

# City of Sherrill Autumn 2015 Newsletter

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*From The City Manager*

*Michael R. Sayles*



I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying the last stretch of terrific summer weather.

If you have a chance, please visit our newly launched city website. It is now much more streamlined, organized and intuitive when searching for information about the city. Please find it at [www.sherrillny.org](http://www.sherrillny.org) and register your email so that you receive alerts on everything happening here in Sherrill. We also launched a new Facebook page and a new Twitter account. The use of social media is critical to timely communication with residents and communities in the 21st century. We use these methods regularly as was seen recently during a few emergency situations. Please let us know of any recommendations for improvement.

I am sure that you have seen that the Public Works Department has been busy putting in new sidewalks and readying streets for new curbing and paving. These are time consuming projects and require a lot of hard work from our crews. Many thanks guys! With that, it is with mixed emotions that I accepted Gary Onyan's notice of retirement at the end of August. Gary was a long time Superintendent of our Public Works Department and gave all of us over 32 years of dedicated service. I feel lucky to have known Gary and even more thankful to have him support me during my tenure as City Manager. We wish Gary and his wife Becky many years of happy retirement! We are also pleased to announce the promotion of Jeffrey Baker to Public Works Foreman. Jeffrey is a very experienced, skilled, hard worker and is an asset to our department. Congrats to you Jeffrey!

The Power & Light crew has been busy dealing with 3 power outages in recent weeks. As luck always has it, the outages were well after hours. The East Hamilton Ave. outage had the crews out from 6:30pm until 3am. Many of the Public Works crew, and Greg Talbot from the Water and Kevin Mumford from the Waste Treatment departments, were out there helping clean up.

Lastly, big thanks to the Fire Department! While it was a horrible event, it was awe inspiring to watch our Chief Dan Davis and assistant Chiefs Dave Bennett, Doug Ray and Rob Healy successfully coordinate and gain control over the fire at the Noble wood chip company. We are lucky to have that kind of dedication here in Sherrill and thankful no one was injured.

Enjoy the upcoming autumn season – it is a beautiful time of the year to get out and walk our streets. Be well, be happy, be healthy and God's Blessings to you. Michael R. Sayles

## Upcoming Events



The Farmers Market continues through October 6, 3-7pm in Reilly-Mumford Park. Stop by to pick up fresh fall produce, dinner, or other items from our great vendors!



*Shredding and Plastics Collection* Bring paper to be shredded and plastics for recycling to the Transfer Station, September 19, 10am-12pm. Visit [www.sherrillny.org](http://www.sherrillny.org) for details.



*Prescription Drug Take Back Event* Bring unused or expired prescription medication to the Sherrill Police Department, September 26, 10am-2pm for safe disposal.

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*Other City Phone Numbers*

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Police Department- Please note these numbers and use the correct one for efficient response.

Emergencies- 911

Dispatch- 363-3200

Leave a message- 363-6221

Community Activity Center, 363-6525

**Sherrill City Voters Take Note**

In addition to the normal general election, there will also be an election for the City Commission this year held at City Court on Tuesday, November 3 from 6am-9pm. There are 3 spots up for election and there are 5 candidates vying for these spots. The candidates running this year are:

-Thomas Dixon of Ransom Avenue

-Eric English of West Hamilton Avenue

-Patrick Hubbard; incumbent of West Campbell Avenue

-Jason Merrill; incumbent of West Hamilton Avenue

-Myron Thurston III of Ransom Avenue

**Assessor News**

**Enhanced STAR-** Individuals who will be turning 65 in 2016 who are not currently receiving the Enhanced STAR school property tax exemption are considered 65 for the exemption on January 1, 2016 regardless of when your birthday is in 2016. Property owners currently receiving the Enhanced STAR school property tax exemption who are not signed up for automatic renewal- it is time to renew your exemption! **The 2016 Enhanced STAR combined income is \$84,550 based on your 2014 income. Income is defined as "adjusted gross income" (AGI) for federal income tax purposes as reported on the applicants' federal or State income tax return for the applicable income tax year, less the "taxable amount" of total distributions from IRAs.** Those applying for a new or renewed Enhanced STAR exemption may elect to participate in a voluntary program whereby the Assessor's office is automatically notified in future years by the State regarding the income eligibility of the applicant(s). This automatic process is only useful for those filing New York State income tax returns. Applications for the "Income Verification Program" are available at the Assessor's office. This automatic process cannot be used for any other income-related exemption application such as and including the Senior Citizen's exemption application.

