

# You asked: Updates on projects underway in Village of Lewiston

Clockwise: Work is underway inside the future home of WellNow Urgent Care on Center Street in Lewiston. • A look into the Ellicott Development Company plaza. • The main parking lot at Artpark State Park is getting revamped.



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the seawall incapable of docking. In the spring, the height of the seawall from water level was 6 feet. This distance is still far too much for virtually every boat in the lower Niagara River. Therefore, the majority of the Lewiston seawall, which has been in place for four boating seasons, will continue to not be utilized.

“Additionally, WJBT’s offer to provide proper transient docking, at no cost to the village, will not be available. WJBT offered to allow the existing WJBT docking facility to remain in place for transient pleasure craft. The new jet boat docks will stay ‘status quo.’

“The management team at WJBT remains willing to discuss the future betterment of the Lewiston waterfront if/when the Village Board would like to talk.”

**•What’s happening with WellNow?**

Though its new building has yet to open at 860 Center St., WellNow Urgent Care has reaf-

firmed its intent to service Lewiston.

“We are targeting a Q1 or Q2 (2024) opening and are committed to serving the community,” Public Relations Manager Annie Keller said Tuesday. She noted “challenges with insurance companies like Excellus ... in many cases kept us from moving forward as quickly as we would like in opening additional urgent care centers for communities that badly need them, like Lewiston.”

WellNow purchased its village property in early 2022 and, by the time of the Lewiston Christmas Walk, passersby were commenting on the large structure being built in between Lewiston Family Dental and the APlus mart/Sunoco station.

Progress was delayed this year as the company had to shore up the bank overlooking Onondaga Street.



In August, Mayor Anne Welch explained, “The back of the property eroded and needed a retaining wall. That cost a lot of money; and they had to put drainage back there, because of the people behind it. ... That’s why it slowed

down any construction inside.”

Village of Lewiston Engineer Mike Marino added, “That back slope that they have, they noticed that there was some movement where the parking lot ended in the back – in the slope, kind of where they were working – that, if it was left unaddressed, that it likely would have continued to deteriorate and slide down. So, they had stepped up, actually – which is a great thing, I think – and decided to put a bigger retaining wall up there, that has soldier piles and wooden lag boards in there.”

The parking lot is finished and striped. Electrical workers were seen at the WellNow site this week.

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