instead of September. This year's Primary Day will be held on Tuesday, June 25th. If there is a Primary Election in our town or county, the polls will be open from noon until 9 p.m. Look for that yellow postcard in your mailbox from the Board of Elections regarding your polling place. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board of Elections Office at 315-435-VOTE or 315-435-8683.

Marriage Licenses

Springtime is when many couples begin to make their marriage arrangements. A couple getting married in New York State (excluding NYC) can purchase their marriage license at any Town or City Clerk's Office. The Marriage License becomes valid 24 hours after it is purchased, and it is good for 60 days. All couples must appear in person, and both parties need to bring photo ID, birth certificates, and divorce decrees or death certificates for all previous marriages. The fee for the license is \$40. Please call 315-469-1583 with any questions.

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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 315-469-1583 or visit our website at www.townofnondaga.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 past winter was very long and I'm sure everyone is glad It's over. The highway department crews are busy repairing pot holes and doing drainage projects in preparation for our summer paving, we are also sweeping our town roads. I would like to remind everyone that the towns annual cleanup will remain in the fall, please do not put your junk out until your pick-up date, we will send out flyers in mid to late July and begin picking up after Labor Day. We are currently picking up brush and lawn waste and will continue throughout the summer. Please remember we can only pick up paper bags with lawn waste, **NO PLASTIC OR TRASH OF ANY KIND, NO DIRT OR ROCKS.**

The Town will be participating in Earth Day Clean-up again this year which will be Saturday April 27, 2019 from 9am to noon. Any group wishing to take part can register online at www.OCRRA.org or can call 315 453-2866 for more information.

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

From the Receiver of Taxes...

Dear Taxpayers,

It has been a long winter and I know most of you are looking forward to the Spring like weather, myself included. During the next several months I will be updating the records for the September school collection of taxes. Due to the many agencies involved, it can take up to 2 months to be notified of any changes in ownership or 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



Very truly yours,
John Wheatley
Highway Superintendent

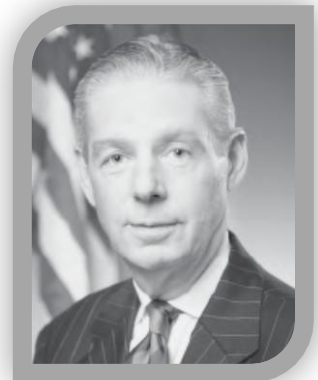
A lot was accomplished in the Onondaga County Legislature in 2018. A few surprises near the end of the year have segued into a very exciting and energized 2019 and there is a lot for Town of Onondaga residents to look forward to. In 2018, the Onondaga County Legislature continued to invest in our 'Loop the Lake Trail' securing a \$1.5 million grant from the federal government to extend the trail another 2.3 miles. This brings the total trail to approximately 10 miles looping the lake. Another \$1 million grant from the Dormitory Authority will be used to provide lighting along the trail near the amphitheater. This has been a major project for the County and one that the Legislature is committed to seeing through. The Legislature has also worked with the City of Syracuse to incorporate green infrastructure into their road reconstruction projects. This is important to the County in order for us to reach the mandated storm water capture goals while saving us money on construction costs.

To round out some of the other accomplishments in 2018, the County Legislature is continuing its investment in our roads, bridges, parks, county facilities and sewer infrastructure. We sought additional funding from the state for snow plow services based on the severity factor of the previous three winters and we received \$4.9 million. This money was shared with the towns that are plowing county roads. The County Legislature also adopted the operating budget for Onondaga Community College. The total local, county share equals \$9,872,000 of that budget. We all know the importance of higher education and Onondaga Community College has proven to be a valuable and important education center for the county.

Lastly, I would like to mention the renewed energy, coordination, and teamwork being displayed throughout Onondaga County government. Our new County Executive and former fellow colleague in the Legislature, Ryan McMahon, has a vision for Onondaga County that I feel is a noble cause and one we all can get behind and support vigorously. With a focus on tackling poverty, building up our infrastructure, and improving on the economic development taking hold in our region, Onondaga County, and the residents of the town of Onondaga have a lot to look forward to in the near future.

John D. McBride
Onondaga County Legislature

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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 or on his cell at 315-345-1403.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our justice court system, each town and most villages north of New York City have a justice court. Justice courts handle many matters such as small claims and landlord/tenant disputes, but most of the caseload is criminal and traffic. In that regard, a major legislative change has taken effect as of October of last year. The legislation is referred to as Raise the Age. It will affect all city, town and village courts.

Effective October 1, 2018, the age of criminal responsibility in New York State will be raised from 16 years of age to 17 years of age. As such, any felony offenses or non-Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanors, such as DWI's, committed on or after October 1, 2018 by persons who have not attained their 17th birthday by such date will no longer be prosecuted in the local criminal courts.

