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## Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce to celebrate award honorees on Nov. 9

The Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the community at the annual awards dinner, to be held at Niagara Falls Convention Center on Thursday, Nov. 9.

A press release stated, "The annual awards are selected by the membership to recognize the dedication and contributions made by our members to make the community stronger. The outstanding contributions and leadership from each of the honorees to the business community will be recognized."

The awards dinner will begin with cocktail hour followed by a sit-down dinner and the awards program. A silent and basket auction will take place throughout the evening. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office (895 Center St., Lewiston) or online at [www.UpwardNiagara.com](http://www.UpwardNiagara.com) for \$125 per person.

The Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce will honor businesses and individuals in the following categories:

- ✓ 2023 Member of the Year – DiMino's Lewiston Tops
- ✓ 2023 Community Partner – Celebrate Wilson
- ✓ 2023 Award of Excellence – Simply The Best Cleaning Service



## Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce

### 2023 Awards Celebration

Thursday, November 9, 2023

- ✓ 2023 Emerging Business – Skydive the Falls
- ✓ 2023 Distinguished Service – George Osborne
- ✓ 2023 Chairman's Award – Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1

The press release noted, "The awards are given based on leadership, dedication and achievement in the community. Those chosen

have contributed significantly to the success of the region and their profession."

The honorees are nominated by Chamber of Commerce members and selected by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

The awards dinner is open to the public to attend. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available by calling 716-754-9500 or at [www.UpwardNiagara.com](http://www.UpwardNiagara.com).

**When I own a home, I'll invite the entire family over.**

## LCA presents 'A Tribute to the Edmund Fitzgerald'

At 10 minutes after 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, the 10th annual "A Tribute to the Edmund Fitzgerald" will take place at the Brickyard Brewing Company, 436 Center St., Lewiston. Admission is \$10 for the general public, or free for LCA members.

Hosted by artist and Edmund Fitzgerald enthusiast Tom Asklar, the event will commemorate the 48th anniversary of the American Great Lakes freighter that sank in a Lake Superior storm on Nov. 10, 1975, resulting in the loss of the entire crew of 29.

The program will include:  
 ✓ A brief presentation explaining the ship's history, the timeline of the tragedy, and theories of its demise.

- ✓ A tolling of the bell honoring each of the crew members.
- ✓ Models of the Edmund Fitzgerald by John Asklar, and "Commodore" Justin Higner, founder of Higner Maritime Artworks.
- ✓ Jim Rankin, sailor, will provide a bagpipe tribute.
- ✓ This year, musician Gordon Lightfoot, who passed away on May 1, will be honored. Lightfoot's 1976 song, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," is one of the



Pictured is a past "A Tribute to the Edmund Fitzgerald" at the Brickyard Brewing Company. (LCA photo)

central components and inspiration behind this annual event.

- ✓ An international barbershop quartet, with a maritime connection, will perform a vocal tribute.
- ✓ Music from the Fitz era will be performed by Bruce Wojick, Jamie Holka, Dave Thurman and special guest Jeremy Hoyle, lead singer of Strictly Hip.
- ✓ French onion soup.
- ✓ The BBC will offer selections from its menu, as well as a buffet;

"Gitchegumee," a BBC golden lager beer tribute, will also be available for toasting.

Proceeds benefit Lewiston Council on the Arts.

**The Mighty Fitz 5K Race**  
 The Mighty Fitz 5K Race will follow, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov 4, starting at the Brickyard Pub & BBQ, 432 Center St. For route information, or to register, visit [www.racemanagementsolutions.com](http://www.racemanagementsolutions.com).

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