

# Lewiston Town Board receives preliminary '24 town budget

Plan reflects modest spending increase, slight drop in taxes

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Among a handful of items at Monday's regular meeting, the Lewiston Town Board received the town's 2024 preliminary budget for review.

"All of the department heads have been very cooperative, worked very hard. ... This budget is very realistic," commented Jacqueline Agnello, town finance/budget director as she presented the plan.

By the numbers, the preliminary 2024 budget plan totals \$20,060,262 in overall spending (appropriations and special districts) – a modest increase – and \$3,911,495 to be raised by taxes, which is down slightly from last year. The 2023 adopted town budget, by comparison, totaled \$19,254,094 in spending and a \$4,092,157 impact on taxes.

Broken down, the 2024 plan (which includes department requests) finds the following account appropriation numbers and their tax impacts: A, Lewiston general, \$3,019,190 and \$530,245 to be raised by taxes; B, Lewiston general/outside village, \$3,692,604 and \$0 to be raised by taxes; DB, highway/drainage – town outside village, \$4,142,313 and \$196,232; and SS 1, Water Pollution Control Center, \$2,520,548 and \$0 impact on taxes. Subtotals are \$13,374,655 (appropriations) and \$726,477 (raised by taxes).

In special districts, the numbers include: S10, French Landing drainage, \$5,350 in spending and \$5,350 to be raised by taxes; SF, fire protection, \$1,624,137 and \$1,514,169; SL, Lewiston Heights gas, \$15,000 and \$15,000; SR, refuse-Lewiston outside village, \$429,000 and \$419,100; SS2, Lewiston MSIA, \$1,821,497 and \$222,722; SS3, Lewiston south sewer IA, \$165,131 and \$78,440; and SW1, Lewiston water improvement, \$2,669,436 and \$977,946. Subtotals in the category are \$6,729,851 (spending) and \$3,232,727 (taxes).

Other numbers in the plan show the following salaries for the town's elected officials. This includes town highway superintendent,

\$78,218; town clerk, \$68,163; and town supervisor, \$46,707. It was reported that Supervisor Steve Broderick, who is retired from the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, currently accepts an annual salary of \$35,000, with a salary waiver of \$11,707. Other town officials salaries are: town justices (two), \$30,537 each; and the town's four council members, \$15,444 each.

Agnello reported an assessed valuation total of \$161,428,248 for Village of Lewiston properties and \$739,341,359 for the Town of Lewiston outside village account. The total valuation for both municipalities is \$900,769,605.

Over coming weeks, Town Board members will review the numbers toward adoption, which is expected in mid-November. The town would then submit its approved plan to the secretary of state by the Nov. 20 deadline.

For more information on the town budget, visit townoflewiston.us and click on "Budget," under "Departments," then "2024 budget."

In other news from the board session:

- Recreation Director Tim Smith announced plans for a "Festifall" celebration, from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Kiwanis Park. A family event, residents are invited to enjoy the fall season with a number of activities, including pumpkin painting, fall crafts and candy bar BINGO.

"Trunk or Treat' is Saturday, Oct. 28, at Kiwanis. We'll also have activities for families and their kids," Smith said.

For more information on this and other fall events, visit the Recreation Department online at lewistonsports.com, check its Facebook page, or contact Smith at 716-754-8213.

- The Town Board approved a \$3,000 contract stipend for the Sanborn Fire Company Band for the coming year.

"The Sanborn Band contract, they reduced it from \$5,000 to \$3,000," Broderick said. "They're not going to be doing any more marching activities; it will only be stand-alone concerts."

# Football fare: Vote for WNY's top chicken wings, pizza, place to watch a game



Niagara Frontier Publications' fall food contest is back for another year. Now through the end of the professional football season, we want your input in naming the area's best chicken wings, pizza, and place to watch a game. It could be a bar, a restaurant or a social club – the only requirement is that the nominee(s) be Western New York-based.

Voting is now underway for:

- WNY's Best Chicken Wings
- WNY's Best Pizza
- WNY's Best Place to Watch a Game

The place(s) with the most votes will be promi-

nently featured in the Niagara County Tribune/Sentinel and Island Dispatch, with additional content posted at [www.wnypapers.com](http://www.wnypapers.com).

When you cast a vote for your favorites, you'll be entered to win a food prize courtesy of an area restaurant. Winners will be chosen by random draw and notified by phone or email.

Voting begins Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, and will conclude when the local professional football team's season ends. Vote and find rules at [www.wnypapers.com](http://www.wnypapers.com).

Note: If you are voting for a chain restaurant (an eatery with more than one location), that establishment must be headquartered in Western New York.

Good luck – and happy eating!

## Funds to support Girls Circle

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Community Missions began offering Girls Circle in 2016, thanks to funding from the Niagara Area Foundation, a division of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The program is designed to foster self-esteem, help girls maintain authentic connection with peers and adult women in their community, counter trends of self-doubt, and allow for genuine self-expression through verbal sharing and creative activity.

Over the past six years, the program has served a wide variety of ages in the Niagara Falls City Schools and has been funded through the 21st Century Grant. A second grant from the Niagara Area Foundation provided funding for this past summer's expansion to Lockport, and other program necessities.

For more information, visit [www.communitymissions.org](http://www.communitymissions.org).

WiNUP was founded when sev-

en women employed in the young and growing electrical industry met at the 1923 annual meeting of the otherwise all-male Society for Electrical Development on Association Island near Henderson, New York. Today, the not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization provides a link for developing and recognizing professionals involved in utility industry business trends, issues, products and services. It has more than 500 members in 19 chapters across the U.S. WiNUP's philanthropic efforts support national and local organizations with focus on women's issues, STEM education and environmental initiatives.

In Niagara Falls, WiNUP conference topics highlighted sustainable investments, renewable energy, hydropower and workforce development, as well as leadership and professional development. Conference tours

focused on hydropower, including a visit to the New York Power Authority's Niagara Power Vista. In addition, a stop at the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center highlighted this area's role in leading slaves to freedom.

Conference attendees included WiNUP members and nonmembers representing a wide range of electric, gas, water and municipal utilities from around the nation.

For information about WiNUP, visit [www.winup.org](http://www.winup.org).

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While migraines have been documented in the medical literature for 5,000 years, their actual cause remains a mystery. According to research conducted at Northwestern Chiropractic College in Minneapolis, **migraines resulting from neck injury may respond to chiropractic treatment.** In fact, those migraine patients in the study treated with spinal manipulation reported the same degree of relief from their symptoms as those treated with muscle relaxants. However, over time, those who received chiropractic treatment had fewer and less severe headaches.

Many headache sufferers are turning for relief to the safe, natural, drugless, chiropractic approach to health. Chiropractors don't heal headaches. They use specific techniques to perform spinal adjustments to remove subluxations (misalignments), causing nerve pressure or abnormal stresses on the connecting membranes (meninges) of the bones of the head, which create tension and headaches.

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