**Basic STAR-** For those not receiving the Basic STAR property tax exemption for their primary residence, this exemption is not age limited and the income level is \$500,000. **Basic STAR requires an initial application only.** If you have recently purchased a residence in Sherrill or have not previously applied you may qualify for this significant property tax exemption to lower your school tax bill.

All exemption applications must be submitted to the Assessor for processing prior to March 1, 2016. Please contact City Assessor Bob Comis at 264-6362 with questions. Bob will schedule times at City Hall to process your Enhanced STAR form. Those applying for BASIC STAR can bring a completed application to City Hall or meet with Bob during the dates he will be at City Hall. Those dates and time will be posted on the City's website and listed in an upcoming newsletter.

**CITY OF SHERRILL**  
  
**COMMUNITY  
 ACTIVITY CENTER**

Call 363-6525 or stop by 139 East Hamilton Ave for details about events at the CAC!

**Bowling Information**

**Open Bowling-** Wednesdays 11am-1pm, every other Friday 6-11pm, (because of a league every other week), every Friday and Saturday 9:30-11pm, Saturdays (through September) & Sundays 12-5pm; Starting in October Saturday hours will be 1-5pm due to kids leagues. The CAC is also open during some school vacations and holidays. Call or check the website for hours. Costs: \$2.75/game & \$0.75/shoes

**Bowling Leagues-** There are adult bowling leagues Monday-Saturday evenings and leagues for youth Thursday afternoons, Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings.

**Kids Bowling Leagues-** There is a league Thursdays afternoons at 4pm for kids 8-12 years old starting October 1 and Saturday morning leagues for kids 5-17 years old at 9am & 11:30am starting October 3. Call the CAC or stop by September 15 or 17, 6-7:30pm to register or for more information. There is a \$5 registration fee and weekly fees for bowling.

**Billiards Information**

**Pool Leagues-** There are adult pool leagues at the CAC. Call for details.

**Pool Tables-** Anyone 16 or older can play pool at the CAC anytime the CAC is open and tables are available. Costs: \$2/half-hour

**Birthdays, Parties and Private Events**

The gym and upstairs are available to rent for bowling birthday parties, baby showers, graduation parties or other private events. Call for details and availability.

**Ongoing Classes, Groups and Events**

**Mondays**

**-Bone Builders-**Strength Training for the Older Adult, 9am, Contact Polly, 853-6258 for details, \$1.50/class.

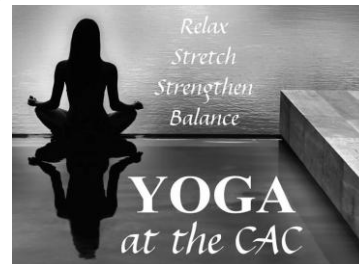
**-HIVE Cooperative-** Parents looking for an alternative educational option for children ages 3-6 can join HIVE Cooperative, Mondays, 10am-2pm. Students will participate in a variety of parent-led activities, meet interesting visitors from the community, enjoy play with other children, and engage in organized physical activity in the gym for an hour each week. The cost is \$153.50 per year to cover insurance and building fees, with just \$37.50 of that cost due at the time of enrollment to reserve your child's spot. HIVE stands for Homeschoolers Inspiring Vibrant Experiences and is a great way for those who are new to or considering homeschooling, or looking for an option for their child to participate in fun, enriching activities with other children and adults. Visit [www.hivecooperative.com](http://www.hivecooperative.com) or email Sara Furlong, [saralrfurlong@gmail.com](mailto:saralrfurlong@gmail.com) to learn more!



