

'Winter Warriors' event at Old Fort Niagara highlights winter survival skills

On Saturday, Jan. 15, Old Fort Niagara presents "Winter Warriors," a day of family-oriented programming focusing on how people survived on the 18th century frontier during the winter months. From 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., visitors can learn how soldiers and Native Americans traveled hundreds of miles through sub-zero temperatures to conduct raids on enemy settlements.

Living history demonstrations will include snowshoeing (weather permitting), fire-starting, food preservation and preparation, fur trading and shelter building. Programs will also illustrate what clothing and gear would be needed to survive in the woods for weeks at a time.

Educators from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will present the history of the snowshoe and describe how different types of snowshoe were used for a variety of terrain.

The program also explores how soldiers and civilians stationed



Photo courtesy of Old Fort Niagara

at a frontier fort would pass the long winter months, and how Native Americans in nearby villages coped with winter and fed their families.

OFN stated, "Visitors are invited to spend the day outdoors in a safe, well-ventilated environment and learn about how people coped with winter during the colonial

era. All activities will be inside the walls of Old Fort Niagara. Masks are required and visitors are asked to practice social distancing and dress for the weather. Complimentary hot chocolate will be available at the visitor center."

Tickets to the event are available at the door and are included in the fort's regular admission.

Gooch sworn into office



Seventh District Niagara County Legislator Jesse Gooch was reelected in November.

"Due to COVID, our regularly scheduled inauguration on Jan. 1 was canceled," he said Tuesday. "Mr. William Ross conducted a private swearing in ceremony for me on Jan. 1 at the Wheatfield Lions Club."

"I want to thank all of my residents that have shown up for my support this past election. I will proudly continue to serve the people of Wheatfield in Niagara County for my second term."

(Submitted photo)

Higgins: Federal fire grants available to support staffing & recruitment

SAFER Grant applications due Feb. 4

Congressman Brian Higgins announced the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant application period is now open, with a deadline of 5 p.m. Feb. 4.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to place additional burdens and risks on our hardworking firefighters, new federal funding provided through the SAFER program will critically support recruitment, hiring and retention, ensuring local fire departments have the personnel and resources

they need to keep communities safe," Higgins said. "We encourage local departments to apply."

SAFER grants work to improve staffing for local fire departments by supporting recruitment efforts with an aim of increasing the number of firefighters to attain 24-hour staffing. The federal funding provided can be used to hire new full-time or volunteer firefighters, as well as to rehire or retain firefighters. Through appropriations and funding passed by Congress in the American Rescue Plan, a total of \$560 million has been allocated to support the SAFER Program in this current application round.

Local fire departments with questions can also contact the fire grant help desk at firegrants@fema.dhs.gov, or 1-866-274-0960, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

More information on the SAFER fire grant program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants>.

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