

# ABOUT TOWN

Town of Geddes, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209

[www.townofgeddes.com](http://www.townofgeddes.com)

Winter-Spring 2024

## AS OF JAN. 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024

**NEW TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS WILL BE 8:00AM TO 4:00PM.  
(\*8:00AM TO 3:00PM FRIDAYS ONLY -  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND)**

**NEW RECREATION DEPT. MAIN OFFICE HOURS WILL BE  
8:30AM TO 4:00PM.  
(\*8:30AM TO 3:00PM FRIDAYS ONLY -  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND)**

## VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Come on down to 1000 Woods Road (Town Hall) for an exciting Easter Event! Enjoy fun Easter activities, receive a goodie bag and visit with "The Easter Bunny"!

Look for updates regarding this event in the months ahead!

**LIMITED TO 200 GOODIE BAGS! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!**

1000 Woods Road Town Hall

Date And Time To Be Determined

## NOW AVAILABLE!!

### John Carno Gym and Rooms Are Available To Rent!!

The John Carno Recreation Center Gymnasium and Rooms are now available to rent for small birthday parties, showers or get-togethers on Friday evenings and weekend days!

Rooms can be rented for meetings too!

Unfortunately, at this time the gymnasium can not be rented for sport/team practices or events.

For more information and rates, call the Department at (315) 487-8238!

## FRIDAY, JANUARY, 19<sup>th</sup> MOVIE DAY

Join us for "MOVIE DAY" at the John Carno Recreation Center!

Bring your blankets, cushions, snacks & enjoy a movie night!

**John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland, 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

There is no charge for this event.

Preregistration is required. Minimum of 15

Register at: [www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com](http://www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com)

or call the Recreation Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 23<sup>rd</sup> GAME DAY

Come out for "GAME DAY"! Bring your friends! Choose from our assortment of board games or bring your own. Ages 5 & up.

**John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

There is no charge for this event.

Preregistration is required. Minimum of 30.

Register at: [www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com](http://www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com)

or call the Recreation Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm

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  - Visit with the Easter Bunny
  - Classes and more!
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## PICKLEBALL AT THE JOHN CARNO RECREATION CENTER!!!

The John Carno Recreation Center now has an indoor pickleball court for rent!!

Please bear in mind our court is regulation size but it is a smaller gym. There is a 5 foot space between lines and walls.

We are not encouraging competitive play due to spacing but it is great for recreational play!

We are also looking for an instructor to teach lessons!

The court is not available all times of the day due to other programming, so please call the office to schedule a time! We currently are open during the week, but if the demand for scheduling is great we will open on Saturdays!

## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for summer employment.

Applicants must be Town of Geddes Residents and must be high school graduates or enrolled in college at the time of their appointment. First Aid certification is required for some positions. Types of positions that will be filled include playground leaders, playground supervisors, and office staff.

Applications may be obtained at the Department of Parks and Recreation Office, located in the John Carno Recreation Center, 823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland and also at the Geddes Town Hall, 1000 Woods Road, Solvay. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline date for accepting application is **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

For more information, call the department at (315) 487-8238.

# Town of Geddes

## 1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209

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| <b>SUPERVISOR</b><br>Susan LaFex   | <b>TOWN JUSTICES</b><br>Daniel Mathews III<br>John Kinsella | <b>ENGINEER</b><br>Dunn & Sgromo             |
| <b>COUNCILORS</b><br>Edward Weber<br>Martin Kelley<br>Christopher Maroney<br>Marcia Ferguson<br>Jonathan Lorber<br>Alanna Zimmer-Redmond | <b>TOWN CLERK</b><br>Alison Dorchester                      | <b>TOWN MANAGER</b><br>Jennifer Kolakowski   |
| <b>ATTORNEY</b><br>Thomas J. Cerio   | <b>SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS</b><br>Paul Trovato                    | <b>CHIEF OF POLICE</b><br>John Fall, Jr.     |
|  | <b>ASSESSOR</b><br>Christopher Russo                        | <b>DIR. OF RECREATION</b><br>Deborah Morrell |
|  | <b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b><br>David Balcer                     | <b>SENIOR REC. LEADER</b><br>Annette Cregan  |

## OFFICE/BUSINESS HOURS

(MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY)

Town Hall Offices . . . 1000 Woods Road, Solvay

\*8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\*8:00 am to 3:00 pm Fridays Only - Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend

Highway Dept. Office . . . 654 Terry Road, Westvale

\*7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Recreation Dept. Office . . . 823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland

\*8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\*8:30 am to 3:00 pm Fridays Only - Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend

## DIRECTORY

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Geddes Town Hall .....                | (315) 468-3600 |
| Supervisor's Office .....             | ext. 1         |
| Clerk's Office .....                  | ext. 2         |
| Tax Office .....                      | ext. 2         |
| Comptroller's Office.....             | ext. 6         |
| Assessor's Office.....                | ext. 4         |
| Codes Enforcement Office.....         | ext. 8         |
| Dog Controller's Office.....          | ext. *         |
| (Emergencies).....                    | (315) 468-2521 |
| Sewer Maintenance Office .....        | (315) 488-7705 |
| Justice Court .....                   | (315) 468-3613 |
| Geddes Police (non-emergency) .....   | (315) 425-2333 |
| Police Administration .....           | (315) 468-3283 |
| Highway Department .....              | (315) 488-7705 |
| Parks and Recreation Department ..... | (315) 487-8238 |
| John Carno Recreation Center.....     | (315) 487-8243 |

