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TOWN OF ONONDAGA RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



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Town of Onondaga Directory

Town Office Locations

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

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Parks & Recreation Department/Senior Center,
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Town Supervisor

John P. Mahar (315) 469-3888
(Committees: Development & Codes Review, Insurance, Highway, Personnel)



From left: Town Councilors Kathy Fedrizzi and Ellen Magnarelli Terrien, Town Supervisor John Mahar, and Town Councilors Lisa Goodwin and John Wheatley

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Town Meeting Schedule

Town Board: 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 5 p.m.

Planning Board: 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

Meeting minutes and agendas are available at townofonondaga.gov. All meetings, excluding Executive Sessions, are open to the public.

**Schedule is subject to change due to holidays or unforeseen circumstances.*

About the Cover: The new Clerk's House bakery and cafe in Taunton and (inset) The Clerk's House in the 1930s.

From the Desk of the Supervisor

Dear Neighbors,

It has been said that history is a mirror to our past, a compass for our present, and a lighthouse for our future. The cover of this issue of Our Town perfectly reflects that.

The Clerk's House, that is pictured, is a new artisan bakehouse and coffee shop in Taunton - owned and operated by Town residents Dan and Teresa Seeley. The couple once lived with their children in the cozy cottage that they converted to the bakehouse. It is located on the same property as their popular upscale restaurant, The Cider Mill.

Turn the clock back 100 years, and the Morey family was living and working on the property. They operated Morey's Mill - originally a saw and grist mill and later a cider mill - where The Cider Mill now stands. And, in the structure that is now the bakehouse, they raised their family and Katherine Morey used an adjacent building as an office in her roles as Town Tax Receiver, and later, Town Clerk. Today, Dan and Teresa's daughter, Liv, and her husband Paul Hazard manage the bakehouse.

The Seeleys have taken great care to preserve the Moreys' legacy at both sites. The entryway of the Clerk's House has a full wall dedicated to its origin story. In the Cider Mill, signage from the original building graces the walls and décor overall is reflective of its genesis.

To further illustrate that history is more circular than linear, the director of bakery operations and head pastry chef at The Clerk's House is Alyssa Goodwin, daughter of former Town Clerk and current Town Councilor, Lisa Goodwin. It also seems fitting that the Town itself helped secure one of Onondaga County Ryan McMahan's Main Street grants toward reconstruction costs considering the locale's prominent role as a place where Town business was once conducted.

So, if you have not yet been to The Clerk's House, be sure to give it a try. (4219 Fay Rd. - theclerkshouse.com)

This newsletter includes other stories of the people, programs and projects affecting our futures and enhancing our quality of life, including:

- An Onondaga Hill family and their expansive neighborhood network who have rallied around them to fund Cystic Fibrosis research and treatments.
- A resident who is beloved throughout Central New York for sharing his passion for the region, its signature foods and the stories of the people behind them.
- Robust offerings by our Parks Department and Senior Center to keep residents of all ages healthy and enriched.
- Updates from our Town Department heads on services available to residents.
- Remembrances of residents who passed this year whose impact will be felt perpetually; and much more.

Last but not least, I have to give a final shout out to our Highway Department for their round-the-clock efforts to keep roads safe during the seemingly endless winter we endured. Onondaga quite simply has the best crew in the County and beyond.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Our Town. Be sure to stay in touch year-round by following @townofonondaga on Facebook and visiting townofonondaga.gov.

As always, I am available to answer questions, address concerns and hear your ideas. Contact me at 315-469-3888 or jmahar@townofonondaga.gov.

Sincerely,
John P. Mahar, Town Supervisor



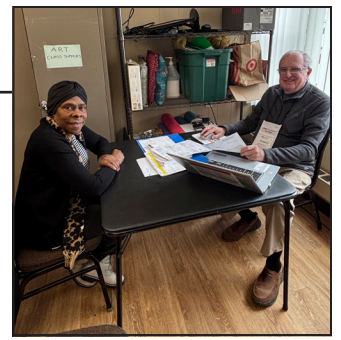
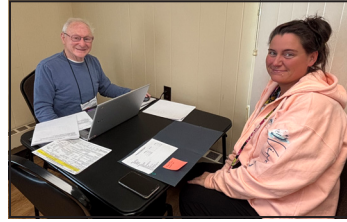
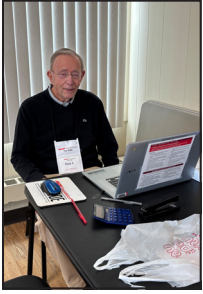
Pictured: Paul and Liv Hazard, and Dan and Teresa Seeley



Pictured: Gwynn, Robert, Howard, Marion and seated in front, Katherine Morey.

Town News Roundup

TAX TIME HEROES. For the past 20 years, the Town Senior Center has offered the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program to seniors in our Town. Three amazing local tax professionals - who are also IRS-certified tax counselors - have been integral to the success of the service. We'd like to give a HUGE shout out to Town residents Dennis Lewis and Dave Yemma, and Dick Lathrop of Marcellus. They have spent countless hours helping residents with their tax returns and we cannot thank them enough! Cheers to Dennis, Dave and Dick.



COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRESSES. Latavius Murray, Steve James and Jalyn Clifford recently met with Supervisor Mahar and Town Councilor Ellen Magnarelli Terrien to provide a progress update on the Jon Diaz Community Center planned for Nedrow on five acres along Salina Street. The organization reported it is halfway toward its fundraising goal with several events scheduled and major sponsors being pursued in hopes of breaking ground in 2027. The Town Engineer and Codes Officer also attended the meeting to offer support and suggestions to speed advancement. Though the groundbreaking and grand opening were originally estimated for 2023 and 2024 respectively, Murray said the project is still very viable and the organization is offering stop-gap programs and services at its temporary headquarters on James Street in Syracuse.



MAHAR CALLS ON ALBANY REPS TO HELP VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. Supervisor Mahar attended an emergency press event held by State and County fire commissioners, chiefs and firefighters from around CNY to support the volunteer fire departments that serve Town residents.



The departments are calling on the State to pass legislation allowing nominal compensation for on-duty firefighters. Departments across the area are facing critical staffing shortages with the number of volunteers falling to their lowest levels in 40 years. Many Town fire departments were represented, including Nedrow, Southwood and Onondaga Hill.

Supervisor Mahar has also written to State Senator Rachel May and Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter asking them to support this important public safety issue.

PRIORITIZING PROGRESS. "Over the past several years, the Town Board and I have focused significant effort on identifying and securing grants so we can continually improve the quality of life in the Town without having to increase the tax burden on residents," said Supervisor Mahar. Recent grants secured by the Town include:

- An Onondaga County Community Development Funding Program grant for improvements at Santaro Park, Kelley Park and the Onondaga Senior Center that will provide improved access for seniors and handicapped individuals.

At Santaro Park, upgrades will include construction of a handicapped accessible walkway from the parking area to the pavilion and upgraded electrical service to the pavilion as well as replacement of the fencing around the tennis courts/pickleball courts. At Kelley Park, overgrown trees will be cut back that are obstructing the tennis courts and bulk sand can now be purchased for the volleyball court. At the Senior Center, the parking lot surface will be repaired and paved to improve safety and aesthetics.

Town News Roundup (continued)

- A New York State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant that paves the way for recreational and economic development opportunities in Nedrow.

The grant will forward a plan to give area residents kayak/canoe access to Onondaga Creek at Kelley Park, create nature trails and other amenities along the creek, and provide improvements along South Salina Street.

Supervisor Mahar said the timing is particularly fitting given the flurry of initiatives by other organizations that will compliment and bolster the Town's waterfront project and inform the planning. He cited the Jon Diaz Community Center; the influx of jobs and new residents to Onondaga County with Micron's \$100 billion investment to the area; Syracuse's Creekwalk Improvement Project that will extend its walking trails to Dorwin Avenue right up to the Town-owned Kelley Park; Release of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council's Mobility Study of U.S. 11 along Nedrow's main business district; and Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon's Main Street Revitalization Grant Program, which has already provided funding in Nedrow's business district.

50 YEARS OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP. Town Supervisor Mahar and Town Councilor Kathy Fedrizzi had the distinct honor of presenting Chief James P. Harris and Chief John H. Harris, Jr. with Proclamations celebrating their 50 years (each!) of service with the Howlett Hill Fire Department at the Department's annual Installation Dinner. Former Town Supervisor Tom Andino swore in the 2026 Officers.



The Harris name has long been synonymous with the Howlett Hill Volunteer Fire Department due to the leadership of the two brothers and their father before them. Fifty years ago, the pair joined the department and since then have been key leaders of the organization: driving innovation, volunteer recruitment and retention, training, fundraising, and day-to-day fire protection for Town and neighboring community residents.

We owe the Harris family a debt of gratitude for their commitment to the health and safety of our community. And our thanks go to yet another generous member of the Harris family for sharing these photos with us - thank you Josh Harris!



NEW FACES AT TOWN HALL. Please join us in welcoming the Hon. Patrick Britt as Town Justice and Ellen Magnarelli Terrien as Town Councilor.



A lifelong resident of the Town, Judge Britt has been a general litigation attorney in private practice for more than 30 years and served on the Town Planning Board. He has been selected to Super Lawyers on numerous occasions - which recognizes top attorneys nationwide. He is a graduate of St. Ann's, CBA, Siena College and Syracuse University College of Law. He and his family live in Taunton.

Ellen has been a resident of the Town for six years and lives with her family in Onondaga Hill. She is a graduate of West Genesee High School and LeMoyne College and earned master's degrees from Georgetown University and LeMoyne College. She previously worked for the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of State and is a teacher in the East Syracuse Minoa School District and secretary of Holy Family's Home & School Assn.



