

Village of Lewiston to revisit 'Hometown Heroes' banner program

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The Village of Lewiston and Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 will again try and work toward adding "Hometown Heroes" banners within the municipality next spring.

This program, which honors military members, was discussed in the past year – but didn't result in the placement of any banners. Mayor Anne Welch said her board was waiting for the VFW to hang one sample banner at the corner of Center and South Sixth streets to see how it would

appear to passersby.

Trustee Dan Gibson asked to restart the conversation. He suggested the banners could be placed facing into the south Center Street walkway.

"Everybody's worried about it impeding traffic. If you put it on the sidewalk side, so walkers can enjoy it, it's not going to impede anything," Gibson said. "It's not going to impede parking, traffic, anything like that. People walking can see them and enjoy it."

Welch suggested placing the banners on Portage Road and down toward Ridge Road, as that

area is more wide-open.

VFW Quartermaster Vince Canosa said that "defeats the whole purpose of it."

"This is considered a walking community, isn't it? (The banners) are made to be in a walking community where the individuals can look at the banners," he said. "Not where a person is driving 45 mph and stopping."

Canosa noted the Village of Lewiston is the one local community not participating in the "Hometown Heroes" banner program.

The banners here could be

30-by-48 inches, or smaller, and placed on some or all of the village's 120-plus antique light poles.

Canosa said banners are displayed from May through Veterans Day.

"It's not like it's a permanent thing," he noted.

Lee Simonson, representing the citizen De-Sign Committee, said his group is opposed to the placement of any new signage along Center Street. He suggested placing the "Hometown Heroes" banners around the "Circle of Honor" veterans monument inside Academy Park.

"We think that's a more appropriate spot," Simonson said.

No decision was made, but trustees were favorable in their comments regarding the "Hometown Heroes" banners being placed above the south Center Street sidewalks.

"The pole is there; the flowers go on it. A banner next to it – I don't think that's going to hurt anything – on the walk side" of the street, Welch said.

"We should try it, see what it looks like," she added.

LEWISTON POLICE BLOTTER

The following activity occurred Tuesday, Oct. 31, to Sunday, Nov. 12, as reported by the Lewiston Police Department. For more information on arrests and other activity, visit the Lewiston Police Department's mobile app or its page on Facebook.

Monday, Oct. 30

- **Griffin/Niagara streets, MVA-property damage** – Caller reported an accident between a postal vehicle and a garbage truck; no injuries or tows. Patrol responded; report taken.
- **4400 block of Dickersonville Road, damage to property** – Caller said a vehicle damaged a mailbox; time frame unknown. Patrol observed mailbox damage and tire marks nearby. Accident report declined by the caller.
- **5300 block of Military Road, accident hit-run** – Officer initiated call. Vehicle struck in parking lot; witnesses said the driver struck the vehicle and fled. Report issued to caller.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

- **200 block of S. Water Street, traffic complaint** – Caller reported an ongoing issue with parked delivery trucks for a nearby business, blocking roadway. Business advised by patrol.
- **300 block of Niagara Street, animal complaint** – Caller reported a sick raccoon in the yard. Patrol responded; animal dispatched.
- **Garlow/Mount Hope Roads, MVA-injuries** – One car accident; vehicle wrapped around a tree. Patrols, fire and EMS on scene. Report taken.

Wednesday, Nov. 1

- **Pletcher/Creek roads, traffic complaint** – Caller to 911 reported a red Nissan Rogue driving recklessly. Patrol attempted to locate with negative results.
- **4600 block of Black Nose Spring Road, MVA-property damage** – Caller to 911 reported a one-vehicle accident; driver swerved to avoid hitting a dog and ended up in a ditch. EMS declined; vehicle towed. Patrol completed accident report.
- **Center Street/Niagara Scenic Parkway, accident hit-run** – Caller to 911 reported being struck by another vehicle that left the scene. Patrols responded; second driver located and accident report completed.
- **Lewiston/Creek roads, traffic complaint** – Caller to 911 stated an elderly male driver in a white sedan was all over the roadway. Rear door on the vehicle flew open and closed. Patrol unable to locate.
- **800 block of Ridge Road, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 said an unknown male was slowly walking around the property and entered nearby woods. Patrols responded.

Thursday, Nov. 2

- **1300 block of Upper Mountain Road, fire** – Fire reported under power lines; patrols responded, fire extinguished. Homeowner advised on illegal leaf burning and not to do it again.
- **2600 block of Upper Mountain Road, domestic disturbance** – 911 complaint; patrols responded, report taken.
- **N. Ninth/Onondaga streets, MVA-injuries** – Caller to 911 reported a two-vehicle rear end accident, minor damage. Patrols responded; both parties evaluated by EM, no tows. Report taken.
- **4500 block of Washington Drive, domestic disturbance** – Anonymous 911 complaint; patrols responded, report taken.

Friday, Nov. 3

- **4500 block of Dickersonville Road, suspicious activity** – 911 complaint; patrols responded.
- **2500 block of Upper Mountain Road, domestic disturbance** – 911 complaint; patrols responded.
- **Lewiston Road, northbound, traffic complaint** – 911 caller reported a disabled vehicle in middle of roadway. Patrol responded; driver out of gas and assisted.
- **700 block of Raymond Drive, assist** – Caller reported youths in the area yelling and screaming; subjects wearing dark clothing. Patrol responded and advised juveniles.