## 2024 TOWN BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES  
ALONG WITH AGENDAS AND MINUTES

### Town Supervisor

Susan LaFex  
Ex-Officio Member of all Committees  
Email: slafex@townofgeddes.com

### Administrative & Ethics

Susan LaFex, Chair  
Martin Kelley - Deputy Supervisor  
Ed Weber  
Marcia Ferguson

### Admin Sub-Committee

**for Tree Committee**  
Heather Durant, Chair

### Finance

Marcia Ferguson, Chair  
Email: mferguson@townofgeddes.com  
Chris Maroney  
Ed Weber

### Highway

Ed Weber, Chair  
Email: edweber1@verizon.net  
Martin Kelley  
Jonathan Lorber

### Comprehensive Plan

Susan LaFex, Chair  
Email: slafex@townofgeddes.com  
Ed Weber

Martin Kelley  
Marcia Ferguson  
Chris Maroney

### Public Safety

Chris Maroney, Chair  
Email: cmaroney@townofgeddes.com  
Alanna Zimmer-Redmond  
Jonathan Lorber

### Zoning & Planning / Codes / Buildings & Code Book

Martin Kelley, Chair  
Email: mkelley@townofgeddes.com  
Chris Maroney  
Jonathan Lorber

### Recreation / Seniors & Youth

Marcia Ferguson, Chair  
Email: mferguson@townofgeddes.com  
Alanna Zimmer-Redmond

## MEETINGS

Town Board Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board – Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Geddes Town Hall,  
1000 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209  
and are open to the public.

# ABOUTOWN

ABOUTOWN is a Town of Geddes Newspaper which is published three (3) times a year. Editions are available in January, May, and September. This publication is compiled by the Department of Parks and Recreation Staff: Deborah Morrell, Director of Recreation and Annette Cregan, Senior Recreation Leader. Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel to drop them a note.

c/o Aboutown  
Town of Geddes Dept. of Parks and Recreation  
823 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209  
(315) 487-8238

# Town of Geddes Pavilion Reservations

The Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation will begin accepting reservations for the use of the pavilions on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024.**

Lakeland Park is located on Alhan Parkway and the reservation entitles you to the use of the large pavilion, restrooms, and electricity. Facilities at Lakeland Park include tennis courts, basketball courts, field areas and playground equipment. Lindbergh Lawns Park is located on Bennett Ave. in the Lindbergh Lawns area and include a small pavilion, bathrooms, half court basketball area and playground equipment.

To reserve either park pavilion, the following fees apply:

Geddes residents: **\$75.00 Rental fee** and a **\$100.00 security deposit** will required.

Non-residents: **\$100.00 Rental fee** and a **\$100.00 security deposit** will required.

Security deposits will be returned within 10 business days of the rental date, barring any damage to the Pavilion, bathrooms or park grounds.

Reservations must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance. Cancellations must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance by notifying the Department of Parks and Recreation at 487-8238 and a refund will be issued. After two (2) weeks prior, a refund will not be issued. In the case of rain, we do not reschedule permit dates.

For additional information call the department at 315-487-8238.

# Town of Geddes Park Regulations & Policies

In order to **help keep our parks clean, safe and usable by all**, Local Law 8 of the year 2001, entitled "Park Regulations" was enacted to govern park use in the Town of Geddes. The law in its entirety can found in the Town of Geddes Code Book – Chapter 143. Some of the regulations adopted are listed below:

**Park Hours:** The Town Of Geddes policy towards the hours of use of it's parks shall be as follows:

**A.** - Parks shall be open for use by the public from **8:00 am until 15 minutes prior to Sunset daily.** These hours of operation apply to use by the public in general as well as groups who rent or reserve fields within the parks.

**B.** - No park or field shall be used after sunset and the use of mobile or temporary lighting (e.g. vehicle headlights or roof lights, electric lights, battery operated lights) to **artificially light a field after Sunset is expressly prohibited.**

**Pavilion Use: Memorial Day Weekend to Columbus Day Weekend only.**

Facilities and areas in the park shall be used only for the purposes designated or implicit in their character.

No person shall carry into and/or have possession of any **glass** beverage containers.

**It shall be unlawful to bring or cause to be brought any animal into any park, recreation or playground area,** except for trained guide dogs for the blind which are expressly exempt from all provisions of the chapter.

Fires may not be built or allowed anywhere in park or playground areas except in stoves, fireplaces, or designated areas provided for that purpose.

Licensed motor vehicles shall be permitted only on designated roadways, and vehicles shall be parked in areas of places so provided and designated. Motor scooters, motorcycles, minibikes, go-carts, and snowmobiles shall not be permitted.

Commit any act which is defined as criminal conduct under the New York State Penal Law.

Any conduct which constitutes a violation of this chapter will be a violation, punishable by up to fifteen (15) days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$250.00. Each such violation shall constitute a separate violation punishable under this section.

**HELP KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN AND SAFE,** if you see anyone misusing the park - please let us know. To report any problems, etc. call the Geddes Police or the Geddes Recreation Department.

\*\*Also the Town supports the county's initiative in public parks by adopting a "no smoking" policy in town parks. The enforcement of this policy is through voluntary compliance.