CONGRATULATIONS! Town Highway Superintendent John S. Smith was elected President of the Onondaga County Highway Superintendents Association. The Association supports highway superintendents in Onondaga County by providing educational and networking opportunities for members and advocacy on safety, funding and other important issues with legislators and the County and State Departments of Transportation. The Association is fortunate to have John as its new President!

Town News Roundup (continued)

IT'S GO TIME! The EV charging stations at Town Hall, the Parks & Rec Department and the Highway Garage are all live and available to the public. All locations are on Plug Share, one of the most popular platforms for EV charging. The stations are made possible thanks to grants we won in 2025 from National Grid and New York State. Spread the word to all your EV-driving friends.

NEW DATES FOR POPULAR FESTIVAL! For as long as we can remember, the Syracuse Middle Eastern Festival hosted by St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church on Onondaga Road has been a staple of July events in our Town. But this year, we get the pleasure of the four-day extravaganza that celebrates the Arabic culture even earlier. So, mark your calendars for June 25 – 28 and see the event Facebook page and website for the daily schedule.



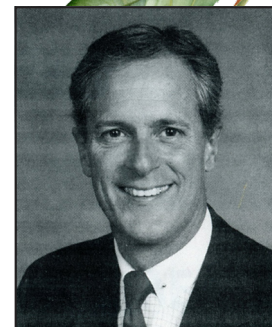
In Memoriam

Hon. J. Craig Kerr

The Hon. J. Craig Kerr, 79, of Onondaga Hill passed away at the end of January. Craig served with distinction as Town Justice for 40 years and was a respected leader in the legal community regionally and statewide. While a Town Justice, he held both daytime and evening court sessions, met regularly with residents and local groups to discuss neighborhood concerns, and eliminated trial calendar backlogs. After retiring, he was still a welcome face at Town Hall and was called upon frequently to perform marriage ceremonies.



But more than that, he was an incredible person who made you feel like the most important person in the room, a true gentleman and wise mentor. All of us who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with him were fortunate indeed. He is dearly missed.



Jane Tracy

Long-time Town Historian Laura “Jane” Tracy of Onondaga Hill passed away in February at age 94. For nearly 30 years, she played a pivotal role in chronicling our Town’s history and was a tireless advocate for our Town. She was instrumental in the success of the 1998 Town Bicentennial Celebration, worked with Town leaders to assure the Historical Society and its museum would have a permanent home at Town Hall, helped preserve the historic Walnut Grove Cemetery, and led successful historic house tours throughout the 1990s and early 2000s. The Bicentennial quilt she made hangs in the Historical Society museum to this day. Jane was a true treasure, and we are ever grateful for her role in preserving our Town’s storied past.



The People in Your Neighborhood

Over two decades ago, Mary and Mike Michaels of Onondaga Hill got news no parent is ever prepared to hear. Their beautiful 14-month-old daughter, Tess, was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. Since that day, the Michaels family has raised awareness and money to fund research and treatments for the disease. And wow, have those efforts paid off.

Team Tess - as they call their tireless and ever-growing network of supporters - has raised well over \$750,000 for the cause. Those dollars plus those raised by Cystic Fibrosis Foundation donors around the country have helped fund numerous advances toward a cure, including a drug called Trikafta that has completely

changed Tess's quality of life since she started taking it six years ago.

One of the events that has brought in the big bucks for Team Tess is the CNY Xtreme Hike. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Participants - who each raise \$2,500 - climb an Adirondack high peak - sometimes straddling one or two others!

In the past 12 years, these hearty hikers have raised nearly \$250,000. The first Team Tess hike started with Mary and her neighbor, Ann Marie Donohue.

But year after year, their Xtreme hiker group has grown to include more and more of their Breckenridge neighbors as well as other adventurous family members and friends, many of whom live or grew up in the Town.

All in all, they've scaled 17 high peaks including Whiteface and Marcy. And they are at it again in August when Mary, Karen Phillips, and townies Cindy Hoyne, and Ann Marie will climb another yet to be announced high peak.

Throughout the rest of the year, Team Tess members who may not be up for a major hike participate in the Great Strides Walk, collect Tips for Tess as guest bartenders, golf in the Tee it Up for Tess tournament and much more. Mary and Mike are quick to emphasize that they along with Tess and their younger daughter, Taylor, will continue to find ways to raise awareness and dollars at the grassroots level until every single person with Cystic Fibrosis is cured. And they stress that the reason they can do it is because of the network of neighbors, friends and family behind them every step of the way.

To find out more about the Central New York Xtreme Hike or support one of our local hikers, go to fundraise.cff.org/CentralNYXtremehike2026 or scan the event QR Code.



Mike, Taylor, Tess and Mary Michaels



Atop Whiteface are Breckenridge residents, Ellen Miller, Mary Michaels, Valerie Macabelli; Ann Marie Donohue, Deb Williams and Mary Ellen Guinto.



Breckenridge neighborhood Xtreme hikers and their support team! Jeff and Sue Erhard; Deb and John Williams; Ellen Miller; Valerie and Rick Mancabelli; Mary Ellen and Pat Guinto; Ed and Ann Marie Donohue; Dee Tate; Mary and Mike Michaels



Team Tess at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Great Strides Walk

Resident Spotlight

10 Questions with...Charlie Miller, Onondaga Hill

When it comes to the CNY restaurant and bar scene, there is likely no one with more intel than Charlie Miller of Onondaga Hill. For the past eight years, in his role as Syracuse.com's Best in CNY multi-media journalist, he has been the taster for all of us when it comes to pizza, wings, sandwiches, State Fair and diner fare, cold beer and cocktails, and so much more. Yet, what probably makes Charlie so beloved is not only how he helps broaden our culinary horizons but the way he delves into the people and the history behind the places and makes us feel a collective sense of community pride.



In recent years, his impact has been recognized with a cover story in CNY 55 magazine, named Coleman's Green Beer Sunday Grand Marshal; and by the throngs of people who follow his stories and count on him to make their dining decisions easier.

What makes him especially dear to us though is how near he is to us. Charlie and his wife, Ellen, chose Onondaga Hill as their home 27 years ago and their three kids graduated from West Genesee schools. They are involved members of the community, always quick to lend a hand or take a turn as guest bartender at non-profit fundraisers. Charlie has also been known to show up in his neighbors' driveways with his snowblower after a storm.

Charlie Miller is that guy we all think we know. So, we thought we'd ask him 10 questions to see how much we do.

What is your 5-word bio? Eat. Drink. Write. Repeat. Smile.

What brought you to the Town of Onondaga? Even while growing up in Indiana, I knew about West Genesee because of the marching band. My high school band was huge and we were state champs, but we weren't West Genny good. I always joked, "If I ever have kids, I want them to experience that." As it turns out, my wife got a job in the West Genesee School District shortly after we got married, and that brought us to the area. That eventually led us to Onondaga Hill, which has been a great place to call home.

What might a typical day in your life look like? No two days are the same, which is why I love this profession. Some mornings start with writing or editing a story about a restaurant or bar in Central New York. Other days I'm out interviewing chefs, tasting a new sandwich, burger or pizza, or filming a quick video for social media. A lot of my job is simply talking to people — restaurant owners, bartenders and customers — and telling their stories. And yes, sometimes "research" involves eating lunch and dinner in the same day.

Wings or drumsticks? C'mon. You already know I eat wings a couple times a week. What do you think?

What do you love most about your neighborhood? The people make a neighborhood. We're truly blessed in Breckenridge.

What's your hidden talent? I can remember where I ate a meal years ago and exactly what I ordered and how it was. My brain is basically a running archive of burgers, wings, pizza, over-easy eggs and sandwiches around Syracuse. (And most of those will be paired with a perfectly stirred martini or a Miller Lite.)

Who's your celebrity lookalike? A few people have said Bill Murray over the years. That's convenient since we both enjoy a good drink and a good story.

What's your walk-on song? "Small Town" by John Mellencamp

Best advice you ever got? My mother, who is also a journalist, always tells me: "Everyone needs an editor." She also taught me to read everything several times before hitting the send button.

How closely does your life today resemble your life prior to being the restaurant and bar scene writer? Honestly, it's pretty similar. I was already going to bars and restaurants regularly back when I covered breaking news and when I ran the newspaper's sports department. The only difference now is that I spend even more time there — and I can officially call it work.

News From the Town Clerk's Office



Janet Hillery,
Town Clerk



Town Clerk Assistant Rosemary Riley and
Deputy Town Clerk Theresa Allen

Office Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30; Phone: 315-469-1583; **E-mail:** Jhillery@townofonondaga.gov

The Town Clerk's office continues to be busy offering many services to the public. Here's a few notes and reminders.

Peddlers/Solicitors - The Town of Onondaga requires a permit for door-to-door sales. It is a requirement that this permit be carried with each solicitor and they must be able to produce this upon demand. If you are unsure about a solicitor's status, please obtain the name of the solicitor and company, and contact the Town Clerk's office.

Dog Licensing - It is a requirement for all dogs residing in the Town of Onondaga to be licensed. Applications can be found on our website under the Town Clerk's page, or you can stop by our office. The Town of Onondaga contracts with the **SPCA** to field reports of all lost, found or stray dogs, as well as nuisance complaints, and can be reached at 315-454-0928.

Marriage Certificates - You must present your original birth certificate, photo ID and any prior divorce decrees or death certificates.

U.S. Passports - Original passport applications can be accepted at the Town Clerk's office. Passport **renewals** can now be done online. Please visit Travel.State.Gov for required forms and information.

Conservation Licenses - If you'd like to save a trip to Town Hall, you can purchase your license directly through the DEC, either online at dec.ny.gov or by calling **1-866-933-2257**. You can also utilize the **DEC app – HuntFishNY**, which will produce electronic proof of licensure.

