

Have questions about health insurance? We've got answers!

Navigating health insurance can be overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone.

The Erie County Department of Services – Insurance Resource Center is here to provide you with unbiased information and expert assistance on Medicare, Medicare Supplemental plans, and Medicare Advantage plans.

Whether you're looking for help with co-pays, vaccines, and premiums or preventive services, or if you're seeking options for those without health insurance, we've got you covered.

Mark your calendars! From Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 each year, Medicare enrollees have the chance to review and switch their Medicare Part D plans. Our team can help you compare your options – without any sales pitches – ensuring you make the best choice for your needs.

We also offer informative group presentations to keep you informed about your options.

For more information, don't hesitate to reach out to us at



Have events that you would like considered for publication?

Please send notices via email to dispatch@wnypapers.com

Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. Monday of the week in which you would like your announcement to be published.

716-858-7883.

This service is funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

Grand Island Recreation Department Veterans Day ceremony

The Town of Grand Island cordially invites veterans, family members and friends to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Park Memorial Wall in Veterans Park, located at 1717 Bedell Road.

There will be a reception following the ceremony at the Charles N. DeGlopper Post 9249, located at 2121 Grand Island Boulevard.

If you have any questions, you

can contact Recreation Department at 716-773-9680 or by email to recreation@grand-island.ny.us.

The Town of Grand Island extends a very gracious thank you in advance for your time and participation.

Grand Island Memorial Library 1715 Bedell Road

The Grand Island Memorial Library announces the following programs. For more information, call 716-773-7124.

•LEGO Club is 1-2 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7, for ages 5-12. Join us for a LEGO free build. LEGOs are provided. Just bring your imagination! Call 716-773-7124 to register.

•A donated book sale will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thurs-

day, Nov. 7. Featured will be a library members' night presented by the Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library. Individual memberships will be available at the door for \$5. Current members: Bring your card for admittance. A general sale of donated books will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-9, with items priced as marked. Saturday will feature a bag sale – fill a bag for \$5, with bags provided. The three-day event will also feature a bake sale (cash only, while supplies last) with proceeds to benefit the Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden. All book sale proceeds will benefit the Grand Island Memorial Library.

•Read to a dog from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14. Open to all ages. Sign up for your personal, 20-minute reading session. Select a book and practice reading aloud to a good listener at the Grand Island Library. All our furry friends are therapy dogs certified through

the SPCA's "Paws for Love" Program. Call 716-773-7124 to register.

•The Grand Island Memorial Library book club will meet next at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, to discuss "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. Physical copies will be available to borrow. For more information, call 716-773-7124.

•Margaret Logan from Explore Buffalo will present "Buffalo Murals!" from 1-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16. This talk will provide an overview of the locations, artists, and the wide variety of murals that have appeared around the Buffalo area over the past several years. To register, call 716-773-7124.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries have more than 3.2 million materials – books, eBooks, DVDs, music and more. Free library cards (traditional and eLibrary) are available to Erie County residents and to those who work and/or attend school in Erie County.



COUNTY OF ERIE

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Paper Recycling Services

The Department of Environment and Planning is requesting proposals for professional services for paper and cardboard collection and recycling at Erie County facilities. Proposals will be received at Room 1012 of the Rath County Office Building, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 until 3:00 PM local time on Friday, November 15, 2024.

Additional information must be found at erie.gov/rfp

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

The following Grand Island response activity occurred Thursday, Oct. 17, to Wednesday, Oct. 23, as reported by the Erie County Sheriff's Office. ECSO deputies responded to 366 calls during the period of this report. During this timeframe, deputies responded to one business burglary alarm; two residential burglary alarms; zero mental health calls; four welfare checks and handled several first aid calls.

The following is a small sampling of the noteworthy incidents on Grand Island.

**Thursday, Oct. 17**  
•Ransom Road, larceny from vehicle – Deputies responded to

investigate larcenies from unlocked vehicles. Several vehicles entered overnight, and items were taken. Ongoing investigation.

•East River Road, UUMV – Deputies are investigating a report of an unlocked vehicle with key in it stolen from a driveway overnight. Ongoing investigation.

**Friday, Oct. 18**  
•Sandy Beach Road, UUMV – Deputies are investigating a report of an unlocked vehicle stolen from a driveway overnight. Ongoing investigation.

