

New Lebanon & Nassau News

NORTH CHATHAM

Library Plans Fundraiser

With summer quickly approaching and life beginning to return to normal, the North Chatham Free Library is offering three programs to start the summer off, and will be holding a fundraiser as well. The fundraiser is a partnership between the library, Lovers Leap Farm, the Chatham Berry Farm and the Chatham Brewery. The to-go meal will include Lovers Leap roasted pork with a side of BBQ brown beans, cornbread and coleslaw from the Chatham Berry Farm, and a cold can of Chatham Brewery's beer, hard seltzer or hard cider. The cost is \$25 per meal and preorders are due in by June 17. There will be limited meals available for \$30 on the day of pickup June 19. Meals will be available from 5 to 7:30 pm at the North Chatham Free Library. To order email NCFLpigroast@gmail.com

EAST NASSAU

Community Yard Sale

by Denise Wright

The Senior Advocacy Committee will be holding their yearly rain or shine community yard sale on Saturday, July 10 from 9 am to 3 pm at 7 Tayer Road in East Nassau. There will be a walk-in vaccine clinic with lots of hand sanitizer and free masks as well as food and beverages at this outdoor event. Chili, hot dogs, hamburgers and delicious cookies will highlight the menu.

The committee welcomes any donated items in usable condition. Items that are needed are kitchen appliances, furniture, books, clothes, shoes, sports equipment, accessories, toys and garden supplies. If you are interested in donating or are looking for pickup or delivery directions, call their 24/7 hotline at 518-712-9836 or email nancy@ensac12062.org.

Vax Clinic In Nassau

There will also be a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Thursday, June 24 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Nassau Pharmacy on U.S. Route 20. Pfizer, Moderna and J&J vaccines will be available. Call 518-766-2707 for more information.

Tilden Plaza Flea Market Is Now Open!

Sundays from 8 am to 4 pm

Located at 538 U.S. Route 20 in New Lebanon

Stop by to enjoy the many vendors, food concession and fun house for the kids. Outside vendor sites available, as well as inside storage sites, all at reasonable prices.

Call Bernie at 518-813-8611 for more information.

50% Off

Outside Vendor Spots
With this coupon!



NEW LEBANON

New Slogan Still Undecided

by Chris Tergliafera

While the new town logo has been finalized, the Business Economic Development Committee expressed concern that the new slogan was rushed and stated they would like input from the town. Residents will have until August 8 to present ideas, which will then be narrowed down to 3-5 options and along with the slogan "New Lebanon, Historically Natural" which the Board approved last month. These options will then be presented to residents in the form of a survey. The results will be presented at the October Town Board Meeting. The Board stated the slogan was chosen so quickly because they believed it had to be decided on at the same time as the logo. However, this isn't the case and the town can take their time in finding a new slogan.

Federal Funding

The Board is still waiting for guidance on how it can spend an expected \$280,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan. The guidelines are very strict, and since New Lebanon will have until December of 2024 to decide what the money will be used for, a public input session won't be scheduled until more information is known. More guidance on how the money can be spent is expected in July.

Skate Park

Potential noise issues with the upcoming skatepark have caused the need for a new location to be found. The proposed location prior to this month's meet-

ing could disrupt those using the pavilion and would be located on an area that is used for parking during other events. A decision on finding a new place for the skatepark was tabled for further discussion.

Board Vacancies

Several vacant positions were filled at the meeting, including one on the Planning Board, two on the Ethics Committee, and one of two on the Business Economic Development Committee. The vacancy for the position of New Lebanon Representative to Columbia County Traffic Safety Council didn't receive a letter of interest and as of this time, remains vacant.

Water Test Results

New Lebanon was one of three towns selected across New York State as part of a pilot water testing program. The results were "very positive" and New Lebanon received a clean bill of health. Very few issues were said to be found. The few issues that did arise were quickly dealt with by the Department of Health.

Other Notes

An offer to take down rotting trees on local roads wasn't approved for insurance reasons and safety concerns.

The New Lebanon Library will begin to see much of its remote programming return back to in person later this month.

The American Legion will be holding a flag retirement ceremony at Shatford Park on July 17 at 4 pm.

CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON

Scouts To Honor Chris Gibson

Chris Gibson, a three-term Congressman, retired Army colonel and now President of Siena College, will be honored by the Twin Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America during its Columbia County Good Scout Award Dinner on June 17.

Gibson is a Kinderhook resident who grew up in Columbia County, graduated from Ichabod Crane High School, and then went on to graduate from Siena College, where he was commissioned as an Army officer through ROTC.

He was also once a Scout in Troop 113 which still serves youth in Kinderhook.

The annual dinner recognizes Columbia County residents who exemplify the Scouting ideals of service to God, country and the community.

The dinner, held at Birch Hill Estate in Castleton-on-Hudson, will also raise funds for local Scouting units.

The Twin Rivers Council provides Scouting to thousands of young people from Columbia County to the Canadian border in eastern New York. Despite the pandemic, local Scouting volunteers have been delivering the benefits of the Scouting program through innovative programs like a week-long "Stay Camp" where kids could do Scout activities at home and on-line merit badge counseling sessions.

The dinner kicks off at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 17 at Birch Hills Estate at 1 Celebration Way in Castleton-on-Hudson. Cost for a ticket is \$95 and can be purchased online here: <https://trcscouting.org/cocogsad/>

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Food Giveaway Scheduled

The food giveaway, sponsored by the New Lebanon Central School District and the Town of New Lebanon, is completely free and open to all families in the New Lebanon and surrounding communities.

Food items will include produce, dairy products, frozen meats (chicken, ham, pork, lunch meats, frozen fruit, etc.) and non-perishable products. Free masks and hand sanitizer are also available.

The food was donated and the event made possible through a partnership with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

The next event takes place on Monday, June 21 at 9 am in the Town Hall parking lot. Please enter through Shatford Park by the baseball fields. COVID-19 restrictions will be in place.



Honoree Chris Gibson