## Holiday Schedule - 2024 for Garbage and Recycling Pick ups

Garbage and Recycling **will not**  
be picked up on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Labor Day
- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Fourth of July
- Christmas Day

The garbage and recycling pick ups on these days will be a day late. If your garbage and recycling pick up is on Monday and the Holiday is on Monday all garbage and recycling routes for the week will be a day late. If the Holiday falls on a Wednesday only Wednesday and Thursday's route will be affected. **Addendum - if holiday falls on the weekend, the regular Monday-Friday schedule will prevail.**

Please have garbage and recycling on the curb by 6 a.m.  
Garbage and recycling pick up  
will remain on the current days and time table.

**Recycling Hauler –  
Superior Waste Removal, (315) 672-3174  
Garbage/Trash Hauler –  
Superior Waste Removal, (315) 672-3174**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HOURS: 7:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.**

# NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

## From the Highway Department:

Paul Trovato, Highway Superintendent

If you are a Geddes resident and experiencing a sewer backup, please call the Town Highway Department first to determine if it's Town responsibility or homeowners responsibility. This is a service that the town provides to our residents at no cost.

\*\*During business hours 315-488-7705, after hours 315-885-1996 or County Sewers 315-435-3157.

### ABSOLUTELY NO MATTRESSES OR BOXSPRINGS WILL BE PICKED UP BY THE GEDDES HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Curbside pickup of **YARD WASTE, GARBAGE, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS & OTHER REFUSE** is for the benefit of Geddes residents. There should be no drop-offs from non-residents to residences located in the Town of Geddes.

**\*\*Services performed by the Town of Geddes Highway Dept. are for residents doing the work themselves at their homes.**

**\*\*Any contractor doing remodeling or repairs on a Town residence is responsible for the disposal of any debris from the remodeling/repairs.**

### 1. BRUSH and YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

**Monday** – Lakeland area (Including Linbergh Lawns)

**Thursday** – W.Genesee St., Wilshire Rd., Wynthrop Rd., Hatherleigh Rd., Chaumont Dr., Century Dr., Southview Rd., N.Terry Rd., Timberwolf Circle, Copliegh Dr., Kenyon Dr., Westlind Rd., Westfall Dr., Stanley Dr., Clearview Dr., Horseshoe Dr., Duchess La., Watchtower La., Blackstone Wy., W. Granger Rd. from S.Terry Rd to town line, Limestone La., Treeland Circle, Crabapple La., Blueberry La., Pumpkin La., Spructree La., Kimberly Dr.

**Fridays** – Westvale area (Westholm Blvd. section to Avery Ave., City Line) – (subject to change due to pick up volume and weather)

Grass Clippings will be picked up during regular yard waste days from April 1<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup> as is the current schedule. All grass clippings **MUST BE** in PAPER BAGS, CARDBOARD BOXES or a container NOT TO EXCEED 50 lbs. **ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS! (Mulching is a better alternative)**

All yard waste, other than tree branches, must be in paper bags, cardboard boxes, trash cans. **(NO PLASTIC BAGS) – there is a 50 lb limit for barrels and bags**

Loose raked leaves in wind rows along your front yard (**do not put in roadway**) will only be picked up from October 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. All other times of the year, rakings must be in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or trash cans. (NO BLUE BINS).

### 2. BULK ITEM PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Picked up **day after garbage and recycling, except Lakeland and Lindbergh Lawns which will be picked up on Monday.**

Bulk items include: Furniture (**NOT including mattresses/boxsprings**), clothing, large plastic toys, etc. **\*\* No full house clean outs**

### 3. CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Picked up **day after garbage and recycling, except Lakeland and Lindbergh Lawns which will be picked up on Monday.**

No more that 3 cubic yards at one time (equal to a pickup truck full), year round with weather permitting.

Construction debris is: toilets, sinks, bathtubs, shower doors, cabinets, countertops, sheet rock, wood, doors (wood & metal), windows, siding, paneling, insulation, roofing, plywood and electrical.

No fluorescent fixtures.

### 4. WHITE GOODS PICK-UP –

Picked up same day as brush and yard waste.

White good items are – Stoves, dishwashers, clothes dryers, washing machines, hot watertanks, small amounts of scrap metal, etc.

### 5. CONCRETE, STONES, DIRT, ETC.

A wheelbarrow full (approx. 4 cu. ft.) will be picked up once a month from April 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Residents must call Highway Garage Department and be placed on list (488-7705)

**The following items WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BY OUR DEPT.**

**Tires, gas tanks, l.p. tanks, car parts, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, t.v.'s computer monitors, mattresses and box springs.**

The Highway Department does not accept electronics. Please visit [ocrra.org](http://ocrra.org) for recycling options.

Please note: Only wind damage and Christmas Trees will be picked up curbside from December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Please do not leave any construction debris, bulk items or yard waste in front of the salt barn or in the parking lots at any time.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in help keeping our Town clean. Any questions call 315 488-7705.

### GARBAGE

**Superior Waste Removal** is the **garbage/trash hauler** for the Town. If you have any garbage/trash questions, please call Superior Waste Removal at **315-672-3174** from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays

1. Do **NOT** put garbage out any earlier than the night before.

2. All garbage must be at **curbside** by **6:00 a.m.** on collection day.

3. The weekly limit on household trash is a total of 10 trash bags and not weighing more than 75lbs. each

4. Please use **clear** trash/garbage bags.

5. **NOT** included in your trash pick-up is: construction debris, yard waste, furniture, appliances, and anything hazardous.

6. Sign-up to receive email notices of 1-day delays in collection due to holidays, along with details on other services offered, by visiting their website .

### RECYCLING

**Superior Waste Removal** is the **recycling hauler** for the Town. If you have any recycling questions, please call Superior Waste Removal at **315 672-3174**.

