

# New Maid of the Mist vessels christened



In a private family ceremony July 31, Maid of the Mist's two new all-electric, zero-emission passenger vessels were christened at the corporation's drydock and maintenance facility on the Lower Niagara River.

Nora Fiore Costanzo, granddaughter of Maid of the Mist Chairman and CEO James V. Glynn, christened the vessel named in his honor. Glynn is marking 70 years with one of North America's oldest tourist attractions.

Another Glynn granddaughter, Elisabeth Hanley, christened the Nikola Tesla, named after the Serbian-born engineer who played a key role in the development of the AC motor and its application in Niagara Falls.

"It was a real challenge to build these vessels in this space," said Maid of the Mist President Christopher M. Glynn. "It was a lot of hard work, with a lot of the finish work performed by our own folks, and I want to express my gratitude to them. They are beautiful boats and people will really enjoy riding on them."

The ceremony also included a "mast stepping," the mariner's tradition of placing a coin under the mast of a vessel for good luck. A sixpence Irish coin from 1950 was placed in the James V. Glynn in honor of the family's Irish heritage and commemorating his first year with the company. The coin was placed by Jon Schultz, former Maid of the Mist vice president of operations and longtime friend of James V. Glynn.

A Serbian coin with Tesla's image reading "Electrical Visionary," was placed under the Nikola Tesla mast by John Kinner, brother-in-law of James V. Glynn's wife, Mary.

The two new vessels were blessed by Msgr. David G. LiPuma, a Glynn family friend and pastor of Our Lady of Victory Basilica Parish in Lackawanna.

Christopher Glynn said he hopes the two new vessels will be placed into service sometime this month, following final regulatory approvals.



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- Outdoor Worship Services (weather permitting) 9:00am on August 2nd, 16th, 30th at the church.
- Online worship can be viewed at [MessiahLewiston.org](http://MessiahLewiston.org)

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# AROUND NIAGARA COUNTY

## Wheatfield Lions Club, Pellicano's teaming up for fundraiser dinner

The Town of Wheatfield Lions Club is teaming up with Pellicano's Marketplace (3338 Niagara Falls Blvd.) to offer pre-ordered dinners for pick up and takeout.

Dinners will be served at 6535 Ward Road in Wheatfield on Saturday, Sept. 19, between 1-3 p.m.

Patrons will have their choice of two delicious dinners available for only \$11 each: chicken parmesan, spaghetti and red sauce; or shrimp scampi with linguine and garlic butter sauce. Each meal will come in a convenient microwavable dish for re-heating at home.

To place an order, customers can call Walt Garrow, 316-7826; or Bill Ross, 731-5949. Additionally, orders can be texted to Nancy Rosie, 545-8568, or emailed to [Wheatfieldlionsclub@roadrunner.com](mailto:Wheatfieldlionsclub@roadrunner.com)

Proceeds from the dinners will benefit the Lions Club's "We Serve" mission, which works to raise public awareness about global issues related to of vision, diabetes, hunger, environment, disaster relief, humanitarian efforts, and childhood cancer.

"We just want our members and supporters to be aware of this coming up and to get ready for a really lovely treat from one of our good neighbors, fellow Lions, and businesses," the club said in a statement.

•In other Lions Club news, on Aug. 6, Lions 20N District Gov. Rick Battaglia presented Town of Wheatfield Lion's 2nd Vice President and Membership Chairman Lion Ross with a Chevron Pin award for his excellent work and accomplishments in increasing the Town of Wheatfield Lions membership.

In a statement, the Town of Wheatfield Lions Club said, "Congratulations to Lion Bill. Our mission to help those in need in our community would not be complete without him!"

## Discover Niagara Shuttle rolling out for 2020 season

With tourism reigniting in Niagara Falls, the Discover Niagara Shuttle team kicked-off the 2020 season last weekend. The shuttle's complimentary hop-on/hop-off service connects visitors and residents to more than a dozen stops between "the Falls and the Fort."

