

Governor encourages all eligible New Yorkers to register to vote

Gov. Andrew Cuomo made the following announcement on Tuesday (National Voter Registration Day):

“Election Day is Nov. 3, but to make your voice heard you must be registered to vote. On National Voter Registration Day, I encourage all eligible New Yorkers to confirm that you are registered or if you are not yet registered to do so today. The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming election is Oct. 9.

“You can register to vote online through the DMV if you have a state-issued ID or, if not, you can register by mail or at the Board of Elections. To our young New Yorkers, don’t forget: You can register to vote if you are now 17 but are turning 18 on or by Nov. 3. And to all New Yorkers, once you register, remember: There are three ways to vote this year: absentee voting, early voting, and in-person on Election Day.

“The single most important

Niagara County Board of Elections open extra hours

Notice to interested voters in Niagara County from the election commissioners.

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 3 general election is Friday, Oct. 9.

The Board of Elections will be open extra hours for the purpose of registering those persons not already registered on:

- √ Saturday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to noon
- √ Monday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- √ Wednesday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

way to shape the future of this state and this nation is to exercise your right to vote. Now more than ever it is critical that we all do our part to participate in the democratic process.”

How and Where to Register to Vote

- √ Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to noon
- √ Tuesday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- √ Thursday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- √ Normal office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Also, voter registration forms are available at all post offices, most banks, public libraries, town and city halls and the Board of Elections at 111 Main St., Suite 100, Lockport. Anyone who has moved since voting last must reregister to be eligible.

√ One can register in person at their county board of elections or at any New York state agency-based voter registration center.

√ One may also submit a voter application form at the Department of Motor Vehicles, either in person or on the website if



one already has DMV-issued identification.

√ One can request a New York state voter registration form by mail by entering their name directly into a mailing list database.

√ One can call the 1-800-FOR-VOTE hotline to request a voter application.

To register to vote, a New Yorker must:

- √ Be a U.S. citizen.
- √ Be 18 years old (one may pre-

register at 16 or 17, but cannot vote until age 18).

√ Be a resident of this state and the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.

√ Not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction (unless parolee pardoned or restored rights of citizenship).

√ Not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court.

√ Not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

Empower Grab 'n Go Cart to Open Oct. 1 at Fashion Outlets

Coffee and snack cart provides job training for people with disabilities

Shoppers at the Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA will enjoy a new “perk” beginning Oct. 1. The Empower Grab ‘n Go Cart, featuring coffee and a variety of beverages and snacks, will be open for business on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is located near Entrance 7, which is close to the Saks OFF 5th interior entrance.

The cart will be operated by Empower, a not-for-profit organization based in the Town of Niagara, and will provide paid job training opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA is hosting the cart for the next year.

The Grab ‘n Go Cart was inspired by Anthony Salvo, who par-

ticipates in Empower’s job training services. After completing Leadership Niagara in 2019, Anthony wanted to take the next step toward his dream of owning a coffee shop. Empower staff has been working with Anthony to establish a mobile coffee cart that will allow him, and others supported by Empower, to learn the ropes of food service.

John Doran, property manager for Fashion Outlets, heard about the project as a member of Empower’s advisory council. He asked to meet Anthony, and quickly decided to get involved. Doran worked with his company, Macerich, which owns and operates the shopping center, to secure a one-year, no-cost lease.

“Empower’s Grab ‘n Go is just the kind of amenity our shoppers look for, and we’re delighted to help this impactful organization and one of its star participants get this new concept off to a great start,” said Doran. “We value our relationships throughout the community and think Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA is a terrific place to launch a new retail idea, like this coffee and snack cart – especially one that offers so many benefits to everyone involved.”

“I had a dream to open a coffee cart because I knew it would help people with disabilities get community jobs,” said Salvo. “My dream is coming true on Oct. 1. I feel really great about opening the Grab ‘n Go Cart. Thank you, Em-



Anthony Salvo and Fashion Outlets Property Manager John Doran in front of the Grab ‘n Go Coffee Cart.

The cart originally was scheduled to open April 1, but the pandemic delayed its debut. Beginning Oct. 1, the new cart will allow midday shoppers to enjoy a selection of coffee and other hot and cold beverages, breakfast items and snack foods. Credit cards and cash will be accepted.

“People with disabilities have goals and dreams just like everyone else,” said Jeff Paterson, Empower’s chief executive officer. “Anthony and his peers are ready to show the world what they can do. We invite the community to support this exciting effort.”

power, for this. I am hoping a lot of people come to see me at Fashion Outlets, where the cart will be. I promise you a good cup of coffee and a nice snack for a good price.”

Salvation Army works to benefit community

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monthly gift of \$25 per month.

√ Donate digitally with Apple Pay or Google Pay at any red kettle in New York.

√ Donate to a virtual red kettle at <http://salarmy.us/empred-kettle>.

√ Ask Amazon Alexa to donate by saying, “Alexa, donate to The Salvation Army,” then specifying the amount.

√ Donate physical gifts in bulk.

√ Adopt additional angels to give hope and joy to kids and families in need through The Salvation Army’s angel tree program.

√ Every donation provides help and hope to those in need, and all gifts stay within the community in which they are given. Visit empire.salvationarmy.org to donate or learn more about how to help The Salvation Army rescue Christmas this year.

The Empire State Division of The Salvation Army covers 48 counties in Upstate New York and one city in Pennsylvania (Sayre). Its annual red kettle campaign in November and December helps 49 community centers and 166 volunteer-driven

service units raise funds that remain in each community to help those in need.

For more information, go to empire.salvationarmy.org or visit on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/salvationarmyempirestate>.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is “Doing the Most Good” at 7,600 centers of operation around the country. In the first-ever listing of “America’s Favorite Charities” by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Salvation Army ranked as the country’s largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information, visit www.SalvationArmyUSA.org. Follow on Twitter @SalvationArmyUS and use #DoingTheMostGood.

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