Veterans Return the Favor Cards - Honorably discharged Veterans are eligible to receive FAVOR cards which offer discounts throughout Onondaga County. These can be obtained by visiting my office and providing your discharge or DD214 papers, along with photo ID. **Thank you Veterans!**



Information on handicapped hang-tags, FOIL requests, meeting agendas, minutes and more can be found on the Town Clerk's page on our website.

From Building & Codes Department

Warm Weather Reminders

As the weather warms up and more residents spend time outdoors, the Town of Onondaga reminds residents to be mindful of local noise regulations and parking rules to help maintain a peaceful community.



Under the Town's noise ordinance, quiet hours are from **9:00p.m. – 7:00a.m.** Sounds from lawn mowers, power tools, and other domestic equipment are permitted between **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.**

Residents should also remember that although the winter overnight street parking restriction (**2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., November 1 through March 31**) ends in the spring, vehicles must still comply with posted parking restrictions and should not obstruct traffic, emergency access, or road maintenance.

Additionally, the Town requires that grass and vegetation on residential properties **not exceed 10 inches in height**; overgrown lawns can pose safety hazards, attract pests, and violate the Town's code. Observing these rules for noise, parking, and yard maintenance helps keep Onondaga neighborhoods safe, pleasant, and enjoyable for everyone during the warmer months.

News From the Town Highway Department



John S. Smith,
Highway Superintendent

2026 EARTH DAY LITTER CLEANUP EVENT

The Town Highway Department will once again participate in Earth Day with a community litter cleanup event.

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Waste Drop-Off Location: 4478 West Seneca Turnpike

Residents interested in participating or seeking additional information may contact the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA) at **315-453-2866** or visit **ocrra.org**.

We encourage all residents to join us in helping keep our community clean and beautiful.

BRUSH AND YARD WASTE PICK-UP Information & Guidelines

Please note: **This is not a scheduled service.**

The Highway Department begins collecting yard waste as weather permits, typically in late March or early April. The Town is divided into seven areas, and each area is generally serviced every two weeks. However, pickup frequency may vary depending on weather conditions, equipment availability, and the volume of material placed curbside.

To ensure smooth and efficient collection, please follow these guidelines:

Yard Waste Requirements

- Small yard waste items (pinecones, leaves, etc.) must be placed in **brown paper bags only**.
Plastic bags will not be collected.
- Brown bags must contain **yard waste only** — no dirt, stones, or garbage.

Brush & Branch Specifications

- Branches and sticks must be:
 - No longer than **8 feet**
 - No larger than **6 inches in diameter**
- No stumps or root balls will be collected.

Placement

- Place bags and brush neatly at the side of the road.
- Do not place materials in the roadway.

Not Accepted

- Lot-clearing debris
- Waste generated by commercial tree services
(Contractors are responsible for removing materials they cut.)



This service is intended to assist residents with the routine yard waste generated through normal household property maintenance.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our Town clean and operating efficiently.

Pothole Repairs

Winter's extreme conditions have created many potholes throughout the Town. Repairs will begin as soon as the asphalt plants open.

To report a pothole in the Town, please call the Highway Department office at 315-469-1664 or email LCrowley@townofonondaga.gov.

News From the Town Highway Department (continued)

Paving Projects

Several paving projects are planned for **Spring and Summer**.

Updates will be posted on the Town's **Facebook page** if work is occurring in your neighborhood.

Annual Fall Cleanup

The Annual Fall Cleanup is scheduled to begin in September. Flyers will be mailed at the end of July and will also be available on our website with dates and additional information.

Stay Connected!

Follow us on Facebook for Highway news and updates or call our office with any questions or concerns.

From the Tax Receiver's Office

The next tax collection period is not until September so I won't dwell on it here. I mean, let's be honest, no one wants to think about taxes in the spring and summer - or ever really! But since taxes are a sure thing in life, here are a couple of reminders that I hope are helpful:

AVOID LATE FEES! If you mail your tax payment last minute, please be certain to go into the post office and get the envelope hand-stamped by the clerk with the drop-off date.

The Postal Service changed its procedures last year and mail is now transported out of town for processing and postmarked there. That means some people are seeing late fees.

My office is required to honor the date on the envelope. We go by the hand-stamped date first and the postmark date if there is not one.

Mail left in post offices' outside receptacles or lobby mail slots will not be postmarked until received at the processing facility in Rochester.

PHONE NUMBERS PLEASE! Be sure to put your phone number on your check. We have MANY MANY instances of check-writing errors and we may be able to help you avoid a late fee if we can give you a quick call rather than having to mail your payment back to you.

REMOTE CHECK DEPOSITS. We make deposits multiple times a day via remote check deposit. Be certain that money is in your account before giving us a check. Too many people to count have made the mistake of depositing funds after leaving our office, thinking they have plenty of time before we will get to the bank. Unfortunately, that can result in bounced checks and the added fees we have to charge back to you.

ONLINE RESOURCES. For those who need copies of receipts, bills, payment history, etc., you can access and download that information online at ongov.net/etax. We recommend searching by name but if you choose to search by address, keep it simple. The system does not recognize information unless it appears EXACTLY the same as it is on the deed. For instance, if you live at 0000 West Seneca Turnpike and your deed says 0000 W. Seneca Turnpike, you will get a message that your property cannot be found.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! AND THANK YOU SOME MORE! Again, my HUMONGOUS thanks to the thousands of residents who I had the great honor of interacting with during "tax time" this past fall and winter. I never cease to be blown away when residents come in to pay taxes and hand me packages of sweet treats along with their check. I even had people fill my candy bowl this year when I ran out! Or they bring their dogs to visit just because they thought I needed a reason to smile. Or share jokes, personal stories and photos with me. Or I open the mail and see thank you cards and kind notes.

I feel very fortunate to live in this Town and am honored to be able to serve my neighbors. Our Town residents are the best. Period.



*Kathy Dwyer,
Tax Receiver*

If you have questions, please contact me at kdwyer@townofonondaga.gov or 315.469.0483. We also post timely information at townofonondaga.gov and Facebook ([@townofonondaga](https://www.facebook.com/townofonondaga)).

From the Town Historical Society

Looking for something to do on rainy afternoons or vacation days?

Why not learn more about the history of our area and individuals who specialize in various arts and crafts?

Check out the Video section of the historical society's website at townofonondagamuseum.com.

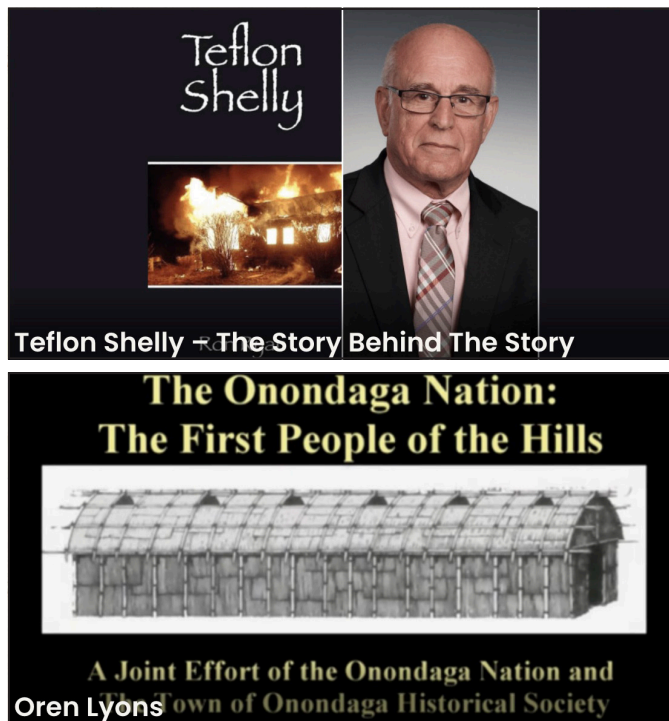
Some of our offerings:

- Ron Ryan, author of *Teflon Shelly*, discusses *The Story Behind the Story*, based on local true crime events and his 40-year pursuit of justice
- *The Onondaga Nation: The First People of the Hills*. A five-part series
- *Saigon 1973 - 1975: Not Your Usual War Stories*
- Steve Panayiotto's Video on the Erie Canal
- *Jordan: Not Just a Canal Town*
- *Split Rock Series*: Rich Miller's series from the Split Rock Quarry days to the 1918 explosion

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Onondaga Free Library News

FUNDRAISER: Birdhouse Raffle

Stop by the library anytime May 1st to June 6th to see our beautiful display of uniquely decorated birdhouses by local families, businesses and organizations. Purchase raffle tickets at the front desk: \$1 each or six for \$5. There will also be one uniquely crafted birdhouse - Raffle tickets for that birdhouse are \$5 each or five for \$20. Winners will be drawn on Monday, June 8th. All birdhouses have been handcrafted and donated by local father/son woodworking duo, Jerry and Jerry Holbrook. Thanks to them both for their generous contributions to OFL!

Spring Programs & Summer Reading

SPRING:

- Celebrate National Poetry Month by submitting an original poem to **OFL's Poetry Contest** in April. For all ages! Winners will receive a prize bundle including a framed copy of their poem.
- 4-7 p.m. on Monday, April 27, teens and their parents/caregivers are invited to our **Anything But College Fair**. Representatives from several local organizations will be onsite ready to answer questions and provide information about training programs and career opportunities available to students.
- To recognize Mental Health Awareness Month in May, OFL will offer free **self-care kits** for adults and teens while supplies last. The kits contain items to help you destress, relax, and take a minute for yourself.
- Keep an eye out for a **Tick Talk** with the CNY Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Alliance, yoga and fitness classes, horticulture classes, a bookish art class with Edgy Pages, adult and youth author visits and more!

