



TOWN OF WEST SENECA

"PROUD PAST - UNLIMITED FUTURE"

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Photo from Annual Fall BurchFest Event

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TOWN BOARD REDUCES TOWN SPEED LIMIT TO 30 MPH FROM DEPARTING COUNCILMEMBER SUSAN KIMS...

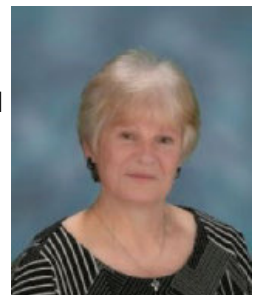
By lowering the speed limit in our neighborhoods, we increase the time of a driver's reaction and actually decrease the severity of injury if a collision happens. Children do not have the same self-control as an adult and at times are impulsive. The higher the speed, the greater the chance of injury or possibly death.

As an example, "a vehicle traveling at 30 MPH has a 7-10 times higher likelihood of inflicting injury than a vehicle traveling 20 MPH and takes twice the distance to stop". If a child is in the road 3 car lengths ahead, the driver traveling 20 MPH would be able to stop, while a driver traveling at 25 MPH would hit the child and still be traveling 18 MPH at impact. Children are smaller in stature making them harder to see and increasing the risk of fatality from a crash.

As a child, I myself witnessed another child run into the street when an ice cream truck was pulling up. She was struck and killed. She did not perceive the danger, and the driver did not have enough time to respond due to his speed. Our children are our greatest gifts and once taken, cannot be given back.

I ran for a seat on the West Seneca Town Board on two different occasions and each time canvassing, I spoke with residents about their wants and concerns. The topic of speed on the streets where they live was one that came up frequently, along with their concern for the safety of their families.

While canvassing, I was almost struck by a car while trying to cross Angle Road, where all the residents in that neighborhood complained of speeds exceeding 50 MPH daily. Complaints about excessive speed in many neighborhoods from other "adult walkers" were plentiful.



BURCHFEST RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 13TH WITH ACTIVITIES SPREAD THROUGHOUT TOWN



BurchFest celebrates the legacy of former West Seneca resident and world-renowned artist Charles Burchfield and his family. It also promotes the Charles Burchfield Gardenville District as a growing and significant arts tourism destination. Did you know Charles Burchfield even has work on display in the Vatican? His daughter, Martha Burchfield Richter is a noted watercolorist whose work can be found in the Smithsonian Art Museum and right here in the new Martha Burchfield Richter Atrium. Martha's daughter, Peggy Richter Haug followed in the footsteps of her talented family members. Her work as a third generation watercolorist reflects the influence of her artistic relatives.

Whether you are an art enthusiast, or simply looking for fun fall activities, this day has something for everyone. The West Seneca Chamber of Commerce has partnered with businesses, service organizations, and the Town of West Seneca to coordinate activities, tours, classes and other events at numerous locations around West Seneca. Read on for a

complete list to map our your fall day in West Seneca !

Charles Burchfield Home & Studio, 3574 Clinton Street

Hours: 11am-3pm

Tour the recently renovated studio of Charles Burchfield, as well as a small portion of the home where he once lived and worked. Plus, multiple prints of the works of Charles Burchfield will be on display for viewing.

Charles Burchfield Nature & Art Center and Burchfield Park, 2001 Union Road, Hours: BNAC 12-3pm, Park open dawn until dusk

The Nature & Art Center and surrounding park have several BurchFest offerings planned around the theme: Charles Burchfield – The Naturalist. Emphasis on the elements of nature that Charles Burchfield loved and explored throughout his life. Be sure to visit the Environmental Room, Burchfield Room, History Room, Art Gallery, Burchfield Park, Explore Room, Conference Room, and Classroom.

Christian Metz House, 12 School St, Hours: 10am-3pm

West Seneca's oldest building will host an informal open house. The first-floor flooring within the historic building was recently restored using yellow pine boards and square-headed nails reflective of the time period during which the Metz House was built. Multiple historic pieces are also on display.

Fourteen Holy Helpers Church, 1345 Indian Church Rd, Hours: 11am-3pm

Tours will be given regarding the history and artifacts will be on display. The West Seneca Town Band will also offer a BurchFest performance from 1:30 to 2:30pm.



