

Niagara Wheatfield sets campus revitalization & community initiative

The Niagara Wheatfield Central School District will hold its biannual Eco-Campus Revitalization Project from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, on the Saunders Settlement Road campus. Students, district families and staff are encouraged to participate in the ongoing beautification of the high school/middle school campus.

Thanks to a \$500 New York Sea Grant, the school district will be able to plant more trees this year.

"The New York Sea Grant is a cooperative program between SUNY and Cornell University. It promotes the informed stewardship of coastal resources, including the Great Lakes," science teacher Patrick Creamer said. "This is not only a way to beautify the campus, but to assist the Cayuga Creek watershed, which is a natural western border to the campus. Cayuga Creek is a tributary to the Niagara River and lies within the Erie-Niagara drainage basin of Western New York, with the two main sub-watersheds being Cayuga Creek and Bergholtz Creek. It is our connection to the Great Lakes."

Middle school students and volunteers will help to plant the

50 seedlings in the riparian zone along Cayuga Creek. There will also be a campuswide cleanup, maintenance on the 1.8-mile walking trail, and flower planting for the entire Niagara Wheatfield community, the middle school and high school clubs and any classes that wish to participate.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Lions Club and the Niagara Greenway Commission," Creamer said. "This is such a great opportunity to get people to our main campus and improve the wild parts of our property and the environment in general. It is very exciting, because every year we are doing more and more improvement for our students, staff and the community."

Superintendent Daniel Ljiljanich, president of the Niagara County Central Rotary Club, said this is a great opportunity for students, parents, community groups and staff to participate in activities that encourage collaboration, community spirit and environmental consciousness. He invited the community to join in the effort.



NWF science teacher Patrick Creamer with middle school environmental club members, from left: Nathan Johnson, Chace Brachmann, Leela Wood, Flora Helton, Sakura Joyce and Austin Hall.

Traveler advisory

Niagara Falls Boulevard at Erie & Shawnee in North Tonawanda

Intersection closure expected
The New York State Department of Transportation advised motorists the intersection of Niagara Falls Boulevard (U.S. Route 62) at Erie Avenue and Shawnee Road (State Route 425) in the City of North Tonawanda will be closed to traffic beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, May 9. The closure is necessary to facilitate repairs to the railroad crossing by CSX, and is expected to last three days

– weather permitting.
Northbound traffic on Niagara Falls Boulevard will be directed to follow a posted detour along East Robinson Road/North French Road, Campbell Boulevard (State Route 270), Saunders Settlement Road (State Route 31) and Ward Road (State Route 429).

Southbound traffic on Niagara Falls Boulevard will be directed to follow a posted detour along Ward Road, Saunders Settlement

Road, Campbell Boulevard and North French East Robinson Road.

Northbound traffic on Shawnee Road will be directed to follow a posted detour following Niagara Falls Boulevard, East Robinson Road/North French Road, Campbell Boulevard and Saunders Settlement Road.

Southbound traffic on Erie Avenue will be directed to follow a posted detour along Niagara Falls

Boulevard and Nash Road.

Pedestrians will follow a posted detour along St. Jude Circle and Kingston Avenue.

Motorists are advised to allow for extra time while traveling through this area.

They are urged to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could

result in the suspension of an individual's driver license.

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Water service outage expected along Nash Road during valve repairs

Wheatfield officials announced this week they will begin sending out water service outage notices to residents along Nash Road, as repairs to a local water valve will begin to take place in the next couple of weeks.

Water and Sewer Department Superintendent Richard Donner said that, due to the location of the valve, more than 100 residents will experience water outages during the length of the repair. Notices will be delivered in the coming weeks alerting residents to the date of the water shutoff, as well as the estimated duration of the repair.

For more information, contact the Wheatfield Water Department at 716-693-4262.

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Niagara County clerk: Schedule registration appointments for boats, motorcycles now

Niagara County Clerk Joseph A. Jastrzemski encourages resi-

dents to schedule their appointments with the Department of Motor Vehicles soon for those who need to get their boats, motorcycles and other recreational vehicles registered for summer.

"Each of our three DMV locations has dozens of appointments open as soon as tomorrow for residents to get their registrations taken care of and be ready for the summer," he said. "Schedule now and avoid the inevitable rush that will begin in a few more weeks."

Appointments can be made

online at niagaracounty.com by clicking on "Motor Vehicles" under the department tab. For those without internet access, call 716-743-4599. The Niagara County DMV offices do not accept walk-in customers.

"The overwhelmingly majority of the public has urged us to maintain the appointment system to eliminate the old days of having to wait in long lines," Jastrzemski said. "But it does take a little bit of planning ahead, so please be sure to make your appointment."



National Parkinson's Awareness Month is a campaign that aims to promote awareness of Parkinson's Disease and raise funds for research activities. Parkinson's disease (PD) is a neurodegenerative disorder that affects predominately dopamine-producing ("dopaminergic") neurons in a specific area of the brain called substantia nigra. It causes tremors, limb rigidity and other symptoms.

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