

Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce to celebrate award honorees Nov. 10

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The awards dinner is open to the public to attend. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available through by calling 716-754-9500 or online at www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com.

2020 Award of Excellence: Chéri Amour

For two decades, Chéri Amour has become known for the beautiful assortment of jewelry gifts, personalized service and the warm welcome Cheri Clark gives every customer who walks through the door. The French-inspired boutique has the latest trends and carefully researched brands with the highest quality.

Clark and her sister, Janeanne Winberg, started the boutique in June of 2002. Twenty years later, they are in the same location they started in “across from DiCamillo’s” at 522 Center St., in the Village of Lewiston.

The Nomination Italian Charm bracelets were the first collectible line they sold, followed by the popular Pandora line one year after. The rest is history! Cheri and Janeanne have curated a boutique with high-caliber products that bring repeat customers. An item purchased at Chéri Amour is packaged with love – including gift bags with ribbon and intricately wrapped tissue paper the sisters’ parents have helped make over the 20 years of business.

Janeanne is still involved while

living out of town, but it is Cheri who runs the day-to-day operations and provides the personalized service customers love. Every item is hand-selected with the customer in mind. Excellence is a quality that people really appreciate, because it is so hard to find, but Chéri Amour strives to provide excellence in all they do. They are generous in their support of many organizations in the community.

The Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce proudly congratulates Chéri Amour as the recipient of the 2020 Award of Excellence.

2020 Community Partner: Fittante Architecture P.C.

Jim Fittante opened Fittante Architecture P.C. in January 2010. Thirteen years later, his work is reflected in many historic renovation and building projects in the community. Local projects include the Frontier House, Como, Gallo, Lewiston Stone House, Old Fort Niagara Post Theatre, Niagara Falls Country Club and Brickyard Brewing Company. Jim and his team designed the Village of Lewiston’s new pavilion adjacent to the playground. He is currently working on the design for a pavilion at Academy Park.

Jim and his team split their work 50/50 between residential and commercial projects. He has connected with developers all over the United States, from Aspen, Colorado, to Portland, Maine.

The largest project completed has been a 110-room, four-story hotel.

Moving the Frontier House forward and preserving the historic integrity of the building while creating opportunities for growth has been a highlight for Jim and staff.

The Village and Town of Lewiston have consulted with Fittante Architecture P.C. on many projects.

Jim serves on the Historical Planning Commission and also on the board of directors of the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce. He enjoys giving back to the community where he has lived his entire life and has raised his family.

The Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce proudly congratulates Fittante Architecture P.C. as the 2020 Community Partner.

2020 Member of the Year: Everything Youngstown

Everything Youngstown was created in 2018 with community and “fun” in mind. Owner Sue McNaughton and Manager Leslie Wise have created a retail shop at 435 Main St., in the Village of Youngstown, with unique gift, local and apparel items with “community” as the heart and center of the business.

Promoting and celebrating all things Youngstown is what Everything Youngstown does best. Find unique gift items, apparel and more, with funds from certain items donated to local community organizations. They have donated thousands of dollars to worthy causes and have made it the shop’s mission.

A meaningful connection with customers is important to Everything Youngstown, supporting causes that directly make an impact on where we live. The front window has featured everything from Lewiston-Porter High School senior portraits to local artisans work.

Sue and Leslie both believe that small businesses keep communities vibrant. They love planning events at the shop and in the village where customers and friends can get together and socialize while having fun.

The Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce proudly congratulates Everything Youngstown as the 2020 Member of the Year.

New date for ‘Festival of Slice’

Organizers of the third annual “Festival of Slice” announced the popular event will be moved to Jan. 28, 2023.

A press release explained, “Moving the date of the event after the busy holiday season will allow more pizzerias to participate, and it is expected that attendees will have fewer conflicts, as well.”

The last time the festival was held, in 2019, more than 1,000 pizza lovers attended the event – and close to 20 vendors participated.

To participate this year, Niagara County pizzerias can find additional information and register by visiting <https://www.niagarafallsusa.com/festival-of-slice/>. Registration forms can also be obtained by calling Destination Niagara USA at 716-282-8922. Note: Participating pizzerias will be asked to provide a copy of their catering or Niagara County health permit in order to participate, as well as a \$100 registration fee, of which \$50 will be returned upon attendance and completion of the “Festival of Slice” event. The new registration deadline is Dec. 3.

The event itself is free to attend, with beverages and pizza tickets available for purchase.

“Festival of Slice” is made possible by Destination Niagara USA, The Niagara Falls Convention Center, and Old Falls Street USA. For more information, visit <https://www.niagarafallsusa.com/festival-of-slice/>.

Niagara Power Vista to host ‘Hallow-GREEN Spooktacular’

NYPA to host costume contest, games & crafts



Come and meet Lloyd (NYPA photo)

↓ Pose for photos with Lloyd, Niagara County’s SPCA dog battling terminal illness & inspiring Western New York community

The New York Power Authority will host its annual “Hallow-GREEN Spooktacular” on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Niagara Power Vista, located at 5777 Lewiston Road.

Children up to age 15 are invited to dress in their most creative garb for a costume contest beginning at 10 a.m. The contest will divide participants into three age groups: infant to 3 years old, 4 to 9 years old, and 10 to 15 years old. Contest winners will be announced at 3 p.m., along with an additional prize for the most creative costume. Costumes will be judged on originality, creativity, and overall appearance. Free pumpkins will be available to the first 300 children.

Lloyd, a 12-year-old pit bull in the care of the Niagara County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), will attend this year’s event. Lloyd was adopted by the agency in early July, and shortly after was diagnosed with terminal cancer and end-stage kidney failure. The agency created a bucket list for Lloyd to ensure his final days are lived to the fullest. Lloyd has been on many adventures

throughout Western New York, where he continues to inspire his community. Lloyd will arrive at the Power Vista between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., and will help judge this year’s costume contest.

Those attending this free family event can enjoy games, candy and crafts courtesy of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation’s Interpretive Center. Additionally, State Parks will provide free rides on its Niagara Scenic Trolley between Prospect Point and the Niagara Power Project during the event.

In addition to “Hallow-GREEN Spooktacular” events, guests are invited to enjoy the state-of-the-art exhibits at the Niagara Power Vista, including a 3-D animation that takes them up close and personal to power generation without having to wear a hard hat. Visitors can take a seat in a 4-D theater virtual rollercoaster ride, create a transmission distribution system on a one-of-a-kind transmission grid table, build a dam or simulate the coordination of power across the state during bad weather.

Admission and parking at the Niagara Power Vista are free. Call 716-286-6661 or email npvista@nypa.gov for more information on this or other NYPA events.

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