Martha Burchfield Richter Atrium, 1300 Union Rd Hours: 10-4

"Watercolors and Drawings by Martha Burchfield Richter: Works from the Schoene Family" will be on display during BurchFest and through September. This exhibition of works by Charles Burchfield's daughter Martha connects her watercolor paintings of nature with related drawings and is guest curated by Dr. Gerald Mead.

Painting With A Twist, 1054 Union Rd, Hours: 1 & 6 p.m.

Burchfield-inspired painting sessions! An all-ages class will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m., while an adult class (18+) will run from 6 to 8 p.m. All materials are included for these fun and engaging classes. Fees apply. Please contact the venue to reserve a seat.

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3512 Clinton Hours: 10-3

Local artists, crafters & creative people will participate in a vendor fair, both inside & on the lawn, including food trucks.

September 13th BurchFest Activities Continued...

West Seneca Art Society

Multiple locations and hours

Artists Pat Wolek and Debbie Terzian will be teaching a class on how to design a Burchfield-inspired fidget spinner. This class will take place in the Makerspace area within the West Seneca Public Library from 10:30a.m. to noon. Suitable age range for this class is 4 to 10 years old. Please call the library at (716) 674-2928 or stop in to register.

Additionally, plein air artists from the West Seneca Art Society and other organizations will be on the Burchfield Nature & Art Center grounds and Buffalo Creek. The Art Society will also have a greeter stationed near the parking lot with information about the BurchFest event.

West Seneca Public Library, 1300 Union Road,

Hours: 10am-4pm

In addition to the program mentioned above, at 11 a.m., the Large Community Room will feature a presentation — *Another Look at Charles Burchfield: Stories, Memories and Observations of Charles Burchfield From His Lifelong Neighbors* — with Jackie and Joan Albarella. Q&A to follow. Space will be limited and registration is required. Please call the library at (716) 674-2928 or stop in to register for both programs.

West Seneca Town Band at Fourteen Holy Helpers, 1345 Indian Church Road, Hours: 1:30-2:30pm

West Seneca Youth & Recreation Department, 1300 Union Road, Hours: 10am-2pm

Celebrate the seasons with art and unleash your creativity!



Decorate a tree to represent the four seasons – spring, summer, fall and winter. Use crayons, markers, paint or even recycled materials to bring your vision to life. Take your artwork home as a memento or leave it on display in the Community Center & Library hallway for all to admire through early October.

WNY Federal Credit Union, 1937 Union Road, Hours: 12-4pm

The credit union will showcase a special art exhibit – “Uncovered Treasures: Art from West Seneca’s Past.”

WHAT WILL YOU BE FOR HALLOWEEN THIS YEAR?



Halloween Parade & Indoor Trick-or-Treating

West Seneca Youth & Recreation is teaming up with West Seneca Chamber of Commerce and Vigilant Fire Company to offer a night of Halloween fun on Friday, October 17, 2025! All events and activities are FREE!

Halloween Parade

Between 4:45pm to 6:15pm, school age children (including parents and/or guardians) are welcome to will assemble at the Vigilant Fire Hall in costume in preparation for a ¼ mile walking parade! They will begin at 666 Main Street, head westward down Main Street, crossing Union Road (under protection of West Seneca Police and Vigilant Fire) continue down Main to the hill at the entrance of the Town Hall complex. Next, they will

walk down the hill, past the police station and end at the Town’s Community Center. Vigilant’s event ends at this point as the kids enter the Community Center for an indoor trick-or-treating event.

Indoor Trick-or-Treating

The West Seneca Recreation Department has coordinated local businesses and community leaders to offer a multitude of trick-or-treating stations throughout the West Seneca Community Center and Library located at 1300 Union Road. The event will be non-scary and the lights will be on. Youth should bring their own trick or treating bag, bucket, or pail. The event will run 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Doors open around 6:00 PM. Please be prepared for any weather conditions while you wait in the entry line outside.

ABOUT US

The Assessor's Office is responsible for maintaining key property records, including ownership details, parcel maps, and improvements. We also assist residents by administering property tax exemptions for qualifying individuals. In addition, our office provides information and guidance to property owners regarding assessments and the appeals process.