1. Do **NOT** put recycling out any earlier than the night before.

2. All recycling must be at **curbside** by **6:00 a.m.**

### RECYCLING INFO

(Information obtained from Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency)



## From the Town Clerk's Office:

Alison Dorchester, Town Clerk; Lisa Bagozzi, Deputy Town Clerk

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

#### PUBLIC SERVICES:

· Dec Licenses (Hunting, Fishing, Etc) - Prices Vary

· Dog Licenses (NYS Law – All Dogs Over 4 Months Of Age Must Be Licensed)

\$7.00 – Spayed/Neutered

\$16.00 – All Other

· Marriage License - \$40.00

· Marriage Transcripts - \$10.00

· Gaming Licenses - Prices Vary

· Disabled Parking Permits - No Charge

· Veterans Favor Cards - No Charge

· Notary Public Service - No Charge

Please note NEW OFFICE HOURS 8:00 am to 4:00 pm starting Jan. 2

If you have not received your 2024 Town & County tax bill, please contact our office.

### DID YOU KNOW?

A property owner is not relieved of the responsibility for payment of taxes or interest prescribed by law despite the failure to receive notice of such tax due.

New York State Law provides that the Tax Receiver CANNOT waive penalties on real estate taxes after due date for any reason.

Lisa Bagozzi (Deputy Clerk) and I are here to serve the Town Residents. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at (315) 468-3600 Ext. 2.

## From the Code Enforcement / Fire Marshall's Office:

David Balcer, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshall

With winter upon us, remember it is the town code that it is not permissible to 'plow, shovel, sweep or pile snow from a private driveway in such a manner as to deposit the same in the public roadway or on a public right-of-way or sidewalk or across the street from said driveway or onto the property of another'.

Keep in mind that all new fences, sheds (accessory structures), pools, decks, etc. require a Building Permit, even if you are replacing an existing item. Building codes & zoning codes change over the years and the current codes must be addressed and complied with. When obtaining a Building Permit, remember to contact our office for the required inspections.

Complaint forms are available on the Town's website (as well as available in our office) to make it easier for residents to file a complaint. We will address all written complaints submitted to our office. We request all complaints are written on the form provided or by email with all information filled in including your name, address, phone number &

signature are required information for our office to successfully investigate each complaint. Complaints are kept confidential therefore we do not want anonymous complaints, because we may need to contact you for more information if we are unable to locate what your concern was in the parcel you are complaining about. Also, by signing the complaint form, it gives us permission to enter your yard to see an issue not visible from the street, for example in a back yard. We can also explain if it does not rise to a level of a citable violation.

Basketball hoops should not be set up in the road right-of-way. The metal rims projecting out into the street is a very dangerous situation that a school bus, mail truck, garbage truck, an emergency vehicle, etc. could hit with their windshield. We ask that you keep them in your driveway for safety reasons.

As always, we are happy to answer any questions. Call 315-468-3600 Ext.8 or email us at [dbalcer@townofgeddes.com](mailto:dbalcer@townofgeddes.com).

## From the Town Supervisor's Office:

Susan LaFlex, Town Supervisor

Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year to all of our Town of Geddes residents!

Being newly elected to serve as Supervisor in the Town of Geddes is truly an honor. With my six years of board experience serving during the period of "It's a New Day", the Town of Geddes has emerged and made progress becoming noticed by Onondaga County, NYS and the federal government. Our grants continue to grow with almost 2 million dollars already committed and several outstanding proposals awaiting decisions. These grants represent the confidence other layers of government have concerning our town. It is a vibrant time seeing us maximize and grow resources, programs and businesses here. It is our board's goal to continue to propel us forward as the potential for the greater Central New York economy is very promising.

The recently implemented [GeddesCC.com](http://GeddesCC.com) website reinforces our pledge to support businesses in our community. Please visit us often to see what we have to offer, what promotions are occurring and what businesses are highlighted. Let us all pledge to remember our local businesses throughout the year.

Along the way, we need to face and

resolve our challenges. Infrastructure concerns, project expenses, employee costs, building maintenance and an overall look at our community's resources must be addressed. We are looking at a multi-pronged approach. My commitment to you is to keep our residents informed and encourage participation through active communication. We welcome you to attend board meetings, observe committee gatherings, utilize email or call us to communicate and ask questions. Our greatest resources come from our residents while our best plans come from collaborative input.

In closing, I wish to thank Supervisor Gerald Albrigo for his service to the Town of Geddes. An instrumental and effective leader guiding our board to navigate difficult times and steer us into becoming a community ready for the future, we wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter.

It is indeed a New Day in a New Year with some new board members, Councilor Jon Lorber and Councilor Alanna Redmond, joining us. Let us work together to make our community reach its potential for the good of our residents!

Sincerely,  
Susan LaFlex

Town of Geddes Supervisor

## From the Assessor's Office:

Christopher Russo, Assessor & PJ Rimualdo, Assessment Clerk

### EXEMPTIONS

Please be advised, the last day to file for any exemptions for the 2024 tax rolls in the Town of Geddes, is **March 1, 2024**. This includes Senior Citizens with Limited Income, Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, Veterans, Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Workers, Clergy, Business Exemptions, and those turning 65 by December 31, 2024, filing for Enhanced STAR for the first time.

There have been some changes to the STAR Exemption Program. If you are a new owner or do not already have a STAR Exemption on your primary residence, you may qualify for a STAR Relief Check. In order to apply, you will need to contact New York State Department of Taxation and Finance at **(518) 457-2036** OR register online at [WWW.TAX.NY.GOV](http://WWW.TAX.NY.GOV) and click on "Register for STAR" and follow the instructions.

