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## Windsor Students do Chalk The Walk!

See More Photos on Pages 4&5!



### Special Service for Midge Bowman

A special Midge Bowman Tribute service will be held on Sunday, September 22 for Mildred (Midge!) Bowman who died on July 18 in Orlando, FL at the age of 102. The service will be held at 10:00AM at Midge's home-church in Windsor; Zion Episcopal Church, 50 Chapel Street, Windsor NY, 13865 with the Rev. Geoff Doolittle. After the service, brunch will be served in Zion's pavilion in the back yard of the church. In case of inclement weather, we will move to the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church, right next door at 56 Chapel Street.



Midge and her late husband, Doug were longtime residents of Windsor and faithful parishioners of Zion. Midge was Zion's organist and choir director for many years, and she also held several positions in the church, at the local level as well as the Diocesan level.



Please RSVP to [ZionWindsor@aol.com](mailto:ZionWindsor@aol.com) or 607-727-6507 if you plan on attending this special event to honor Midge.

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# Governor Hochul Unveils Virtual Tour of Reimagined Greater Binghamton Airport (Full Article from Last Week)

By Governor NY

## Project Awarded \$32 Million From the Governor’s \$230 Million Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition

## Fly-Through Video Offers First Look at Major Upgrades Planned as Part of Ongoing Modernization Project

Governor Kathy Hochul today unveiled a new fly-through video rendering that offers viewers their first glimpse of a reimagined Greater Binghamton Airport. The two-and-a-half-minute video depicts the major upgrades planned for the Greater Binghamton Airport. Announced by the Governor in November, the project is being funded with \$32 million from the Governor’s \$230 million Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition.

“Our Upstate airports are essential gateways to their local communities, and we are doing all we can to ensure they provide an easy and enjoyable welcome for residents and visitors alike,” Governor Hochul said. “This new video rendering shows the dramatic transformation that is taking place at the Greater Binghamton Airport. Passengers now have the ability to see the upgrades that will make this airport the ideal welcome to all those traveling to New York’s Southern Tier for everything it has to offer.”

The Greater Binghamton Airport was one of nine upstate airports awarded a total of \$230 million in the latest round of the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition funding announced by Governor Hochul in 2022. The awards are intended to promote, revitalize, and accelerate investments in upstate commercial passenger service airports, helping to create airports for the 21st century.

Built in 1945, the Greater Binghamton Airport handles more than 38,000 enplanements each year and is serviced by such commercial air carriers as Delta Airlines. The airport is a vital travel hub for prominent local employers, but the main terminal has not been renovated in more than two decades and its features are outdated.

Major construction is underway on both interior and exterior improvements, including:

- Redevelopment of the Airport Road Approach
- Construction of a new canopy and entry portals
- Reconfiguration of the ticketing lobby and out-bound baggage area
- Renovation of the departures lobby and lounge
- Renovation of the baggage claim area and relocation of rental car counters
- New parking revenue control systems
- Installation of geothermal wells

The revitalization of the Greater Binghamton Airport has an estimated total cost of \$53.9 million and benefited from \$14.8 million in federal funding that was made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Airport Terminal Project. This modernization project is expected to create more than 600 jobs and be completed by the spring of 2025.

The Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition is administered by the New York State Department of Transportation and was open to upstate commercial passenger service airports and airports providing specialized service for commercial aircraft. Applicants were encouraged to apply for funding for a single project or a program of projects to help meet

the demands of the 21st Century. Projects submitted for review by eligible airports were evaluated based on established criteria, including but not limited to innovation in design, passenger amenities and experience, operational efficiencies, and economic effectiveness for the airport’s region.

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, “Governor Hochul’s unprecedented investments in upstate airports reflect her commitment to the economic development of communities in every region of New York State. These enhancements underway at the Greater Binghamton Airport will create a more enjoyable experience for travelers to access the airport and take advantage of the beauty of the Southern Tier – something that is plain to see in this new video.”

State Senator Lea Webb said, “The Greater Binghamton Airport is a key resource for economic and community development in our region. The construction projects at the airport will enhance our region’s infrastructure, making travel more efficient, accessible and supports more services which boost our local economy. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Governor Hochul for the \$32 million investment as part of the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition. These planned upgrades ensure that our airport is poised to meet the future needs of residents, visitors, and businesses in the region.”

Assemblymember Donna Lupardo said, “I’d like to thank Governor Hochul for providing this visual tour of what’s to come at the Greater Binghamton Airport. Construction has been underway since November, transforming our airport into a modern gateway designed to attract new carriers and passengers. We are very much looking forward to its completion next year.”