Below are some of our most common exemptions. If you have any questions about the exemptions discussed in this newsletter, feel free to contact us at (716) 558-3211 or visit us in person.

STAR PROGRAM

Starting this year, the State of New York is administering the STAR (School Tax Relief) program directly. If you have any questions regarding STAR, please contact the state:

- **Phone:** (518) 457-2036
- **Website:** www.tax.ny.gov/star

Note: Our office is no longer accepting STAR applications.

VETERANS EXEMPTION

This tax exemption reduces our property assessment by 15% for wartime veterans. Combat veterans may qualify for an additional 10% reduction, and those with a permanent service-connected disability may receive up to an additional 50% based on their disability rating.

Required Documents:

- DD214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from active duty)
- If applicable, a letter from the VA showing your current disability rating

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS & AMBULANCE WORKERS EXEMPTION

To qualify, you must:

- Have at least two years of active service, or
- Be the unremarried spouse of a deceased member with 20 or more years of service

Local volunteer companies have submitted qualifying member lists.

SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTION

This exemption may also lower your assessment by 5% to 50% for town, county, and school taxes based on your income.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be 65 years or older
- Combined total income must be below \$37,400

Required Documents:

- Valid photo ID
- 2024 Federal Income Tax Return (1040)
- If you do not file a tax return, submit all 2024 year-end statements(1099)

EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES

This exemption can reduce your property assessment by 5% to 50% for town, county, and school taxes. The exact amount depends on your income.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be receiving Social Security Disability benefits
- Combined total income must be below \$32,400

Required Documents:

- Original Social Security award letter
- 2024 Federal Income Tax Return(1040)
- If you do not file a tax return, submit all 2024 year-end statements and a letter of non-filing from the IRS

WHERE TO FIND APPLICATIONS

- <https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/exemption.htm>
- <https://www.westseneca.gov/176/Assessor#>
- In person at the Assessor's Office

DEADLINE

All applications and required documents must be submitted no later than **March 1, 2026**

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HELP PROTECT OUR SEWER SYSTEM

The Town of West Seneca would like to remind all residents that what goes down the drain or toilet has a major impact on our community's sewer system. Two of the most common (and costly) problems we face are caused by flushing baby wipes and pouring grease down the drain.

BABY WIPES

Not so "Flushable"

Despite what some packaging may claim, baby wipes and similar products are not truly flushable. These materials do not break down like toilet paper and can quickly accumulate in pipes, leading to blockages, sewer backups, and equipment failures.

When wipes make their way to our sewer pump stations, they often get tangled in pumps, causing them to overheat, jam, or break entirely. This results in expensive repairs, increased maintenance costs, and the risk of sewage overflows.



Please dispose of wall wipes (baby, disinfectant, cosmetics, etc.) in the trash, not the toilet.

GREASE

A Sticky Situation

Pouring cooking grease, oil, or fat down the sink may seem harmless, but it's one of the biggest contributors to sewer blockages. When grease cools, it solidifies and sticks to the inside of the sewer pipes. Over time, it builds up, narrows the pipes, and can cause backups in homes and the public sewer system.

Even if you rinse grease down with hot water, it eventually cools and hardens. Combined with other



debris, it forms "fatbergs" that clog pumps, damage equipment, and require costly emergency clean-outs.

The best way to dispose of grease:

- Pour cooled grease into a container with a lid (like an empty can or jar), then throw it in the trash.
- Wipe greasy pots and pans with a paper towel before washing.

PROTECTING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Think Before You Flush

Every year, the Town spends thousands of dollars responding to avoidable issues in our sewer system. By taking simple steps at home, you can help reduce these costs, protect public health, and extend the life of our sewer infrastructure.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our sewer system flowing smoothly! If you have any questions, please contact the Town of West Seneca Engineering Department at (716) 558-3220.

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HOME ALARMS & DETECTORS

Those beeps that wake you up at 2:30am are telling you to exit your home....

Cooler weather is coming, which results in keeping doors and windows closed. The air in your house is not as fresh and not circulating as well as when the windows were open. This could lead to the build up of carbon monoxide. You should check the alarms to make sure they are working.