The Town of Geddes Assessor's Office has mailed out all renewal applications for all other exemptions.

If you are currently in the Enhanced STAR program, you no longer are required to annually renew your Enhanced STAR Exemption with the Assessor Department. Going forward, New York State will automatically renew you based on your income qualifications. If you receive anything from NYS regarding your STAR exemption and need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office. If you are receiving the Basic STAR exemption and are now eligible to apply for the Enhanced STAR, please provide a copy of your proof of age, (such as a driver's license) and Federal Income Tax Return for the **2022** tax year, along with your completed applications. **Please note that the combined Adjusted Gross Income limit amount**

for all owners, and of any owners' spouses residing on the premises for the Enhanced STAR has increased to **\$98,700**. When renewing for the Senior Citizen with Limited Income or Persons with Disability and Limited Income exemptions, please provide a copy of your **2022 Federal Income Tax Return** along with your completed, SIGNED & DATED application and end of the year Social Security Benefit Statement. The allowable income is **\$58,400.00** or less for your **2022** tax return or end of the year statements.

To find out more information and/or eligibility requirements for any exemptions or if you would like to confirm we have received your exemption paperwork, please call our office at (315) 468-3600, Extension 4.

Just a friendly note, we have started our data collection project from the grant that we received from New York State.

### GRIEVANCE

Grievance Day is always the fourth Tuesday in May. This year Grievance Day will be on Tuesday, May 28rd, from 4pm to 8pm. Applications will be available the first week in May at the Assessor's office. Once an application is submitted to our office you will be given a time to appear in front of the Board of Review, to present your complaint. The tentative assessment roll is available for review in the Assessor's office.

We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy prosperous New Year. Should you have any questions, my office door is always open to discuss your property. With all the approaching deadlines, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

Thank you.

## Word Search - Types of Flowers

AMARYLLIS  
AZALEA  
BABYS BREATH  
LAVENDER  
CALLA LILY  
MARIGOLD  
CHRYSANTHEMUM  
PETUNIA  
CROCUS  
PROTEA  
DAISY  
SCABIOSA  
FOXGLOVE  
TRANSVAAL DAISY  
GERANIUM  
YELLOW BELL  
HIBISCUS

HYACINTH  
IRIS  
JASMINE  
BUTTERCUP  
LILY  
CHERRY BLOSSOM  
PANSY  
COSMO  
POINSETTA  
DAHLIA  
ROSE  
DOGWOOD  
SUNFLOWER  
GARDENIA  
VIOLET  
GOLDENROD

ANEMONE  
HYDRANGEA  
BEGONIA  
LILAC  
CARNATION  
ORCHID  
CORN FLOWER  
PLUMERIA  
DAFFODIL  
RANUNCULUS  
DAYLILY  
SNAPDRAGON  
FREESIA  
TULIP  
GERBERA DAISY  
ZINNA

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## From the Geddes Police Department:

John Fall, Jr., Chief of Police

The cold weather is upon us, here are some safety tips to follow. Take extra time when traveling and make sure your vehicle is clear of snow and ice. Your vehicle's wiper blades should be in good working order. Make sure you have a blanket, extra hats and gloves in your vehicle in the event the vehicle becomes disabled. It is always smart to wear a weather resistant coat while outside. Attempt to avoid getting wet and being exposed to the cold for extended periods of time, as this could cause frostbite. It is best to always plan ahead for the possibility of extreme weather conditions.

Please be careful when shoveling snow, be aware of the extra excursion you are putting on your body. Your body is already fighting to stay warm and when shoveling you could have a medical issue. Always make sure someone knows you are outside in the cold shoveling, so if you aren't seen for a bit, they can come to find you to make sure you are o.k.

A reminder during these winter months from November 1st, 2023, to April 1st, 2024, between the hours of 2am and 6am there is No Overnight Parking on the Town streets. This is to allow plows to properly clean the streets we travel on. Our Highway Department does an amazing job during the winter months, so please help them by making sure you don't park your vehicles on the streets during that time frame. Thank You!

The Solvay and Lakeside Fire Departments would like to ask all residents to make sure they have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, especially during the winter months. Many of us try different ways to heat our homes and stay warm, so in the event of a failure or issue a working smoke detector and CO detector can save lives!

Any resident planning on going away for any period, please feel free to contact our office. We will be happy to check your home for you while you're away. We have had a Home Check Program for years and our hope is that all residents would take us up on this offer to keep an eye on their home. Please call 315-468-3283 weekdays between 8:30am and 4:30pm and we will ask you a few questions and then you'll all be set to go on vacation! If by chance your home or a family member's home becomes vacant, please let us know about that also. We would like to check those homes as well.

Please follow us on FACEBOOK (Town of Geddes Police Dept). If any resident needs anything, please call 911 or our Administrative Office Monday to Friday during our business hours (8:00am to 4:00pm). Thank You

The Town of Geddes Police Department Mission Statement - "A Safe Community for all citizens is our Commitment and our Duty, serving all with Integrity and Dedication."

