

Kara's Korner

Town of Porter news and notes

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Porter Town Clerk

Hi everyone,
Just a few updates for 2023.

- The town clerk's office is accepting payment of Niagara County taxes until Friday, March 31. Please include any penalty if not already paid. You can refer to your tax bill for the amount. After March 31, you will need to remit your payment directly to the county. For more information, call 716-439-7007.
- The Porter Town Board will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 13 in the Town Hall auditorium. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and open to the public. If you would like to be put on the agenda, please notify the town clerk's office five days before the meeting.
- Modern Disposal will hold its next bulk collection date on Thursday, March 30. Please have your items out by 7 a.m. along with your trash. If you need a copy of the Modern calendar with trash/bulk pickup dates, you can go on our website at townofporter.net or stop in the Town Hall.
- If your mailbox was accidentally hit by a town plow truck over the winter, please call our Highway Department at 716-791-3831. It will be repaired/replaced. If you encounter any lawn damage, highway crews will be out in the spring to fix plow damage once the snow has stopped.
- Speaking of spring, town-wide brush pickup will begin in April. Brush pickup guidelines are:
 - All branches must be no larger than 3 inches in diameter.
 - All branches must be piled as neatly as possible with all cut ends facing the road, piled as close to the road as safety permits, approximately waist high. This enables crews to pick them up quicker and easier.
 - Branches must be free of roots and dirt. Crews will not pick up rocks, stumps, leaves, lawn sweepings, twigs, vines, rubbish, etc. Please do not put these items out with your branches. Crews will not pick them up as they could pose a great danger to the men and equipment.
 - The highway employees do not go on private property. If you utilize the services of a contractor, he/she is responsible for cleanup of the trimmings.
 - The New York Department of Environmental Conservation announced that the annual state-wide ban prohibiting residential brush burning will begin March 16 and continue through May

14. With spring approaching, DEC is reminding residents that conditions for wildfires are heightened in springtime when most wildfires occur.

- The Town of Porter Hometown Heroes banner program is now underway. Open to town residents, community organizations and businesses in Porter, including the Village of Youngstown and Ransomville areas, applications are currently available at Town Hall and on its website.

Hometown Heroes recognizes the sacrifice and commitment of those who have served or currently serve in the nation's military. This year, the town is offering this program where a special full-color 66-inch by 30-inch double-sided banner can be purchased by a sponsor in the community to honor the service member. Cost to participate is \$190. The town is hopeful for a prominent display of these tributes this year at locations throughout the community from Memorial Day to the fall.

For more information on Hometown Heroes, stop by Town Hall, at 3265 Creek Road, or download the applications at townofporter.net.

- Residents ages 16 years of age or older are reminded you can get your annual fishing license at Town Hall for \$25; one-day licenses are available for \$5 and a seven-day license for \$12. For out of state visitors, the cost is \$50 annually, \$28 for seven days and \$10 for a one-day license.
- Here at Town Hall, there is a drop-off box for items needed by our animal friends at the Niagara County SPCA. The animals could use just about anything, including cleaning supplies, towels, blankets, newspapers, toys, love and a forever home.

We also have an adoption board with photos of dogs that are waiting to be adopted. It's updated monthly. If you choose to adopt a dog from the Niagara County SPCA or anywhere else and live in the town you are required to license your dog, ages 4 months or older. Please bring in a copy of the rabies vaccination. If your dog is not neutered or spayed, the cost is \$18 annually. If your dog is spayed or neutered, the cost is \$10.

If you no longer have your dog, please let us know so we can update our system and you will no longer receive renewals.

For more information, visit townofporter.net or check out the Town of Porter page on Facebook.

St. Peter's RC Church to host international exhibition: 'Miracles of the Eucharist Across the World'

St. Peter's R.C. Church in Lewiston will present a special program this month.

"Miracles of the Eucharist Across the World" is composed of 27 panels created by Italian 15-year-old Blessed Carlos Acutis describing Eucharistic miracles that span the globe. On his website, he wrote, "The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth, we will have a foretaste of heaven."

Among the recorded miracles: On July 25, 1535, while celebrating Mass in Asti, Italy, a holy priest by the name of Domenico Occelli came to the breaking of the host and noticed that, along the entire break, the host became red with living blood. In St. Mary, Buenos Aires, between 1992-96, Pope Francis had pieces of consecrated hosts that had fallen on the ground on May 1, 1992, which he put in a vessel of water in the tabernacle to dissolve. On Friday, May 8, they had turned a reddish color that looked like blood.

As a 9-year-old, Acutis loved playing video games on a Play Station or PS2. Diagnosed with leukemia, he was devoted to the rosary as a young teenager, and dragged his parents and relatives to daily Mass offering his suffering for Pope Benedict XVI. Carlos died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi in jeans, Nikes and a T-shirt – the casual clothes he preferred in his life.

His cause for canonization began in 2013. He was designated "venerable" in 2018 and then "blessed" on Oct. 10, 2020. His heart, now considered a relic, is displayed in a reliquary in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. The family wanted to donate his organs when he died, but were unable to due to his leukemia.

All are invited to come and view the exhibition from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Sunday, March 12, in the St. Peter School cafeteria (which is accessible from the North Sixth Street entrance). Refreshments will be served.

This exhibit is sponsored by St. Peter's Parish, Morning Star Family Holy Hour, and Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels in Olean.

WHAT'S NEW

Outlet Car Wash, at 2727 Military Road, is featuring bubblegum as the scent of the month. Check out the ad on the front page of today's paper.

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NIAGARA PIONEER Soccer League



HOUSE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

BOYS 3-14
GIRLS 3-17

Season May 1st to June 29th
Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
FORT NIAGARA
BUMBLEBEES START MAY 8TH
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

MAIL IN REGISTRATION

BUMBLEBEES: \$50
LIMITED SPACE

ALL AGE GROUPS \$50

REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS IS \$50

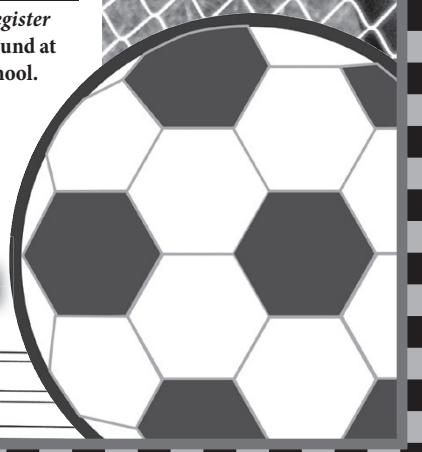
WALK-UP REGISTRATION
YOUNGSTOWN RED BRICK SCHOOL
SAT. FEBRUARY 25TH 10AM-NOON
SAT. MARCH 18TH 10AM-NOON

In an effort to have all players registered to a team to start the season, PLEASE register early to help the forming of equally balanced teams. Registration forms can be found at www.niagarapioneer.com or at Stuart Sports & the Youngstown Red Brick School.

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