Smoke Alarms:

REQUIRED in every home and apartment

Carbon Monoxide Alarms:

REQUIRED in every home and apartment

Heat Detectors:

Installed in attached garages in newer homes

These devices have the potential to **SAVE YOUR LIFE**. However annoying, no matter what time it is, even if it is raining or snowing out, you must get out of the building. First Responders can determine if a hazard is present within your home or apartment. If these devices are dusty, painted, or discolored, they need to be replaced.



EXAMPLE:

A device you can purchase at most stores to alert you. Powered by batteries or house wiring.

TIPS:

- Replace every 10 years
- Devices located by bedrooms and in the basement



NOT a device recognized to alert you in an emergency. Powered by "BANANAS."

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WEST SENECA FIRST RESPONDERS

An Introduction to the 6 Volunteer Fire Departments, the Office of Emergency Management, and our 911 Dispatchers:

The Code Enforcement Office is taking time to inform you and **highlight** the First Responders of this Town. These are your family, friends, and neighbors, who have decided to sacrifice their time for the benefit of the community. They should be recognized for their dedication, and the accomplishments they have achieved. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, these individuals are ready to respond to the next incident in the Town. Over the next publications, we will highlight each of the organizations.



WHO CAN BE A FIRST RESPONDER? - **ANYONE**

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO JOIN? - **STOP BY ANY OF THE 6 FIRE STATIONS IN THE TOWN**

HOW MUCH DO I HAVE TO LEARN? - **THE SKY IS THE LIMIT....**

SO WHAT EXACTLY DO THEY DO FOR US?

- Respond to all medical emergencies
- Respond to all car accidents
- Respond to all building, vehicle, and brush fires
- Community outreach
- Respond to all weather related incidents
- Respond to all hazardous material events
- Routine training from various agencies
- Travel to various parts of NYS to assist other departments
- Drive cool **trucks**, use cool **tools**, wear **cool** pants, have a cool **moustache**... ?



WINCHESTER DISTRICT #1 – 514 HARLEM RD



FIRE CHIEF:

Jeremy Krawczyk

COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN:

Daryl Krawczyk

ESTABLISHED: 1904

MEMBERS: 30 members and +/- 25 life members

NUMBER OF YEARLY CALLS: +/- 750 alarms per year

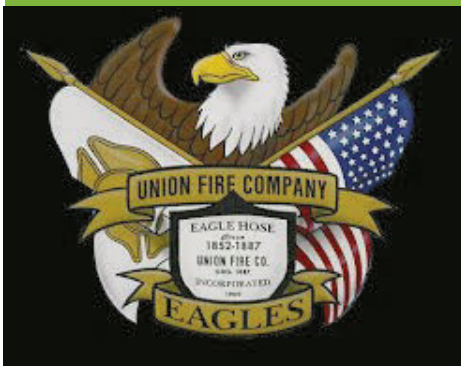
EQUIPMENT: **ENGINE 1** Fire Engine — **SQUAD 3** Rescue Engine— **RESCUE 7** EMS fly car—Rescue Quads 1&2



- ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE TOWN'S SWIFT WATER RESCUE TEAM
- ONLY DISTRICT WITH RESCUE QUADS
- 1929 PUMPER IN SERVICE FOR 10 YEARS, NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE FIRE STATION
- LONG STANDING ERIE COUNTY SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEMBER



UNION FIRE DISTRICT #2 – 1845 UNION RD



FIRE CHIEF:

William R. Weber

COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN:

Joseph Beres Jr.

ESTABLISHED: 1887

MEMBERS: 55 members, 28 active & 27 life members

NUMBER OF YEARLY CALLS: +/- 1150 alarms per year

EQUIPMENT: **SQUAD 5** Fire Engine / Rescue— **TRUCK 2** Quint Ladder Engine—**RESCUE 7** Ambulance—**RESCUE 7-1** EMS fly car—Special Operations UTV—**5-1** Utility Fly Car



- CENTRALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN
- ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE TOWN'S SWIFT WATER RESCUE TEAM
- NEW FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTED IN 2017
- NEW OFF ROAD / SNOW UTV



A MESSAGE FROM... TOWN CLERK KATE NEWTON

The Town has fully transitioned to the CivicClerk platform for all meeting agendas and minutes. The first phase of the historical import has been completed, and meetings from the past five (5) years are now available on the website. My office is currently working on importing prior years. Please note that this is a large project and will take time to complete. Once finished, all documents will be accessible in one streamlined section.