# Town of Geddes Department of Parks and Recreation

John Carno Recreation Center • 823 State Fair Blvd. • Syracuse, NY 13209

### OFFICE TELEPHONE:

315-487-8238 / 315-487-8243

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*(Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend -*

*Fridays Only: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)*

**Email: parks@townofgeddes.com**

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF:

**DEBORAH MORRELL - Director of Recreation**

**ANNETTE CREGAN - Senior Recreation Leader**

Myranda Cantrell - Recreation Attendant

Elizabeth Carbone - Recreation Attendant

Grace Chiarenza - Recreation Attendant

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

Please go to [TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com](http://TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com) and click "Create New Account" to create your account. This allows quicker and easier access to program registrations, facility reservations, memberships, and more. Be sure to add everyone in your household when creating your account, and don't forget to opt in for cancellation notifications via email or text. Your new household account will provide you with registration history, transaction receipts, and so much more!

\*If you choose not to pay by credit card, the registration will be put on hold until payment has been made in person or by mail. Once payment for the program has been made, the registration will be complete. **BUT**, with the registration on hold, your or your child's space is not guaranteed until payment is complete.

**\*When paying by credit card, there will be a 3% convenience fee add to the cost of program.**

\*If you are unable to register online, applications are available at the Recreation Department Office.

**\*Please remember spaces are limited in programs, so it is recommended to register online!**

# Recreation Programs / News

## YOGA AND MEDITATION PRACTICE

In this 6 week yoga course you will be learning and practicing the basic philosophy, breathing techniques, and yoga postures that are most popular in group classes today. Although yoga is an ancient practice and is used as a tool to reduce stress, you will learn how to apply it so that it is suitable for you in a modern world. It is acceptable to have minor injuries to take this course, however, you must be able to get up and down off the floor. Yoga mats will be provided but please bring your own if you have one.

**John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland**

**January/February: Tuesdays, Jan. 9 – Feb.13**

Fee: \$ 60 residents, \$ 62 nonresidents (6 week session)

**6:00pm to 7:00pm**

Instructor: Heidi Noce, certified and experienced yoga instructor

Minimum of 7 needed to hold class.

**Additional sessions to follow with a new instructor TBA.**

For registration or more information, call the Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 8:30am- 4:00pm

## To register for Town of Geddes Recreation Programs:

Please go to [TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com](http://TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com) and click "Create New Account" to create your account. This allows quicker and easier access to program registrations, facility reservations, memberships, and more. Be sure to add everyone in your household when creating your account, and don't forget to opt in for cancellation notifications via email or text. Your new household account will provide you with registration history, transaction receipts, and so much more!

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## STRENGTH & BALANCE

This class teaches resistance training routines which improve strength, muscular endurance & muscle tone. Standing based Yoga-Style postures & occasional light cardio will improve balance & flexibility.

Please bring a set of handheld weights (2-6lbs.)

\*Routines will be adjusted for all levels of ability

\*This class doesn't require you to get down on the floor

**\*\*Take one day a week or both.** If you register for one day a week, you must choose between Mondays or Thursdays and cannot switch days if you miss one.

**John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland**

**11:30am – 12:15pm**

### MONDAYS:

January/February ..... Mondays, Jan. 8 – Feb. 26 (exc. 1/15 & 2/19)

March/April ..... Mondays, March 4 – April 8

April/May ..... Mondays, April 15 – May 20

### THURSDAYS:

January/February ..... Thursdays, Jan.11 – Feb. 15 (exc. 2/22)

March/April ..... Thursdays, Feb. 29 – April 4

April/May ..... Thursdays, Apr. 11 – May 16

6 week Session Fee: \$35 residents, \$ 38 nonresidents

Certified Strong Nation and CIRCL Mobility Instructor: Tammy Panzironi

Minimum of 10 needed to hold class. Preregistration is necessary.

To register go to: [www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com](http://www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com)

For more information call (315) 487-8238, M-F, 8:30am - 4:00pm.

## GYMNASIUM HOURS at the JOHN CARNO RECREATION CENTER

*Gym Hours are subject to change, due to classes, special activities, etc. Please call to check daily hours!*

**Mondays ..... 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.**

**..... 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays ..... 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.**

**..... 7:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays ..... 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. \*\***

**Thursdays ..... 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Fridays ..... 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays ..... To Be Determined**

**\*\*The Lakeland Senior Citizens use the Recreation Center the second Wednesday of each month.**

**Non-Residents will be charged a user's fee (\$5.00) during supervised/recreational gym.**

**For more information, call the department at 315-487-8238.**

# Recreation Programs / News

## SENIOR CITIZENS "SPRING" CARD PARTY

Seniors 55 and over are invited to attend our annual Spring Card Party.

Each table will determine what type of card game they will play and how they will distribute their table prizes. Prizes will be furnished by the Recreation Department. You must bring your own cards.

**John Carno Recreation Center**

**Thursday, May 9, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Bring your own lunch or snacks!

**Reservations are necessary** and may be made by calling the department at **315-487-8238** and must be made by **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## TIOGA DOWNS CASINO TRIP

Enjoy the day at the Tioga Downs Casino!

Food and beverages are available at the casino restaurants.

Reservations are required and limited to 50 people per trip.

\*Must be at least 21 years old - must bring a valid government issued photo ID (driver's license, etc.)

**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (arrive at casino at 11:30 a.m. and depart at 5:00 p.m.)

Cost: **TBD per person (non-residents will be charged an additional \$5.00)**

Checks payable to the Town of Geddes and must be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the trip.

Bus Pickup Points: 9:30 a.m. - Geddes Town Hall, Solvay and shortly after the John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland

Reservations are required and limited and may be made by calling the department at 487-8238.

## AAA SMART DRIVER COURSES

Take the 6 hour classroom refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and over. Auto insurance discounts in most states – consult your insurance agent. Class size is limited and a minimum number of participants is required. Pre-registration is necessary and can be made by calling the department at **(315) 487-8238**.