The Discover Niagara Shuttle

services downtown Niagara Falls, the Aquarium of Niagara, Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, Oakwood Cemetery, Whirlpool State Park, the Village of Lewiston, Artpark, the Village of Youngstown and Old Fort Niagara.

Daily operations began with two vehicles servicing the route. Consistent with New York state guidelines and to ensure the strongest safety measures, shuttles operate at 50% capacity, require riders to wear masks and abide by social distancing standards. Hand sanitizer is available for guests, and vehicles are sanitized frequently on the daily route.

Daily hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Outfitted with bike racks and complimentary Wi-Fi, the service provides a convenient and enjoyable way to experience Niagara's iconic landscape, rich history and thriving culture along the Niagara River corridor. For the latest information, visit [www.discoverniagarashuttle.com](http://www.discoverniagarashuttle.com).

The Discover Niagara Shuttle is proudly supported by the New York Power Authority, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, Niagara County, City of Niagara Falls, City of Lockport, Town of Lewiston, Niagara University and Destination Niagara/Niagara Falls USA.

## Memorial to resume community testing for COVID-19

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center will resume COVID-19 diagnostic testing at select community sites beginning Friday.

The testing, which had been paused since mid-July due to widespread difficulty in obtaining testing supplies, will again be made available thanks to support from the Niagara Falls City Council, which on Friday approved Mayor Robert Restaino's request to allocate \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to offset testing costs and kick-start the program.

The first wave of testing will begin Friday and target neighborhoods the medical center has identified as COVID-19 hot spots. A second round of testing beginning Aug. 24 will focus on city schools.

People being tested will be required to provide a saliva sample. To ensure a valid sample, eating,

drinking, smoking – including vaping – and brushing one's teeth are prohibited for at least 30 minutes prior to testing.

Testing at Abate Elementary and Cataract Elementary schools will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Testing at Niagara Street School will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Test times at other listed sites will be from 1-4 p.m.

Demand for the tests is expected to be brisk and preregistration is recommended. To register or for more information, call 278-4496.

Scheduled dates and locations:

- ✓ Friday – Niagara Towers, 901 Cedar Ave.
- ✓ Tuesday – Beloved Community, 1710 Calumet Ave.
- ✓ Aug. 21 – Spallino Towers, 720 10th St.
- ✓ Aug. 24 – Abate Elementary School, 1625 Lockport St.
- ✓ Aug. 25 – Niagara Street School, 2513 Niagara St.
- ✓ Aug. 28 – Cataract Elementary School, 6431 Girard Ave.
- ✓ Aug. 29 – Niagara Falls High School, 4455 Porter Road
- ✓ Sept. 4 – Wrobel Towers, 800 Niagara Ave.

## Free public Wi-Fi at Wheatfield Town Hall, Community Center

The Niagara-Orleans Regional Alliance, working with RTO Wireless, installed two wireless access points at the Town of Wheatfield Town Hall and Community Center parking lots on the south side of the buildings.

Recognizing the fundamental need for internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic by residents who are trying to work or study from home in areas without high-speed internet, RTO has offered the following solution at no cost to the Town of Wheatfield, or the end-user of the service during the COVID-19 crisis.

RTO Wireless provided and installed a limited number of public Wi-Fi hotspots in Niagara and Orleans counties and will be responsible for the equipment and installation costs.

The Town of Wheatfield, through the efforts of Legislator David Godfrey, received two of these access points. At the conclusion of the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no additional cost for the equipment, as it will be donated by RTO Wireless to the Town of Wheatfield.

The Wi-Fi is called "Wheatfield Hotspot" and requires no password.

# NOTICE

## Sacred Heart Villa School

5269 Lewiston Rd., Lewiston, NY  
will be open 5 full days a week starting on  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**  
Pre-K 3 to 4th Grade

Registration is ongoing, call  
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