**Tuesdays**

**-Community Fine Arts Guild-** Join this group of artists 9am-12pm to paint, share ideas, and for critique, if desired.

**-Yoga Classes-** Tuesdays 5:30-6:45pm, Sandra Stanton will offer adult yoga classes for all levels, Cost- Buy 10 get one free class card, \$120 or \$15/class.



**Wednesdays**

**-Oneida County Office for the Aging-** A representative from the office is at the CAC on the first Wednesday of the month at 11am to provide people ages 60 and over, or those with disabilities, with services. Stop by or call Emily Comito, 768-3623.

**-CAC Craft and Chat Group-** Join this group the first, third and fifth Wednesday of each month, 11am-1pm, to knit, sew, or create any other craft. Bring a lunch!

**Thursdays**

**-Rescue Me K-9 Dog Rescue Dog Socialization Classes-** These are free classes for anyone who wants to bring their dog. Donations are accepted. Classes start October 1, 6-7pm, Contact Debbie Martin, 829-3454 with questions.



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**Daily Activities**

**-Indoor Walking-** Use the gym to walk weekday mornings, 8-9am.

**-Kids Time-** This is a self-monitored program for indoor play in the gym for children ages 5 and younger who are supervised by an adult-Monday-Friday, 10am-12pm

**-Open Gym-** The gym can be used for basketball. Fees are: \$3 per person/hour. Residents must sign out basketballs. Children 15 and under must be supervised by a parent. Call 363-6525 for details and availability.

**Youth Center**

Youth Center is a supervised program for VVS students in grades 4-12 to participate in activities at the CAC. Youth Center is open October-March, Mondays & Tuesdays, 6-9pm for students in grades 4-6 and Fridays & Saturdays, 6:30-10pm for students in grades 7-12. Special events and schedule changes will be posted throughout the season. Parents who have children who attend youth center must fill out paperwork which is available at the CAC or City Hall. Children who do not live in the City of Sherrill or the Town of Vernon must purchase a ticket or season pass to attend youth center. Tickets and passes are available at the CAC or Sherrill City Hall for \$5/night or \$30/10 nights or season passes may be purchased for \$75/individual or \$125/family.

**Winter Craft Show**

The annual Winter Craft show will take place at the CAC Saturday December 5 from 9am-3pm. If you're interested in being a vendor please call the CAC for more information.

**Santa at the CAC**

Santa will visit Sherrill and stop at the CAC Sunday December 6. Look for more details as the date approaches!



Stop by the Mansion House at 170 Kenwood Ave, call 363-0745, or visit [www.oneidacommunity.org](http://www.oneidacommunity.org) for more information.

**-Free Decorative Arts Talks Wednesdays at 7pm-** On September 16 Mansion House Curator Tony Wonderley will kick off the series with "1913 at the Mansion House: From Decorative Arts to Jump-Starting Sherrill." The talks continue on September 23 as Robert Casseti, Senior Director of the Corning Museum of Glass presents "The Origins and History of Contemporary Glass," and on September 30 as Anna D'Ambrosia, Director and Chief Curator of the Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute presents "Affordable Luxury: New York Parlor Suites."

**-Tom Rush Performance October 10 at 8pm-** Spend an evening with Tom Rush with Matt Nakoa on keyboards in the ambiance and superb acoustics of the Mansion House Big Hall.

**-Historic Preservation 101 Seminar October 24, 8am-5pm-** Join preservation experts to explore listing on historic registry, funding opportunities, working with the state preservation office, regional resources, case studies, and more.

**-Oneida Community Cemetery Tour October 31, 10am-12pm-** Following an introduction in the Big Hall by Museum Educator Molly Jessup, attendees will walk to the OC Cemetery located on the Oneida Community Golf Course for a tour of the site.