**Saturday, Oct. 19**  
•East River Road, larceny from vehicles – Deputies were called

about larcenies from several vehicles at various residences in the 1100 block of East River Road. Reports were completed and the detective bureau was notified.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

•Grand Island Boulevard, customer trouble – Deputies responded to a report of two subjects causing problems. Subjects removed.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

•Grand Island Boulevard, found property – Deputies were contacted by a person reporting that they found a wallet. Deputies located the owner and the wallet was returned.

TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2025

|                                    | GENERAL      | FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT | HIGHWAY      | SPECIAL DISTRICT SEWER | SPECIAL DISTRICT WATER | SPECIAL DISTRICT LIGHTING | DEBT SERVICE | REFUSE & GARBAGE DISTRICT                          | TOTAL         |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS & TRANSFERS         |              |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  |               |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT         | 4,204,822    |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 4,204,822     |
| PUBLIC SAFETY                      | 1,348,785    | 1,797,784                |              |                        |                        | 12,982                    |              |  | 3,159,551     |
| HEALTH                             | 5,000        |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              | 1,937,568  | 1,942,568     |
| TRANSPORTATION                     | 305,325      |                          | 2,879,333    |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 3,184,658     |
| ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE & OPPORTUNITY  | 585,955      |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 585,955       |
| CULTURE & RECREATION               | 1,942,922    |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 1,942,922     |
| HOME & COMMUNITY SERVICE           | 285,145      |                          |              | 2,665,332              | 2,609,785              |                           |              |  | 5,560,262     |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS                  | 2,512,845    |                          | 771,940      | 757,640                | 846,860                |                           |              |  | 4,889,285     |
| DEBT SERVICE:                      |              |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  |               |
| PRINCIPAL                          | 183,160      |                          | 873,750      | 1,021,460              | 625,309                | 233,275                   | 295,000      |  | 3,231,954     |
| INTEREST                           | 75,527       |                          | 127,050      | 466,366                | 411,052                | 58,641                    | 15,938       |  | 1,154,574     |
| INTERFUND TRANSFERS                | 0            |                          |              | 310,938                | 0                      |                           |              |  | 310,938       |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION & TRANSFERS    | 11,449,486   | 1,797,784                | 4,652,073    | 5,221,736              | 4,493,006              | 304,898                   | 310,938      | 1,937,568  | 30,167,489    |
| ESTIMATED REVENUE & TRANSFERS      |              |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  |               |
| TAX ITEMS                          | 64,760       |                          | 1,136        |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 65,896        |
| NON-PROPERTY TAX ITEMS             | 4,265,000    |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 4,265,000     |
| DEPARTMENTAL INCOME                | 194,000      |                          |              | 2,652,000              | 2,388,000              |                           |              |  | 5,234,000     |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES         |              |                          | 305,500      |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 305,500       |
| USES OF MONEY AND PROPERTY         | 200,000      | 4,000                    | 25,000       | 30,000                 | 15,000                 | 0                         |              | 0  | 274,000       |
| LICENSES AND PERMITS               | 148,940      |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 148,940       |
| FINES AND FORFEITURES              | 110,750      |                          |              |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 110,750       |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE              | 262,505      |                          |              | 7,000                  | 9,750                  |                           |              |  | 279,255       |
| STATE AID                          | 543,750      |                          | 284,290      |                        |                        |                           |              |  | 828,040       |
| INTERFUND REVENUES                 | 258,898      |                          | 7,000        |                        |                        |                           | 310,938      |  | 576,836       |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & TRANSFER | 6,048,603    | 4,000                    | 622,926      | 2,689,000              | 2,412,750              | 0                         | 310,938      | 0  | 12,088,217    |
| APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE          | 3,165,748    | 68,420                   | 861,996      | 733,973                | 725,163                | 117,505                   | 0            | 13   | 5,672,818     |
| AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES       | \$ 2,235,135 | \$ 1,725,364             | \$ 3,167,151 | \$ 1,798,763           | \$ 1,355,093           | \$ 187,393                | \$ -         | \$ 1,937,555                                       | \$ 12,406,454 |
| ASSESSED VALUATION(A.V.) X \$1,000 | 2,275,219.1  | 2,319,739.7              | 2,275,219.1  | 318,389.3              | 443,407.7              |                           |              | \$ 252.00  |               |
| ESTIMATED RATE PER \$1,000 OF A.V. | \$ 0.982     | \$ 0.744                 | \$ 1.392     | \$ 5.625               | \$ 3.076               |                           |              | Water & Sewer Tax rate per \$1,000/Land Value only |               |