Any 16-year-old defendants who are charged with a felony will be called Adolescent Offenders. Adolescent Offenders will be prosecuted in the newly created Youth Parts of the County Court, which will be staffed by specially trained Family Court Judges. Juvenile Offenders, defined as defendants who are 13,14 or 15 years of age, charged with committing certain violent felonies, will also be arraigned and prosecuted in the Youth Part. Accordingly, our Town Court will lose jurisdiction over cases involving Adolescent Offenders, except that our two Town Judges will still conduct arraignments of Adolescent and Juvenile Offenders during the hours when the Youth Part is not in session, meaning the evenings. We will still be "on call" during off hours or when we help to staff the newly created Central Arraignment Part in Syracuse.

Any misdemeanor offense committed by 16-year-old persons are designated as Juvenile Delinquent offenses and will be prosecuted in the Family Court, including arraignments. However, the Town of Onondaga Justice Court still has jurisdiction to arraign and hear Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanors such as DWI's.

As a side note, all these young defendants, if detained, are held here in the Town of Onondaga at the Hillbrook Detention Center.

A final note, effective October 1, 2019, the Raise the Age legislation applies to any defendant who is less than 18 years old at the time of the commission of the offense.



Sincerely,
Hon. William Rose
Town Justice



**4840 West Seneca Turnpike
Syracuse, NY 13215**

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.

Spring @ Your Library

Imagine a world in which all children can see themselves in the pages of a book. That is the basis of the national We Need Diverse Books (WNDB) movement. During April and May, we invite kids and teens in grades K-12 to join in our WNDB Challenge. During Spring Break, OFL will be hosting two WNDB Book Discussion Pizza Parties: Monday, April 15 at 6pm, we will be discussing *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate (recommended for grades 3-5); and on Thursday, April 18 at 5pm, we will be discussing *Refugee* by Alan Gratz (recommended for grades 5 & up). Parents are encouraged to read books and participate in discussions with their child(ren). Registration required for each discussion. For more information about the challenge, visit our website.

Don't miss when Bernice Ende, aka Lady Long Rider, visits OFL as part of her national book tour on Monday, May 13 at 7pm! Ende, being the first person to ride coast to coast and back again in one trek, has logged more than 29,000 miles on horseback. At this event, Ende will share photos accompanied by inspirational stories and adventurous tales. Ende will also be selling and autographing copies of her book, *Lady Long Rider: Alone Across America on Horseback*. Purchase a copy at this event for \$16.95. Registration requested.

We invite everyone, especially seniors, caregivers and potential caregivers to the 2nd annual Senior Fair presented by Community Living Advocates on Tuesday, May 28, 11am-3pm. Representatives from many local organizations will be onsite to provide information and answer any questions. Admission is free. For additional information, visit www.CommunityLivingAdvocates.com or call Community Living Advocates at (315) 409-9361.

Hours:

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

Summer weekend hours (7/1 – 9/2)

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

Holiday closings:

- Easter, April 21
- Mother's Day, May 12
- Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day weekend, August 31 - September 2

Summer @ Your Library

Discover a *Universe of Stories* at OFL this summer! We have something for everyone- summer reading and programs for all ages!

Children and teens can have fun reading and winning prizes this summer. Keep track how much time you've read by logging minutes online— once you hit certain milestones claim your Gannon's ice cream token and Fairmount Glen mini-golf pass. And there are more chances to win raffle prizes by completing fun reading and activity challenges in July and August. Stop by the library anytime on or after June 1st to register and begin logging books on July 1st.

Look for the following summer specials: The Bubbleman, Games on a Roll, Zoo to You, the M.O.S.T., Stuffed Animal Workshop, Yoga for Kids and more! Also, join us as we bring back these family favorites: family storytimes, American Girl, Pokémon, S.T.E.A.M., drop-in crafts and more. And yes, we will be hatching chicks again this summer!

Check out our Storywalk at Santaro Park this summer! In partnership with the Town of Onondaga Parks and Rec, Friends of OFL and renowned local author, Bruce Coville, OFL will be creating a storywalk at Santaro Park (located at 4979 Velasko Rd.) that will highlight the first chapter of Bruce Coville's *Into the Land of Unicorns*. Signs will allow you to read the first chapter of the book as you walk through the park. Take notice of the awesome artwork on each sign too as it is created by local teens who are part of OFL's Comic Drawing and Writing Club! The Friends of OFL are providing a copy of the book to the first 100 kids who complete the storywalk and stop up to the library. Finally, don't miss the author himself- Bruce Coville will be doing a book signing at Santaro Park on Saturday, July 20, 10-11am. This is a great opportunity for the community to get moving and reading together!

Summer @ Your Library (Cont.)

Teens, join our volunteer squads this summer. Have fun helping out with programs, creating book displays or even develop a program of your own that other teens can attend. If you are interested, we will be accepting applications during June and July. Applications will be available at the library and on our website.

Adults, you can get in on the fun too! You could win one of our \$25 gift cards (sponsored by the Friends of OFL). For each book you read (or listen to if you're an audiobook fan), log the title online to be entered into the gift card drawing.