Saturday, Nov. 4

- **2900 block of Saunders Settlement Road, shoplifting** – Caller to 911 reported the driver in a black SUV fled the business after stealing a quantity of Twisted Teas and a 30 pack of beer. Responding patrols searched the area with negative results. Report taken.
- **Tuscarora/Niagara streets, traffic complaint** – Caller to 911 reported a black sedan was driving aggressively through a 5K race. Patrol attempted to locate.
- **400 block of N. Fifth Street, assist public** – Caller to 911 stated a female listed as the mother of their mutual child took a cell phone and refused to return it. Patrol responded; report taken.
- **900 block of Ridge Road, overdose** – 911 call; patrols responded.

Sunday, Nov. 5

- **2900 block of Saunders Settlement Road, traffic complaint** – Caller to 911 reported a road rage incident at the intersection. Driver reported swerving, cutting off vehicles and refusing to let other vehicles pass at a signal light. Patrol responded; vehicle GOA.
- **4900 block of Indian Hill Road, assist public** – Caller reported a suspected counterfeit \$50 bill from a business. Patrol advised caller to take the currency to the bank for verification.

Monday, Nov. 6

- **1100 block of Swann Road, MVA-injuries** – Patrols responded to a 911 call; report taken.
- **4100 block of Creek Road, Lewiston-Porter schools, harassment** – Per dispatch activity, caller reported a male juvenile was threatened by another student at school. Patrol spoke with both students; school officials to follow up with proper measures.
- **4000 block of Creek Road, LPD office, forgery** – Per dispatch activity, caller reported being scammed out of \$12,500 after being advised that Microsoft detected fraudulent activity on her computer. Caller advised to purchase gift cards at various locations in order to correct problem. Patrol completed a statement and advised complainant to contact her bank, cancel her credit cards and freeze her account. Report taken.
- **2100 block of Watts Drive, assist public** – Caller stated messages were received from an unknown number regarding false information about a female family member. Patrol responded.
- **Ward/Lockport roads, traffic complaint** – Caller to 911 stated a driver of a white Pontiac sedan was unable to maintain the lane. Patrol located and handled.
- **4000 block of Creek Road, LPD office, police services** – Patrol assisted with repossession of a vehicle.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

- **5900 block of Tuscarora Road, assist** – Caller reported a juvenile was refusing to go to school. Patrol responded; call handled.
- **800 block of Orchard Drive, 911 hang-up** – Patrols responded; no further information.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

- **Ridge/Dickersonville roads, traffic complaint** – Caller reported a tan Chevy S-10 pickup all

over the roadway. Patrol attempted to locate.

- **Upper Mountain/Military roads, ATL/BOLO** – Caller reported smoke from an unknown source. Patrol located burning brush by the golf course; call handled.
- **1400 block of Saunders Settlement Road, suspicious activity** – Officer initiated call. Caller said a red Dodge Charger was sitting in front of school. Patrol responded; a mechanic was test-driving the vehicle following repairs and the vehicle broke down. Vehicle towed.
- **Onondaga/N. Ninth streets, MVA-property damage** – Caller to 911 reported a two-vehicle accident; no injuries, vehicle partially in roadway. Patrol responded; vehicle towed; report taken.
- **Raymond Drive/Sara Court, suspicious activity** – Caller reported solicitors in area without permits; officers responded.
- **5400 block of Elm Drive, assist public** – Caller to 911, listed as intoxicated wished to speak with patrol regarding issues with a stepmother. Patrol advised the subject not to engage with the individual for the rest of the evening.
- **5000 block of Bronson Drive, MVA-property damage** – Caller said a white pickup drove onto the front yard of a residence and is now stuck. Officers responded; tow requested. Fire hydrant nearby found damaged; water department contacted. Accident report completed.
- **Thursday, Nov. 9**
- **1300 block of Ridge Road, Lewiston Town Hall, animal complaint** – Officer initiated call. Lewiston Town Clerk's office requested assistance concerning the owner of an unregistered dog. Patrol responded; appearance ticket issued to party for Lewiston Town Court.
- **University Drive, NU campus**

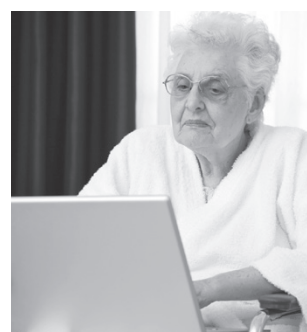
– Caller to 911 reported a vehicle was damaged in a parking lot; no injuries; the other driver left scene. Patrol found minor damage; the second driver left note. Parties to handle matter; patrol assisted with information exchange.

Friday, Nov. 10

- **5700 block of Garlow Road, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 reported a vehicle in the area shining a spotlight on houses. Subject was a repo driver trying to locate an address.
- **800 block of Center Street, disturbance not domestic** – Caller to 911 said a male in the store was refusing to leave and yelling at the cashier. Patrols responded; male taken into custody. Suspect released on appearance tickets to Lewiston Town Court on charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing and resisting arrest.
- **300 block of S. Seventh Street, domestic disturbance** – Anonymous caller to 911 reported two males fighting outside. Both parties left prior to patrol's arrival.
- **500 block of Morgan Drive, traffic complaint** – Officer initiated call. Caller reported an increased number of speeding vehicles in the area and running stop signs. Patrols in area for enforcement of said violations.
- **5300 block of Military Road, Mount St. Mary's Hospital, disturbance not domestic** – Hospital staffer reported a patient screaming and out of control. Patrol responded; patient given a courtesy ride home.
- **5200 block of Chew Road, check welfare** – Caller to 911 wanted a subject removed from a store. Subject left willingly. Patrol responded; no further assistance needed from caller.

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