



December 2024

# Monthly Newsletter



Here's what has happened in the last month  
and what's to come!

## A Big Thank You to Our Firefighters!

A heartfelt thank you to our local firefighters for once again driving Santa around the village this holiday season to spread joy and deliver gifts to the children. Their dedication and community spirit truly make this festive tradition a highlight each year, and we're so grateful for their time and effort in making this holiday season extra special for all of us.

## Deck the Falls!

As the holiday spirit fills the air, we encourage all residents to get into the festive mood by participating in the Deck the Falls Competition! Whether it's a handful of twinkling lights or a full-blown winter wonderland, we can't wait to see your creative displays light up the village. Remember, this is a fun way to show off your holiday cheer and brighten our community for all to enjoy.

The holiday season is in full swing, and there's a magic in the air that brings us all together. Let's continue to spread that warmth and joy throughout our village!

*Anne Huntress*  
*ALIVE* President

In this newsletter  
you can expect:

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Banner Info

Bowling Alley?!?

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## VILLAGE UPDATES:

Good and bad: The **large sewer project** should begin in the spring. We got another \$100,000 from a WIIA Grant and an Environmental Facilities Corp/NYS Water Grant but the price of the project has increased from \$750,000 to 1.4 million due to delays.

This project will bring us up to regulatory code and implement mandatory disinfection specifications.

**Old LF School:** Asbestos abatement and roof replacement are underway. There have been delays but the County will be putting out a request for proposals for interested development soon.

**Ice Rink:** If there is village interest, it will be opened this winter, pending freezing temperatures. Call the village office at (315) 348-5081.

The village will now accept credit card **payments for taxes and water/sewer.**

**Upcoming Board Mtgs:**  
December 30th, Jan 27th, and  
March 3rd.

All meetings are at 6pm  
and are open to the public.

## SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: OTIS TECHNOLOGIES



Otis Technology, was founded in 1985. Nearly 40 years later, Otis is one of the largest employers in Lewis County and even has a second location for research and development!

The company was created out of a need, discovered when then 16-year-old Doreen Garrett fell into the mud while deer hunting with her father. With the barrel of her grandfather's Model 94 Winchester now full of mud and no way to clean it in the woods, the hunt was over.

Doreen created Otis Technology's first product, the Whole Kit and Caboodle, soon after, an invention that would unknowingly innovate gun cleaning and maintenance.

Otis Technology was created by hunters, but has become a tried and tested brand used by U.S. military teams on deployments around the globe. (For more information visit [drumcountryny.com](http://drumcountryny.com))

## Veterans Banners

ALIVE is planning to honor military veterans and current service personnel who grew up and/or lived in Lyons Falls with the placement of banners along village streets. In addition, historical wartime figures (if possible) will be displayed. Banners will be the same design on both sides.

The price of each banner will be \$170.00.

Banner applications can be picked up at the Village Office, or the Library. **If you have any questions, please call Linda Higby at 315-348-9932**



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## AT THE LIBRARY

Every Saturday in December between 9AM and Noon, our **DIY Creation Station** will be open with holiday crafts. Make your own ornament, a beaded candy cane, a gingerbread house, or decorate a tiny tree while supplies last. Card making supplies are available all the time!

We will also have a **free gift wrapping station** set up in the community room for anyone to use free of charge when the room is available.



## WINTER STORAGE

Iggy the Snake has officially slithered into winter storage. She is getting really long (and quite heavy) so I have a feeling she may have some offspring next season. Keep your eye out for a variety of little rock snakes, slithering around the village.

The new bench in front of the school has also been stored for the winter. It will be returned once the snow melts (and construction decreases) at the school.

## See a problem, solve a problem: Frisbee Golf



I had the opportunity to play Frisbee Golf while visiting Beaver Camp recently. This fun activity kept 4 adults, 5 teens, and 2 younger kiddos having fun, slightly-competitive engagement for about an hour.

What do we think? Should ALIVE construct a Frisbee Golf course on the old Horse Trail at the park? It would involve putting numbered signs on a few (nine?) of the trees and having one official frisbee catcher at the Start/End spot. People would need to bring their own frisbees, unless folks would like to donate and leave some in the basket. Leave a comment on Lyons Falls ALIVE Facebook Page!







Also, we are collecting non-perishable food, hygiene items, and pet food for the Port Leyden Food Pantry to distribute. Please check the dates, as we cannot accept expired items. Any donations (1 – 3) will earn you a ticket per item to our \$100 Walmart Gift Card Raffle. (Four items or more will earn five tickets). Baby Diapers, all sizes needed, and Kitty Litter (will earn five tickets).





# DECEMBER EVENTS at the Library

STOP IN ANYTIME TO BORROW A  
BOOK, UTILIZE COMPUTERS, OR  
ENJOY CRAFTING STATION

Event	Date	HOUR
Senior Planet Everyday Uses of AI – the ways AI is already present in everyday tasks and how it is used	December 12	2:00 pm
Santa Storytime - Stop in to listen to a Christmas-themed story book and visit with Santa Claus!	December 14	10:00 am
Open Mic Jam – join in on the fun or just come and listen	December 17	5-7 pm
Lego Club – all kids welcome (must be accompanied by an adult)	December 27	3:45 pm

The Lyons Falls Library maintains an open and positive environment while offering opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to learn, know, gather, and grow.

More information:  
<https://lyonsfallslibrary.org/>

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