Friends of OFL

The Friends of Onondaga Free Library closed 2018 on a high note! The Election Day Bake Sale was a success- more than 20 bakers helped the Friends to raise \$550. The 12th annual Festival of Trees brought joy to library visitors and \$1,500 to OFL. The Friends thank all who participated in these fundraisers: bakers, tree decorators and donors. The Annual Membership Campaign has raised \$5,000. Thanks to all our Friends- new and old!

With these very successful fundraisers, the Friends have been able to make significant contributions to OFL. They funded the purchase of 2 charging stations- each with the capability of charging up to 10 devices at a time, including wireless charging. The Friends also funded a new collection at OFL- the Library of Things! This collection consists of 9 technology devices that you may want to try before you buy, including a Google Home Mini, an Amazon Echo Dot, an android tablet, a Kindle Paperwhite, a GoPro, a FitBit, a Chromecast, a Roku and a Bluetooth FM transmitter. Also, part of the Library of Things collection, the Friends funded the purchase of 8 Empire Passes- these passes provide free parking and access to most New York State parks. The passes are available for checkout year-round at OFL. The Friends also provided funding for portions of the library's other many collections including Fast Flicks, Lucky Day books and e-books, as well as programs such as the adult summer reading program and the annual holiday concert. Including all the above and more, the Friends donated nearly \$13,000 to OFL in 2018. The staff, Board of Trustees and patrons would like to thank the Friends for devoting so much of their time and efforts to OFL.

- **JOIN THE FRIENDS!** OFL 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," says Friends President, Anne Andrianos. "We can accomplish great things with more members and new ideas." The Friends invite you to join the Friends anytime- Membership brochures are available at the library or online at www.oflibrary.org, and monthly meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm.
- **SPRING BOOK SALE:** This year's book sale will be May 2-5. The library will be accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles during regular business hours. Please no magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias or VHS or cassette tapes. The Friends will be recruiting volunteers to help with the book sale- Sign-up sheets will be available at the library in September. We look forward to your assistance with sorting, setup, sales and take-down.
- **ONONDAGA SENIOR CENTER ART SHOW:** The Town's Senior Center will have their annual art exhibit in June. An opening reception will take place Thursday, June 6, 4-6pm. Please join us as we celebrate these artists and their beautiful artwork.

Do you have a program idea? A topic you'd like to learn more about?

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...

Call us: (315) 492-1727 OR email us: onondagafree@onlib.org.

Spring is in the air and summer is around the corner. We are busy here at the Parks & Recreation department preparing great programs and sprucing up our parks for use by all our Town of Onondaga residents. Summer is an important time for people, and especially youth, to seek adventure, learn skills and play. The programs and facilities offered herein are designed to offer recreational opportunities to town residents of all ages. They are also offered with the hope of educating town youth for the lifetime of leisure opportunities that are inherent in today's society.

We continue to improve and update our parks. Last fall we installed a new playground piece at King Park and a new pavilion at Kelley Park. This spring will see new paving at both Santaro and Howlett Hill parks. Take some time this summer and visit one or all of our beautiful parks.

In partnership with the Onondaga Free Library, Friends of OFL and renowned local author, Bruce Coville, The Town of Onondaga will be hosting a storywalk at Santaro Park (located at 4979 Velasko Rd.) this summer that will highlight the first chapter of Bruce Coville's *Into the Land of Unicorns*. Signs will allow you to read the first chapter of the book as you walk through the park. The Friends of OFL are providing a copy of the book to the first 100 kids who complete the storywalk and stop up to the library.

The Parks and Recreation Department recently won four awards from Central New York Recreation & Parks Society. The winners were honored at an award luncheon on March 15th. Congratulations go out to our Senior Coordinator Barb Michalski for receiving the ABCD (Above & Beyond the Call of Duty) award, and Program Leader Brian Henneberry receiving the Program Leader award. Our long running Senior Art program received the Arts & Humanities Award. In the Flyer & Poster category, Jack Davison our Recreation Supervisor submitted a summer playground flyer that also won. Both Barb's ABCD award and the Senior Art program award were then submitted to the New York State Recreation and Parks Society's annual awards program. Both were winners and will be honored at the NYSRPS annual Conference held in Lake Placid mid-April. Congrats to all our winners!

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
- **Web:** townofonondagarecreation.com

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

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 2.65% (\$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 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.

Parks & Recreation Department Office & Sr. Center



OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. – Fri: 8:30AM - 4:30PM (September 4 - June 21)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. – Fri: 8:00AM - 4:00PM (June 24 – August 30)

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 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 – 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 \$ _____

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. Reservations for courts, fields, and pavilions require a permit, available at the Parks & Recreation office, or online at 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 youth baseball games and practices most weeknights. A new pavilion has been added, along with an accessible walkway to the new structure. 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 on a regular basis. The maximum occupancy 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 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, covered shelter, grills, a play area including a rock tunnel, 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. 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 occupancy for permits is 150.

PARK SECURITY


Our Town facilities are routinely patrolled by our staff and the Onondaga County Sherriff'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.

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 and shin guards (receive first day). **MAX. 20**



- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- King Park - Saturdays, May 18 – June 29 (not 5/25), 10:30 – 11:15 AM.
-  ○ Kelley Park - Tuesdays, May 14 – June 25 (not 5/28), 5:30 – 6:15 PM.

