

Central County News

GRAFTON

Grafton Peace Pagoda Flower Festival

The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 from 11 am to 1 pm. This is a celebration of the birth of Buddha and all living things. It takes place in front of the Pagoda. The ceremony this year is limited to drumming and prayers. Visitors will be pouring sweet tea on Buddha's head for the blessing of all life. Due to the continued COVID-19 concerns, please wear a mask and bring a blanket, cushion or chair to choose a socially distant spot.



BRUNSWICK

Spring/Summer Pickup Schedule Announced

Limbs must be piled neatly, no longer than 8 feet in length and no more than 6 inches in diameter. Branches must be free of roots and dirt. Please avoid piling brush near utility poles and trees, under wires or out in the street. Town crews do not go on private property. Clean wood only and no commercial pickups. Please do not put sticks, dirt or rocks or any material other than leaves and grass in bags. Leaf vacuums are not used in the spring.

The town will also pick up other yard waste such as grass clippings, provided a biodegradable paper

bag is used.

Appliances and tires (no rims) must be tagged. These tags can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office.

Please, no clear cutting of lots and residents are also encouraged to dispose of leaves and grass at the Recycling Center. Items need to be out in front of your residence by the first day of each scheduled week. Pickups are scheduled for May 17-21, June 21-25, July 19-23, August 16-20, September 20-24 and October 18-22. That will be the last scheduled pickup for the season.

Any questions, please call 518-279-3461, Ext. 100.

Brunswick Planning Board ...

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the plan to meet NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements for cross connectivity before it would agree to the placement of a traffic light at the intersection of Hoosick Road and Lord Avenue. That traffic light was demanded by Aldi before it would agree to construction.

Since then, Hannaford Supermarkets has proposed a nearly 50,000 square foot store on land across the street from Aldi. DOT said in a letter to the town, if Hannaford is approved, the rear entrance into the Aldi market would not be required.

Planning Board Action

Besides discussion of that resolution of approval for Mr. Leon's development, the Board also heard Tamarac Solar urge consideration of its State Environmental Quality Review submission. The Board, however, was not yet satisfied with the information it has received from Tamarac Solar, and put off that discussion until at least the May 6 gathering. The solar project would be built on property located at 126 Brick Church Road (State Route 278). Some area residents have expressed concern about the project's visibility, and in particular, a glare from the solar panels created by the solar facility that currently exists on the adjacent tract of land. Tamarac Solar contends this will not be a problem, because their panels are not stationary but actually move with the sun throughout the day (solar tracking).

Sharpe Road Housing Project Now Cleared To Proceed

Before the pandemic hit, the Brunswick Planning Board gave its blessing to a single family housing development on Sharpe Road in the southern part of the town. Three of the proposed properties are actually located in the town of North Greenbush, which also gave its approval.

The sticking point to any construction start however, was the lack of an inter-municipal agreement between the two towns. That has now been filed so the first shovel (probably a backhoe actually) can be struck in the ground and excavation can begin.

BRUNSWICK

Library Is Back Open

The Brunswick Community Library now has browsing by appointment, Monday through Friday from 11 am to 5 pm and on Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm. Please call 518-279-4023 to schedule an appointment.

Take home STEM kits are offered daily with a different kit each week and are available while supplies last. Butterfly Coffee Filters kits will be handed out the week of April 26. Contactless pickup is available at the shed. There is also a small book and puzzle sale inside. The book clubs are meeting virtually. Email library@brunswicklibrary.org for more information.

CASTLETON

Public Library Events

The events are from Monday, April 26 through Friday, April 30

Cool Science At Home - Grow A Bean

In this month's science exploration, grow your own bean in a jar and learn about the science behind how beans grow! The how-to video and handout will be added to our Cool Science playlist. Pick up the kit anytime until May 1.

Take & Make; Earth Day Crafts

Celebrate our amazing planet with fun Earth Day Crafts! The how-to video has been added to our Take & Make Crafts playlist. Pick up the kit anytime until May 1.

Teen Time Kit: Blackout Poetry

Get creative with some fun blackout poetry! Teens in 6th-12th grades are invited to pick up a Blackout Poetry Kit at the library any time through May 1. Then, you can watch a how-to video and see how blackout poetry works!

Kids Cook: Nutella And Banana Rolls

In this month's cooking session, we'll make fun, fruity rolls with tortillas, Nutella and bananas! The video has been added to our Kids Cook playlist.

Grow Food

by Miranda Sehl

Growing a garden has become a very popular hobby lately. If you haven't ever tried your hand at it, I highly recommend it. It's giving many people a sense of food security during these uncertain times. It's something we can control and do. Growing vegetables has brought so much joy to my life. I hope you'll give it a whirl. Please reach out to mir@ndasehl.com if you'd like some help or if you'd like to volunteer to help others. If you know someone near where you live that would like to coordinate a garden with you, I hope you'll brainstorm with them and get a group effort going with your neighbors.

For those of you that are just starting out, right now you can plant cold tolerant plants outdoors directly (peas, spinach, kale, radishes, potatoes, onions, carrots, etc.) and if you want a head start on the plants that can't be outdoors yet, plant some seeds in containers indoors (tomatoes, peppers, etc.). Very soon the danger of frost will pass in this zone and we'll be able to direct sow everything else such as: zucchini, cucumber, pumpkin, butternut and yellow squash, green beans, sweet potatoes, etc.

What do you like to grow? Email me and let me know! mir@ndasehl.com. I'd love to hear from local gardeners of all skill levels. If anyone is interested in exchanging seeds, we can coordinate that as well.

SAND LAKE

Entries Needed For SLCA Art Gallery

The Sand Lake Center for the Arts and a Still Small Voice 4 U are calling on visual artists for the Summer 2021 Juried Art Show. Artists of all media are invited to submit up to two works for this show entitled "Hands" and inspired by the song by Phil Ochs. Submissions should be sent slcagallery@gmail.com by May 31.

Selections will be announced by June 4 and these selected works must be delivered to the Sand Lake Center for the Arts on Mondays (or by appointment) between June 7 and June 28. Twenty pieces will be selected with first, second, third and people's choice cash awards. This year's juror is Phil Williamston.

For more information, please go to www.slca-ctp.org

City of Troy Accepting Bids On Foreclosed Properties

City of Troy Press Release

Mayor Patrick Madden has announced the City of Troy is accepting bids for purchase of available city-owned foreclosed properties. A total of 64 properties are available for sale, including 1 and 2 family homes, and vacant land zoned for residential use. A full list of available foreclosed properties is available on the City Assessor's Office webpage.

The City Assessors' Office is accepting proposal applications for any of the available properties. Proposals must be delivered by mail to the Office of the City Assessor, 433 River Street, Ste. 5001, Troy New York 12180 by Friday, April 30 at 4 pm. Proposals can also be delivered in-person by appointment with the Assessor's Office. To schedule an appointment, please call 518-279-7126.