**John Carno Recreation Center**  
**823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland**

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (two day course)

Instructor: AAA certified instructor

or

**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (one day course)

Full day class - **Bring a lunch!**

Instructor: AAA certified instructor

Cost: **\$34.00**

Payable to: **AAA (checks only – payment must be received prior to class)**

Mail payment to the Geddes Recreation Department, 823 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209

## TAI CHI CHUAN



TAI CHI is an art that teaches you to move slower and realign the pain in your body, relieve stress and have you feeling better with no hard work outs. Sensei Dave Deluca takes through "Tai Chi" class step by step. Learn to move slowly to realign your body, relieve stress, learn to relax and feel better, without hard workouts! Anyone, age 15 to 80, is welcome to register!

**John Carno Recreation Center, Lakeland**

**January/February** Mondays, Jan. 8 – Feb. 12

(exc. 1/15)

**February/March** - Mondays: Feb. 26 – March 25

(exc. 2/19)

**April/May** - Mondays: April 1 – May 13 (exc.4/22)

Fee: TBD (per 6 week session)

**6:00pm to 7:00pm**

Instructor: David Deluca, Tai Chi Chuan instructor

A minimum of 10 needed to hold class.

For registration or more information, call the Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 8:30am- 4:00pm

## WINTER/SPRING CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES KITS

These winter/spring theme-based craft kits are perfect for school age children.

Each kit includes 2 months of various supplies and crafts to keep your child busy.

The fee for each kit is only \$10!

\*\*Kits are available the first week of the month. Limited to 20 kits.

To register go to:

[www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com](http://www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com)



**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY, 20<sup>th</sup>**

## BINGO DAY

Come out to enjoy some 'BINGO FUN'!

We will provide all the BINGO materials!

Ages 5-13 (young children – 5-7yrs. must have an adult to assist)

Kid prizes & treats! Parents welcome to join!

**John Crano Recreation Center, Lakeland, 1:00pm – 2:30pm**

There is no charge for this event.

Pre-registration is required. Minimum of 20.

Register at: [www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com](http://www.TownofGeddesRecreationDepartment.com)

or call the Recreation Department at 315-487-8238, M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm

# Community News



## Solvay Public Library

615 Woods Road, (Corner of Woods & North Orchard) Village of Solvay, New York 13209 - Telephone 315-468-2441 for details or directions. To view our Event Calendar with a listing of our programs, online catalog, and databases go to [www.solvaylibrary.org](http://www.solvaylibrary.org). Also, find us on Facebook.

### Regular Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Summer hours (June 16<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>) we are open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

### Materials and Programming at Solvay Library

Solvay Public Library has plenty to offer other than just books! We have Chromebooks and park passes available to check out and a wide variety of free programs. Every

month, we have a Pokémon Night for kids at 6 pm, a weekly story time every Tuesday at 10:15 am, an adult writer's group that meets every Thursday at 1 pm, book clubs, free new movies every other Wednesday at 5:30 pm, our first ever Puzzle Swap on January 13 at 1 pm, and much more! Winter break we will also be packed full of fun for kids, including a visit from Lindsay Kurano, the Curator of Electronic Games at the Strong Museum and a special story time presented by Geddes Federal Savings. Teens, don't worry, we have a lot of activities for you on the way. If you have any ideas for programs or materials you would like to see at the library, feel free to call us at 468-

2441, email [browlands@onlib.org](mailto:browlands@onlib.org) or stop in.

### Friends of the Library

Love libraries? Looking for a way to show some love to YOUR local library? Well, look no further! The Friends of the Solvay Public Library would be delighted to count you among their ranks. A great, active group of volunteers, our Friends members are instrumental in raising awareness of the library, and in bringing the library into the community. Through their fundraising activities, they are an integral part of the Solvay Public Library family, financially supporting our programming, including our immensely popular Summer Reading

program. Active members meet monthly in our downstairs Community Room on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Don't feel like you have the spare time to be an active member? They'd love to have you join as an auxiliary member, helping to support us through your membership dues! Membership forms can be downloaded from our site ([solvaylibrary.org](http://solvaylibrary.org)) or picked up at the library. Feel free to contact us at 315.468.2441 to have a membership form mailed to you. Join now and lend a hand in planning their massive autumn book sale. You're sure to have a wonderful time (and maybe walk away with a few new friends and a few old books, too!).

## Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center

1010 Woods Road, Solvay, NY 13209 • (315) 488-3666  
Email: [Contact@Solvayyouthcenter.com](mailto:Contact@Solvayyouthcenter.com)

## Solvay Tigers Auxiliary

*Submitted by: Chris Johns Kirby, President and Carolyn Femano, Trustee*

There's A New Non-profit in Town

Introducing Solvay Geddes CYC Service Organization... a **highly motivated group of adults of all ages pooling together our time and talent to benefit kids.** Our mission statement goal is **"to support the youth of the Solvay Geddes Community."** We plan on accomplishing the goals in a variety of ways including raising money for the youth after school program and activities at the Youth Center. We will also provide scholarships and contribute to community enrichment opportunities. We're eager to expand our organization and are seeking new members to join us in collaborating on innovative ways to accomplish this.

**If you have a little (or even a lot!) of time and talent, please consider joining us as we work together to support the mission.** There are several ways to participate. Working Bingo on Saturday evenings offers many ways to step forward: work in the kitchen making enticing food specials, wait on customers, market bingo supplies, sell raffle tickets and bake desserts!