- **Fee:**

- \$50.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$60.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after 5/10/19

Mini-Styx Lacrosse

Boys and girls ages 4-8 years old can in 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 22-June 26, 5:30 – 6:30 PM


- **Fee:**

- \$40.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$50.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after 3/15/19

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 18 – June 29 (not 5/25), 9:00 – 10:30 AM.
-  ○ Kelley Park - Tuesdays, May 14 – June 25 (not 5/28), 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

- **Fee:**

- \$45.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$55.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after 5/10/19

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 11 – June 22 (not 5/25).
 - 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
 - Add \$10 to fee after 5/4/19



Pitch, Hit and Run!

Come put your Baseball or Softball skills to the test at this **FREE** program for boys and girls ages 7-14! This national event sponsored by MLB is intended to get kids excited about the upcoming season and spread the love of Baseball and Softball! Local competition winners will automatically advance to the regional qualifiers and have the opportunity to go on to State and National levels of the competition!

Call our office at (315) 469-3464 with any questions!

- **Location/Date/Time**

- Howlett Hill Park – Saturday May 11th, 9:00 AM – NOON
- Register online at: www.mlb.com/pitch-hit-and-run



Adult / Teen Programs

Adult Softball

Looking to join a softball team this summer? Joining a team is a great way to meet new people while having fun and getting outdoors. Team submission deadline has already passed, but our Men's and Co-Ed teams are always looking for regulars and substitutes for league play. Men's teams play on Tuesday's, Co-Ed teams play Wednesday. Games usually begin at 5:45 PM and are played at Howlett Hill Park and King Park. If you're interested in joining an existing team, contact our office at toorecreation@msn.com or call us at: **(315) 469-3464** to be placed on a "Free Agents" list.

LADIES!!! Co-Ed Teams are always in need of women for their rosters. Contact us to join now!

Novice Adult YogaFlow

Experience gentle Yoga in a safe and relaxing atmosphere with instructor Midge Regier. In gentle Yoga Flow, you will be guided through basic postures in a Vinyasa style with proper yogic breathing and relaxation techniques. This is a great class for beginners ages 18 and up who need a change of pace. If you have never practiced, or you want a gentle way to learn more about yoga, this class is for you! **Min. 12 / Max. 25**

- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center
- Thursdays, Aug. 22 & 29, 6:00 – 7:15PM

- **Fee:**

- FREE



Not your Grandmothers Knitting Class

Seriously! Knitting and crocheting was a dying art until a wave of youthful enthusiasts re-discovered it! Learn the basics of knitting and create your own beautiful scarf in this 4 week beginner's class for young adults ages 18+. This is a great way to learn how to make hand crafted gifts and accessories! All materials provided and you get to keep the knitting needles! **Min 6 / Max 20**

- **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center
- Wednesdays, June 5 - 26, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$10.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$15.00 All others



Heartsaver CPR & First Aid Course

American Heart Association course

Are you a new parent, or a caretaker for your own parents? If so, knowing basic First Aid and CPR could be a valuable skill in the unforeseen event of injury or emergency. It can also be useful in everyday life for those who have children to tend to general cuts and bumps. We partner with instructors from EAVES Ambulance service to provide community members with a comprehensive First Aid course at an affordable price.

This Course meets NYS Coaching Standards

Min. 4 / Max. 12

• **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center
- Saturday, June 29th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

• **Fee:**

- \$55.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$65.00 All others

▪ Add \$10 to fee after 6/21/19



Street Magic for Amateurs

Card tricks, coin concealment and sleight of hand; come learn them in this hour long workshop for

teens and young adults ages 14-20!

Whether you are interested in magic as a hobby, or you just need some skills to impress at parties and events, this

workshop will teach you the tricks to baffle and amaze friends, family and strangers alike. All you need **to bring is your own full deck of cards and a quarter**, all other materials are provided.

Min. 10 / Max. 20

• **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center
- Tuesday, June 4, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

• **Fee:**

- \$15.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
- \$25.00 All others

▪ Add \$10 to fee after 5/28/19



Pickleball

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+ and enjoy one of our beautiful parks. Registration online puts a card on hold for you, available for pickup at the Recreation office or on the first day of the program. New to the sport or just passing through? You can drop in for \$3.00/session! **Equipment is available to borrow!**

• **Location/Dates/Times:**

- King Park
- Mondays, June 3 – Aug. 26 (Not July 1)
- 6:00 – 7:30PM

• **Fee:**

- \$30.00 per 12 session punch card (save \$.50/session). Punch cards can be used at any Pickleball program hosted by the Town of Onondaga. 12 punches cover the entire summer program. **Cards do not expire.**
- \$3.00 per session (drop in fee)

The Flop – A Guide to Casino Games

Heading to Turning Stone or Del Lago resort for a night of gaming? Better sign up for this course to get the inside scope on strategic card playing and betting at common casino attractions. Brush up on your Poker skills, Blackjack strategy and even get the down low on savvy craps betting! This program is a "sure bet" so grab your friends ages 18+ and register soon because space is limited!