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar said, “These major upgrades at the Greater Binghamton Airport are creating a modern, world-class gateway that will welcome visitors into Broome County for years to come. The new video rendering offers an eye-opening glimpse into the incredible transformation underway. Thank you to Governor Hochul for her continued support and commitment in making this transformation possible, ensuring Broome County remains a vital hub for economic growth.”

### Town of Windsor Town Hall Upcoming Meetings -

- Planning Board Meeting September 25, 2024 7:30 P.M.

### Town of Windsor Regular Hours:

Town Court – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am – 12pm

Assessor – Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am – 3pm

Code – Monday – Friday 9am – 12pm

Town Clerk – Monday – Thursday 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm, Friday 9am - 12pm

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## Jeffers Trust Fund Accepting Requests

The Emily M. Jeffers Trust Committee is now accepting letters for 2024 awards. The Emily M. Jeffers Trust was established by the late Fred Jeffers in memory of his mother.

The committee meets once a year to consider applications that aid religious, educational or charitable needs of the people of Windsor.

Any organization in the Town or Village of Windsor may apply for all or part of the trust income. Deadline for applications is Friday, November 22, 2024 The committee will meet soon afterwards to consider the requests.

Letters need to include name of the organization, the ID number, name and address of the President or Chairman, and a detailed description of the project.

You may send your letter to: NBT Wealth Management, Attn: Catherine Errington, Trust Officer, 52 South Broad Street, PO Box 351, Norwich NY 13815.



## Calendar

**Sep 20**

**Homecoming & Football Game 6:30pm**

**Location: Windsor Central High School (Windsor Central School District)**

**Sep 24**

**Middle School All-Stars Ceremony 8:15am**

**Location: Windsor Central Middle School (Windsor Central School District)**

**Sep 26**

**Curriculum Night 6:30pm**

**Location: Windsor Central Middle School (Windsor Central School District)**



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# Town of Colesville News

## Colesville Youth Commission

Please note  
A meeting time change of the Youth Commission  
to 6:00 pm on  
Wednesday, September 18th.

## Win and enjoy

Come Play Every Sunday Afternoon- BINGO  
Harpursville American Legion  
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## Job Opportunity

The Town of Colesville Highway Department is currently accepting applications for a MEO (Machine Equipment Operator) A full-time position application can be picked up from the Town Hall or please call 607-693-1174.

## Dept. of Motor Vehicles

DMV Satellite Office is open in Harpursville  
--Tuesdays from 9 am to 1:00 pm, closed between 11:30  
to Noon for lunch.  
--Walk-ins welcome!

## Recycling batteries

--Town of Colesville Has Joined  
Product Stewardship Institute (PSI)  
--We are asking all residents to become  
more environmentally responsible  
by recycling all unwanted household batteries  
--Please use the drop off box located  
in the foyer of the Town Hall

## Town of Colesville Offices

Offices for the Town of Colesville are located in the  
Town Hall at 780 Welton Street, Harpursville, NY. The  
Town Garage is located across the street from the Town  
Hall.

The Town of Colesville lies in the northeast part of  
Broome County and is bounded on the north by Chenango  
County, on the east by the Town of Sanford, on the  
south by the Town of Windsor, and on the west by the  
Towns of Kirkwood and Fenton. The town was formed  
on April 3, 1821, from the Town of Windsor. Harpursville  
is the largest hamlet in the town although it is not  
incorporated.

Colesville derives its name from pioneer Nathaniel Cole,  
a revolutionary soldier. He settled here in 1795, on a hill  
south of Harpursville, known as Coles Hill. He built a  
tavern there which was in operation as early as 1800. It  
was the first tavern between Albany and Binghamton.  
Broome County's Nathaniel Cole Park was opened in the  
town in 1974 and is located about two miles from the site  
of its namesake's tavern.

# Village of Windsor General Notices

Charles L English Museum will be open to the public on  
Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
ON Saturday, October 12th the museum will be open for  
the NY Path Through History Weekend. The museum is  
located at 19 Depot Street, Village of Windsor. Look for  
the red caboose.

Village Residents – On the first Monday of each month,  
the dead-end hydrants will be getting flushed. This will  
start in June and end in October.

4 COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE at 107 Main  
Street on the following Thursdays from 2:45-3:30 pm.  
on September 12th, October 17th, November 14th and  
December 12th. For requests, please call 607-723-8236  
ext.322 or email nholmes@4cls.org at least a week in  
advance of our scheduled stop.