We also need people to offer to assist with the after school weekly food program, preparing and serving food once per week. Chip in and bake for our annual bake sales or help out by transporting bottles to Papa cans. **What new and innovative ideas do you have?**

By actively participating in our volunteer activities for one year you could earn a free Family membership to the Solvay Geddes Youth Center.

You've been thinking about this. Ready to take the plunge? Call/text Chris Johns Kirby at 315- 481-5046 for more information.

Support Kids in the Solvay Geddes Community with Your Returnable Bottles & Cans

Please support us in raising money by donating your bottles and cans. Currently we support the after-school program at the Solvay Geddes Community Youth Center, provide college scholarships and sponsor sports teams.

You can bring them to Papa Cans Bottle Return: 2359.Milton Ave, Solvay. Be sure to specify that you'd like your credit to go to **Solvay Geddes CYC Service Organization.**

Papa's hours are Mon 9am - 2pm, T/W/Th/F 11am - 3pm, Sat 11am-2pm. If you would like your large donation picked up, please call Kim at 315-478-1009.

If you prefer, you may also drop off small manageable bags of bottles and cans directly to the Youth Center (1010 Woods Rd., Solvay) during regular business hours (M-F 6am-2pm and 6pm-9pm, Sat 8am-2pm)

This is an ongoing fundraiser. We truly appreciate your continued support!

## PEACE, INC. SENIOR LUNCHES

Join us at the John Carno Recreation Center for Peace, Inc. Senior Lunches at the on Tuesdays, with lunch being served at 12noon.

Seniors age 60 and over and their spouses of any age are eligible to participate.

Suggested contribution is **\$3.50**, and guests under age 60 are **\$7.00**.

Reservations are necessary no later than **11:00am on the Monday** prior to the date you plan on attending.

Call the Recreation Department at (315) 487-8238 to register for our location.

If you are unable to attend and have made a reservation, please call to cancel as soon as possible. Peace, Inc. pays for all meals even if there are cancellations, so it is imperative to call us as soon as possible.

All meals are to be consumed on site during our mealtime.

We will be offering special lunch days with added activities such as fun bingo, cards and movies!

We welcome everyone and hope to see you soon!!

# Senior Citizens Corner

## Lakeland Senior Citizens

submitted by: **Bonnie Enzerillo**

Happy New Year!

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words so I will let these pictures speak for themselves. They show our members at our most popular event, our annual Christmas party. It was held at Bella Domani in North Syracuse on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark, from Suzie's, sang an Elvis song for us at our catered turkey dinner.

Thanks to the town of Geddes, we were able to enjoy a catered dinner by

Suzie's Café in Lakeland at the Carno Rec Center this past year and we are anticipating having 3 in 2024. In the next 3 months, we will be entertained by John and Deb Puma and Tom Gilbo, the premier Elvis impersonator. Our monthly lunches include The Longhorn at Township 5 and Gracie's in Westvale.

As the word gets out, our membership keeps increasing and for good reason.

As a reminder, our

meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the John Carno Recreation Center, 823 State Fair Blvd., Lakeland, NY. We welcome all seniors in Onondaga County so please come and join us.

Have a wonderful winter!



## Geddes Senior Citizens

submitted by: **Conni Walker**

On Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Geddes Seniors presented the Alzheimer's Assoc. Field Rep. with a donation after her presentation to the group. In 2023, the Geddes Seniors have made donations to the Solvay-Geddes- Camillus Rotary, the Octagon house of Camillus, the Alzheimer's Association and the Robinson Memorial Church for use in the purchase of a AED heart monitor and defibrillator mandated for them by NYS.

Geddes Seniors have

been really busy this Fall! In October, we had our delicious Harvest Dinner, catered by Pete Greco. Pork Dinners with all the trimmings and dessert. It was delicious!!

In November, while enjoying our homemade Apple desserts, we heard

from James DiBlasi, of the Stifel, Nicholas and Company, Inc. He gave us information on how to save money for our grandchildren, including uniform gift to minors, 529 and Roth. It was very informative and Mr. DiBlasi answered all of our ques-

tions.

We went to the Bellevue Country Club for our Annual Christmas Party, on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Bellevue never disappoints with the beautiful decorations and festive atmosphere. It was very welcoming and

the weather cooperated – it was a little cold, but a nice day. We had a wonderful dinner and a chance to catch up with each other.

We acknowledged our outgoing officers for the great job they have done. They carried us through COVID and getting back on our feet after. They were Adelaide Silvia, President; Kurt Brown, Vice President; Josephine Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Diane Connelly, Secretary; Rosemary Bajish, Treasurer.

Thank you to each of you for all your hard work!

Debbie Morrell, Director of Recreation of the Town of Geddes inducted the new officers for 2024-25 –

President, Christine Pierce; Vice President,

Conni Walker; Secretary, Marlene Gallauresi; Treasurer,

Pat Sinay; Asst. Treasurer, Dodee Powers and Tour Director, Frank Smolen. Congratulations to all!

Our meetings will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at Robinson-Elmwood United Church, corner of S. Terry and Granger Roads. The January meeting will be at 1:30pm. February and March meetings will also be afternoon meetings (I heard a rumor our February meeting may be pizza and bingo!) The remaining meetings will be at 6:30pm.

For our picnic in July and Christmas Party – times and places will be announced.

We invite all seniors in the Town of Geddes to join us for a meeting and get to know us.

We are looking forward to a great year!

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2024!!

