

Street paving not expected to interfere with businesses, festivals

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advance to both “get their take on it” and provide time for additional planning. Welch also said the municipality will look into towing vehicles in areas where their presence deters public safety actions.

“They don’t want to see their car gone when they get back, and the hefty fee to pay to get it back,” she said.

Memorial Day Observance

Board members approved a motion from Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 to hold an 11 a.m. Memorial Day service at Academy Park on Monday, May 31.

To accommodate veterans and seniors entering the area by the “Circle of Honor,” the VFW was granted permission to close Portage Road from standard vehicular traffic (from Center to Cayuga Street, adjacent to the park) during the event.

Following the board meeting, VFW Cmdr. Bill Justyk said it’s still a wait and see situation with state regulations, but he affirmed the ceremony would take place.

He also strongly encouraged local veterans to call the Buffalo VA clinic on Bailey Avenue and schedule coronavirus vaccination appointments. The numbers to call are 826-7868 or 862-8788.

GardenFest

Trustee Claudia Marasco said the Lewiston Garden Club is hoping to have GardenFest over Father’s Day weekend in June.

“But it would be under the ad-

visement of – we have to say – the New York state guidelines for public gatherings.”

Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently announced the state is permitting venues with a seating capacity of 10,000 or more to have 10% attendance at events, beginning Feb. 23. It’s likely he would extend this to outdoor events, as well, since the pilot coronavirus testing program debuted during the Buffalo Bills home playoff games in January. Cuomo also is allowing outdoor amusement parks to reopen in April.

At GardenFest, patrons would “have to wear masks; they’ll have to social distance; and the fire company and the police, of course, are going to have to all be on board,” Marasco said. “Now, whether or not they’re going to be able to pull this off, we don’t know. Again, it’s tentative.”

Last September, trustees approved a motion to approve the facilities contract request made by the Lewiston Garden Club for use of Center Street from Seventh to Fourth streets, plus Hennepin Park, to host GardenFest from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 19-20.

Board members also approved a motion to approve the club’s facilities contract request to hold the annual perennial sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. May 21-22 in the Red Brick gymnasium.

“I think they’ll be able to have (GardenFest),” Welch said this week. “We talked about them stretching the vendors out more,



2019 Lewiston Art Festival Best in Show winner Faye Lone is shown with her daughter, Shquanebin Lone-Preston. (File photo)

giving people more space; wearing masks. I think they can work everything out.”

On Wednesday, the Garden Club stated, “Members of the Lewiston Garden Club are hopeful that they will be able to hold GardenFest 2021 on June 19 and 20. Many vendors have submitted applications for the Center Street marketplace that is a key component of the event. The theme that was going to be used last year is moving forward to this year: ‘Bee Power.’”

Garden Club President Sharon Low said, “Since the event is outdoors like a farmers market, proper social distancing can

be achieved to keep all involved safe.”

The club noted it will “monitor the status of the pandemic and plan accordingly so that GardenFest can contribute to getting safely back to normal.”

Lewiston Council on the Arts Programming

Trustees approved a series of summer and fall events for the Lewiston Council on the Arts, including:

- The “Summer of ‘69” concert Friday, July 9, at the Hennepin Park Gazebo.
- The “Blue Monday Concert Series” July 12-26 and Aug. 2-16 at the Hennepin Park Gazebo.

•“BugFest” on Saturday, July 10, at Seneca Park (adjacent to the Lewiston Public Library).

•The Lewiston Art Festival, on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15. Specifically, the LCA can close Center Street (from Eighth to Fourth streets), the Hennepin Park Gazebo, the International Peace Garden, and the corners of North and South Fifth Street (up to the respective bank drive-thru windows) to allow vendors to operate on the roadway.

•The Marble Orchard Ghost Walks, on Saturdays, Sept. 11-25, and Oct. 2-30. Walkers travel Center Street, into the Peace Garden, and to the Village Cemetery at South Fifth Street.

On Wednesday, Lewiston Council on the Arts Executive Director Irene Rykaszewski said, “In terms of the upcoming summer season, we like the other festival and event organizers are hopeful ... and optimistically planning to bring back our most popular events in 2021. Our event sponsors like Elderwood, Modern and KeyBank and Arts Services Inc. (ASI) all generously allowed us to roll over their 2020 grants and sponsorships and use the funding for this year instead. The town and village boards also continued to support us through the pandemic, which truly was a lifeline for us. We are beyond grateful for the support we received during this challenging time.”

Village of Lewiston updates (cont.): STREET PAVING

Marasco, who is liaison to the Lewiston Business Group, asked Welch for an update on the New York State Department of Transportation’s plan to repave Center Street this year. She said it was her understanding construction bids would go out in June, with the work

to follow in July or August.

Welch said she spoke with the DOT, and “their bids go out in June; they have a 45-day review; and then, once the contractor gets going – they don’t have a certain date as to when they’re going to start, because that’ll be

up to the contractor.

“But I said the businesses were worried about their businesses being shut down when this paving’s going on.”

She was told, “Nothing’s going to be shut down. They will be in front of the business maybe 15 minutes. That’s it. That’s to mill it down. And they’ll be past that business and on to the next and then on to the next.”

Welch added, “You all know that, when we (mill) our roads, we drive on them. Even though they’re milled down, they’re still drivable.” Again, the DOT told her, “There’ll be no big, long stretch before they come back to pave.”

Of course, the Art Festival and Northwest Jazz Festival are slated to take place on Center Street in August. Walking on a milled roadway would be more challenging.

Marasco asked, “How long do you think (it will be) for them between starting and finishing the project? Do we have any sense of time? Is it going to be weeks? Is it going to be months?”

“No,” Welch said. “We have to wait for the bids and the contractor. She later added, “The DOT got a list of all the tentative festivals. They will work around the festivals.”

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- Do not try to change a normally left-dominant child into a right-hander.
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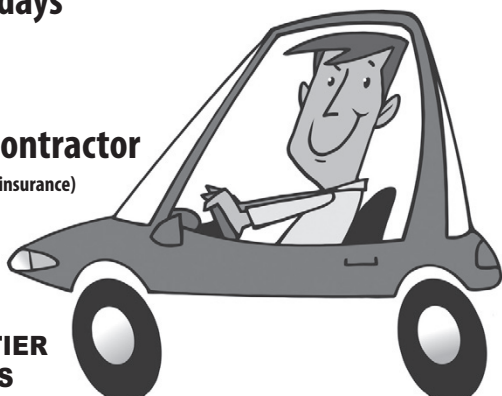
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