

## 'Community collaboration & engagement are the hallmarks of NYPA's environmental justice program'

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caring, independent learners while maintaining their strong connection to language, culture and the history of the Tuscarora Nation.

"Tuscarora School is very grateful for the energy work NYPA completed, and in such a timely manner," Principal Elizabeth Corieri said. "The collaboration between NYPA and our fifth- and sixth-grade students made a lasting impression by reinforcing the importance of problem-solving and thinking deeply and creatively about the process of planning a project with a timeline. Students also brainstormed ways to improve our school in the years to come."

NYPA worked with the Tuscarora Nation and the school district to conduct an energy audit and identify the most urgent projects. The audit reported that the well water filtration system, boilers and heating and ventilation units all required significant upgrades or replacement.

NYPA upgraded the water filtration and softening systems that remove impurities from the water on its way from the well to the school for use in the kitchen and bathrooms.

The project also involved replacing 11 heating and ventilation units powered by gas to provide heat and air conditioning in the cafeteria, staff room and classrooms with electric units. The new electrified

system avoids the use of fossil fuels and makes the units cleaner, safer, and more cost and energy efficient.

The environmental justice team plans additional STEM and career support programs in the Tuscarora School and Niagara Wheatfield Central School District. A workshop on how to weatherize a home will be scheduled for adults in April.

NYPA leadership is committed to providing support to the Tuscarora Nation and other communities located near its assets. The NYPA environmental justice team provides science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education programs, teacher training, mentorships, internships, community workshops and fairs, career support initiatives, and energy information for low-income homeowners and renters throughout the state.

"Community collaboration and engagement are the hallmarks of NYPA's environmental justice program, which provides meaningful energy-based projects and education to benefit local families and residents," said Kaela Mainsah, vice president of the environmental justice department. "Our team addresses concerns and challenges in a way that makes sense for that particular community. The improvements announced here today were specific requests, and we were

pleased to be able to work with our friends to help them accomplish their sustainability goals."

As part of NYPA's ongoing environmental justice efforts, it completed new energy-efficient LED lighting and an energy audit at four Niagara Falls Housing Authority facilities in 2021, and contributed \$300,000 to energy upgrades at the Explore & More Children's Museum.

New York State Sen. Tim Kennedy said, "This partnership between the Tuscarora Nation and NYPA is an example of what can be accomplished through a shared vision for environmental justice and investing in the future of our children. I'm thrilled to see this project completed with support from New York."

Assemblyman Angelo Morinello said, "I'd like to thank NYPA for their completed project at the Tuscarora Nation School. The new water treatment and heating system will not only provide a more energy-efficient facility for staff and students, but will also have a cleaner impact on the environment."

New York state's climate agenda calls for an orderly and just transition that creates family-sustaining jobs, continues to foster a green economy across all sectors, and ensures that at least 35%, with a goal of 40%, of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities.



### Town of Lewiston hosts Easter fun

The Town of Lewiston Recreation Department hosted an Easter egg hunt on Saturday at the Lewiston Senior Center. Children were divided into age groups for the activity, which took place in Pletcher Park.

Refreshments were served inside the Senior Center.

Pictured: Having fun collecting Easter eggs; Town of Lewiston Council members Sarah Waechter and Rob Morreale are shown with Recreation Director Tim Smith enjoying the Easter egg activities with the community. (Submitted photos)



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VILLAGE OF LEWISTON  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION  
**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**  
Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 9:00 AM  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Lewiston Historical Preservation Commission will hold a Work Session to discuss Goals, on April 13, 2024 at

9AM in the Village Board Room at 145 N 4th Street.  
Donna Cassick  
Deputy Clerk  
Tribune/Sentinel  
March 29, 2024

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**PRESERVATIONCOMMISSION/  
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**APRIL MEETING CHANGED TO  
TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Lewiston Historical Preservation Commission meeting is changed to Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00pm and Planning Commission meeting is changed to Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at

6:30pm in the Village Board Room at 145 N 4th Street.  
Donna Cassick  
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March 29, 2024

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**TOWN OF WHEATFIELD 2023  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

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hours, Mon. - Fri. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.  
Kathleen Harrington-McDonell  
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