

Trustees approve events

Mark Your Calendars

- Spring cleanup is slated for May 1-5. Welch said, "It's like large pickup. Anybody can put anything to the street, every day that week, and it will be picked up. It's a good time to clean out basements and garages, and do some landscaping. Our (Department of Public Works) guys will be out every day to pick up whatever is put to the street."
- The Recreation Department-led Spring Fling will take place Sunday, May 14. Trustees voted to approve the annual event's one-mile run.
- Village Board members accepted a slate of Lewiston Council on the Arts events, including:
 - √ July 3 – Free concert with the 42nd Infantry Band at Academy Park
 - √ July 31 – Free concert with Seventh Sign at Academy Park
 - √ Aug. 7 – Free concert with Reflector at Hennepin Park
 - √ Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 29 – Marble Orchard Ghost Walks
- Ransomville Care-N-Share was granted permission to collect donations outside of Artpark State Park on concert nights – with the caveat the agency coordinate with Community Missions, which, likewise, is allowed to take in contributions on those evenings.

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• Despite reports – and photos – of people supposedly using the new electric vehicle charging station at Academy Park, it turns out the device is not yet active.

Engineer Mike Marino said National Grid is "going to try and get that commissioned. The goal is for this week sometime, and then that should be up and running."

Marino explained a second EV station would soon be operational on Water Street.

Last week, the Town of Lewiston agreed to finance the two EV chargers, which were priced at \$6,000 apiece. Board members said they would use funding received from the New York Power Authority.

Also at the Village Board monthly meeting:

• Trustees adopted a resolution approving the Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 volunteer firefighter service awards. The motion read:

"WHEREAS, the Village is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) on behalf of the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML); and

"WHEREAS, as required by GML § 219-a(2)(c), the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 has submitted the attached list, certified under oath, of active members of the Fire Company, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty points during 2022 to qualify for service credit; and

"WHEREAS, the certification made by the Fire Company includes a statement that the points recorded on the at-

tached list have been tabulated in accordance with the Point System adopted by the Village to be in effect during calendar year 2022, and to the best of the knowledge of the Fire Company, is a true and accurate reflection of the activities performed by the active members; and

"WHEREAS, GML § 219-a(2)(d) requires the Board of Trustees (Board) to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the Fire Company to be posted for thirty days; and "WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review of the attached list; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the attached list of volunteer firefighters of the Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2022; and be it further

"RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution and the attached list shall be returned to the Fire Company for posting for a minimum of thirty days."

Eydt said, "This is the same as every year."

On a related noted, trustees accepted the resignation of Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 members Joshua Long and Eve Pacia, while adding Matthew S. Long, Sarah R. Pitts and Lawson Ingham as conditional members.

Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1 line officer appointments for 2022-23 include:

- √ Chief Spencer Lilly
- √ 1st Assistant Chief William McEvoy
- √ 2nd Assistant Chief Chris Copland
- √ 3rd Assistant EMS Chief Matthew Grainge

Village of Lewiston offers aid to Niagara Wheatfield Amateur Athletics

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The Village of Lewiston has offered to provide park space to Niagara Wheatfield Amateur Athletics for use in flag football practice and games.

NWAA's Vic Eydt, son of Deputy Mayor Vic Eydt, appeared before the board on Monday to explain, "We're scheduled to start our flag program tomorrow. The school (Niagara Wheatfield) told us in the middle of last week that we could not use the facilities after 30-some years. So, we're kind of behind the 8-ball in trying to find somewhere.

"We have calls into Niagara County Parks. They said they'd be more than willing to help – it's just everything they have available is under water at the moment."

Eydt said he hadn't heard back from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. "We're trying everything local – the fire departments and the Town of Lewiston and such – it's just that everybody is under water."

With 130 NWAA youth now without a field, Eydt said, "I come tonight to see if there is a possibility we could use Academy Park, temporarily, so the kids have somewhere to go, somewhere to play."

Mayor Anne Welch said Academy Park, like the other sites, is flood-prone.

"We get a lot of water up there, too," she said.

Trustee Nick Conde asked, "Can't they share space up on the top (at Richard F. Soluri Park at the Lewiston plateau)?"

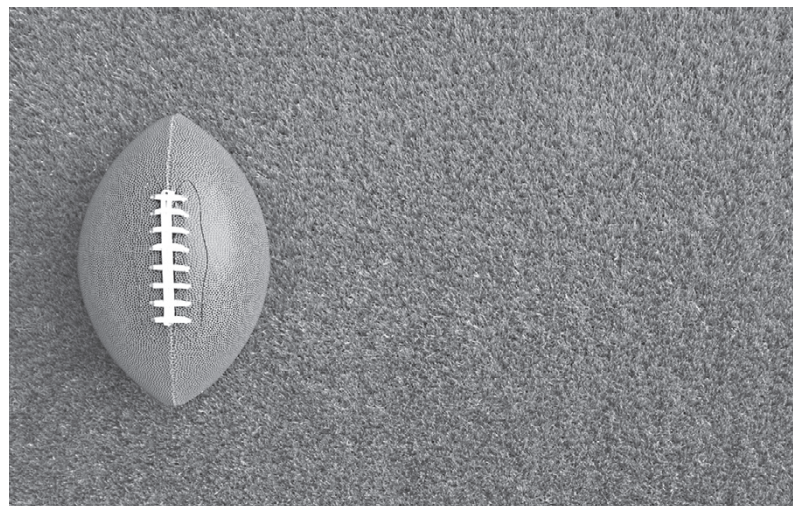
Welch told Eydt, "Lew Port Youth Football also (uses) Soluri Park – have you talked to them at all? It's probably a better field for you to use."

Eydt said he didn't know if that would be acceptable to the two programs' respective boards.

Conde said, "Should we reach out to them and talk to them about it?"

With Eydt agreeable to that idea, Welch asked Clerk Shannon Fundis to provide him with contact information for The Lewiston Porter Youth Football League.

The mayor said, "I know that the park up there does not get an overabundance of water, whereas Academy Park, it has



in the past, had some low-lying areas that just fill with water. Now we're into the rain again, so that's what happens."

Nevertheless, as Soluri Park usage logistics are worked out, trustees said NWAA could use Academy Park.

"If you stay over to the Cayuga-Ninth Street area over there – I know it floods over by the monument, somewhat – if it's dry enough over there, we'll find a place for you," Welch said. "We'll fit you into Academy Park until we can figure (Soluri Park) out."

She noted the plateau has two areas large enough to accommodate football practice.

"If we have to go up to Academy Park in the meantime, that's fine, too," she said.

Fundis requested NWAA provide proof of insurance before

any activities commence in the village.

Eydt said the flag football program is two months. "Weather-permitting, practices are two nights a week (6-8 p.m.)," he noted. "Right now, they're scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, but they can move a day or two either direction, weather-permitting. And then games on Sundays (run roughly 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)."

The play area will be coned and not striped.

As NWAA continues to scout-out sites, "We're just looking for some grass right now, so we have something for the kids," Eydt said.

Board members approved use of the two fields on a 3-0 vote. Trustee Dan Gibson was excused, and Trustee Eydt abstained.



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