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You asked: Updates on Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours proposal, WellNow site, Ellicott Development plaza & Artpark parking lot



Pictured is the area Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours President John Kinney sought to use for a new waterfront docking system.

BY JOSHUA MALONI
GM/Managing Editor

In response to community questions regarding large-scale projects in the Village of Lewiston, the Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel obtained answers and updates on the following:

•What's happening with the Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours docking system proposal?

In August, the Village of Lewiston resumed discussions with Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours President John Kinney regarding a

new docking system proposal for the south waterfront seawall. He previously presented a plan to build new docks in an area not presently used by boaters, and offered to allow transient docking within his existing platforms.

Trustees made no decision, instead noting their desire to revisit the village's 40-year lease agreement with WJBT.

A public hearing was set for early September, but that meeting was canceled.

On Wednesday, Kinney stated, "At this time, WJBT intends to

utilize our new docks in the existing docking configuration. The management team at WJBT feels strongly that the excellent work done to make a 'highwater-proof' seawall is an initiative which will pay great dividends when the next highwater event occurs on the Niagara River.

"At present, the normal lower water levels of the fall boating season have increased the distance from the top of the seawall to the river water level, to a height in excess of 7.5 feet. This makes

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Como Restaurant sale marks END OF AN ERA



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It was an hour before opening Wednesday when Dominic Colucci arrived at the main dining room of the Como Restaurant and the phone was already ringing. As soon as he hung up from that call, the phone rang again. And again.

"The phone's ringing off the hook," Colucci said. "There were 23 messages waiting when I came in."

The callers all wanted to make dinner reservations. After 96 years at 2220 Pine Ave., in the heart of Little Italy, the Como Restaurant and Lounge has been sold.

People had been caught off guard when they heard of the sale and they wanted to dine there one more time before Saturday when its owners, members of the Colucci and Antonacci families, will close the doors for the last time.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

GOING TO 'TRICK OR TREAT ON CENTER STREET'?

This year's "Trick or Treat on Center Street" runs from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, in conjunction with the Village of Lewiston Recreation Department's annual "Haunted House Spooktacular."

Find all of the information on this weekend's Halloween festivities online at www.wnypapers.com, or simply click this QR Code.

Pictured on Center Street are Trait-Carré owner and Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Matt Villnave and Inspirations on Canvas owner/artist Kathy Pignatora.

See more events inside today's paper.



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