

NCSO announces Town of Wheatfield substation



Niagara County Sheriff's Office Press Release
Niagara County Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti announced a new partnership with the Town of Wheatfield.

After much planning, preparation and discussions with Supervisor Don MacSwan, a new sheriff's office substation is open at the Town of Wheatfield Town Hall. This new space will allow for better deployment of our west zone patrols and dedicated Wheatfield patrols. In the past, all patrols went into service from the sheriff's office main station. This new opportunity will improve response times and allow for more patrol coverage and visibility in

the west-end towns. "The goal of this new location is to improve our response times and increase visibility in the communities we serve," Filicetti said. "Chief Deputy Aaron Schultz, who supervises our law enforcement division, worked diligently to make this happen."

There will be no public hours at this new location. Please call 716-438-3393 to have a patrol respond for your complaint.

MacSwan said, "Having the sheriff's office locate a substation at our Town Hall is a great benefit. The location and faster response times benefit all of our residents."

Pictured, from left: Lt. Chris Wesolowski, west zone patrol deputies, Wheatfield Supervisor Don MacSwan, Chief Deputy Aaron Schultz and Sheriff Michael Filicetti. (Submitted)

Army Corps to hold public information sessions on area FUSRAP projects

Work scheduled for Tonawanda Seaway Landfill Site, NF Storage Site

√ Corps awards \$57.6 million in contracts for two planned projects
BY TERRY DUFFY
Editor-in-Chief

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, has announced the first of two public information sessions planned as it proceeds with projects scheduled under its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program in Buffalo-Niagara.

The Army Corps will host a public info session from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 18, to detail work planned for the FUSRAP Seaway Landfill Site in Tonawanda. The session will take place at the Town of Tonawanda Senior Center, 291 Ensminger Road.

"This event will provide an opportunity to engage with members of the USACE project delivery team to gain a deeper understanding of the construction starting in mid-May at the Seaway Site," said Avery Schneider of Army Corps public affairs.

According to a press release, scheduled work will focus on land areas within the 100-acre Seaway Industrial Park located along River Road, just south of the Niagara River. The site operated as a landfill by Browning-Ferris Industries through 1993. After ceasing operations, most of the landfill was capped by BFI in accordance with requirements by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Army Corps said the Seaway Site consists of materials containing low-level residual radioactivity that were disposed there from the adjacent federal government-leased Ashland 1 property.

"These radioactive residues were the result of activities conducted at the former Linde Site to support the nation's nuclear weapons program," Schneider said. "This material was later relocated by Ashland Oil to the Seaway Site areas A, B and C and the Ashland 2 Site."

She said the Army Corps has awarded a \$17.6 million contract to Mark Cerrone Inc. of Niagara Falls to install a 22-acre engineered cap to cover areas A, B and C at the Seaway Site. Air monitoring would take place for 30 days prior to any work being done.

Mark Cerrone has conducted the staging of equipment, site preparation and implementation of safety procedures, with construction of the engineered cap expected to begin in May and conclude in the spring of 2025.

"The contractor will only be delivering materials to complete the engineered cap - they will not be removing any materials from the site," Schneider said. "The protection of human health and the environment is of paramount importance to USACE. The safety of the public and workers is our No. 1 priority. We will continue to communicate with the public and the stakeholders to keep them informed of monitoring, work and

preparations."

Earlier this year, the Army Corps provided updates with respect to its planned work for phase 1 balance of plant remediation activities at the 191-acre Niagara Falls Storage Site in Lewiston. According to Army Corps Outreach Specialist Amy J. Gaskill, phase 1 work at the NFSS would involve "cleanup of surface soils at multiple locations across the storage site and is separate from phases 2 and 3, which will focus on removal of material from the interim waste containment structure where high- and low-activity waste is stored."

In August 2023, Gaskill said the Army Corps awarded a \$40 million contract to Enviro-Fix Solutions LLC for remedial and site services at the NFSS.

"The first task order on that contract is to remediate contaminated media in accordance with the record of decision for the balance of plant and groundwater operable

units. This work is being carried out under the Formerly Utilized Sites remedial action program," Gaskill said.

She noted the Army Corps expects to hold a public information session in Lewiston on the phase 1 work in April (date and location to be announced). Actual phase 1 work is expected to begin at the NFSS this summer.

For more information on the aforementioned projects, visit <https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP>.

NCDOH offers free rabies immunization clinics

Submitted by the Niagara County Department of Health

Rabies vaccination prevents fatal disease in dogs, cats and ferrets. Rabies is a viral disease that, in most cases, results in death of the animal not adequately protected with a rabies vaccination. New York state law requires all cats, dogs and ferrets to have current rabies vaccinations from 4 months of age and on. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and humans. Rabies vaccination protects your pet and reduces your risk of exposure to rabies.

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Dog and cat owners are asked to bring proof of their pet's vaccination with them to the clinic in order to receive a three-year vaccination certificate; otherwise, a

one-year certificate will be issued. Ferrets will be issued a one-year certificate. Dogs must be secured with a collar and leash or be in a carrier. Please do not use retractable leashes. Cats and ferrets must be secured in a carrier.

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√ Saturday, July 13 (9 a.m. to noon) Town of Lewiston Highway Garage, 1445 Swann Road

√ Saturday, Sept. 14 (9 a.m. to

noon) Town of Lockport Highway Department, 6560 Dysinger Road
√ Saturday, Dec. 7 (9 a.m. to noon) City of North Tonawanda Public Works Department, 758 Erie Ave.

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