

**JULY 2024**

## TWIN CITIES JOIN FOR OUTSTANDING FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The City of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda have joined together to provide fireworks for both communities to enjoy.

The fireworks will take place on **FRI-DAY, JULY 5** starting at about 10 p.m. and will be fired from Tonawanda Island.

Viewing locations include Niawanda Park, Klimek Veterans Park, and Gratwick Park to name a few.

This partnership will provide not only a show that will double in length, but also incorporate displays soaring 600-800 feet in the air; visible down to the Grand Island Bridge.



that in no way could the City of Tonawanda safely or most importantly, legally, produce a fireworks display in Niawanda Park, a fact that was checked by the fire department and city officials.

A barge anchored out in the Niagara River was the next option, but the cost was almost as much as the fireworks, none of which can our taxpayers afford, nor could sufficient sponsorships be realized.

The Twin Cities now have two days to celebrate our Nation's Birthday, with a fantastic fireworks

display on Friday evening and fun activities on the Fourth!

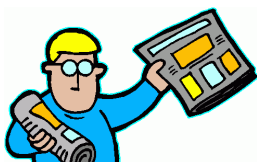
Uncontrollably, due to fire regulations, it had been determined

### TOWN OF TONAWANDA INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY AND FIREWORKS

You may want to start your Fourth of July celebration a day early. Rotary Club family and friends are invited to Elmlawn Memorial Park for the annual Independence Day Celebration, Wednesday, July 3, 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner is \$20 per person, and kids eat free. Bring your own chairs. Enter through the gate on Brighton and head back to the Great Lawn at the East end for wonderful view of the fireworks .

The Town of Tonawanda will honor USA's birthday with a special concert at Kenney Field. Brighton Road and Colvin Blvd., featuring the American Legion Band of the Tonawandas. Food trucks will be at the park from 6-10 p.m. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at approximately 9 p.m., followed by the fireworks.

### NY Connects Benefits Tonawanda Seniors



Many residents in the City of Tonawanda who would like to be part of Twin Cities Meals on Wheels but find cost to be one of the obstacles, have joined a program called NY Connects.

Coordinated by the Erie County Department of Senior Services, the program has been set up to help seniors in Erie County who have trouble accessing food.

The requirements include not having money to purchase food, or unable to prepare food or perhaps a restricted diet or special dietary needs. Once the county is aware of the problem, an assessment is done in person.

Twin Cities Meals on Wheels will then be contacted as a provider of healthy hot and cold meals delivered to the client's door.

TCMOW is paid by the county with a suggested minimum donation of \$2 from the client.

"This is a good use of taxpayers' money," TCMOW coordinator, Pam Hill, said. "It helps seniors live a better life and eat healthy. We are receiving new applications for the program often." 1

For information call (716) 858-8526 or TCMOW, 716-693-1663.

### Some Little Known Facts on Independence Day

Independence Day, known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday, commemorating the Declaration of Independence, that was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America.

The delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. Congress voted to approve independence by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on July 4.

After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, prepared by the Committee of Five, who asked Thomas Jefferson to author its first draft.

Jefferson largely wrote the Declaration of Independence in isolation over 17 days. Congress debated and revised the wording, removing Jefferson's vigorous denunciation of King George III for importing the slave trade, finally approving it two days later on July 4. John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail:

"(Independence Day) ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized ..... from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

## Pam's Corner

Well here it is.

July 4 is this month. I hope you are all taking some time to reflect on just how lucky we have been to be born here. Please think about all the freedoms we take for granted that are not available elsewhere.

Others around the world envy us and sometimes risk their lives fighting to gain what we take for granted. We are so blessed to live in this beautiful country. Our forefathers fought and died for our right to be free and so that we can have fireworks, lots of fireworks. The downside is that now I am another year older as this is my birth month. (Ha Ha)

Funny I just don't feel a whole year older, maybe six months or so but just not a year! Another six months then I will be really old. I don't know if it is such a bad thing as it is much easier to get out of odd jobs, it's just that it takes longer to do anything! And I just can't believe the year is half over!