Min. 10 / Max. 20

• **Location/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center
- Thursday, June 6, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

• **Fee:**

- \$15.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
- \$25.00 All others

▪ Add \$10 to fee after 5/30/19



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 events. 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 1 – August 9th, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

▪ **NO PROGRAM JULY 4 & 5**

- **Registration Fee:**

- **Town of Onondaga Residents:**

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

- **All Others:**

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

- **Late Registration Fee:**

- Add \$10 to applicable rate after 6/21/19



- **Age & Residency Requirements:**

- Child must be no younger than 3, no older than 5.
- Child must be 3 by: 7/1/19
- 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.

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 and shin guards (receive first day).

MAX. 20

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- King Park
 - Saturdays, July 13 – August 17
 - 10:00 – 10:45 AM

- **Fee:**

- \$50.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$60.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after 7/5/19



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: Thursdays
- July 11 – August 15
- 6:00 – 6:45 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$55.00 Town of Onondaga residents:
- \$65.00 All others:
 - Add \$10 to fee after 7/4/19



There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday July 2nd at the Onondaga Senior Center at 6:00 PM.

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 13031

Santaro Park

4979 Velasko Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13215

Onondaga Central High School

4457 S. Onondaga Rd.
Nedrow, NY 13120

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 1 - August 9, 2019 - 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(No playground July 4 & 5)

6 Week Program Fee:

- \$80.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$160.00 All others
- More than 2 children: each additional child \$35.00
 - After 6/14/19 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 3rd. Failure to reach minimum will result in site cancellation.

Transportation from Rockwell to Wheeler

Can't get kids over to the Onondaga Campus? We provide transportation to and from playgrounds at Wheeler and Onondaga Central High School from Rockwell Elementary every day of the 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 @ King & Wheeler

Need a little Extra time? Extended hours at King Park and Wheeler are available (children at OCHS can register for Wheeler extended hours). Extended hours are available every day program runs.

Min. 12

- Extended hours @ Wheeler: **8:15 – 9:30 AM**
- Extended hours @ King Park: **3:00 – 4:15 PM**

*** 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 6/14/19



Summer Camps

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. **Min: 12**

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Santaro Park: Monday – Friday
- August 12 – 16
- Ages 5-8: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
- Ages 9-14: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- Town of Onondaga residents / All others
 - Ages 5-8: \$40.00 / \$50.00
 - Ages 9-14: \$45.00 / \$55.00
- Add \$10 to fee after 8/9/19

All-Star Football Camp

Are you ready for some football? Our football camp, lead 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.
- July 29 – 31, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$28.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$38.00 All others
- Add \$10 to fee after 7/22/19

Tennis Camp

Steve Cary, 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 22 - 26 (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



- **Fee:**

- Town of Onondaga residents / All others
 - **Ages 4 - 12:** \$40.00 / \$50.00
 - **Ages 9 - 14:** \$50.00 / \$60.00
- Add \$10 to fee after 7/15/19

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 8 – 12, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$65.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$75.00 All others

- Add \$10 to fee after 7/1/19

Summer Dance Camp

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. Max per Class: 8

Proof of age required for all 3 year olds.

Fee:

- \$25.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$35.00 All others

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

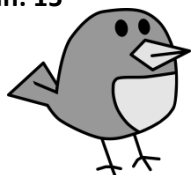
CHILDREN'S DANCE SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

Registration for the 2019-20 school year will begin Wednesday, August 21 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 16.

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 12 - 16
- 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$85.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- All others \$95.00
 - Add \$10 to fee after 8/5/19

Heroes & Villains Camp

Use the power of creativity during this Superhero themed workshop which includes a variety of inspiring activities to capture your child's imagination. Children ages 5-14 will develop their interest in a range of creative, fun and active Superhero related activities which include art, craft, sport, drama, games, create your own Superhero and LEGO. Student will participate in activities that help them develop their own superhero identities.

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Town Hall (Back room)
- July 15 – 19 (Monday – Friday)
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$80.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$90.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after July 8



Brick Inspiration LEGO® Camp

Our LEGO camps explore science, technology, architecture, engineering and art concepts using LEGO® bricks. Our curriculum will provide your child the opportunity to design and build lots of different creations. The possibilities are limited only by their imagination! They work either individually and in groups, to participate in challenges as well as time to free build.

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Town Hall (Back room)
- July 22 – 26 (Monday – Friday)
 - Ages 5-7: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Ages 8-13: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$90.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$100.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after 7/15/19

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Star Wars® FORCE Camp

Use the FORCE of creativity during this Star Wars themed workshop which includes a variety of creative activities to capture your child's imagination. Children ages 5 - 11 will develop their force in a range of Star Wars related activities. The curriculum has been designed to enable pupils to learn how to draw their favorite Star Wars characters, act out famous scenes in fun drama sessions, play sports related Star Wars games, build LEGO lightsabers, develop skills to spin lightsabers and much more to further inspire their interest and knowledge of Star Wars.