SUMMER:

- *Unearth a Story!* Go prehistoric at OFL when you sign up for **Summer Reading** this year- All ages can read, log and earn prizes. Attend lots of fun, interactive programs too, including visits from the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and the M.O.S.T.!
- Check our website in June for updates on all things summer. Library staff would like to thank the Friends of OFL for fully funding summer at OFL again this year!
- Learn about all of our spring and summer programs, including weekly preschool programs, after-school STEM Fridays for tweens, teen craft nights, book clubs, Mah Jongg, one-on-one tech help appointments and more at www.oflibrary.org/program-guide

Onondaga Free Library News (continued)

Library of Things

Have you heard about the collection of unique materials that you can check out from OFL? We have some items that are perfect for the warmer months! If you love the outdoors, we have a hiking kit, birdwatching kit, GoPro, and county and state park passes.

Or if you're looking to beat the heat this summer, spend some time indoors- borrow a Corning Museum of Glass or M.O.S.T. pass or borrow a Mah Jongg set and play a round at the library.

Discover all the items in our Library of Things collection at www.oflibrary.org/library-of-things.



Friends of OFL

The Friends are hosting their annual **book sale** from June 4 to June 6 at the library. Donations of gently used books, movies and more will be accepted during regular library hours on May 29 and 30, and June 1 and 2.

If you would like to learn more about our Friends group and become a member, visit www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl or attend a monthly Friends meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

About Onondaga Free Library

4840 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215

Phone: (315) 492-1727 | **Website:** www.oflibrary.org |

Email: info@oflibrary.org

Social Media: @OnondagaFreeLib on Facebook & Instagram

Current Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00am-8:30pm; Friday & Saturday, 10:00am-5:00pm

Summer Weekend Hours (3rd Saturday in June through Labor Day): Saturday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Holiday Closings: May 23-25, June 19, July 4, September 5-7

Board of Trustees Meetings: Wednesdays, 5/27 & 7/22 at 6pm



From the Assessor's Office

Exemptions by the Thousands

What a turnout this exemption season! Our office saw so many new and returning faces. As always, it is our absolute pleasure to see and converse with Town residents! We've processed thousands of both exemptions and exemption renewals.

Grievance Day Scheduled

The next big event in the Assessor's office will be Grievance Day coming up on the fourth Tuesday in May. This year, it falls on May 26.

We're Here to Help!

If you have any questions or concerns related to your property, please feel free to reach out to our office at 315-469-3216 and check out our Town of Onondaga Facebook page for updates related to important dates and reminders.

Michael Morrissey, Assessor

mmorrissey@townofonondaga.gov



Onondaga Community College News

Achieving Success at OCC and Beyond

Onondaga Community College marked a milestone moment on December 16, 2025 as graduates crossed the SRC Arena stage in a commencement ceremony filled with pride, reflection, and celebration. More than 300 students were eligible to participate - each recognized for the determination and perseverance that brought them to this long-awaited achievement.

Student speaker Abigail Webster, a 2013 graduate of West Genesee High School, addressed her classmates after earning her degree in Communication Studies. "One of the most important lessons I learned here at OCC is that growth is boundless when nurtured. With this in mind, I'd like to thank the faculty, family, and friends here today for creating an environment that helped us to thrive. You've inspired us to believe that we are capable and worth being here. Your support means the world," she said. Webster plans to continue her academic journey by pursuing both bachelor's and master's degrees.

The ceremony also celebrated the accomplishments of two familiar Central New York community leaders who also received their degrees. Jeffrey Passino, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department Undersheriff, completed his Criminal Justice degree nearly 30 years after he began attending OCC. And entrepreneur Chedy Hampson, who founded TCGplayer and eventually sold it to eBay, received his General Studies degree. He has since started the South Side Community Growth Foundation with a focus on rebuilding the neighborhood systems - community centers, walkable shops, safe streets - that once shaped his own life.

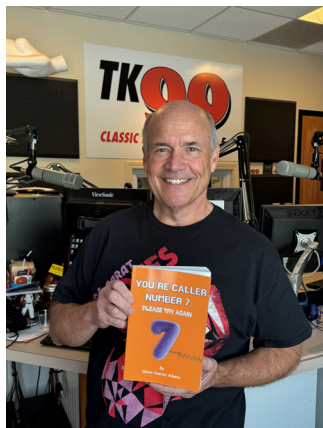


Onondaga County Undersheriff Jeffrey Passino (right) receives his degree from OCC President Warren Hilton.



Entrepreneur Chedy Hampson receives his degree from OCC President Hilton.

OCC Alumnus Glen "Gomez" Adams Writes First Book



Central New Yorkers know him as Glenn "Gomez" Adams thanks to his 40-plus year career in the media, including the last 31 years at TK-99 where he hosts the morning radio show, "Gomez and Company." He's also a stand-up comic with countless stories from that part of his life to share as well.

The process of compiling all his stories began in 2020. "It was during Covid and I had a lot of extra time. I started writing out stories by pen. I was cleaning out some audio folders in our system, I would see an old bit, realize I had forgotten about it, and jot it down. I'd tell a friend I was writing a book, and they would say, 'Hey... did you talk about this story?' I would realize I had forgotten that one, so I would jot it down."

He eventually typed the handwritten stories into his computer, printed them out, and put them into different piles on his dining room table. In March 2025, he began working with a publishing company. And in October, his book, *You're Caller Number 7, Please Try Again*, was released.

Though the title comes from a familiar radio contest phrase, the book covers far more than broadcast life. Readers meet characters such as Pickles, a comedy-club promoter who once paid Gomez and a fellow comic in actual pickles. There's also the ill-fated day he lost his phone, won \$220 at a casino to replace it, handed the cash to a friend for safekeeping, and later learned the friend had spent it on Engelbert Humperdinck concert tickets.

"The book is really a collection of stories. It's like a road trip. You're going from point A to point B, but sometimes the fun is the side trips you take along the road. I didn't want this to be an 'inside radio' book. Hopefully, even if you don't know me or Syracuse or the radio, if you just pick it up at a bookstore in Omaha, you'll find the book entertaining and funny."

Fire Department News

From Howlett Hill Fire Department

Chief: John Harris, Jr.

President: Frank Valls

Howlett Hill Fire Department

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru



May 10th

Noon until Gone

Just \$15 per meal
Our Famous Half Chicken BBQ
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw
Salt Potatoes, Dinner Roll

Annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ Take-out Dinner!

On Sunday, May 10th, starting at Noon, we will once again honor Moms with our Annual tradition: the Mother's Day Chicken BBQ Drive-Thru. We'll cook and sell over 500 half BBQ chicken dinners with all the fixings To Go. Give Mom a break, let us do the cooking and she'll love you for bringing home our excellent chicken with baked beans, cole slaw, salt potatoes and dinner rolls! Watch for our roadside signs around the district. **If this year is your first time, be sure to come on time, we sell out quickly. Rain or shine!!**

Calling All Bunk-In Firefighters

We currently have two students enrolled in the OCC Fire Prevention and Services curriculum living in our new Bunk Rooms. We have available room for additional OCC Fire students, and/or Firefighters from other County Fire Departments who are interested in taking

a work shift at Howlett Hill and require a place to rest up for the day ahead. The Department made good use of some of the Recruiting and Retention funding all Town Fire Departments received from the Town post-COVID! Full workout area is also available for qualified firefighters!



New LED Sign at Fire Station

Speaking of effective utilization of post-COVID Retention and Recruiting Funding received from the Town, the Department is appreciative of being able to purchase an LED sign to replace our multi-years old signage. The new LED sign will fit in with the bedroom community feel of the neighborhood while displaying vital communications information for all to see – like severe weather warnings and updates, training classes offered to the community, Red Cross Blood Drives (2x/month), Fundraisers and new member recruiting information. Stay tuned as we will begin construction of the base soon. Another exciting chapter for the HHFD, thanks to the Town leadership!



CADET Program

Our revitalized CADET Program is designed to introduce young people to the fire service—what firefighters do, how we train, what the job involves—while building skills like teamwork, leadership, responsibility, discipline, and physical fitness. This is not full firefighter training (you won't generally be doing interior fire attack or other high-risk duties at this age), but we will provide hands-on training, mentorship, community service, and exposure to emergency services. We have a very active program with interesting training for these young heroes. Upon reaching age 16, CADETS are eligible to become RAM (Restricted Active Members) of the fire department where they experience more advanced training with the full members of the department which begins at 18 years of age. We currently have four very active CADETS in our program, two of whom will turn 16 this year. If your child is interested in gaining these skills, please contact us via email at: community.relations@howlethillfiredepartment.org.

JOIN THE CREW— BECOME A CADET!

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Do you dream of helping others, learning real skills, and being part of something BIG?

The Howlett Hill Fire Department Cadet Program is your chance to:

- ✓ Learn Firefighting & EMS Basics
- ✓ Train with Real Firefighters
- ✓ Build Leadership & Teamwork Skills
- ✓ Serve YOUR Community



HOWLETT HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

3384 Howlett Hill Rd, Syracuse, NY 13215

howlethillfiredepartment.org

Spots are limited – apply today! Step up. Gear up. Be a part of

Fire Department News

From Howlett Hill Fire Department (continued)

Are YOU interested in Joining the HHFD?

If you have an interest in serving the community, learning new skills and maybe even saving a life, consider joining us at the Howlett Hill Fire Department. We offer a wide variety of positions, not all involving actual fire contact. Train in the medical field, outside and support operations and other support positions. No experience is necessary as we provide the training, the protective equipment and mentorship to give you the greatest time of your life. If you have questions about our fire department, please stop in any Monday evening at 7 p.m. as the department members are always there for drill, training or meetings. Put us in your GPS: HHFD 3384 Howlett Hill Rd. Syracuse, NY 13215.

