

# 'In the Loop': Homecoming Week at Lewiston-Porter

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2021 Homecoming Week is here! Across the Lew-Port campus, students will be able to show their Lancer Pride all week long. This marks a welcome return to traditions that were missed last year.

•Oct. 4-8 is Spirit Week at the Primary Education Center and Intermediate Education Center. Elementary students activities include: Monday, Oct. 4 – Crazy Sock Day; Tuesday, Oct. 5 – Decades Day; Wednesday, Oct. 6 – Tie-Dye Day; Thursday, Oct. 7 – Pajama Day; and Friday, Oct. 9 –

Green and White Day.

•Lewiston-Porter Middle School will hold its own Spirit Week Oct. 4-8. Middle school student activities include: Monday, Oct. 4 – Hat Day; Tuesday, Oct. 5 – Jersey Day; Wednesday, Oct. 6 – Hawaiian Shirt or Tie-Dye Shirt Day; Thursday, Oct. 7 – Class Color Day, including eighth grade, green; seventh grade, blue and sixth grade, yellow; and Friday, Oct. 8 – Green and White Day.

In addition to the theme days in the middle school, students will be participating in games and other activities during the week to earn points for their grade level. On Wednesday, students can bring

in canned or nonperishable food items to donate to a local charity to try and help their grade level earn points. The grade that brings in the most donations will earn points. On Friday, students will participate in games during exploratory classes to earn more points. The grade with the most points will be announced Friday at an outdoor pep rally.

•Lew-Port High School will also hold its own Spirit Week Oct. 4-8. High school student activities include: Monday, Oct. 4 – Sports Day; Tuesday, Oct. 5 – Decades Day; and Wednesday, Oct. 6 – Anything But A Backpack Day (students can carry their materi-

als around in anything but a backpack). Thursday, Oct. 7 – Class Color Day, which includes the Class of 2022, blue; Class of 2023, purple; Class of 2024, pink; Class of 2025, yellow; and faculty and staff – black. The week concludes Friday, Oct. 8, with Green and White Day.

The girls' powder-puff games will take place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday. Freshmen will face off against seniors and then the sophomores will compete against the juniors. The winning teams will play in a final game. The traditional homecoming bonfire will follow immediately.

The student pep assembly will

take place outdoors on Friday, Oct. 8, during the school day. The Lew-Port varsity football game vs. Burgard kicks off at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Blakelee Stadium. The homecoming dance will follow the football game and takes place in an outside tent from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are presale only and cost \$15 per person.

Many homecoming activities will take place outside to allow everyone a safe and enjoyable environment. Please plan to have students dress accordingly for the weather. Go Lancers!

Have a great week, Lew-Port!

## Board approves funding for Lewiston Family Ice Rink

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"We are proposing all public utilities," Savard said. She told board members that would include public water, sewer, gas and electric, as is typically found in a standard subdivision. The first six lots would be considered smaller, meeting minimum building code requirements, with larger lots in the rear to encompass a proposed detention pond for drainage.

Savard said the detention pond meets all state pollution discharge elimination system (SPDES) discharge requirements.

"That detention pond will be on private property," she said. "It will be owned and maintained ... by the homeowner's association. ... It would be privately maintained and would not be the responsibility of the town."

"The project itself shows individual lots ... that are 40-by-60-(foot) boxes that intended to represent the building footprint," she said.

Savard noted the homes would be subject to what the individual homeowner/and or developer intends to build.

"We are looking at 2,400- to 3,600-square-foot homes," she said. "And the project we are proposing ideally would start construction in early spring or late spring."

"It's all conforming; we don't need any variances. We did all the utility design; we submitted everything to the town engineer and went through all the town approval process to this point."

The hearing saw five residents appear before the board. Each offered favorable remarks for the plan, with some telling board members they liked the expected positive impact the proposed subdivision would have on their properties.

Some questions were raised as to the detention pond; easements; the potential visual impacts from the new construction; loss of trees; plus traffic, drainage and sewer concerns.

In response, Savard said the aforementioned issues are all in the process of being addressed by the developer in their planning. With respect to the impact on sewers raised by one resident, she said there are capacity issues in the area. She indicated sanitary sewers from the new subdivision would discharge into the existing town system on Morgan Drive.

