

Niagara County celebrates Earth Day by announcing expanded household hazardous waste program

In honor of the worldwide celebration of Earth Day on April 22, Niagara County announced it is expanding its household hazardous waste (HHW) program for the coming year, hosting four recycling events in addition to offering a self-haul voucher program.

“We all know the three Rs of waste management, which are to reduce, reuse and recycle; and when it comes to household hazardous waste, that means recycle responsibly,” said Legislator Will Collins, chairman of both the county’s Public Works Committee and Refuse Disposal District. “That’s why we are excited to expand our HHW program for 2022, to make it easier for people to do the right thing.”

Collins said the county is host-

ing four collection events this year, all on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon:

- ✓ June 18: Lewiston Highway Department
- ✓ Sept. 17: Newfane Highway Department
- ✓ Oct. 8: Town of Lockport Highway Department
- ✓ Nov. 5: North Tonawanda Department of Public Works

Collins said online preregistration is required for all events and can be made at www.rethinkyourwaste.com/events. Registration opens a month before each event.

In addition, the county is also sponsoring a yearlong voucher program that allows county residents to dispose of 50 pounds of household hazardous waste, at no charge, by self-hauling the mate-



rials to a facility in Tonawanda. To apply for your voucher, visit www.hazmanusa.com/calendar and choose Niagara County from the drop-down box. Those vouchers are available now through Dec. 31.

Niagara County Environmental Coordinator Dawn Timm said, in the 10 years the HHW program has been operating, more than 900,000 pounds of harmful products have been removed from Niagara County homes.

She noted latex paint will now be accepted at all recycling events and through the voucher program.

“After hearing from residents on the desire to make it easier to recycle latex paint, we were part of a coalition that advocated for the NY Paint Stewardship Law to make that a reality,” Timm said. “The steps we take to encourage the recycling of paint and other HHW in a responsible manner ensures these materials do not end up in our soil or in our water, protecting our local environment. And that’s what Earth Day is all about.”

NT continuing tradition of ‘Canal Clean Sweep’

Mayor Austin J. Tylec announced the City of North Tonawanda will once again participate in the annual “Canal Clean Sweep” on Saturday, April 23, in conjunction with the New York State Canal Corp., Parks & Trails and the various communities

along the 524-mile canal system.

The volunteers, groups and individuals are to meet at the large pavilion at Mayor’s Park off Sweeney Street for the clean-up efforts that are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

A press release noted, “The ‘Canal Clean Sweep’ highlights the

growing significance of the canal system and the canalway trail system as a recreational and tourism destination across the state and here in the City of North Tonawanda by encouraging communities, not-for-profit organizations, and volunteers to engage in cleanup

and beautification activities.”

Tylec said, “I would like to thank this year’s sponsors – Hunt Real Estate, Walmart and Galassi’s Sub Shop – for helping out, as well as our Waterfront Commission and the many volunteers that come out to help keep such a vital

city resource clean, beautiful and enticing for those wishing to use it for recreation purposes.”

Supplies such as rakes, gloves and trash bags will be supplied by the city’s Recreation and Parks Department, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own.

IN THE NEWS

NW Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast & basket raffle

On Sunday, May 1, the Kiwanis Club of Niagara-Wheatfield will be back with its annual pancake breakfast and basket raffle. After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 precautions, the club will be flipping all you-can-eat fluffy pancakes, served with warm real maple syrup, sausages, juice, Tim Hortons coffee, tea and milk.

Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 1451, 6565 Ward Road.

As in the past, a sizeable basket raffle will be held in conjunction with the breakfast.

All proceeds from the event will benefit children – from programs to sending kids to summer camp, student leadership programs in elementary and middle schools, assisting special needs agendas, and scholarships.

Applications for the Niagara-

Wheatfield Kiwanis and Niagara-Wheatfield Kiwanis Foundation Thomas Beachy scholarships are available at the guidance office in the Starpoint and Niagara-Wheatfield high schools, or on the club’s website. The new Thomas Beachy Scholarship is open to any resident of Niagara County.

For more information, check the website or contact Danny Maerten at danielmaerten1954@gmail.com or phone at 716-731-3696.

Old Falls Street seeks summer help

Old Falls Street USA, the three-block entertainment district that connects Niagara Falls State Park with hotels and attractions in downtown Niagara Falls, is calling for local food vendors for the 2022 summer season (May through September). There are a limited number of available spaces to rent with a growing demand for space each year. Applications

will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Quality of food – what are the menu offerings and is it already available on Old Falls Street.
- ✓ Visual design of food cart including dimensions and electrical needs.
- ✓ Intended hours of operation. Once approved by Old Falls

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To download the detailed cri-

teria and application, visit www.fallsstreetusa.com/vendors. The deadline to submit applications is April 29. Interviews will begin May 1.

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