

Plaza public hearing may move to Lewiston No. 1

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But it was ice and winter weather in recent months that wrecked the dock piles and rendered the fingers unusable this summer. Those who had reserved space were given the option to get their money back or use it for future rentals; plus, they were granted free launch passes for this season.

Trustee Nick Conde asked, “How would we be working on the docks?”

“It has to be a phased approach,” Cota said. “Currently, we enlisted (Department of Public Works) Superintendent (Anthony) Mang and Josh Stack, who currently does our (ice) boom system, to come up with a plan to remove those current fingers. Because, if you do not remove them prior to winter, we’re not going to even have the option to repair them” without destabilizing the docks.

“That’s the first phase is to get all those fingers pulled, and as many of the pylons that are loose, get those pulled before they just lay down and we have to start getting them from under the water.”

“No boom this year?” Conde asked.

“We haven’t decided on a boom at this point,” Cota said. “We will still have the main run of the dock there that will need some sort of protection – if Wahoo Docks, whom we engaged, then determines that that needs to be protected. But the current boom structure may not be the correct structure going forward when we don’t have the fingers.”

The Dahlonga, Georgia-based Wahoo Docks created the dock system.

“Hopefully, we’ll have the slips next year,” Conde said.

“I anticipate that we will, in one form or another,” Cota said.

LWRP funding is expected to be awarded in December/January, with contracting to follow.

Cota said that, with the fingers pulled, “we’re 99% of the way there.”

“We are not looking at replanting the current piles unless Wahoo comes in and says, ‘You have to have a pile system.’ At this point, that hasn’t been the interpretation.”

A system wherein poles and docks are pulled in the fall would prevent “these ongoing issues with piles that are going to continuously be jacked up based upon ice conditions in our river,” Cota said.

He noted the project “will depend on financing. I’m hopefully optimistic that, through the LWRP program, and through the governor’s office – which we have also met with – that we will have the support necessary to move forward.”

Plaza public hearing

Cota announced the Planning Commission’s public hearing on the Ellicott Development plaza’s building No. 3 first floor – space expected to be rented and operated by Ace Hardware – will be held inside the Red Brick Municipal Building gymnasium, 145 N. Fourth St. The forum is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10, immediately following the Historic Preservation Commission meeting (approximately 6:30 p.m.).

Now, if the Recreation Department’s programming for that

evening is forced to move inside the gym because of weather, the Planning Board meeting will move to the Lewiston No. 1 fire-hall on North Sixth Street. If that happens, Cota said signs will be placed on the Red Brick doors, and a notification will be issued on social media.

‘Hometown Heroes’ back in play

Cota said the village intends to become a “Hometown Heroes” participant. Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 was unable to reach an agreement with the previous administration to place the veteran-honoring flags on municipal streets. The mayor said size and style options are being evaluated.

Other news

- The board voted to remove any penalties from the July 2026 water/sewer bills (within the time frame of March 15 through June 16) due to recent mailing issues
- Two weeks ago, the clerk’s office announced the village “received reports that some residents have not yet received their

July water bills due to a mailing delay.

“We have contacted the U.S. Postal Service, but they are unable to provide an estimated delivery date at this time.”

- The Department of Public Works will begin milling and pot-hole patching.

Mang also announced the DPW will offer a larger trash pickup day on Monday, Aug. 3, for brush and building demo – residential, not contractor debris. Brush should be stacked parallel with the road.

- Cota said he is researching outlets that can livestream Village Board meetings. He expects the cost to be between \$3,700 and \$4,000. Bids are being collected.

Cameras and microphones would be added for the sake of video quality, without requiring additional speakers inside the boardroom.

- Artpark & Company was granted permission to extend weather-delayed concerts past the standard noise ordinance cutoff of 10 p.m. on weeknights, instead getting an 11 p.m. curfew.

Youngstown: New clerk, plans to rehab gazebo

By Senior Contributing Writer
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The Village of Youngstown has hired a new clerk, Angela Skimin.

At the village’s Board of Trustee’s meeting on Thursday, Skimin said she was eager for the challenge.

“I’m excited to be here. I’m ready to help the village be more organized. It’s been a while since we had a solid team, it sounds like, so I’m excited to be part of that team,” she said. “I’m excited to be a part of the village I live in.”

Following the meeting, Mayor Mike DeDario said, “We’re really happy she’s on board. She jumped right in and is already completing her role very well.”

In other news

The Garden Club said members will meet with the village’s Department of Public Works to decide when the Village Gazebo could be rehabilitated. A painter was ready to start right away, said Garden Club member Garda O’Keefe. She noted a contractor could start quickly.

There was some hesitation voiced by Trustee Nicole Quarantillo.

“My only concern with this project starting right now is we’re in the middle of summer,” she said. That park right now is just filled with kids, we have rec programs every day. If we have construction vehicles there ... I don’t want to see parking taken away

from families who need it for their kids.”

Quarantillo asked if the construction could wait until after Labor Day.

DeDario asked DPW Superintendent Greg Quarantillo if he saw a proper timeline.

“So, after speaking with the Garden Club and speaking with the board, we understand there’s potentially some structural issues that need to be addressed. Code enforcement, I can almost assure you, is going to make us put some kind of barricade around it to keep kids from playing on it,” Quarantillo said.

“I do have a concern, that I did speak to the mayor about yesterday, regarding starting now.

I did not know your hope was to have it done by Labor Day. My thought was to have it start after Labor Day. The only reason is in the summer time you have a lot of people.”

Quarantillo did agree, however, to speak to the contractor.

“If the board so chooses, I’m more than happy,” he said.

Lakewood Landscaping was

chosen as the contractor for \$14,500.

“The contractor will work with Greg on a timeline that works for the village. We might not be able to start tomorrow, but it works for the village when we have all the plans,” DeDario said.

IN THE NEWS

Niagara County Youth Bureau seeks NYS Governor’s Youth Council representative

Submitted by the Niagara County Public Information Office

The Niagara County Youth Bureau is seeking a new representative for the New York State Governor’s Youth Council. The Youth Council is to be made up of 62 young people ages 13-21, with one representative from each county in the state.

The Youth Council provides an effective way to engage young people in state government, including interacting with state policymakers. Members of the NYS Governor’s Youth Council will offer their solutions to key issues facing young people in the state. The right candidate for the council is a young person who wants a platform to have their voice heard.

Those interested in serving must understand the great opportunity offered upon selection and commit to the following if appointed to the NYS Governor’s Youth Council:

- Participate in virtual statewide youth-led networking and

training events about government, civic engagement and positive youth development.

- Attend virtual regional meetings.
- Work on selecting policy issues to inform local, regional and/or state changes.
- Seek out, listen and respect others’ opinions and experiences.

Membership is renewable for up to three years. For more information, reach out to Benjamin. Bunker@niagaracounty.gov; or to apply online, visit <https://nysylc.secure-platform.com/a/>.

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Smoke in the Forecast

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How can you help lessen the symptoms that can arise from smoke inhalation? How can we breathe comfortably while living in a toxic environment? To help you and your family breathe easier:

- Avoid strenuous outdoor activity.
- Close windows & doors. Run your air conditioner with the fresh air intake closed and a clean filter.
- Don’t use dust masks. They don’t protect your lungs from the small particles found in smoke. Respirators marked NIOSH with N95P100 can be used, but check with your doctor first as it can stress the lungs.
- Keep indoor air clean by reducing activities that increase indoor air pollution; such as vacuuming, smoking, vaping, burning candles and limit the use of gas stoves.
- Recirculate the air within your car and change the cabin filter.
- Run an electronic air cleaner to remove particles of smoke, dust & pollen.

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