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Village Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00  
a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

If you need to get in touch with the Code Enforcement  
Officer, please call the office and leave your name and  
number and we will forward it to him. He will get in  
touch with you soon. (607) 655-2024

***The Windsor Central School District has  
openings for bus drivers. Individuals inter-  
ested in these positions should complete an  
application through Frontline, found on our  
website, www.***



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under Employment.***

# Town of Windsor Announcements

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

-- Planning Board Meeting September 25, 2024 7:30  
P.M.

## TOWN HALL

124 Main Street Windsor, NY 13865 Phone: 607-655-  
2023 Fax: 607-655-2027

--Town Court – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am –  
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## TOWN HALL HOURS

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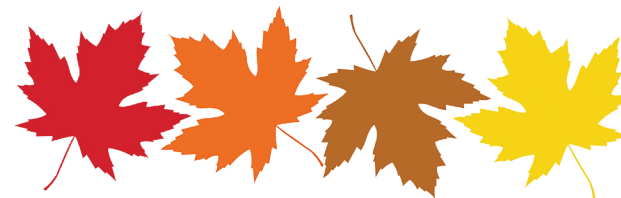
Friday: 9A.M. - 12P.M.

Town Hall Closed for Lunch Daily  
12P.M.-1P.M.

Town Clerk's Office is Open 1st  
& Last Saturday of the Month:  
9A.M. - 12P.M.

## TOWN COURT HOURS

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Court  
Fax: 607-655-4106



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# Windsor Students do Chalk The Walk!(Part 1)

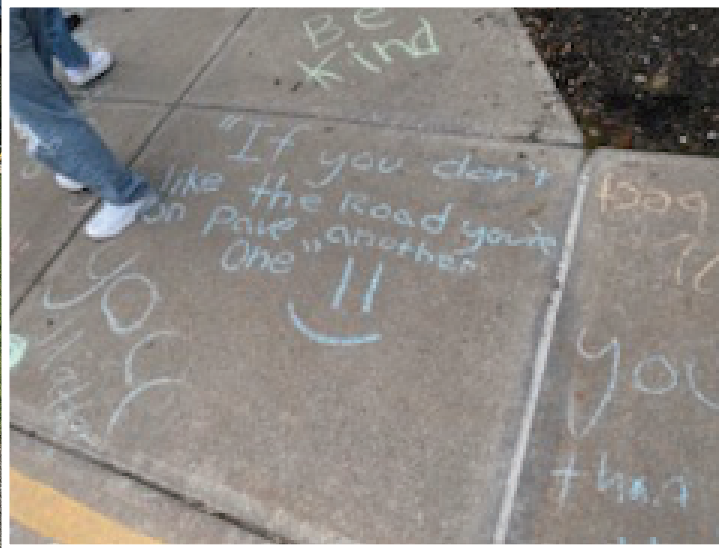
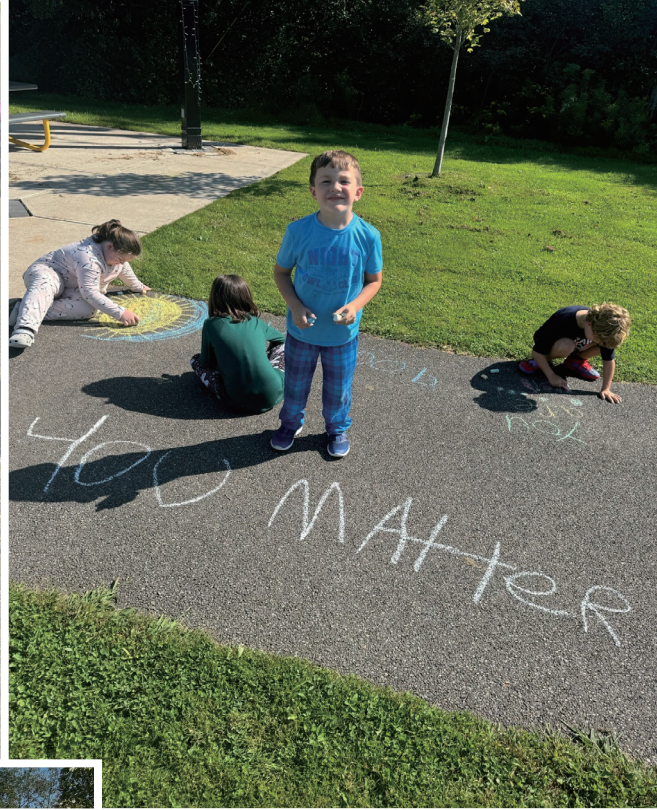
## Photos by Windsor School District

Windsor students participated in the 5th Annual Chalk the Walk, an awareness campaign in observance of World Suicide Prevention Month, writing supportive messages to their peers. The Broome County Public Library in Binghamton will host a Chalk the Walk gallery art show on Wednesday, September 25 from 6:00-7:30pm.