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Onondaga Senior Center (Downstairs room)
- July 22 – 26 (Monday – Friday)
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$80.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$90.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after July 15

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Sensible Soccer UK Camp

Sensible Soccer UK is a leading international soccer education & development organization based in the UK. They create and implement innovative, progressive programs at the forefront of today's game, which educate and inspire individuals to achieve their full potential in soccer. Their camps provide innovative and creative teaching methods that introduce skill development within a positive learning environment. They provide players with a fun, exciting and challenging week tailored to their age and abilities.

Soccer Squirts (Ages 4 - 6)

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.

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Santaro Park
- July 15 – 19 (Monday – Friday)
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM

- **Fee:**

- \$44.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$54.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after 7/8/19

Skill Development (Ages 7 - 14)

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.

- **Locations/Dates/Times:**

- Santaro Park
- July 15 – 19 (Monday – Friday)
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- **Fee:**

- \$99.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$109.00 All others
 - Add \$10 to fee after 7/8/19

FAMILY DISCOUNT

\$5 less for second sibling, \$10 less for third sibling when registering for Sensible soccer, LEGO, Hero's & Villians or FORCE camp

HOST A BRITISH LEGO®/ SOCCER INSTRUCTOR!

It's easy and fun! The British instructors of the LEGO® 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 one free camp registration**. All that needs to be provided is housing and meals. If you are interested please contact the Recreation office at **(315) 469-3464** or email toorecreation@msn.com and register your interest for the host an instructor program.

SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

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.

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.



4834 Velasko Rd. Syracuse, NY 13215
(315) 469-3464

Congratulations to our Tuesday Morning Art Class for receiving the Central New York Recreation & Parks Society 2018 Arts & Humanities Award. This Art Program was recognized for being a highly successful program that has continued for over 30 years, being led by qualified and caring instructors with students who have taken classes from 2 years up to 27 years! The students have shown their work at the Onondaga Free Library, Baltimore Woods, won awards at the New York State Fair Competition, and have contributed to our community and environment for all our visitors to the Senior Center to enjoy.

Join us!

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, along with the monthly calendar of events and P.E.A.C.E. Inc. lunch menu is available on our website onondagany.myrec.com in the Forms/Docs category.

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



Instructor Tom Hussey and Sr. Coordinator Barbara Michalski receive the "Arts & Humanities" Award

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+. \$6.50 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.



LEFT CENTER RIGHT DICE GAME

Once a month on Tuesday at 1 PM we gather to play this dice game of chance! It's fun to play and very easy to learn. Bring 6 quarters to play with. You could win the pot! If you are not having lunch at the Center, please arrive before 1 PM to form tables. Check the monthly calendar for play dates!

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 drivers 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 17, June 21, October 1, November 8

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

Senior Center Doors open at 8:30 AM

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 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 14, September 10, November 12.

BOOK CLUB

Meetings are every Monday afternoon at 12:45 PM. A new book is handed out at the beginning of the month. The group decides how to section it off for each weeks' read. Discussion questions are used to help stimulate thoughts about some aspect of the story and the group reflects on what they have read. Come in and listen. If you haven't read the book, you may still have valuable insight! Bring a friend!

LIBRARY

We have a nice selection of paperback books for you to read. The 'library' is located in the front entrance of the Senior Center. We also welcome new 'reads', - clean paperback books. No hardcover books.

CARDS FOR FUN

BRIDGE played Mondays and Wednesdays 1-3 PM.

We've formed another group of bridge players from our sub list!! Call or stop by if you would like to get into a group. Leave your name and phone number and we'll add it to our sub list.

PINOCHLE played Mondays 1-3 PM. The group has dwindled down for the winter, but call and leave your name and number if you are interested in playing and we will help in forming a group as names are added.

VOLUNTEERS

We have great new volunteers at the Senior Center but our doors are always open for more folks to help with lunch and clean up. As sayings go, "many hands make light work!" and, "the more the merrier!"

DOMINOES

Played Mondays 1-3 PM.

MAH JONGG

Advanced players meet Wednesdays 1-3 PM.

POOL (BILLIARDS)

A mens group plays daily from 1-3 PM. They need more players! Our pool room has a nice regulation size pool table newly refurbished and the room is a great place for some good competition! It's open all day for seniors to come in and play.

RED HAT GROUP

The ladies meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:15 PM. They always have an activity going on and plan their monthly luncheon adventure.

BINGO

Played Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, 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

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

EXERCISE - WITH LIGHT WEIGHTS

This is an ongoing class, following a video, stretch, and exercise using hand weights that are provided. Exercise can assist in improving your strength, balance, flexibility and overall sense of well-being.



Day & Time: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

When there is a Thursday party/luncheon, class will be made up Friday at 10:00 AM.