From Onondaga Hill Fire Department

Chief: Dante Garafalo

President: Jeremy Warren

So far it's been a busy year for the volunteers of the Onondaga Hill Fire Department, in the first two months of the year alone, members took in 170 calls for service ranging from structure fires, elevator entrapments, medical calls, and everything in between.

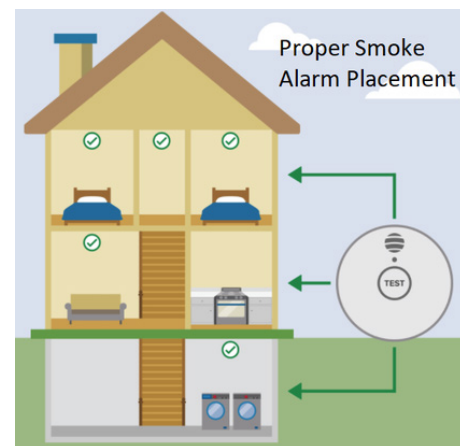
Your Onondaga Hill Volunteers are proud to announce that so far this year we have maintained *THE FASTEST* response time of any fire department in Onondaga County, including the City of Syracuse, Fayetteville, Manlius, and many other career staffed departments.

We have also been busy hosting CPR and First aid training through our partners at ON X Dynamics. While our dedicated firefighters are the boots on the ground, we are also always seeking administrative members, people interested in the business side of the department, doing public outreach events, grant writing, expense and report management among many other things. We strive to be the center of our community and hope some of you are interested in joining us in serving our community through protection of life and property. In our ongoing efforts to prevent emergencies before they happen, we have a few reminders we would like to share with you.



Wildfire Awareness: In 2024 New York State saw a 400% increase in acres burned during wild fires. As we come into the spring it is exceptionally important to abide by the rules of the NYS DEC's burn ban to avoid accidentally starting a large scale fire. Make sure any cooking fires are covered in a way which prevents embers from floating to nearby combustibles to ensure the fire remains contained as intended.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Did you know that smoke and CO detectors go bad? Over time smoke and CO detectors can become less effective due to build up of dust, degradation of sensor materials, or build up of other contaminants. As such it is recommended that all detectors are tested at least twice a year and replaced every 10 years. If you would like your detector checked or need assistance in replacing them, please call our station at 315-492-9191 to arrange a time for one of our firefighters to come out and assist you.



Trail walking or riding: If you find yourself wanting to walk or ride along one of the beautiful trails of our area, make sure to follow a few basic steps to ensure your safety. Make sure to pack more water than you anticipate needing, pack a few snacks and a small first aid kit for any basic injuries along the trail, make sure your phone is fully charged before heading out, plan your route and know where you entered so you can describe your location to responders if something were to go wrong.

Fire Department News

From Southwood Fire Department

Chief: Robert Naugle

President: Tom Bouvia



Building a Stronger Future Together

The Southwood Fire Department continues to move forward with purpose, innovation, and a deep commitment to serving our community. As we look ahead to the coming year, we are proud to share several exciting initiatives that reflect growth, collaboration, and forward thinking.

Under the leadership of President Tom Bouvia and Chief Robert Naugle, Southwood remains focused on operational excellence while strengthening the foundation of our department for years to come. Their dedication ensures that our members feel supported, our training stays strong, and our community remains protected.

One of the most impactful additions this year will be the launch of **community CPR classes**. Providing lifesaving skills directly to our residents empowers neighbors to help neighbors in critical moments. Preparedness starts at home, and we are excited to expand our role in community education.

We are also proud to begin **welcoming high school students** into our department as members in training. Investing in young people creates leadership opportunities, builds confidence, and helps cultivate the next generation of firefighters and EMTs. These students will gain hands-on experience while learning the value of service, teamwork, and responsibility.

In addition, Southwood will be working closely alongside the Jamesville Fire Department, responding together on calls to strengthen coverage, collaboration, and overall emergency response for our area. This partnership enhances safety for everyone and reinforces the strong mutual support shared between neighboring departments.

As we grow, we are also implementing new recruitment strategies to ensure the long-term strength of our department. Volunteer fire and EMS services depend on dedicated community members, and we are actively exploring fresh approaches to connect with individuals who feel called to serve. Whether through expanded outreach, youth engagement, or modern digital communication, our goal is to build a sustainable and resilient team for the future.

Our community events will continue to be a cornerstone of who we are. **The Community Garage Sale** will return, offering families an opportunity to connect while supporting the department. After a tremendous response last year, our **Chili Cook-Off** will also be back—bringing friendly competition, great food, and strong community spirit. We will once again host **Breakfast with Santa**, a cherished holiday tradition that brings smiles to children and families each season.

As part of our commitment to modernization, **Southwood is going digital**. By scanning our QR codes and completing a quick questionnaire, community members can now sign up for event reminders, updates, and department news instantly. This new system makes it easier than ever to stay informed and involved.

Our mission remains simple: serve with pride, protect with integrity, and build a department that reflects the strength of our community. Whether you're interested in taking a CPR class, joining as a member, volunteering at events, or simply staying connected, we invite you to stop by the station on Tuesday evenings or follow us on Facebook at SouthwoodVolunteerFireDept.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, we will keep Southwood strong, prepared, and united.

Fill out the form and get reminders of our events!



From left to right: Darcy Woodcock, John Mahar, Ryan McMahan, Rich McCarron, Jamie Farwell (Judges from our Open House Chili Cook-Off)



Parks & Recreation

FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Spring is a season of new beginnings, and here at the Parks & Recreation Department, we are hard at work preparing exciting programs and refreshing our parks for all Town of Onondaga residents to enjoy. Summer is an especially meaningful time for our community, particularly for our youth—to explore, learn new skills, and simply have fun. The programs and facilities we offer are designed to provide recreational opportunities for residents of all ages, while also encouraging lifelong engagement in healthy, active leisure pursuits.

This past February, we said farewell—and happy retirement—to our longtime Park Labor Crew Leader, Rich Lamphier. Over his remarkable 37-year career, Rich led with pride, worked with integrity, and treated everyone he encountered with kindness and respect. His dedication to both his work and his fire service volunteerism exemplifies what it truly means to serve a community. We will miss his guidance, his laughter, and his unique ability to brighten any day. His legacy will live on in every park and project he helped shape. We wish him all the best as he begins this next chapter.



Charry Lawson, Parks & Recreation Director

With Rich's retirement, we are pleased to welcome Joe Czornij to the department. While no one can replace Rich, Joe brings his own valuable experience, having worked with local school systems in both indoor and outdoor settings, as well as with the grounds crew at OCC. We are excited to have him join our team and look forward to the contributions he will make.

As the warmer months approach, we encourage you to visit one of our four town parks. We continue to make improvements each year to enhance your experience. A reminder that the permit process for pavilion and field use opened to residents on April 1, with non-resident applications beginning May 1. Groups of 15 or more are required to obtain a permit. Full details are available on our website and through the park permit application. To help keep our parks clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone, please review and follow all posted park rules.

If you or someone you know is looking for a seasonal job, we invite you to explore opportunities with us. Positions are available for Park Attendants, Park Laborers, and our popular Day Camp program staff. Employment runs from May through August, with Day Camp positions lasting approximately seven weeks beginning in late June. Applications are available at our office or online at parks.townofonondaga.gov.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring and summer!

Sincerely,
Charry Lawson
Parks & Recreation Director

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Pete**

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PARKS & RECREATION INFORMATION

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF

Charry Lawson, Director

Jennifer Smiley, Recreation Supervisor

Barbara Michalski, Senior Program Coordinator

Joe Czornij, Park Labor Crew Leader

Patricia Conrad, Recreation Secretary

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Summer Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (June 22 – Aug. 28)

Address: 4834 Velasko Road, Syracuse, NY 13215

Phone: 315-469-3464

Email: recreation@townofonondaga.gov

Website: parks.townofonondaga.gov

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVE BASIS.

- Non-residents pay \$10.00 more for most programs.
- Register online at parks.townofonondaga.gov
- We have a drop box in the rear of the building/office on East Ave.
- 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 is 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. Call the office for more information.

- Parking and entrances on both Velasko Road and East Avenue.
- If paying by major credit card, 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. If refund is under \$25 the refund will automatically be a credit to your account. 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. Ensure you are opted-in to receive our texts and email blasts. If you are ever in question as to whether a class might be canceled, call the Recreation Office at 315-469-3464 or check our website or Facebook Page.

Be a HERO to Local Children!

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.

One hundred percent of your contribution to the H.E.R.O. fund will benefit the Town of Onondaga youth. If you are a family in need of assistance in paying for a program, please contact the Town of Onondaga Parks & Recreation office.

Next time you visit the Parks & Recreation office or sign up for a class, please consider contributing. Thank you in advance for considering a contribution to the scholarship fund! Call (315) 469-3464 for more information.

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: _____

Parks Facilities

The Town operates four beautiful parks for residents. Please be aware that dogs are not allowed in our parks. Along with no smoking of any materials. Reservations for courts, fields, and pavilions require a permit and are available at the Parks office or online at parks.townofonondaga.gov. Permit forms have a list of all fees and rules (please review). Permits MUST be submitted AT LEAST one week in advance, and no refunds will be issued for inclement weather. Groups of 15 or more MUST have a permit. Parks are closed November 1 through April 30.

Kelley Brothers Memorial Park – 99 Kelley Park Dr., Nedrow, NY 13205

This 15-acre park has a rentable pavilion with an accessible walkway and grills. The park also has a restroom, play areas, tennis court, basketball court, and a beach volleyball court. There is a pavilion (not rentable) near the playground equipment to provide shade and picnic seating for all the families that utilize the play areas on a regular basis. This spring Syracuse Gaelic Football Club will make Kelley Park their new home base! The maximum occupancy for permits is 75.