# Windsor Students do Chalk The Walk!(Part 2)

## Photos by Windsor School District



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### Windsor Farmers Market

The Windsor Farmers Market has been a tradition in Windsor for decades. We offer local farmers, crafters and food processors an affordable venue for selling their products and are a regular Saturday morning stop for many local residents as well as the many out of state campers and tourists who visit our lovely lake and river campsites and tourist attractions. Windsor offers both a summer outdoor market and a winter indoor market so many of our products are available year-round, with many vendors also accepting orders for pickup/delivery outside of market hours. Our vendors accept Farmers Market Nutrition Program and Broome County Veterans coupons.

The market operates on Saturdays from 9am-2pm at the Windsor Village Green. June-October the market takes place weekly. November-April the market operates every other week and closes for the month of May. It is managed by Pat Van Housen, Donna Frazier and Susan Symonette.

Contact the market: [wfinonthegreen@gmail.com](mailto:wfinonthegreen@gmail.com)  
The market can be found on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/WFMatWindsorVillageGreen>

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(607) 655-2024

### Harpursville Central School District Board of Education meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year:

- September 18
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11
- January 8, 2025
- February 5
- March 5
- April 16
- May 7
- May 20 budget vote
- (1:30-8:00 PM W.A. Olmsted Elementary Gym)
- June 11

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# During Hunger Action Month, Governor Hochul Launches \$10 Million Program to Increase Food Access for New Yorkers

By Governor NY

Food Access Expansion Grant Program To Provide Funding for the Development and Expansion of Supermarkets, Food Co-ops, Farm Stands and More

Builds on Governor's Commitment To Enhance Access to Food in Underserved Communities, Address Affordability for New York Families and Strengthen the Food Supply Chain While Providing a Boost to New York Farmers

During Hunger Action Month, Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the new \$10 million Food Access Expansion Grant Program to help increase food access for New Yorkers living in areas without grocery stores and options for healthy, affordable food. The program will provide infrastructure funding to support the development and expansion of supermarkets, food cooperatives, permanent farm stands, and other retail food stores in underserved regions of the state while also increasing markets for New York farmers. The application period for the program opens today.

"The Food Access Expansion Grant Program will support critical projects that will help us reach our goals of offering healthy, affordable food for our families," Governor Kathy Hochul said. "Too often, families are faced with little to no options in their community to purchase fresh, local food that is also in their budget. This program will provide resources to assist with the upgrading of food stores and farm stands, and provide them with the capacity to prepare and sell locally sourced food while also supporting our farmers."

According to a report from the Office of the State Comptroller, between 2019 and 2021, approximately 10 percent of New Yorkers, or some 800,000 households, experienced food insecurity and struggled with food affordability. Grants through the Food Access Expansion Grant program will range from \$250,000 to \$3 million and will be awarded to eligible applicants for projects that increase the availability of food, whether through construction of a new retail store, the purchase of equipment to improve food and meals offered, or the creation of a mobile market and more. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to the following:

Start-up, improvement or expansion of a retail food store.

Construction or upgrades of a commercial kitchen for food preparation, processing, and preservation for on-site sale or delivery.

Purchase of kitchen equipment for the preparation, preservation and sale of ready-made food and/or shelf-stable whole foods.

Construction or upgrades of retail food storage space, including cold storage expansion.

Purchase of equipment for on-site food storage, processing or handling.

Purchase of and/or expansion of retail refrigeration and market displays.

Creation or expansion of mobile markets.

Eligible entities to receive this funding include nonprofit organizations, public benefit corporations, local or regional development corporations, tribal governments, and local and municipal government agencies. Eligible applicants may partner with for-profit retailers.

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Since the pandemic, the Department has focused in on addressing the gaps in the food supply chain and connecting the dots between New Yorkers and our farmers. I am heartened to see the progress we have made so far, with well more than half a dozen programs

and initiatives launched by our Governor, with support in the budget, that directly provide a boost to our farmers, reach our underserved communities, and strengthen our food system. We're proud to build on that success with the launch of the Food Access Expansion Grant program, which will help us bring healthy, affordable foods to New York families who need it most."