I'm finally seeing blossoms on the tomato plants and zucchini and should have baby fruit soon. I hope everyone's gardens are doing well in this heat. Some of my flowers are not happy with weeks of high temps and no rain.

Well I better stop complaining because in a few months I'll be ranting about the snow. And on that note I will say have a great rest of your summer.

Till next month.....*Pam*

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### CALL FOR ARTISTS!

All members of the Carnegie Art Center who are in good standing, are invited to submit up to two artworks for the July display.

First, Second, and Third Place Cash Prizes will be available. Artwork will be judged on execution, composition, and originality.

**Opening reception: July 10 6 to -8 p.m. at the Center, 240 Goundry St, North Tonawanda**

**All are welcome.**

The Carnegie was originally built in 1903 as a Library that was gifted to the City of North Tonawanda by Andrew Carnegie. The building opened in December 5, 1904 and served as a public library for over 70 years. Since 1975, the building has functioned as the Carnegie Art Center providing artistic programming for the North Tonawanda community and beyond. The building features many of the original neo-classical architectural features from 1904, is listed individually on the State and National Register of Historic Sites, and is a Local Landmark building within the Sweeney Estate National Historic Register District.

### “GOING PLACES” Van Service Available for Tonawanda residents

To register for the van service, riders must first file an application with Erie County by calling 858-7433. **This service is for City of Tonawanda residents only**, 60 years of age or older, who are capable of getting in and out of the van without assistance. The van is available Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:30 a.m. Last pick up is 2:30 p.m. Requests for transportation are taken by the Parks & Rec office every Monday morning 9 to 11 a.m. for appointments that week. If Monday is a holiday, you must call the Friday before. The cost is minimal, a suggested donation of \$8.00 one way, or \$16 round trip.

Any amount you wish to give is greatly appreciated and will be used to support the transportation program. We work on a priority basis: doctor and hospital appointments are first, then banking and grocery shopping. This service is made possible by the City of Tonawanda, Erie County Department of Senior Services, and the NYS Office for the Aging.

To register for the service: 716-858-7433.



### Around Town

• **Ongoing Until Sept. 19:** Food Truck Thursdays 5-8:p.m. (No Food Trucks July 4 and 18.) Canal St. near Hub, Tonawanda.

• **July 3: 2-6 p.m.,** Adam's Fire Co., Station #1, 7113 Nash Rd., will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767.

• **July 6 -31** Enjoy a variety of food and music each Wednesday, Gateway Harbor Canal Concerts 6 -10 p.m. free to all. Purchase of food and beverages from the vendors is appreciated and helps assist in keeping the concerts free.

• **July 12, 7 to 9 p.m.** at Gateway Harbor, Tonawanda WNY Improv presents “What’s Your Line” a spin-off on the popular “Who’s Line Is It Anyway” show.

• **July 14-21,** Canal Fest along the historic banks of the Erie Canal, shared by both the Cities of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda. Nightly live music, food, parade, car & bike cruises, art & craft show, rides & games.

• **July 15, noon to 5 p.m.** Friends of the North Tonawanda Library will have Krolick’s Chicken BBQ fundraiser. at the library on Meadow Drive. Tickets are \$17.

• **July 17: noon to p.m.,** Gratwick Fire Hose Co., 110 Ward Road, NT will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767.

**July 20 - 21:** Tonawanda Senior Center will have a booth at Canal Fest for delicious treats of homemade baked goods.

• **July 19 & 20:** Garden Walk tours are free and self-guided throughout the City of Tonawanda. Friday night 6:30-11:30 and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the Facebook page at City of Tonawanda Garden Walk for more info.

• **July 26 - 7 to 9 p.m.** at Gateway Harbor, Tonawanda, WNY Improv presents Stand Up Comedy 7-9 p.m. Join us for some laughs as standup comics take the stage.