**Keys Program News**



The KEYS Program invites you to join them Sunday September 20, 12-6pm at the Old Erie Golf Club, 3387 Foster Corners Road, Durhamville, for the 9th annual *Michael Sowich Memorial Golf Outing* in memory of Michael "Mikey" Sowich, an

Oneida Limited employee and Sherrill fireman who passed away at a fire training in Maryland doing what he did best- devoting his time to serve others. This year's event is being held in September, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and will pay special tribute to Hope Inslee, the 2014 KEYS Kids Ambassador who lost her battle with cancer on October 16, 2014 at the age of 15. Everyone will be wearing gold ribbons to honor Hope and the over 10,000 kids who are diagnosed with cancer each year. Complimentary lunch and registration is from 12-1pm followed by 18 holes of golf, a steak dinner and awards. Cost- \$360/team and hole sponsorships are available. Contact KEYS- [keysprogram@msn.com](mailto:keysprogram@msn.com) or 363-6446 to register or to make a donation. Proceeds from this event enable KEYS to provide bedside music, family respite days, sibling support programs for kids battling cancer and a scholarship in Michael's name. We hope you can join us in honoring Mikey and Hope this year!



## Sherrill Merchants Association

### Halloween Themed Fall Event October 31

The Merchants Association will host a Halloween themed event for kids of all ages on Saturday October 31, 12-3pm at the Sherrill Community Activity Center! Wear a costume, play games and enjoy treats! There will also be open bowling at the CAC. Look for more details coming soon!

### Welcome to Sherrill Wine and Liquor!



Sherrill Wine and Liquor is a family-owned business that carries a variety of products including a number of wines from local wineries. The store is located at 606 Sherrill Road in the Sherrill Shopping Center. For hours and more information including a listing of products visit [www.sherrillwineandliquor.com](http://www.sherrillwineandliquor.com) or call 363-3330.

### Cooperstown Farmers Museum



The Farmers Museum houses the Empire State Carousel with many artifacts related to New York State on it. Along the top are hand-carved plaques denoting various places in NYS. Don Cornue of Sherrill created a plaque for the City of Sherrill. Visit [www.farmersmuseum.org](http://www.farmersmuseum.org) for more information about the carousel.



at  
Gethsemane Episcopal Church  
320 Park St., Sherrill  
**Friday AND Saturday**  
**September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 9am - 2pm**

On Saturday **only** from 12-2 there will be a clothing & shoe bag sale,  
Everything that fits in a bag for \$2.00!  
All other items are 1/2 price.

Our terrific array of items will include **BUT** is not limited to...

- \*Women's, Men's & Kid's seasonal clothing & shoes
- \*Costumes & Halloween items
- \*Christmas Decorations
- \*Kitchenware, Glassware & Dishes
- \*Jewelry & Purses
- \*Toys & Games & Books
- \*Small Home Appliances
- \*Home Decor, Furniture & Antiques

Held by the  
Women of Gethsemane Church

## Don't Miss this Sale!

## Vernon Daylight Friendship Senior Citizen's Club

The Vernon Daylight Friendship Senior Citizen's Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at Holy Family Catholic Church in Vernon. Each member brings their own lunch; and coffee, tea and dessert are provided. After a short meeting, they play cards or board games. Dues are only a \$1 a meeting- the laughs are free. All senior citizens are encouraged to attend- come to any meeting or call Irma Jaquays, 363-7374.

### Sherrill American Legion Post 230 Upcoming Events

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| October 18  | Baseball Breakfast, 8-11am  |
| October 30  | SAL Gun Raffle drawing, tickets on sale at the Post or from SAL members |
| November 3  | Election Day Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm                                    |
| November 7  | Veterans Day/Early Bird dinner 7pm                                      |
| November 11 | Veterans Day Ceremony, 11am, Triangle Park                              |

### Sherrill Garden Club News

In October the club will host Connie Dygert from Green Thumb Garden Club to share how she grows and dries gourds for painting etc and students in grades 1-5 can participate in the Woodsy Owl/Smokey Bear poster contest. In November Ellen Webster, District 5 Director, will present a program about our district. In December the group decorates the library Christmas tree, collects gifts for DSO residents, has a White Elephant auction to benefit World Gardening project "Water for Sudan", decorates one of the rooms at Cottage Lawn for their annual open house and places holiday wreaths in the plaza in Sherrill. Visitors are welcome at all events.

## Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

CHRISTMAS

## FANTASY FAIR

Christ Church, United Methodist  
417 Park Street, Sherrill, New York

Fri., Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sat., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



FRIDAY EVENING: HOMEMADE PIE AND COFFEE

SATURDAY 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM:  
HOMEMADE HOT LUNCH

ELEVATOR ACCESSIBLE  
(PARK STREET ENTRANCE)

## Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library News



**New Library Manager- Familiar Face-** Mary Kay Junglen, a long time library employee, was named Library Manager 7/1 replacing Jennifer Milligan who resigned 5/27 to become Library Director of Manlius Library. Thank you to Jennifer for four years of service, guidance through several building projects and for implementing new programs.

**Closings and Saturday Hours-** The library will be closed Columbus Day & Veterans Day. Please check the website for additional closings. The library will be open on Saturdays, 10am-2pm starting 9/12.

**Mid-York News-** The Mid-York Library system offers many services including Zinio online magazines. Over 100 magazines such as Adirondack Life, Better Homes and Gardens, The Economist and more are available for free with a library card. Visit [www.midYork.org](http://www.midYork.org) for details.

**iPad Raffle Thank You-** Thanks to all of the wonderful patrons who purchased raffle tickets. Micaela Shay was the lucky winner. Your support of the library is very much appreciated. As always, monetary donations are welcome at all times and are tax deductible.

**Photography Contest-** Entries are on display. Stop by and vote- polls close 9/30. Winners will be announced 10/1. Thank you to all who entered.

**Art Classes and Displays at the Library-** Classes fill quickly, call to sign up. If you're interested in displaying art work, photography or quilting on our art wall please let us know.  
-*New Oil Painting Class-* Judy Bond will teach classes on Mondays for six weeks starting 10/5, 6-8pm for \$25/class. All brushes and paints provided. Students need to bring a canvas to paint on and a roll of paper towels. Visit [www.judithbondpresents.net](http://www.judithbondpresents.net) for more information.

-*Tuesday Watercolor Classes-* Linda Evans will teach classes for six weeks starting 10/13, 1-4pm, no class 11/3. Classes cost \$60 payable to Linda.

-*Thursday Watercolor Classes-* Laura Diddle will teach classes for six weeks starting 10/8, 6:30-9:30pm. Classes cost \$60 payable to Laura.

**National Banned Book Week-** Celebrate our freedom to read 9/27-10/3- Check out our display of banned books. Why were they banned? How many have you read?

**Book Discussion Group-** Our book discussions have been held for 10 years and we've discussed over 50 titles. We meet in October, December, February, April & June, the first Wednesday of the month, at 6:30pm. All are welcome. Copies of books are available at the library. The group will meet 10/7 at 6:30pm to discuss The Dry Grass of August by Anna Jean Mayhew. The author will join us via Skype. The group will also meet 12/ 9 at 6:30pm to discuss Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake by Anna Quindlen.

**Tuesday Toddler and Preschool Story Time-** Stop by Tuesdays at 11am starting October 6.

**Saturday Story Hours-** Stop by at 11am to enjoy holiday themed stories and crafts: October 24- Fall harvest, ghosts, goblins and pumpkin decorating- pumpkin donations would be appreciated, November 14- Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, December 12-Christmas; Please let us know if you will be coming so we can plan accordingly.

**Holiday Train Display-** Sean Bleaking, founder of the Lionel Railroad Club of Sherrill, will be displaying his Polar Express train. Contact [ableaking@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ableaking@twcny.rr.com) for more information about the club- new members are welcome.