A webinar with additional information on the Food Access Expansion Grant Program will take place on Thursday, September 26 at 12 p.m. Registration is available online. The deadline to apply for the grant is Friday, November 22, 2024. Find additional information on funding opportunities here.

All questions about this funding opportunity must be submitted in writing to [mary.clark-smith@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:mary.clark-smith@agriculture.ny.gov).

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Every person, no matter their income or where they live, deserves to eat fresh, nutritious food and have an affordable place to shop for groceries in their community. Closing the gap on food insecurity is a top priority, especially in an Agriculture State like New York with a homegrown food supply as incredible as the one we have. The Food Access Expansion Grant Program will be an important tool in this fight, helping to expand food access in underserved communities across our state, including investing money back into our local farms. I thank the Governor for her partnership and look forward to seeing these grants connect the dots between locally-sourced food and families in need."

Assemblymember Donna Lupardo said, "In Broome County, and in places across the state, we are painfully aware of the many built in disparities when it comes to food access. I hope that eligible groups will take advantage of this new Food Access Expansion Grant Program. The funding can be used in a variety of ways, each designed to help communities increase the availability of fresh and healthy local food."

The Food Access Expansion Grant Program is the newest initiative in an array of programs implemented by New York State to build a more resilient food system. New York continues to support several groundbreaking programs that focus on improving access to locally grown foods through its 2025 Budget, including the Nourish NY program, the 30 Percent NYS School Initiative for school meals, and the Farm-to School program. Additionally, this year's Budget included the second round of funding as part of the Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program, which provides \$50 million over five years to support regional cooking facilities that will facilitate the use of fresh New York State farm products in meal preparation for K-12 school children.

These investments build on the Governor's commitment to boost demand for New York agricultural products, bolster New York's food supply chain, and ensure all New Yorkers

can access fresh, local foods. This includes the Governor's Executive Order 32 directing State agencies to increase the percentage of food sourced from New York farmers and producers to 30 percent of their total purchases within five years and raising the discretionary threshold for schools to purchase local food and food products from \$20,000 to \$150,000, a significant increase from that prior threshold.

New York State continues to prioritize increasing access to food for all New Yorkers through a number of programs and initiatives, including the enhanced FreshConnect Fresh2You initiative, the Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs and the recently announced increased benefit for WIC participants, the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grants Programs, and more. The Department also administers the New York Food for New York Families program, a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-funded program that provides a boost to New York farmers, increases communities' access to local foods and further strengthens New York's food system.



## BRC Public Forum

By Windsor School District

The New York State Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on Graduation Measures is inviting you to the BRC Public Forum on September 26 to give your input. Pre-registration is required. Please register for the event that you plan to attend. To register, please go to <https://bt-boces-org.zoom.us/j/7Jkc...> For more information, visit <https://www.nysed.gov/grad-measures>



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# Historian Spring/Summer Recap

By: Karen Ferguson, Town of Kirkwood Historian

Typically I write a monthly article that focuses on some aspect of Kirkwood’s history with regard to a building, a person, or an event. This month I decided to use this opportunity to inform you of some of the activities that I, as your Town Historian, have been busy with that you may not know about.

One facet of my job is to collect and preserve documents. This summer I started working on a grant that will enable important Town records and other historical documents to be preserved digitally. As part of this process, I have been gathering books, diaries, pictures, journals, etc. from the Town Vault, the Historian’s office, and the Kirkwood Historical Society. Each item has to be catalogued, measured, and evaluated on its condition to allow for special handling. Once this grant process is complete, the items will be removed temporarily off-site and digitally scanned. These digital documents will then be uploaded and hosted on an archive site. Following digitization, all the materials will be returned to their original locations. This process not only preserves our documents but makes them available to the public on a wider scale.