Fee: FREE for all participants

EXERCISE - FIT AFTER FIFTY

Current Session thru April 23

Next 12 week Session:

April 30 – July 16

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

**After April 23 add \$10*

BEGINNER ART (Oil Painting)

Current 12 Week Session thru May 28

Next 12 week Session:

June 4 – August 20

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

**After May 28 add \$10*



ADVANCED ART

Current 12 week Session thru May 14

Next 12 week Session:

May 21 – August 6

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

Town Resident Fee: \$66.00

Non-Resident Fee: \$76.00

**After May 14 add \$10*

TAI CHI / CHI KUNG

Current Session thru June 13

Next 12 Week Session:

June 20 – September 12

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

**After June 13 add \$10*

Maximum 14 participants in each class.

ONGOING WALKING PROGRAM

Beginning in May, walk at Brookdale Summerfield (across from Santaro Park) from 9 – 11 AM. 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, 10 - 11:00 AM

SENIORS GOLF AT ORCHARD VALI GOLF COURSE

The Senior MENS Golf League (for seniors over age 55) will be starting up for the 2019 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 womens 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 22nd**
 - Buffalo Adventure! - Pierce Arrow Museum, lunch at Barrel Factory, Humorous Double Decker Bus Tour of Buffalo
- **June 14th**
 - GREASE! @ Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, lunch at Springside Inn
- **July 3rd**
 - Dixie's Never Wear A Tube Top While Riding a Mechanical Bull @ Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, lunch at Sherwood Inn
- **July 16th**
 - **SHOWBOAT** at The Glimmerglass Festival - Trip to Cooperstown, lunch @ Otesaga Resort
- **August 7th**
 - Lake George Luncheon and Cruise and Oscar's smoke house
- **August 28th**
 - South Pacific @ Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, lunch at Lasca's
- **September 11th**
 - Million Dollar Quartet @ Cortland Repertory Theater, lunch at the Hathaway House



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

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.

“BUSY HANDS” (QUILTING /NEEDLEWORK GROUP)

Mondays from 10 - 12 Noon

Looking for something new to do this Spring? Why not join the Busy Hands group here at the Onondaga Hill Senior Center! Some of our members are working on quilts for Project Linus and premie baby sweater sets and quilts for a VA hospital, mittens for needy school children, hats for the homeless, prayer shawls, prayer squares, prayer pennies, lap quilts for nursing homes, and even banners for use in churches. Want to learn how to quilt, sew, knit or crochet some of these projects? Stop by on a Monday during class to learn more about our group and join us!

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 the Seniors' and Parks & Rec Programs.
- **ALUMINIUM PULL TABS** from food and soda cans for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- **CANNED & NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS** for a local Food Pantry.
- **YARN** for knitted and crocheted items made as charitable projects. Your donations are very much appreciated! This summer a Learn to Crochet class is being offered to children in our community. We have the crochet hooks folks have donated, and we are sharing our yarn with them so they can make a scarf

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Town of Onondaga Historical Society begins its' new year dedicated to "The Onondaga Nation: The First Peoples of the Hills". The new display at the Museum in the Town Hall includes artifacts of the Onondaga Nation, contemporary and antique. Various examples of the Onondaga culture will be displayed in the museum throughout 2019. This will be a rotating exhibit, with new items being introduced throughout the year.

The Historian's Corner

This issue the Town Historian turns to long time town resident and TOHS Trustee Tony Baleno as he recalls the days of an egg farm in Cedarvale...



THE BUCKLEY EGG FARM OPERATION

Located in the heart of Cedarvale was a commercial Egg Farm owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Buckley. The address of the farm was 4014 Amber Rd. next door to the general store. The laying hens were housed in a two-story 20' x 50' chicken coop located on the southeastern side of the property with south facing windows on the southern exposure. The coop had running water and electricity on both floors and outdoor fenced chicken runs on the northern exposure of the building to allow the chickens access to the outdoors.

The Cedarvale Rd side of the home, adjacent to the chicken coop, had a large summer kitchen addition where the eggs were prepared for sale to customers. It is said that the Buckley's had someone who delivered the eggs to customers on a motor route in the general area.

When rehabilitating the house back in the late 1960's, we found a Farm Bureau sign in the area where the eggs were prepared for sale. This sign, dated 1946, indicates that the egg farm and the Buckley's were members of the Onondaga County Farm Bureau. This sign has been donated to the TOHS museum.

No other information was found regarding when the farm was started or when it stopped operating, although it had to have operated for some time to have grown to a 2000 square foot chicken coop and processing area.

When the property was purchased, the coop was inspected, and it was determined that it had been allowed to exist for too long a period without a solid roof and there was far too much water damage and rot on the second-floor structure making it unfeasible to repair or restore that level. Several years later, during the winter months, the second level was torn off, revealing that the original one-story structure was still underneath with its own roof which may have protected it from rot.

The original shed style roof of the original coop was leveled with studding and joists to create the second level's floor, and the second floor was constructed on that deck. Never having removed the roofing from the first-floor roof deck left this roof in repairable condition once the second-floor walls and flooring were removed. The space between the lower floor and upper floor was a form of blind attic that served no known special purpose.