**Wednesday Evenings at the Movies 6pm-** Hey kids the Minions are coming!! The movie has been ordered and the library will show it! Check the website or call for the date! Upcoming Movies: 9/30- Wish You Well, 10/28- Little Boy - Believe the Impossible, 12/16- Christmas with the Kranks

**Legos and Classic Board Games Days-** Stop by on Saturday 9/19 and 10/17, 10am-2pm to enjoy our Legos and games.

**Looking ahead to 2016-** On January 30 at 11am Karen Land a 3-time Iditarod Musher and her sled dog will join us via Skype to share tales of her Alaskan adventure. The library will also show Iron Will- check back for the date.

-The library is trying out matinees on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm with free popcorn. The first will be 1/13 featuring 5 Flights Up. Call the library with suggestions!

-Central New York Reads One Book- January-March 2016- To Kill a Mockingbird- There will be a flurry of activity throughout Central New York surrounding some of the all too current themes of this classic novel. The library will be showing the movie- check back for the date in January.

*Stop in and say "Hello", visit the new website, [www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org](http://www.sherrillkenwoodlibrary.org), "Like" us on Facebook or call 363 -5980 for more information.*

## Department of Public Works Reminders

### Upcoming Garbage Pick-Up Date Changes

Normal Pick-up date	New Pick-up date
11/11 (Wednesday)	11/10 (Tuesday)
12/25 (Friday)	12/24 (Thursday)

Additionally, garbage pick-up in the Village of Vernon changes from Thursday November 26 to Tuesday November 24 and Thursday December 24 to Tuesday December 22.

**Brush and Green Waste Pick Up-** September 21, October 5, and October 19. After October 19 all brush must be taken to the City's transfer station at no charge. Please place brush and green waste at the curb the weekend before Monday's pick up. Brush must be no longer than six feet and no wider than four inches, and separated from green waste. Soil and rocks aren't accepted. *\*Please do not bag brush or green waste.*

**Leaves-** The City will pick up leaves as the weather dictates. Please rake leaves to the curb. Please do not put branches, sticks or twigs with leaves because they are used for composting.

**Transfer Station-** The transfer station will be open Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm and Saturdays 8am-1pm until October 31. Beginning November 1 it will be open only on Saturdays until spring. Residents must purchase coupons at City Hall to drop off items.

### Police Department Reminders

-The "No Parking" on city streets ordinance resumes November 1-April 30. This ordinance applies to all streets between 2-7am.

-Studded tires are allowed October 15-May 1.

-School is back in session! Drivers should stop for all stopped school buses, as well as be aware of children crossing the roads.

-Please remember to pick up after your dogs.

### Department of Motor Vehicles at City Hall 4th Wednesday of each month, 10am-2pm

The DMV satellite office offers vehicle registrations and renewals, driver's license renewals, and license plate services. Call 790-8388 with questions.

### Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department Open House

The Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite you to their open house on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm in recognition of Fire Prevention week. The Oneida County smoke house will be there, along with booths from the fire department, Sherrill Police Department and others. Please join us- this is a great opportunity for your family to learn more about fire safety!

## Thank you for a great summer!



The official dedication plaque is now installed at the Al Glover Sherrill Pool. Please stop by to see it!



Thank you to the Gorman Foundation for sponsoring the 2015 Sherrill Summer Concert Series!

# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sherrill will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016! Save these dates:**

*April 7-* Sherrill turns 100 years old!

*July 29-* Weekend Celebration Opening Ceremony, Family Events, Adult Festival

*July 30-* 5K Road Race, Kids Fun Run, Walk, Parade, Concerts, Family Events, Food Vendors, Fireworks and more



Streets and organizations are invited to have floats in the parade. Please contact Sara Getman, 363-6525 or [sgetman@sherrillny.org](mailto:sgetman@sherrillny.org) for more information about how to be involved.

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377 Sherrill Road  
Sherrill, New York 13461

## The great art of Spin Doctoring...