Residents now also have the option to be notified when new documents are published. This feature is available on the website under the "Notify Me" icon, where you can select the types of notices you'd like to receive and choose how you would like to be notified.

UPCOMING TAXES: School 2025

The next tax collection period will be for the 2025 School Taxes. Tax bills are expected to be signed off by the local school districts by the end of August. Then, the bills can be printed early September which then are picked up by my office from the county offices, processed here in my office and mailed out mid September.

- Watch for bills **mid-to-late September**
- **Office Hours:** Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm
- The office will be CLOSED on Monday, October 13, 2025 and will have special hours on Saturday, October 11th from 9am to 12:30pm
- The last day to pay without penalties is Wednesday, October 15th, hours will be from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday October 15th, the final day .
- All taxbills are available for viewing at: <https://egov.basgov.com/westseneca>

For your convenience, there is a secure dropbox located inside Town Hall, mounted to the wall on the left side. The dropbox is accessible 24/7 and is checked regularly.

If you do not receive your tax bill by the end of September, please call the office. We can reprint your bill upon request.

REMINDER—I cannot wave penalties, these are governed by Real Property Tax Law 5924. Any mailed tax payment with a postmark dated within the penalty free period is a timely payment. "f the postmark is illegible or does not appear on the envelope, it is not a proper postmark, and any payments received in these instances are deemed paid upon the date received. Privately metered mail does not constitute a US postmark and also are considered paid upon receipt. I share this with all residents as some utilize bill pay services via their financial institutions and those services do not contain a postmark.. We recommend the echeck option available on the website. Or contact the office and we can go through the steps with you on how to use the website for payments.



Hunting & Trapping Licenses

Deer Management Permits (DMP) are now available from August 1st through October 1st. Leftover DMPs are issued on a first-come/first-serve basis and will begin on or around November 1st of each year.

Hunting and Trapping seasons begin on September 1st and continues through May 2026.

Due to the change in the law, backtags are no longer required while hunting

anywhere in NYS.

For more information, see <https://dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8316.html>

Accessible Parking Permits

There is no fee for accessible parking permits, we just need the application form signed by your physician and your driver's license. We issue the parking permit while you wait.

Voting Information

Registration forms and Absentee

Ballot applications are available at the office.

Fishing Licenses

Fishing license terms runs for one year from the date of purchase. A NYS drivers license or non-drivers ID is required for verification.

Dog Licenses

NYS law requires all dogs four months or older to be licensed and have updated rabies vaccinations.

Services of the Town Clerk's Office Continued...

Annual Fees

*Unspayed/Unneutered: \$18.00
 *Spayed/Neutered: \$11.00
 *Senior Resident (aged 65+)
 Unspayed/Unneutered: \$10.50
 *Senior Resident (aged 65+)
 Spayed/Neutered: \$3.50

Animal Control: 716-823-2988

Getting Married

Marriage Licenses are issued daily from 9am to 4:30pm. The fee is \$40.00 and the applicants must appear together.

The license is valid anywhere in the State of New York. Please check out the Town Clerk/Receiver of Taxes'

webpage for the list of required items that are needed for the application.

Appointments are requested.

Obtaining a Certified Copy of your Marriage.

Please note we only have your marriage certificate **IF** you obtained your marriage license from our office. We will need to see your Driver's License for identification/verification. Please visit us in person or email a copy of your driver's license.

Death Certificates

If the death occurred in the Town of West Seneca, we would have the

record.

The following individuals can make the request:

- Spouse
- Parent
- Sibling 18 years or older
- Adult Child of deceased
- Other person who demonstrate a lawful right or claim.

Please provide your own birth certificate for identification/verification.

E-ZPass Town Clerk Retailer

Available for purchase at the office for \$25.00. Cash or check only.

LEGAL CORNER: From the Desk of Town Attorney Chris Trapp...

Whether it is at a Federal, State, or Local level, new laws are enacted each year that affect all of our lives regardless of where we live, work, or play. It is important to remain knowledgeable about those changes since the old adage of ignorance of the law is not an excuse and has real world implications. In 2024 alone, there were nineteen local laws passed by the Town Board. This year is no exception and there have been many changes in local laws that can affect individuals within the Town of West Seneca.