"In this region (Erie and Niagara counties) there is a program called INI mitigation. It's the INI mitigation down-street sewer analysis program," Savard said. "We cannot ... get any Health Department or state approvals unless we study sanitary sewer."

Savard explained that, throughout this "engineering process," studies and modifications are being addressed with the town with respect to usage, system metering, storm events and capacity. She said that, as needed, the developer would do all repairs.

"It's in process and it's an acknowledged, very real concern that is man-

dated and managed by the DEC and Health Department," Savard said. "The town has a whole list of repairs that need to be done, so they tell us what needs to be fixed, and it's all part of this process."

With that, the public hearing closed. Supervisor Steve Broderick said no action would be taken, as the town continues to review the application process.

Next up, representatives of Borrego Solar Systems visited with Town Board members, where they informed steps are being taken to address drainage issues at the rear of the property by means of installing a culvert. The reps went on state they are addressing issues related to the 10 new criteria as outlined by the town at the Sept. 13 work session. However, they added they were not in favor of constructing a berm as part of the town's requests on shielding.

"While we're not opposed to it, we're discouraging it," Borrego rep Mark Anthony said. He explained installing a berm would disrupt draining and interfere with their grading plans. "It is not something that we cannot overcome; we're just discouraging it as we're trying to maintain conformance to AG and Markets guidelines" as to the location of the berm. If you want that berm to be ... we'll do it to the best of our ability."

In response, Broderick spoke of the problems with screening as he again called for a berm.

"The biggest concern for town residents when they speak is screening," he said.

"Again, I called you out again at the last meeting as it being woefully poor. ... This is our first solar farm that's going in, in people's backyards that don't want a solar farm. ... And their biggest concern is the screening."

"The town has learned from (its) mistakes in the past. And we're going to require a berm and trees. That's what we want in there."

Broderick said the town would take no action on the Caldwell solar project until the screening/berm install matter is addressed. The Borrego reps indicated they would work with the town.

The matter was left open, and is expected to be resolved at the board's work session next month.

In still more news: •Town Finance/Budget Officer Jacqueline Agnello presented the town's tentative \$18.140 million budget for 2022.

Broken down, the plan calls for \$11.660 million in appropriations spending; Lewiston general, \$2.765 million; Lewiston general outside village, \$3.276 million; DB highway/drainage – town outside village, \$3.285 million; and SS1, Water Pollution Control Center, \$2.332 million. The amount to be raised by taxes totals \$941,835 under the proposal.

The plan sees \$6.480 million in special districts spending: S10 French Landing drainage, \$5,350; SF fire protection, \$1.443 million; SL Lewiston Heights gas, \$11,000; SR refuse, Lewiston outside village, \$340,000; SS2 Lewiston MSIA, \$1.753 million; SS3, Lewiston south sewer IA, \$173,365; and SW1 Lewiston water improve-

ment, \$2.753 million. The amount to be raised by taxes totals \$3.104 million under the plan.

Agnello said the town has been rating a 0.0 fiscal stress score under Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's rating system for municipalities. Lewiston has enjoyed such a score since 2017.


She will meet with town department heads to further review the budget from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in the main meeting room at Town Hall. The session is open to the public.

•The town approved funding appropriations to get the Lewiston Family Ice Rink underway for an expected Nov. 1 opening. Included is a \$20,000 funding transfer intended to go toward actual operations of the rink, and \$15,000 geared for the hiring of ice rink personnel.

•The board announced it is still discussing logistical issues related to the town's pending Small Cell Telecommunications Facilities Law and will address it again at the work session Thursday, Oct. 14.

•In news related to Lewiston's upcoming bicentennial celebrations in 2022, the town announced its next round of \$10 coins featuring the Frontier House is now on sale. The Bicentennial Commission's Chiavetta's chicken barbecue fundraiser will take place Saturday afternoon Oct. 9, in the Town Hall parking lot. Tickets are now on sale.


•Wrapping up, after hearing remarks from Paulette Glasgow, a Lewiston resident and former Town Board member, the council approved a proclamation proclaiming Oct. 1-31 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Lewiston. (See Page 5)




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