

Soup's (back) on: Como Deli reopens in Lewiston

The Como Deli on Center Street reopened to customers on Monday. The Village of Lewiston eatery had been closed since early spring, when "New York State on PAUSE" was enacted to slow the coronavirus spread.

New safety measures are in place, including markers to designate where customers can wait in line, and Plexiglass shields above the counters. Employees are wearing masks, and customers are required to do the same.

For now, the deli is takeout only, with no indoor seating available. The building's corner side, at 555 Center St., is almost fully renovated. Once the patio reopens, on-site dining is expected to resume.

The Como has introduced half-size portions of its popular Italian dishes, including pasta and meat dishes.

Hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

In Niagara Falls, the flagship Como Restaurant also welcomed patrons back Monday.

The Antonacci and Colucci families said they are "thrilled to reopen all three locations (including Como Restaurant at the Airport), with strict guidelines. The safety of our guests, customers and team is our top priority. We missed our customers and friends. We thank everyone for your continued support, and without you we would not be here. We look forward to a great reopening!"

A Facebook post said the Pine Avenue restaurant will resume dine-in service Aug. 5, with new hours of 4-8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Dominic Colucci III ("Dom Jr.") shows off a tray of the Como Deli's signature pizza bread. Around him are some of the new safety measures in place at the Lewiston eatery.



Essex Homes breaks ground on new Lewiston development

Essex Homes of WNY has recently broken ground on The Patios at Essex Ridge, a new luxury patio home community located on Upper Mountain Road and Bronson Drive near the Tuscarora Indian Reservation in Lewiston. An announcement was made by President and CEO Philip J. Nanula.

This comprehensive, three-phased development will encompass 88 tree-lined patio home sites upon final completion, with a total of 36 sites included in phase one, which is now underway.

One of the 36 homesites will include an Essex model home that will be open for public viewing. Prospective residents will have the opportunity to choose from five, distinct ranch plans ranging from 1,600 to more than 3,000 square-feet, including the Arbor, Berkley, Concorde, Danbury and Eastbrook. All plans feature open floor layouts, optional second floors (except Berkley), two or three bedrooms, two full baths, full basements, rear-covered patios, two-and-a-half garages, and a host of other luxury amenities. Estimated starting prices will begin in the low \$320,000 range.



Image courtesy of Essex Homes

The Patios at Essex Ridge will offer homeowner association services for a monthly fee, including landscaping, lawn maintenance, fertilization and snow removal services.

The Patios at Essex Ridge is located near the original Nanula family homestead in Lewiston, formerly owned by patriarch Savino P. Nanula, a longtime resident businessman and former chairman/CEO of Tops Markets LLC. All Nanula sons – Phil, Paul, Steven and former New York State Sen. Anthony Nanula – currently

reside and work within Western New York, sharing in numerous business holdings and interests (including real estate). These interests include Essex Homes of WNY, of which eldest son, Philip J. Nanula, has served as president and CEO for over 30 years.

He said, "This 50-plus-acre development will be home to a private, picturesque community featuring classic architectural designs offering exceptional quality, design and value. The Patios at Essex Ridge offer proximity to an abundance of natural landscapes including

the Niagara Escarpment, Niagara Falls, numerous wineries, and the quaint Village of Lewiston, which is bordered by the mighty Niagara River and Lake Ontario. Residents will enjoy convenient access to the Canadian border and the many shops, dining and retail outlets offered via Niagara County to the north, as well as proximity to downtown Buffalo and surrounding Erie County to the south."

According to Nanula, The Patios at Essex Ridge will have a projected economic impact of over \$30 million upon final construction completion. Currently, the firm is in its final phase of development of Essex Greens at Waterford, a 108-lot luxury patio home community with condo status located off Roll Road, east of Transit in Clarence. In 2019, Essex Homes broke ground on the Villas at Essex Woods, a 48-unit community of villas with condo status, located off Sweet Home Road near the I-190 and SUNY Buffalo's North Campus.

"Essex Homes chose to build in these locations in response to growing demand for upscale homesites in neighborhoods with

prime locations. Given the enormous success of our other patio home projects, we are confident that The Patios at Essex Ridge will be equally successful, attracting a broad cross-section of residents both within and outside of the Western New York area," Nanula said.

To learn more about The Patios at Essex Ridge, prospective buyers may visit the patio home model at 9072 Bancroft Drive, within Essex Greens at Waterford in Clarence. The model is located off Dana Marie Parkway, just east of Transit Road, past the intersection of Shimerville and Roll roads. Hours are 1-5 p.m. daily (closed Thursday and Friday). For more information, contact Regional Sales Manager Scott Henderson at 725-7577 or shenderson@essex-homeswny.com.

Founded in 1992, Essex Homes of WNY has built over 2,000 homes across the region in communities including Amherst, Clarence, East Aurora, Lancaster, Grand Island, Hamburg, Lakeview and Orchard Park. To learn more about Essex Homes or to view available properties, visit essexhomeswny.com.

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Bridge replacement in Town of Porter

Niagara County Legislator Irene Myers recently announced

the Niagara County Department of Public Works has begun work to replace the Porter Center Road Bridge over 6 Mile Creek in the Town of Porter. The

bridge is located just south of Braley Road.

"The existing concrete structure has reached the end of its useful life and I'm thankful that DPW planned accordingly for its replacement," Myers said. "I know the bridge closing may create some inconvenience for motorists, but I ask the public to be patient as the county undertakes this very necessary replacement project."

Public Works Commissioner Garret Meal said the existing concrete structure would be replaced with a new, four-sided precast concrete box. The project is funded with the help of New York's "Bridge NY" program.

"We've had a good season thus far for road and bridge work and I thank our team and our contractors for keeping us on schedule," Meal said. "Our expectation is that this bridge project will be completed on or before Oct. 30."

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