The most recent changes deal with the increase in parking fines throughout the Town. In reviewing the old law, it was clear that it was outdated and had not be modified for in excess of fifty years. As a result, the fines for illegal parking throughout the Town was increased to \$30.00, but it still remains lower than our neighboring municipalities such as the City of Buffalo which remains a third higher.

The prevalence of electric bicycles and scooters has been noted in multiple municipalities not only locally, but statewide. In an effort to ensure the safety of both the riders and the public, changes have been suggested to control the use and operation of these motorized devices. Please remember, however, that under the State Vehicle & Traffic laws, no individual under the age of sixteen (16) is permitted to operate an electric bicycle or scooter in New York State.

Also important for both pedestrian and driver safety, the speed limit on Town streets and highways has been reduced from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour. This does not affect State or County highways which remain under the exclusive jurisdiction of those entities. Last year, adjustments were made to school zone speed limits to protect the children.

The Town Ethics Code was also updated for purposes of clarity and to ensure that the highest ethical standards were continued to be followed by the elected officials, town employees, and vendors who do business with the Town.

The provisions dealing with the operation of cannabis retail dispensaries were changed dealing with signage, security, and other operations.

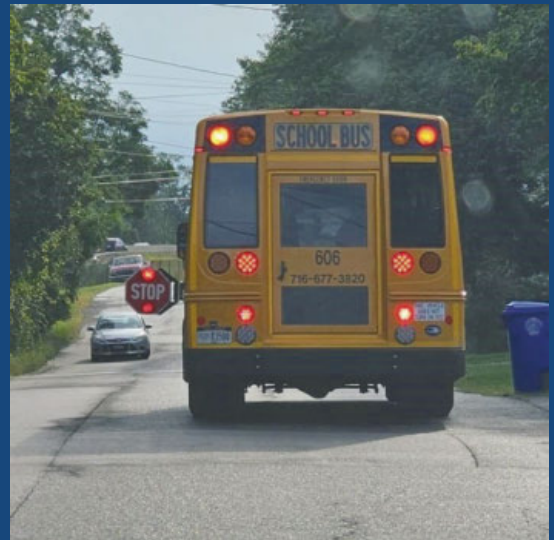
In an effort to protect residents from unfettered expansion of electric facilities which are already permitted in a manufacturing zone, the Town placed a moratorium on any further development of electrical energy facilities and prepared a local law which places greater restrictions on their creation and placement in the Town. This was done in response to the mandates from Albany which continues to push for the end of fossil fuel use such as natural gas and the creation of electrical energy development. The larger operations for sale into the electric grid would not be permitted, but home and individual business operations would be permitted to meet the needs for people with electric vehicles and businesses to protect them in the event of a power outage at their store or facility.

⇒ Stop for School Buses, Watch for Children!

School is back in session, and we'd like to remind drivers to slow down and be alert near school buses.

- School buses make frequent stops. Please be patient.
- Children may make unpredictable movements. Allow them time to get on and off the bus and cross roadways.
- Slow down. Obey school zone speed limits and the directions of crossing guards.
- Remember, drivers traveling in both directions MUST stop for a school bus with its "Stop" signs extended and/or red lights flashing. Passing a stopped school bus carries a minimum fine of \$250 for a first offense.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our students safe!



⇒ Light The Way



We hope you don't have to call us for help, but there are some simple ways you can help us get to you quickly, if you do. Fall is the perfect time to assess the lighting around your home.

To make it easier for us to find you in an emergency:

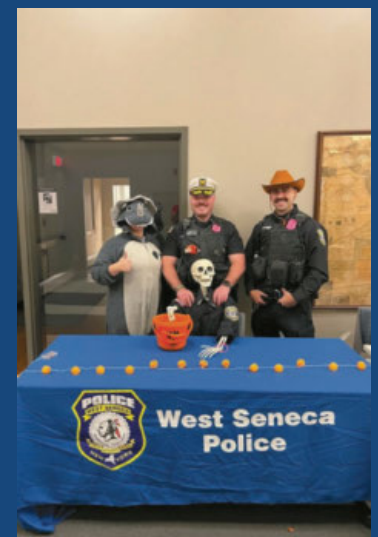
- Turn on porch lamp(s) during hours of dusk and darkness.
- Use porch lamps, spotlights or other decorative lighting to illuminate your house number. Or, consider installing backlit or reflective numbers.
- Landscaping/ground lights are relatively cheap and readily available. Use these along driveways/walkways/stairs to give us a clear path to reach you.

