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Small Business Saturday 2020

## Lewiston businesses offer safe shopping experience

BY JOSHUA MALONI

GM/Managing Editor

It's business as usual – whatever that means in 2020 – as Lewiston merchants prepare for an uptick in holiday shopping in coming weeks. Though coronavirus cases have spiked in Erie and Niagara counties this month, the village has only reported four new cases in the past six weeks. Safety protocols put in place when New York was “unpaused” last spring are still in place, and storeowners are working diligently to keep their sites clean and virus-free.

“I want to keep people safe and feeling safe when they come into my shop. And of course, I want to be safe. So, it's sort of a twofold thing,” Inspirations on Canvas owner Kathy Pignatora said. “I really believe we're all in this together – and we continue to be in this together – and I don't see it going away anytime soon.

“So what I continue to do, I keep a really close ear to what's been happening in Western New York and how our numbers are, and respecting where we're at with that. I continue to keep really high standards of safety protocols in my shop. I continue to offer hand sanitizer when you come in or when you leave. Two to three times a day, I go through and spray and disinfect. I have a HEPA filter in my furnace; I keep on top of that. Whatever I can think to do, I want to do. When I'm sanitizing, I'm making sure we do touchless payment, but I still



will sanitize the Square machine – things like that. I try to keep the door open, on any nice day – if it's like over 45 degrees, I can keep the door open. They recommend that is something safe to do so. ...

“I am just staying on top of whatever I can do to keep everybody safe that comes in to my gallery.”

She said customers have been mindful to wear a mask when entering Inspirations on Canvas.

“I was really nervous. I have on my wall, ‘Good vibes only,’ because I changed everything and did a lot of updating while we were closed to sort of keep my spirits up and give  
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## Lewiston Town Board discusses park project, adopts '21 budget

Budget includes decline in town tax rate

BY TERRY DUFFY  
Editor-in-Chief

News on the Lewiston Town Park planned for Lower River Road continued Monday, as Town Engineer Robert Lannon discussed the proposed site plan as well as an upcoming spring 2021 timeframe for construction of an access roadway at the park.

“These by and large follow very, very closely to that concept plan that was approved by the Town Board back in mid-October,” Lannon said as he presented the park site plan for Town Board review. He commented the proposed plan covers such areas as the roadway, drainage and curbing as well as logistical construction details.

“Once the Town Board has any comments, please provide them to me,” Lannon said. He noted feedback would be included in the bid set that is still in development. Actual advertising for bids  
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## Veterans Day looked a little different this year

Like so many other things this year, the coronavirus impacted Veterans Day ceremonies. Crowds were limited, attendees wore masks and socially distanced. What didn't change, however, was the gratitude shown toward those who gave their lives in support of this country.

See our photo spread inside today's paper, and find more photos online at [www.wnypapers.com](http://www.wnypapers.com). Pictured are scenes from the Town of Niagara observance.

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