**Tonawanda Senior Center Travel Club** is planning some day trips for August - December. All trips are now open to the public. Visit the Center on Main Street to sign-up.



*Each month the names and years of service to TCMOW are listed. Congratulations to each volunteer for continuous and amazing energy as well as your devotion to helping others!*

***It's volunteers like you who make TCMOW.***

Pam Hill 19 years  
 Rose Marohn 19 years  
 Carol Kromphardt 13 years  
 Karl Bauer 13 years

Pam Hill July 7  
 Bill Simon July 7  
 Sue Cahill July 9  
 Doug Caldwell July 9  
 Tim Greinert July 16  
 John Major July 16  
 Susan Wilke July 21  
 Ginny Brown July 22  
 Patricia Barone July 29

*Each month the names and birthday date are listed for staff and volunteers who are celebrating their birthdays during the month.*

*Happy Birthday  
 to All  
 Best Wishes for  
 a Wonderful Year!*

July 2 - I Forgot Day

**July Dates to Remember**

- July 3 - August 15 - Air Conditioning Appreciation Days
- July 3 - August 11 Dog Days of Summer
- July 6 - International Cherry Pit Spitting Day
- July 17-20 - National Baby Food Week
- July 20-24 - National Scrabble Week
- July 15-18 Republican National Convention (Milwaukee)
- July 15 - Tapioca Pudding Day
- July 26 - August 11 - Summer Olympics
- July 14 - Tell an Old Joke Day
- July 28 - Parent's Day
- July 31 - National Watermelon Day
- Cell Phone Courtesy Month
- National Blueberry Month
- National Anti-Boredom Month
- Unlucky Month for weddings
- National Cell Phone Courtesy Month
- National Grilling Month
- National Ice Cream Month

**Check Out Erie County's Website for Info, Programs**

The Erie County Department of Senior Services now hosts a website that contains information about many of the programs and services available for seniors. Information on the HEAP program, Adult Day Care and Respite, as well as upcoming events and activities are available on the County site: [www.erie.gov/depts/seniorservices](http://www.erie.gov/depts/seniorservices)

**Why get TC Meals on Wheels?**

- MOW enables you to continue to live independently*
- MOW brings hot, daily, nutritious meals*
- MOW provides a daily wellness check through our delivery volunteers*
- MOW removes the decision of "What shall I eat today?"*
- MOW means you buy fewer groceries and saves you money on grocery bills. The Two Meals Option saves about 50% when used Monday – Friday.*

*Looking for News from You!*

*There's always room in the Newsletter for news from YOU, our volunteers. Surely, there are new grandchildren, children's accomplishments, fun family events, church or other organization information Let Pam know your news or email it to*

*Barbara Tucker at [wgtbt@aol.com](mailto:wgtbt@aol.com)*

Pam Hill, Coordinator  
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# Share a Laugh



## A Special Prayer

A guy is late for an important meeting. But he can't find a place to park. In desperation, he begins to pray. "Please Lord, if you help me find a parking stall right now, I promise to go to church every Sunday and never drink vodka again!"

A moment later, he sees a beautiful empty spot right next to the entrance. "Never mind. Found one!"

## Share and Share Alike

The old man Placed an order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife.

He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the "cup down between them.

As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, 'That poor old couple -all they can afford is one meal for the two of them.' As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said, they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything

People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She watched her husband eat, occasionally taking turns sipping the drink.

Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them.

This time the old woman said "No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything."

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked 'What is it you are waiting for?' She answered.

'THE TEETH.'

## Special Delivery

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," she replied.

## Some Bible Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly: "It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.

## Having a bad day

The Seven Dwarfs have been advised that as of today, they can only meet in groups of six.

One of them isn't Happy... and Sneezzy's in quarantine. Listen to Doc!!

## Seeking an Answer

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, "Norma Findlay, Room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold, while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her physician has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me shit."

## YES! I want to do my part to continue the work of Twin

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this slip and your check made out to Twin Cities  
Meals on Wheels to:*