Another grant that I applied for and received this spring was from the William G Pomeroy Foundation. This grant enabled the Town of Kirkwood to get its first Historical Marker. It will be placed at School #2 in the village in the near future. It is not an easy task to get a historical designation. Each step required extensive research and proof from multiple primary sources. It was during this process of having to get fragile documents from our vault as well as from the Town of Conklin to prove the age of School #2 that made me realize just how important it is to get these items preserved in a way that is more accessible. While I was working on this Pomeroy marker grant, the

Sons of the American Revolution were also working on a Pomeroy grant of their own. My assistance was requested to help locate and identify

Revolutionary War soldiers that are buried in Kirkwood. There were 3 soldiers that were confirmed and, as a result, a Patriot Burial marker will be installed at the Kirkwood Cemetery in early September. Another facet of my job is to assist with inquiries. While I have been answering questions for several individuals, there were two families from out-of-state whom I assisted with a significant amount of genealogical research. Both of these families had descendants who were some of Kirkwood’s first residents/pioneers. One family, in particular, just had their family reunion in the area in August and visited the graves of their loved ones at Brookvale. I had the pleasure of meeting with them personally, answered more questions, and gave them a tour of the area and some of the places their family had lived and frequented. Additionally, they toured the KHS School #2 Museum. They presented a slide show at their reunion and it will be added to our family files.

Lastly, from time-to-time, I am called upon to assist the Town in various ways. Most recently, it was to confirm the correct spelling of a street name, specifically Hays Avenue. There were two different spellings proposed and both the County and the Town needed to know which was correct. In my research, I discovered the Hays family moved to the area prior to 1855. I looked at maps, tax records, family trees, death records and grave sites to determine that the correct spelling was indeed Hays (and not Hayes). Further research concluded that John Hays decided to sell his family farm and develop it into the subdivision that is located there. Hays Street was named after

him. The County was also able to locate the map with the proposed “Hays Street” that was filed in 1951. This information was taken back to the Town Board so they could pass a Resolution clarifying the proper spelling which will then allow Broome County to correct it on the GIS system. The street sign will be changed back to the original spelling and not create further confusion for the residents who live there.

This is just a sample of the various aspects of being a historian. I will be traveling to Long Island September 15-18 for a State Historian Conference where I will learn about more resources, grants, and information that is available to assist me in my role in gathering, preserving and presenting our local history.

Feel free to reach out with your own questions or inquiries. You may contact me via email: [historian@townofkirkwood.org](mailto:historian@townofkirkwood.org) Thank you also to those who have been donating pictures and other articles for preservation. You never know when it is going to be a significant key to the past.



## Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Expand Health Care Access for New Yorkers

By Governor NY

Legislation S.8486-C/A.9102-C Relates to Medicaid Reimbursement for Treatment in Place and Transportation to Alternative Health Care Settings by Ground Ambulance Services

Legislation S.6226-A/A.5789-A Provides For Availability of Ambulance Services and Advanced Life Support First Response Services to Store and Distribute Blood and Initiate and Administer Blood Transfusions

Governor Kathy Hochul signed a legislative package to ensure equitable access to essential health care and reaffirm New York’s commitment to safeguarding public health and improving patient outcomes across communities.

“My Administration is committed to addressing health care disparities in our State and ensuring all New Yorkers can access the care that they need and deserve,” Governor Hochul said. “This legislation ensures essential treatment and transportation, and allows New Yorkers to focus on their well-being during an emergency rather than worrying about the financial cost or availability of critical health care when they need it most.”

Legislation S.8486-C/A.9102-C requires Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance services when treatment in place is administered and/or when transportation is provided to alternative health care settings instead of a general hospital

Legislation S.6226-A/A.5789-A authorizes ground ambulance and advanced life support first response services to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions, mirroring authorizations provided to air ambulance services.

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, “Across New York State, EMS providers are in crisis, facing severe challenges that threaten their ability to stay open, from inadequate reimbursement to onerous rules that prevent them from delivering life-saving care as demand for their services grows. I’m proud that two of our bills directly addressing these issues are now law, finally ensuring EMS will get paid for care they’re not currently reimbursed for, like on-site treatment, telemedicine, and specialized transport to mental health facilities and allowing ground ambulances to carry and administer blood transfusions to trauma patients in all emergency situations, not just between hospitals. EMS is a pillar of our healthcare system, especially in rural and medically underserved areas where getting to a hospital can take over an hour. These bills will immediately strengthen EMS and save lives, and I thank the governor for signing them into law.”

Assemblymember Anna Kelles said, “Emergency Medical Services provide essential life saving care throughout the state including direct aid both on site and in transit to a medical facility. These services are especially critical in rural areas where access to hospitals may be hours away. I am grateful to Governor Hochul for signing this bill today and taking a large step towards reimbursing these brave, dedicated healthcare providers. Providing them with discretion to determine the emergency location that will best serve their patient’s needs not only is common sense, but it also provides a more efficient delivery of emergency services.”

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