Keep these areas free of debris or clutter.

⇒ Tips For a FUN and SAFE Halloween

- Chaperone your young children while they're trick-or-treating.
- Stick to neighborhoods you're familiar with. Or, consider attending one of West Seneca's many "Trunk or Treat" events !
- Teach children not to approach houses with no lights on or where the door is closed.
- Remind kids of their manners. Say "please" and "thank you!"
- If you're going to be out after dark, attach reflective tape to kids' costumes and shoes, or carry a flashlight.
- Walk, don't run. Look both ways for traffic before crossing streets.
- Inspect all candy your children receive. Discard anything with open wrappers.

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END-OF-SUMMER UPDATE

Although we had a hot and dry summer here in Western New York, the season is always short-lived. As we begin preparing for fall and winter, I'd like to share a brief recap of what our department has accomplished and what's coming next.

Summer Highlights

Our crews have been hard at work across town:

- **Paving & Maintenance:** We completed paving on several roads and addressed numerous problem areas with patching and repairs to improve safety and extend road life.
- **Concrete Repairs:** Crews rebuilt catch basins and repaired curbs, especially in areas damaged by past winter weather.
- **Drainage Work:** Street sweeping and catch basin cleaning were completed across town to improve appearance and ensure proper stormwater flow.
- **Playground Builds:** New playgrounds at Fireman's Park and Dorrance Park are now open for families to enjoy.



Highway Facility Update

Progress continues on the remodeling of our new highway facility, which will greatly improve our operations. We are on track for a move-in by late fall 2025.



Fall & Winter Preparations

As we transition into fall, crews will focus on ditch and culvert cleaning, as well as ongoing road repairs. Leaf collection will begin soon:

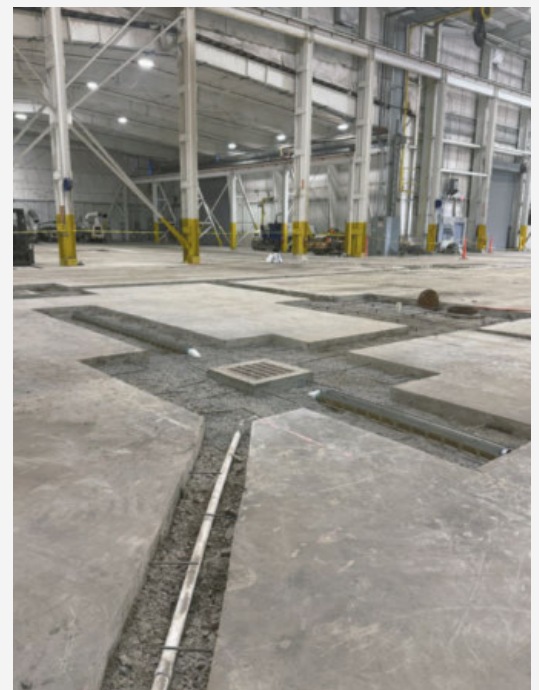
- Place leaf piles at the edge of the road, not in the street.
- Keep leaves away from storm drains to prevent flooding.
- Use returnable containers or paper lawn bags for faster weekly service. Loose Leaf pickup will follow a zone-based schedule.

Winter Readiness

Snowplow equipment is being serviced and prepped now. As always, we ask residents to:

- Give plows space—don't crowd the plow.
- Plan ahead for winter driving and allow extra time.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle (blanket, water, flashlight, shovel, etc.).

Thank you for your continued support. We're proud to serve the residents of West Seneca and are committed to keeping our town safe and well-maintained year-round.





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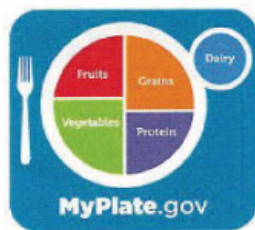
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- **Christmas Dance**
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October 20—Dreams, Schemes, and Machines—The Roaring Twenties

October 22—Secrets of Voodoo, Revealed!

November 3—Positive Attitude!

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