

Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce: Growing Business & Community

# Leading locally leads to lasting change

Last week, I had the opportunity to travel to Denver, Colorado, for the Leading Locally Conference hosted by the Council on Foundations. I attended with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. The theme was the power of place-based and community philanthropy, with informative, engaging and energizing sessions. The conference was non-stop learning with 45 concurrent sessions, three plenaries, networking, and wellness opportunities.

Community is the heart of philanthropy. It's the place where we connect with loved ones and neighbors, where investments change lives, and where solutions are born.

The focus of the conference centered on:

√ The latest trends and analysis on place-based work.

√ Collaboration among foundations or across sectors, especially through unlikely partnerships.

√ The importance of local expertise and on-the-ground community engagement.

√ The convening power of foundations, especially for building bridges.

√ Effectively applying a diversity,

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Jennifer Pauly  
President

equity and inclusion lens to your work. What is a place-based approach? Place-based approaches are collaborative, long-term approaches to build thriving communities with a defined geographic location in mind. This approach is ideally characterized by partnering and shared design, shared stewardship, and shared accountability for outcomes and impacts. It is about understanding the issues, interconnections and relationships in a place, and coordinating action and investment to improve the quality of life for that community.

I have the honor of serving as the chairperson of the Niagara Area Foundation, a council committed to strengthening Niagara County by addressing critical needs to improve lives. The foundation uses the expertise and infrastructure of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to guide and support its work.

I serve with a brilliant and talented staff from the Commu-

nity Foundation and council of volunteers with two main goals in mind for this year: 1) To build stronger communities through the enrichment of youth, positive youth development and equity and inclusion; and 2) to support and enhance education and awareness about the importance and creation of a healthy, vibrant and safe ecosystem for Niagara County residents.

Last year, through a grant process, we awarded over \$60,000 to nonprofit organizations that are focused on building their community.

The conference will have a lasting impact on my role as president of the Chamber. The board of directors has changed the course of our organization, and I realize how important it is to continue to have a long-term approach to making changes that have the most impact on our communities.

If you are interested in getting more involved in community work, please contact the Chamber office. Stop by the office (895 Center St., Lewiston), give us a call at 716-754-9500, or send us an email at chamber@upwardniagara.com.

## Town of Lewiston news and notes

•Residents are advised the Town of Lewiston Town Board/council position primary will take place Tuesday, June 27. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the following locations: districts 1 and 7 – Lewiston Fire Co. No. 1, 145 N. Sixth St.; District 2 – First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston, 505 Cayuga St.; District 3 – Lewiston Fire Co. No. 2, 1705 Saunders Settlement Road; districts 4 and 5 – Sanborn Fire Co. firehall, 5811 Buffalo St., Sanborn; and districts 6 and 8 – Village of Lewiston Red Brick Municipal Building, 145 N. Fourth St. Not sure where to vote, go to [www.elections.niagara.ny.us](http://www.elections.niagara.ny.us) – “Polling Place Look-Up.”

•The Town Board will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, June 26, at Town Hall. For more information, including board agendas, visit [townoflewis-ton.us](http://townoflewis-ton.us).

•Dog owners are reminded that the Town of Lewiston, including the village, has a leash law. For the safety of our residents and other dogs, please adhere to this law. The local law also addresses residents cleaning up after their dogs. Please remove and dispose properly of your dog's waste.

•Garbage collection reminders: Residents shall put their garbage for collection in suitable disposable bags, cans or containers, and shall place the same at the street in front of their homes not earlier than 5 p.m. on the day prior to the day scheduled for collection. Residents and shall also remove the emptied cans and containers as soon thereafter as the garbage has been collected, but not later than by 6 p.m. on the date of collection.

•Returning Lewiston snowbirds are reminded the U.S. Postal Ser-

vice will not forward town water bills. To avoid receiving your water bill late – or the possibility of not receiving it at all – the Water Department asks anyone returning to Lewiston to contact them to change the bill back to your home address. Call 716-754-8213, ext. 235 or 236.

•Know a graduate on the road to success? We've got the perfect gift – “E-ZPass on the Go.” Stop into Lewiston Town Hall and purchase an “E-ZPass On-The-Go.” The cost is \$25. Once the tag is registered with the NYS Thruway Authority, the \$25 is placed on the tag for tolls.

•The Lewiston Police Department reminds residents it offers the RUOK (Are You OK) program to help keep a watch over our seniors. If you know of a family member, friend or neighbor who lives alone, this program is a great opportunity to make sure they are OK. Over the years, this has proven to be a very successful program. LPD encourages anyone in the area who feels they need this,

or knows someone who would benefit from the service, to contact the department at 716-754-8477.

•Fight the bite! Mosquito season is almost upon us. You can and should reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by following some of these helpful hints: Reduce and eliminate all standing water in your yard, and remove containers in which water can collect; clean out clogged gutters that accumulate water and create a place for mosquitoes to breed. Leaky outside faucets provide water in which mosquitoes can breed. Items such as toys, tires and gardening tools, when filled with water, can also provide a breeding site.

Thank you to Niagara Frontier Publications for allowing the “Clerk's Corner” to appear in the Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel. This is a great opportunity for me to update residents on what is happening. I continue to receive positive feedback regarding the content and appreciate the notifications. Thank you!

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER



Donna R. Garfinkel

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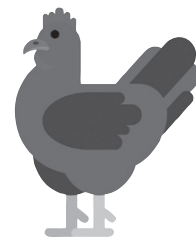
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