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

The athletic fields are heavily used by our adult softball leagues during the week, with WOYSA playing games on Saturdays in the Spring and Fall. This 20-acre park has two softball fields, a beach volleyball court, two tennis courts, a basketball court, two pickleball courts, grills, 2 pavilions, playground equipment, and restrooms. The small pavilion near the playground equipment is to provide shade and picnic seating for all the families that utilize the play areas on a regular basis. The bigger pavilion in the front of the park is rentable. The maximum occupancy for permits is 100.

Howlett Hill Park - 5051 Youth Center Road, Camillus, NY 13031

Adult softball games are held weeknights along with WOYSA holding soccer games on Saturdays in the fall. This 9-acre park has two softball fields, one tennis court, one basketball court, a rentable pavilion, grills, playground equipment, and restrooms. 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, Wildcat & Outlaw Lacrosse, and Westhill athletic teams. There are playground pieces for children 2-5 years old, as well as a play piece for older children. The blue 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 pickleball courts, 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 parks are routinely patrolled by our staff and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, as well as covered by security cameras. 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.



ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

START SMART SOCCER

King Park

Saturdays, May 2 – June 13 (Exclude 5/23)

Bringing parents and children ages 3 – 5 together to work on a variety of soccer skills. Parents work directly with their children to prepare them 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. All participants should bring a water bottle, and sweatshirt on cold days. Fee includes a soccer ball to keep! No cleats allowed. MIN: 12/MAX: 20

AGES: 3 – 5 TIME: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

FEE: \$65.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
\$75.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: April 25

HOT SHOTS YOUTH SOCCER

King Park

Saturdays, May 2 – June 13 (Exclude 5/23)

Join our coaches for this fun Spring Soccer Program designed for boys and girls! This program focuses on teaching the basics of soccer in a supportive, friendly environment. Each session will include instructional activities to help kids develop essential soccer skills, followed by fun, mini-games where they can practice what they've learned. All participants should bring a water bottle, sweatshirt on cold days and shin guards. Fee includes a soccer ball to keep! No cleats allowed.

MIN: 12/MAX: 30

AGES: 5 - 8 TIME: 9:45 am – 10:45 am

FEE: \$70.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
\$80.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: April 25

MATCH POINT TENNIS LESSONS

Santaro Park – Tennis Courts

SPRING SESSION:

Saturdays, May 9 – June 20 (Exclude 5/23)

SUMMER SESSION:

Saturdays, June 27– August 8 (Exclude 7/4 & TBA)

Instruction for aspiring youth tennis players ages 4 – 12! Come learn the basics of tennis, or work on your existing skills with coach Natalie! Tennis racquets are available to borrow, but feel free to bring yours from home. Age groups may be combined to ensure program runs for all registered participants. MIN: 6/MAX: 12

AGES: 4 – 6 TIME: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

AGES: 7 – 9 TIME: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

AGES: 10 – 12 TIME: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

FEE: \$60.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
\$70.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 a week before the program starts

LEARN TO RIDE BIKE EVENT!

Santaro Park

Saturday, May 9

Join Jade, an experienced parent instructor, for a fun and supportive bike-riding event! Bring your own bike or use one of our specialized bikes available on site.

Learning from someone new can make all the difference and we're here to help build confidence and skills in a positive way! Attendees are welcome to come and go between 9:00–11:00 AM. **Helmets are required.**

All participants will be entered into a drawing for a special prize at the end of the event.

AGES: 5 – 12 TIMES: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

FEE: \$5.00 per family



STRENGTH & STRETCH

Onondaga Senior Center – Dance Room

2 Evening Classes! Mondays and Thursdays

AGES: 18 & over TIMES: 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm

This class (geared for active adults) is split into sections of strength for arms, legs, and abs using light weights. Exercise and weight experience necessary. Bring a mat. Exercises also done on the floor.

Current ongoing sessions are full, please check back in the fall!

PICKLEBALL 101

Santaro Park – Pickleball Courts

Thursdays, June 4 – July 9

Discover why pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports! This 6-week beginner program includes one hour of instruction each week covering strokes, basic techniques, and game rules. During the second hour, participants will take part in supervised open play to practice new skills and receive helpful feedback from the instructor. MIN: 8/MAX: 12

AGES: 18 & over TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

FEE: \$80.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
\$90.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: May 28



* Please note, some of the Spring Classes are waiting list only.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

PICKLEBALL 102

Santaro Park – Pickleball Courts

Thursdays, June 4 – July 9

This 6-week program helps players progress to the intermediate level through focused instruction and guided play. Each week includes one hour of instruction to refine techniques and introduce game strategies, followed by one hour of open play. This program is not for beginners. Participants must have prior playing experience or have completed Pickleball 101. MIN: 8/MAX: 12

AGES: 18 and over TIME: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

FEE: \$80.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$90.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: May 28

FATHER'S DAY TOOLBOX CARD

Onondaga Senior Center – Multi-use room

Tuesday, June 9

Build a special surprise for Father's Day! Kids will design a toolbox-themed card, adding decorative "tools" and personal notes to create a one-of-a-kind gift. A fun, hands-on craft perfect for celebrating the fathers in your life! MIN: 5/MAX: 12

AGES: 5 – 12 TIME: 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

FEE: \$15.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$20.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: June 2

BABYSITTING CLASS

Onondaga Senior Center – Multi-use room

Friday, June 26

Learn the essentials of babysitting in this course designed to prepare potential babysitters for the job. All participants will receive training from American Heart Association instructors and upon completion of the class will receive certifications to show parents. Please bring a pen/pencil, notebook, and water. MIN: 4/MAX: 10

AGES: 11 – 18 TIME: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

FEE: \$80.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$90.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: June 19

GAELIC FOOTBALL

Kelley Park

Thursdays, July 2 – August 6

Join the Syracuse Gaels for Gaelic Football! A fun Irish sport that combines the skills of soccer, basketball, and volleyball. No experience needed, just a willingness to learn, have fun and fall in love with the sport!

Min: 10 / Max: 30

Ages: 7 – 14 Times: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Fee: \$15.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$25.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: June 25

SUMMER DAY CAMP!

LOCATIONS:

Santaro Park- 4979 Velasko Rd., Syracuse, NY 13215

OR

Rockwell Elementary School – 208 Rockwell Rd., Nedrow, NY 13120

Summer Day Camps run from Monday – Friday, June 30 (Tuesday) – August 7, 2026 (No program July 3)

AGES: 6 - 14 TIME: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

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

A 5 year old child can sign up **ONLY** if they have completed kindergarten. Drop off or email in a PDF a progress report for proof.

When registering for Day Camp, please be prepared to provide the following documentation, as required by Onondaga County Health Department guidelines:

- Immunization Record
- Most recent Physical Examination
- Any additional detailed medical information

If documents are emailed, they must be submitted in PDF format. Documents sent in any other format will not be accepted.

Per Onondaga County Health guidelines, the immunization record must include a "print date" from 2026. If your child has a scheduled appointment between April 1 and June 29, you may submit last year's records during registration and provide the updated documentation after the appointment.

All required medical documentation must be received by June 29th. Due to health regulations, children will not be permitted to begin the Day Camp program until all required documentation has been submitted and approved.

6 Week Program Fee:

- \$160.00 Town of Onondaga residents
- \$260.00 All others
- After the 2nd child: each additional child \$100.00
 - After 6/19/26 add \$10.00 per child
- **NO REGISTRATION AFTER JULY 10th, 2026**

Proof of Residency Requirements

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

DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER!

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

****NEW** CHALLENGE ISLAND EXTENDED CAMP**

Santaro Park

Available exclusively for Santaro & Rockwell Day Camp participants, Challenge Island Extended Camp is new this summer and offers extra STEAM-filled fun after the camp day ends. Families may register for individual weeks or all three weeks of this exciting program.

Please Note:

- A minimum of 20 participants each week is required for the program to run.
- A completed waiver form must be submitted prior to the start of the program. Children without a waiver on file will not be permitted to attend.
- No make-up sessions will be offered if a Day Camp rain date occurs.

Monday – Friday: 3:15 – 5:15 pm

Week 1: July 6 – 10: Monsters and Myths Island© *

Week 2: July 13 – 17: Disaster Island© *

Week 3: July 20 – 24: Rainforest Island© *

FEE:

\$150.00 per child/per week Town of Onondaga Resident

\$160.00 per child/per week Non-resident

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: June 17

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 24

***Descriptions of each week are on our website.**



TRANSPORTATION SHUTTLE: WHEELER TO ROCKWELL

**Monday – Friday, June 30 (Tuesday) – August 7, 2026
(No program July 3)**

Can't get your child to Day Camp? We've got you covered! Daily bus transportation is available throughout the program. The bus departs from Wheeler at **9:00 AM** and returns at **3:15 PM**.

Please note: When registering online, be sure to add the **Transportation Program**, as it is **not included** with Day Camp registration. Min. 20 / Max 40

Please note, in order to run the bus, we need to meet the minimum number of participants by 6/19/2026, otherwise we will have to cancel the bus and participants will be notified.

6 Week Transportation Fee:

- \$75.00 Per Child

ADD \$10 FEE AFTER: June 19



KINDERKIDS

Onondaga Hill Middle School Gym

**Mondays – Fridays, June 30 (Tuesday) – August 7, 2026
(No program July 3)**

AGES: 3 – 5 TIME: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

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 drop off field trips to Santaro Park & special drop-in events. Children should come dressed to play and bring a snack and drink. **Space is limited. CHILD MUST BE POTTY TRAINED.**

Age & Residency Requirements:

- Child must be 3 by: 6/22/2026.
- The child must **NOT** have attended Kindergarten yet.
- Parent/Guardian may need to provide proof of age.
- Child's primary parent or legal guardian must reside in the Town of Onondaga to receive resident rate.

