

Modern Disposal closes on Republic Services deal

Family-owned company takes on local operations of national company

Modern Disposal Services, a family-owned company founded locally in 1964, closed Sunday on its acquisition of the Western New York operations of Phoenix-based Republic Services, an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous waste disposal.

The transaction was announced on March 18, and terms were not disclosed. Modern is headquartered on Model City Road in Lewiston, while Republic's local operation is based at 2321 Kenmore Ave., Town of Tonawanda.

Modern's acquisition includes Republic's local hauling and recycling operations in Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua and Orleans counties. That includes all trucks, maintenance facilities and equipment, containers, sorting machines and buildings.

The transaction does not include a landfill visible from the 190 Expressway off Porter Road in the Town of Niagara, or a closed facility on Indian Road in Depew, for which Republic retains ownership.

Republic had about 3,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers and nearly 100 employees in Western New York. Many of those employees were hired at Modern as it expands to handle a larger customer base.

"This took a lot of hard work by both teams, and I want to thank everyone who was involved the last few months, under challenging circumstances, to close this acquisition," said Modern CEO Michael P. McInerney. "This is a boost to Western New York's economy at a key time. That means growth in our company, continued security and service for all the customers involved, salary retention for hundreds of workers, and the continued investment in our community through the related taxes and fees paid to municipalities, many of which are hurting from COVID-19."

Prior to the acquisition, Modern had more than 600 employees in Western New York and Southern Ontario and some 350 trucks. Modern is a leading local recy-



cler of mixed residential materials and handles collection and recycling for municipal waste. With facilities in Model City, Blasdell and on Elk Street in Buffalo, along with operations in Niagara Falls and Smithville, Ontario, the company has more than 10,000 commercial customers and 250,000 residential customers.

"I want to reiterate my message to our employees, ongoing and new, and to all Modern and Republic customers, that the seamless continuity process begun in March will continue. Our commitments are to safety, sustainability, and as an employer of choice in the industry," McInerney said. "Modern is a growing innovator, a local company with our region's best interests in mind."

More About Modern Corp.

In 1964, Steve Washuta incorporated Modern Disposal Services as a way to expand his seasonal paving company into a business that could provide a steady source of income for his family. As the region's industrial base grew, Washuta's dedication and strong work ethic helped his new business develop from a humble two-truck operation in Western New York into the 20th-largest waste removal company in the United States.

Today, Modern is still a privately owned waste removal company. It employs over 600 people in Western New York, as well as Southern Ontario.

Modern is committed to the most innovative and responsible methods of materials management and recycling. It received the 2017 Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation Award from The Association of Fundraising Professionals Western New York Chapter.

Sponsors support fireworks on the 4th

Lewiston Tops owner Anthony DiMino is shown presenting a check to Village of Lewiston Mayor Anne Welch. The funds will go toward Fourth of July fireworks on Saturday night.

"In these troubled times, and this troubled year, we need something to be positive," DiMino said. "Actually, as soon as I found out that they were going to cancel them because they have budget restraints, I called her right away. Within the first two days of that announcement, I called her and said, 'We're paying for the fireworks.'"

"And it was kind of delayed because we had to figure out what's happening (with reopening), and I'm just so glad that we're actually going to have it. It's going to be at least some sort of positivity for 2020."

This donation, Welch said, "It means a lot." She also thanked "generous" Jerry Williams, who was camera shy. The two men split the cost for this year's Independence Day celebration.

"People are looking forward to it," Welch said.

The mayor noted fireworks will be shot higher in the air, so people can watch them from various locations in the village – even from some homes. She stressed social distancing is a must, on-



lookers will be required to wear a mask when around other people, and, ideally, individuals will stay inside their cars for the presentation.

Local first responders will be

out and about, monitoring and reminding residents to abide by coronavirus safety protocols.

Welch asked everyone to obey the rules.

Niagara Cup to benefit Golisano Medical Oncology Center

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center welcomes back David DeMizio, left, of ComDoc, and Michael Cardamone, D.C., of Cardamone Chiropractic, as co-chairs of the 2020 Niagara Cup Classic Golf Tournament. Now in its 29th year, the Niagara Cup will take place Aug. 17 at both the Niagara Falls Country Club and Seneca Hickory Stick Golf Course.

The Niagara Cup offers a mix of competition and camaraderie in support of various services and programs at Memorial. This year's tournament will benefit the new Golisano Medical Oncology Center.

Operated by Memorial Medical Center in affiliation with Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, the new \$2 million facility will make Roswell's

expertise in areas including hematology, chemotherapy infusion and immunotherapy readily accessible to those who live and work in Niagara County. The 6,085-square-foot facility is located on the fourth floor of the medical center and is scheduled to open July 6.

The Niagara Cup Classic sells out early as a limited number of golfers are permitted per course. To reserve a spot, or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Andrea Gray at 278-4605 or andrea.gray@nfmcc.org.

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D.D. Palmer, the founder of Chiropractic, wrote in his first book, *The Chiropractic Adjuster*, "From baby in the highchair to grandma in the rocker, the axial (spinal) bones are liable to be displaced by noxious substances which enter the system in our food and drink or by inhalation, as they are by accident, direct."

Today, our bodies are constantly bombarded by chemical toxins through pollution and additives which have entered the food supply through farming, processing and imitation colors, flavors, sweeteners, etc.

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'Goatscaping the Stella Niagara Preserve'

On Saturday, July 11, at the Stella Niagara Preserve, the Western New York Land Conservancy will host Jen Zeitler, Let's Goat Buffalo's owner, for an event where one can see the goats in action and learn about the potential environmental benefits of goatscaping.

Due to social distancing guidelines, only a limited number of attendees can attend this event. Registration ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. Organizers will also schedule times for attendees to visit with the goats and the facilitator. Participants will receive an email about this schedule in the days before the event.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to noon at the Stella Niagara Preserve, 4448 Lower River Road, Lewiston. Visitors can park at the Lewiston Senior Center in the lost

nearest Pletcher Road and the baseball diamonds. Call 687-1225 or email info@wnylc.org with any questions.

Ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goatscaping-the-stella-niagara-preserve-tickets-93146436499?aff=erelexpmt>.

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