As a part of the salvage project, the remaining first floor area was enlarged on the northwest side to accommodate a two-bay garage, and the roof was raised the following summer to create a full loft above the garage space. This section was extended on the side of the building to create enough depth to house vehicles and mowing equipment. The structure's original first floor shed roof chicken coop areas were converted to an adjoining workshop area (approx 20' x 20') on the Cedarvale Rd end and a small storage area (approx 10' x 20') on the Amber Rd end. As of this writing, there is an addition that has been added by the current owner to the Amber Rd end for boat storage.

It was unfortunate that the roof on the structure was not repaired and was allowed to leak and destroy the upper structure. This is an all too common occurrence for large, unused structures such as barns and storage buildings. A good roof could have saved the structure. While this story details only what has been passed to me by old neighbors and friends, there must be more to the history of this farm out there in people's memories or desk drawers. Anyone who remembers any details about this history, or has any photos, should feel free to contact me at tbaleno@gmail.com. I'd be happy to add your details/photos to this small piece of Cedarvale history. Did you eat eggs from the Buckley farm back when?

- **Natalie A. Williams-Dardaris**
Town of Onondaga Historian

Howlett Hill Fire Department

Youth Fire Programs

Our Cadet/Explorer youth program enrollment has skyrocketed, as we currently have 20 Cadets which is designed for youth 12-16 years of age. The Cadets elect their own leaders, and this year they elected Meghan Alfreds as their Chief officer. Meghan's father, Fred, is a life member of the fire department and is very proud of her accomplishments. The Cadets meet each Wednesday evening and practice firefighting training drills, many similar to the full members of the department. Cadets also learn about the chain of command, how to behave on the fireground, cooking and cleaning skills around the fire station. If your child is interested in our Cadet Program, please contact Chief Fred Isgar at 315-575-4286. Several Cadets have graduated to our RAM (Restricted Active Member) status which is the next progression to full membership. RAM's are from 16-18 years of age. RAM's may practice with the full members of the fire department on Monday evening, and many RAM's assist the Cadets with training on Wednesday. Over the many years we've conducted our RAM program, many have become and still remain full, active members of the department. We support our line of succession with the 6 RAM members within our ranks.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Spring Gun Raffle**

Our SPRING 2019 Gun Raffle covers the month of May. There are daily prizes. Donation of \$20 gets you in for the entire month. Ask any Howlett Hill member for a ticket, or contact the station: 315-673-1817

- **Our Famous Chicken Bar-B-Ques**

Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th.

We'll also conduct our July Chicken BBQ with the same trimmings as our Mother's Day BBQ.

- **Open House**

Once the weather breaks and is more conducive for casual outerwear, we will be holding our Bi-Annual Open House. Preliminary plans include the Onondaga County Fireman's Assoc Smoke Trailer, police agencies, ambulances, view inside our fire apparatus and live car fire demonstration. Watch our signs announcing our Open House.

- **Annual King's Feast Fund Raiser**

On Saturday, September 7, from 1:00-6:00pm we welcome folks to a real FEAST at the firehouse. This is an event truly fit for a King!



Our new Squad 4 purchased with Spring donation drive and fund-raising money.

Remember to check us out on Facebook, Instagram and our website www.hhfd.org

South Onondaga Fire Department

The South Onondaga Fire Department recently accepted delivery of a new Heavy Rescue truck, replacing our 1990 Rescue truck. Our new Rescue 1 is a Spartan truck chassis, with a body built by Emergency Vehicles Incorporated and purchased through Har-Rob Fire Apparatus. The new truck features a 450 horse power diesel engine to expedite our response time, a recessed vertical light tower to improve scene lighting and a fully enclosed forward cab that will seat 6 firefighters plus an officer and driver. Thanks for your support over the years that made this purchase possible.

As we are constantly looking for ways to keep our operating costs down, this year our fire station has upgraded its lighting to all LED lights inside and out which will save tremendously on our electricity cost. This was possible through a program sponsored by National Grid.

Thanks to a \$15,000.00 grant award by Firehouse Subs, our department purchased a new washing machine and dryer to launder our turnout gear. The cleaning of our turnout gear is very important to our members safety as it has been determined that the residues from firefighting on turnout gear is a significant contributing cause of cancer in firefighters.

The department responded to 313 alarms in 2018, and are constantly looking for new members. We provide the training to start you off on an exciting and rewarding way to serve your community. If you would like to experience the thrill of fire fighting join us on April 27, 2019 for Recruit NY. This day is a state wide day to recruit new firefighters. We will also be hosting DOUG'S FISH FRY TO GO on this date from 11 am - 6 pm at the fire station, 3130 Cedarvale Rd. or you can contact our recruiter Firefighter Michelle Cotterill at 315-679-1999.



New Rescue Truck!

Our Community room is available to the public for events. For more information and to make a reservation call 680-800-4924. Lastly, we are proud to honor one of our members, Charles "Chuck" Horton who is celebrating his 60th anniversary as a member of the department, our longest serving member to date. Chuck has filled many roles in the department as one of the departments first EMT's, Past President, and past member of the board of directors. Chuck is still going strong serving as fire police. Congratulations Chuck! Don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Have a safe and happy summer.

Lance Tucker
President