FEE: \$175.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$185.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: June 22



ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

START SMART LACROSSE

Santaro Park

Monday – Friday, July 6 - 10

Check out this Goal-Scoring Starter of a program! Children ages 5–7 are encouraged to register for this exciting introductory lacrosse experience where we build motor skills, coordination, confidence, and communication through fun drills like shooting, passing, catching, cradling, stick handling, running, and agility activities. **Parents work directly with their children** under the guidance of the program facilitator using age-appropriate STX® equipment and focusing on preparing children for organized lacrosse in a fun, non-threatening setting. Registration includes lacrosse stick and ball! Please bring a water bottle! MIN: 8/MAX: 20

AGES: 5 – 7 TIME: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

FEE: \$70.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$80.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: June 29



ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CAMP

Westhill High School Football Field

Monday – Thursday, July 6 - 9

Are you ready for some football? Our Football Camp, led by Westhill coaches, provides 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. Demonstration and drill sessions will be presented daily. A football game/activity will be played at the end of each session. Participants must bring sneakers and a water bottle. Girls and Boys are encouraged to register!



MIN: 12/MAX: 40

AGES: 7 – 12 TIME: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

FEE: \$60.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$70.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: June 29

ARCADE MANIA® – CHALLENGE ISLAND

Onondaga Town Hall – Back Room (5020 Ball Rd.)

Monday – Friday, July 13 - 17

This Kids-Choice Challenge Island adventure puts a 100% SCREEN-FREE STEAM twist on popular video games from Super STEAMio Land to Mine Island to Fort Island to retro-inspired games like Space Aliens and Pinball Machines! Our spectacular STEAM Teams will swap game consoles for creativity and joysticks for ingenuity and imagination as they take on Island of Low-tech STEAM challenges created with game-loving kids in mind!

MIN: 10/MAX: 20

AGES: 7 – 14 TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

FEE: \$170.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$180.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: June 26

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 3

START SMART BASEBALL

Santaro Park

Monday – Friday, July 13 - 17

Check out this Home-Run of a program! Children are encouraged to register for this program where we work to improve their motor skills, communication and hand-eye coordination using baseball and softball drills like throwing, catching, batting and agility. **Parents work directly with their children** each session under the direction of the program facilitator. Registration includes a baseball bat, ball, and glove! Please bring a water bottle. MIN: 8/MAX: 20

AGES: 4 – 6 TIME: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

FEE: \$70.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$80.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: July 6

MAGNET MAZES

Onondaga Senior Center – Multi-use Room

Wednesday, July 22

Design and build your own maze game using the power of magnets! Kids will create a custom maze inside a shoebox and guide their game piece from start to finish—without touching it. A fun, hands-on way to explore science, creativity, and problem-solving. Please bring your own shoe box! MIN: 8/MAX: 12

AGES: 7 – 10 TIME: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

FEE: \$20.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$25.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: July 15

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

ROBO-MONORAIL MAKERS – MINDS IN MOTION

Onondaga Town Hall – Back Room (5020 Ball Rd.)

Monday – Friday, July 20 – 24

Design and build your own Robot Monorail System! Participants will construct a robot that balances on a single wheel and travels along a track powered by a gyroscope. Using more than 180 track pieces and special connectors, students can follow guided layouts or design their own custom track systems. Along the way, they'll explore physics concepts such as rotational motion, acceleration, and angular momentum through hands-on experiments. The adventure starts now!

MIN: 6/MAX: 12

AGES: 8 - 12 TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

FEE: \$185.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$195.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: July 3

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, July 10

ELECTRICITY & MAGNETMANIA – MINDS IN MOTION

Onondaga Town Hall – Back Room (5020 Ball Rd.)

Monday – Friday, July 20 – 24

Explore the world of electronics and magnetism in our Minds in Motion electronic lab. Participants will use a 60-piece snap-together circuit kit to build a variety of projects, including lighting bulbs, powering motors, and experimenting with magnets. The program also features demonstrations such as generating electricity with a handheld generator and observing magnetic levitation. Plus, you'll be amazed as a special top levitates right before your eyes! MIN: 6/MAX: 12

AGES: 8 - 12 TIME: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

FEE: \$185.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$195.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: July 3

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, July 10

SOCGER CAMP

Santaro Park

Monday – Friday, July 20 - 24

This week of soccer activities will be packed with fun drills, 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 skill reinforcing games. Please bring a water bottle and wear shin guards. MIN: 12/MAX: 40

AGES: 6 – 14 TIME: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

FEE: \$60.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$70.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: July 13

YOGAKIDS CAMP

Onondaga Senior Center – Dance Room

Monday – Friday, July 27 - 31

Join Trista Phillipson, a certified Yogakids facilitator, in a WEEK-LONG learning adventure with Yoga as the pathway. Children will spend time each day practicing flexibility, mindfulness and fun. They will learn skills while they grow strong and flexible on all levels. Dress comfortably. Mats and art supplies provided. **Please note, first class will be upstairs in the multi-use room.**

MIN: 12/MAX: 16

AGES: 5 – 12 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

FEE: \$100.00 Town of Onondaga Resident

\$110.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: July 20



DECORATIVE CEMENT PAVERS

Onondaga Senior Center – weather permitting we will be outside in the pavilion

Wednesday, August 5

Create your very own stepping stone to take home! In this hands-on program, kids will mix, pour, and decorate their own cement paver using colors, textures, and fun designs. Whether you make it bright and bold or simple and stylish, your finished piece will be a one-of-a-kind creation you can keep and enjoy. MIN: 8/MAX: 12

AGES: 7 – 12 TIME: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

FEE: \$20.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$25.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: July 29

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

BASKETBALL CAMP

King Park – Basketball Court

Monday – Friday, August 3 - 7

Time to get back on the court! Join us for a week-long camp aimed at improving your basketball skills! We will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting and game strategy for more advanced players. Coach Dana will be instructing on form, strategy and helping children develop their confidence for organized play. Please bring a water bottle and wear sneakers.

MIN: 10/MAX: 20

AGES: 7 – 9 TIME: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

AGES: 10 – 12 TIME: 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm

FEE: \$40.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
\$50.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: July 27



BRICK INSPIRATION – LEGO CAMP

Onondaga Town Hall – Back Room (5020 Ball Rd.)

Monday – Friday, August 10 - 14

RETURNING BRITISH INSTRUCTORS

Their LEGO camp explores science, technology, architecture, engineering and art concepts using LEGO® bricks. The camp will fire up your child's imagination and spark creativity in the form of inspired play, building one of our many themed LEGO creations coupled with our magical delivery. The curriculum will provide your child with an opportunity to design and build lots of different LEGO® creations. MIN: 6/MAX: 15

AGES: 5 – 13 (Participants are broken up in age groups: Ages 5 – 7 and Ages 8 – 13)

Half Day Camp: Please bring a water bottle.

TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

FEE: \$120.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
\$130.00 Non-residents

Full Day Camp: Please bring a lunch and a water bottle.

TIME: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$200.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
\$210.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: August 3

NATURE CAMP

Santaro Park - Pavilion

Monday – Friday, August 10 - 14

Discover nature this summer during a weeklong 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. Field trips may include: Little Ray's Nature Center and Special Event - Challenge Island is doing an in person "Field Trip". Please bring daily a lunch, water bottle, clothes that can get messy and sneakers. MIN: 15/MAX: 40

AGES: 6 – 14 TIME: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

FEE: \$130.00 Town of Onondaga Residents
\$140.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: August 3



ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

SUPERHERO CAMP – HEROES & VILLAINS

Onondaga Town Hall – Back Room (5020 Ball Rd.)

Monday – Friday, August 10 - 14

Have you ever wished that you could be a superhero? Join us for Superhero Camp, and you can live your dream! Boost your confidence and explore your imagination while entering the world of superheroes, spectacular hands-on creative activities to learn about superheroes and their villains. Our superhero camp is a creative and artistic, it will feature and explore the characters of Superman, Supergirl, Wonder Woman, Batman, Catwoman, Spiderman, Hulk, Captain America, Black Panther, Antman, Aquaman, Ironman, and much more. Children will develop their interest in a range of creative, fun and active Superhero and Villian related activities which include art, digital art, craft, sports, LEGO, drama and superhero games. Students will participate in activities that help them develop their own Superhero identities, Superpowers and Superhero Villains. MIN: 7/ MAX: 15

AGES: 5 - 11 TIME: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

FEE: \$110.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$120.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: August 3

ADULT COASTER MAKING CLASS

Onondaga Senior Center – Multi-use room

Tuesday, August 11

Get creative and craft your own custom set of coasters in this fun, hands-on class designed just for adults! Whether you're looking to add a personal touch to your home or create a thoughtful handmade gift, this class will guide you through the process step by step. No prior experience is needed, just bring your creativity! All supplies are included. MIN: 8/ MAX: 12

AGES: 16 & over TIME: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

FEE: \$25.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$35.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: August 4



ART CAMP – WITH MAKIN' IT WITH MARY

Onondaga Senior Center – Downstairs

Monday – Friday, August 17 - 21

Cool off and get creative with Makin' it with Mary at this summer's Art Camp, "Hot Summer Days!" This camp is perfect for young artists who are eager to dive into the world of creativity and explore their passion for art. Over the course of the week, kids will be inspired to create, experiment and let their imaginations run wild! Please wear clothes that you can get messy in and bring a water bottle. MIN: 10/ MAX: 16

Note: Monday, August 17th will be held upstairs in the multi-use room. Weather permitting, they will be outside under the pavilion.

