

To our amazing readers:

We understand the uncertainty of, well, everything at this moment in time – and the value of newspapers in providing communities with updates, closings, safety procedures and government actions.

It is our intention to continue printing this newspaper. However, we cannot predict what additional measures New York will implement to contain COVID-19.

If we are unable to print this newspaper, rest assured two things will happen:

•No. 1, the news never stops – and we won't stop reporting it. Updates will be posted as they are received at www.wnypapers.com. Local news, feature stories, business updates and even a few fun distractions will be put up

on our website and social media channels.

•No. 2, please understand our newspapers are not going away. As soon as we can resume printing, we will resume printing.

We look forward to continuing to be your go-to source for local news. It is an honor, a privilege, and something we don't take lightly.

Together, we will get through this pandemic, for "This, too, shall pass."

In the meantime – and when/where possible and practical – please continue to support your local merchants. Now, more than ever, they need your patronage. Many have online, takeout and delivery models to best serve your needs.

Stay safe!



Chamber of Commerce ready to assist

BY JENNIFER PAULY
President

Our community's new normal is drastically different than what it was one week ago. Businesses, organizations and residents have had to adapt to changes that seem to be happening by the hour. New ways of doing business has evolved with owners becoming innovative with what they have to offer. Some businesses have had to adjust their hours or close – hopefully temporarily. The workplace has changed, the community has changed, the home has changed. It is a change for everyone.

Information has been fluid, often changing faster than we have the ability to share it. The Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce is here for our members and the community. We have made sure our staff has followed the governor's orders while working around the clock to bring important resources to those who need it.

Last week on March 9, our office started to really think about the next few months and if the coronavirus was going to have an impact on our events. As the week progressed, we started to postpone and cancel events we knew were going to take place in April ... then May ... and now possibly into June. Then this week happened and it was unlike anything we have ever experienced.

We have been in contact and have organized meetings with



our elected leaders, fire and police using video and phone conferencing. These will become at least once a week communication, if not more. If any of our member businesses need a platform to conduct phone/video conferencing, we have the tools to be able to do that and ask that they contact us.

We are matching River Region gift certificate purchases up to \$50. For a limited time, gift certificates can be purchased in any amount up to \$50 (five-year expiration date), and the chamber will match that amount with a second gift certificate that has to be used by May 31, 2020. These certificates can be used at over 45 member businesses. This helps our membership as they receive the certificate and redeem it at

our office to be reimbursed.

The chamber office currently has a small supply of donated nonperishable foods should any of our members or the community need food to get by. Some of our restaurant members have also offered to provide food at below cost or at no cost to those who are not able to work at this time and need assistance. We are all in this together.

Our website, www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com, has links dedicated to our community getting through the coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19 info., business resources, important links, closings, open for business, and takeout/delivery links are updated every day with the latest local, county, state and federal information. Our goal is to help our businesses and community get through this and to be the trusted resource for their needs. The office is currently open during regular business hours by phone, email and appointment (limit one person per appointment). Suzanne and I are alternating work days in the office with the other working remotely.

Please feel free to call our office, 754-9500 (leave a message if we are unable to answer the phone), or email us: Jennifer@niagarariverregion.com / Suzanne@niagarariverregion.com. Visit our website at www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com.

We are here to help. Let's all take care of each other.

Wagner's Farm Market
GRILL OPEN FOR TAKE OUT
CALL 731-4440
Fresh Produce Stocked Daily
Fresh Baked Pies, Cookies & Desserts
2672 Lockport Rd., Sanborn • 731.4440
MARKET OPEN MON. - SAT. 9-6 • GRILL OPEN MON. - SAT. AT 11 AM

LEWISTON-PORTER CHURCH DIRECTORY
Lutheran Church of the Messiah
915 Oneida Street, Lewiston
Phone: 754-4944 Fax: 754-0903
www.messiahlewisston.org
The Reverend Ashlin Marchese, Pastor
The Reverend Thomas R. Mason, Pastor Emeritus
Sunday Worship Service 8:15am & 10:00am
Sunday School / Adult Bible Class 9:00am
2nd Sunday in September to third Sunday in May (Dates can vary)
Messiah Lutheran PreSchool Rose Aloian, Director
Share Your Message Call us at 773-7676

Town of Lewiston Highway Department
DUE TO THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY, WE WILL DO THE VERY BEST THAT WE CAN FOR OUR RESIDENTS. PLEASE BE PATIENT.
Town Wide Brush Pickup
April 1 through October 15
Brush Pickup Guidelines
This does not include trees in wooded areas behind homes. If you utilize the services of a contractor, they are responsible for the cleanup of the trimmings.
Branches must measure ten (10) feet or less in length.
All branches MUST be no larger than three (3) inches in diameter.
All branches MUST be piled as neatly as possible with all the cut ends facing the road, piled as close to the road as safely as permits, approximately waist high. Do not place brush on the road, this creates a safety hazard. This enables crews to pick them up quicker and easier.
Please make separate piles. Logs in one and branches in another.
BRANCHES MUST BE FREE OF ROOTS AND DIRT. We do not pick up grass clippings, rocks, stumps, vines, building materials, rubbish, etc. Please do not put these items out with your branches. We will not pick them up as they pose a great danger to the men and equipment.
Town Wide Leaf Pickup
Leaf pickup will also start April 1. Please only put leaves in piles.
We do not go onto private property. Please do not request us to do so.
No need to call, we will be in your neighborhood on a regular rotation.
 Town of Lewiston Highway Department

Fish Fry Listings
Lenten Fish / Seafood

<p>The Great Foodini 2564 Academy St., Ransomville 791-4400 thegreatfoodinipizzeria.com We deliver to all surrounding areas Minimum \$15 order</p>	<p>Shooters Grille at the Tonawandas Sportsmen's Club 5657 Killian Rd., N. Tonawanda www.tonsportsclub.com/shooters-grille/</p>
<p>Tin Pan Alley 775 Cayuga St., Lewiston 754-4330 Weekly featured Fish & Early Bird Specials Dine in or Take Out Find us on facebook See our ad on this page</p>	<p>Broadway Hotel 158 Main St., N. Tonawanda 692-9810 4:00pm-8:30 • Best In Town Baked • Broiled Italian • Cajun • Fried</p>
<p>Toast & Roast 4823 Saunders Settlement Rd. Niagara Falls Dine In • Take Out Every Friday 11am-7pm 297-4172</p>	<p>Dwyers Irish Pub 65 Webster St., N. Tonawanda 692-4837 Lenten Fish Fry Served Fridays</p>
<p>Roman Cafe 797 Payne Ave. N. Tonawanda 692-7048 We have a large variety of fish available for dine in, take out & delivery. Starting at 11am romancaferestaurant.com</p>	<p>See more great places to enjoy a Fish Fry on page 7 of today's Sentinel </p>