AGES: 7 – 12 TIME: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

FEE: \$110.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$120.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: August 10



SENSIBLE SOCCER – SKILL DEVELOPMENT

RETURNING BRITISH INSTRUCTORS

Santaro Park

Monday – Friday, August 17 - 21

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. Please bring a water bottle and shin guards. MIN: 8/ MAX: 10

AGES: 7 – 14 TIME: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

FEE: \$125.00 Town of Onondaga Residents

\$135.00 Non-residents

ADD \$10.00 FEE AFTER: August 10

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Barbara Michalski,
Senior Program Coordinator

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

“THERE ARE NO STRANGERS HERE – ONLY FRIENDS WE HAVEN’T MET”

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

Our bi-monthly newsletter, the *Senior Gazette*, featuring events and activities, is mailed out to all interested seniors. To receive a copy, please call the Senior Center to get on the mailing list. There is no charge to residents of the Town of Onondaga. There is a \$10 annual charge for those seniors not residing in the Town of Onondaga. The Senior Gazette is also available on our website parks.townofonondaga.gov.

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 for anyone under 60
- Call the lunch line at 315-469-3259 for reservations
- Lunch reservations should be in by 12:00 pm the day **BEFORE** or by Thursday 12:00 pm for the following week.

CATERED LUNCHEONS - \$5 - Sign up early!

Upcoming luncheons are scheduled for Thursdays, May 7, June 4, July 2 and August 6 @ 12 Noon.

The luncheons have good entertainment, are very social and fun, and always a nice afternoon out!

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISOR/SENIOR ASSISTANCE COUNSELING

Get help 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; and help with the completion of medical applications and other forms. Call the Senior Center to set up an appointment to meet with the counselor, or for immediate assistance call the Salvation Army Office directly, 315-479-1125.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MID-NY

Provides legal services to residents of Onondaga County age 60+. Services cover the following civil areas: Consumer/Debtor Relief, Living Wills, Power of Attorney Preparation, and Revocation, Simple Will & Testament, Veterans Benefits, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Social Security, Health Care Proxies, Medicare, Public Assistance and Utility issues. Call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment for June 24 or October 14.

AAA DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Anyone 50+ is eligible to take this one-day course. Class Dates: May 15; October 9; November 13: 9 AM – 3:30 PM. (Senior Center Doors open at 8:30 AM). Please arrive on time. Lunch: 12 - 12:30 PM.

BRING TO CLASS: Your current drivers license, pen/pencil and a bagged lunch (nothing that needs to be microwaved!) Coffee and Tea provided. Bring your *check payable to AAA* for \$39.

Nutrition Counseling

To receive dietary counseling and education call the Dept of Aging at 315-435-2362. They will connect you with a Nutrition Counselor.

Book Club

Mondays at 12:30 PM. A few of the interesting books they have read this year: Real Americans, The Book Club for Troublesome Women, The Book of Lost Names, Hamnet, The Lost Girls of Paris.

DOMINOES

Mondays from 1-3 PM.

LIBRARY

We have many paperback (no hard cover) books available on our Library Shelves. We appreciate and thank you for your used paperback books to add to our collection.

MAH JONGG

Monday 1-3 PM for newer players to the game. Wednesdays 1-3 PM for more experienced play.

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

QUILTING GROUP "BUSY HANDS"

Mondays 10AM-12 Noon. Our back room is always filled with fabric, folks, and sewing machines each Monday. The quilters are a busy group making their creations for charitable organizations (and their own projects), and they make fun quilts that are raffled each month. Come in and buy a ticket. You could win!



POOL (Billiards)

Check out our Pool Room, bring a friend, and play on our regulation size pool table!

Wii BOWLING

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM.

GAMES WE PLAY (check our calendars for dates scheduled throughout the year)

PASS THE ACE CARD GAME

Every Tuesday 12:50 PM (after lunch)

We play two games. Bring \$.75 (three quarters) for each game and join in the fun.

BINGO

Thursdays @ 1 PM (Please arrive by 12:45 PM)

May 21; June 11 & 25. \$1 for first card; \$.50 for each additional card.

SENIORS GOLF @ ORCHARD VALI

This year's Senior MENS Golf League (for seniors over age 55) has started for the season, but they are looking for subs to join them. Call Gill Madigan, League Secretary, for all the details, 315-469-4934 or 315-251-0739.

For questions regarding LADIES golf, call Orchard Vali Golf Course directly at 315-677-3303. They have women's leagues available with mixed age group.

Walking PROGRAM

Walk from 10 - 11 AM Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Michael's Parish Center located on W. Seneca Turnpike behind the rectory. Beginning in May, walking is also available around Brookdale Summerfield across from Santaro Park Tuesday and Thursday from 9 - 11 AM. Come into our office and fill out a Medical & Emergency Information Form.

Zumba Gold

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Instructor: Marie Thornton

Perfect for active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class.

Tuesdays 9-10 AM

Next 12 Week Session June 23 - September 8

RESIDENT FEE: \$48

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$58

After June 16 add \$10

Wednesdays 9:15 - 10:15 AM

Next 12 Week Session July 1 - September 16

RESIDENT FEE: \$48

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$58

After June 24 add \$10

SENIOR TAP

Instructor: Denise Gehm

Wednesdays 11 - 12 Noon

Current Session April 22 - July 8

RESIDENT FEE: \$48

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$58

EXERCISE WITH LIGHT WEIGHTS

FREE...Tuesdays 10:15- 11AM & Fridays 10 - 10:45 AM

Workout to great video and with a great group of folks. All hand weights provided.

CHI KUNG (Beginner)

Instructor: David Dolbear

Mondays 1 - 2 PM

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

TAI CHI (Intermediate)

Mondays 2 - 3 PM

Characterized by soft, slow, and continuous movement. Physically it promotes pliability, improved cardiovascular increased strength, especially in the legs. Psychologically, it promotes concentration, relaxation, self-confidence, and overall improvement in the function of the central nervous system.

Current sessions April 6 - June 29

RESIDENT FEE: \$66

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$76

After March 29 add \$10

No Class 5/25

***Please check the website for future dates.**

SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



STRENGTH & STRETCH

Instructor: Marie Thornton

Thursdays 9:15 AM

This energetic class is split into sections of strength for arms, legs, and abs and is similar to the evening classes using light weights, no heavier weights. Bring a mat and/or wear your sneakers. Beginners welcome.

Current Session April 23 – July 9

Next 12 Week Session July 16 – October 8

RESIDENT FEE: \$48

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$58

After July 9 add \$10

No Class 7/30

YOGA/CHAIR YOGA

Instructor: Cynthia Smith

Gentle yoga/chair yoga suitable for all. Bring your mat or wear your sneakers. The benefits are many.

Thursdays 10:30 AM

May 21 – July 9

RESIDENT FEE: \$32

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$42

After May 14 add \$10

***Please check the website for future dates.**

ART INSTRUCTION

Instructor: Thomas Hussey

Current Sessions end June 30

Next 12 week sessions July 7 – September 22

BEGINNER ART

Tuesdays 12:30 – 2:30 PM - Max 12 participants

RESIDENT FEE: \$84

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$94

After June 30 add \$10

ADVANCED ART

Tuesdays 9 AM - 12 Noon

RESIDENT FEE: \$72

NON-RESIDENT FEE: \$82

After June 30 add \$10

DAY TRIPS

Day trip announcements are posted at the Senior Center and published in the Senior Gazette. For reservations, sign up at the Senior Center or call for availability then send a check to the Center for payment. Include with check: name of person(s) taking the trip, phone #, date of trip, your pick-up point & menu choice (if any). Make check payable to Onondaga Seniors. Your payment includes bus transportation and all fees for the day, along with gratuities to restaurants and bus driver.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

May 19, Rochester George Eastman House, Lamberton Conservatory at Highland Park, lunch (and the lilacs!);

June 18, REV Theatre production of A Bronx Tale, lunch at Prison City Pub;

June 30, Turning Stone Casino Tribute to Grease Show & Gaming;

July 10, Cortland Rep Theatre production of 9-5, lunch TBD;

July 29, Cortland 1890 House, Little York Plantation and lunch at the Hathaway House;

August 26, REV Theatre production of Carousel, lunch at Sherwood Inn;

September TBD, Wadsworth Homestead/Letchworth Park/Castile Cider Mill;

October 14, Lake George Boat Cruise/Prospect Mountain/Oscar's Smokehouse;

December 3, Turning Stone with Dick Clark's Count Down to Christmas Show & Gaming.



GENERAL TOWN INFORMATION

Public Safety

IN AN EMERGENCY or ANY TIME you need Police, Fire or EMS services dispatched for any reason, always call 911.

- Onondaga County Sheriff Office: South Station
Located at Onondaga Town Hall, 5020 Ball Rd.,
Syracuse 13215
315.435-3044
- iCAD Events – Onondaga County E911: Go to 911events.orgov.net to find out about emergency events happening in the Town. Look for TON.

Fire Protection Services

In an emergency, always call 911.

Howlett Hill Volunteer Fire Department
Chief: John Harris, Jr., President: Frank Valls
howletthillfiredepartment.org
Facebook: @howletthillfire

Navarino Volunteer Fire Department
Chief: Chris Barry, President: Donald Krick
Facebook: @Navarino-Fire-Department

Nedrow Volunteer Fire Department
Chief: Christopher Moses, President: Rick Nemier
nedrowfire.com / Facebook: @nedrowfire

Onondaga Hill Volunteer Fire Department
Chief: Dante Garafalo, President: Jeremy Warren
ohfd.net / Facebook: @onondagahillfire

South Onondaga Volunteer Fire Department
Chief: Erik Nelson, President: Tim Nelson
Facebook: @southonondagafire

Southwood Volunteer Fire Department
Chief: Robert Naugle, President: Tom Bouvia
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