TOWN OF GATES



GATES CORNERSTONE WINTER 2023/2024



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A Message from Supervisor Cosmo A. Giunta

Dear Gates Residents,

Autumn happens to be my favorite season. I love seeing the changing leaf colors from the variety of trees species we have around the town. It's also is a great time for pro sports. Football, Hockey and Basketball seasons are all underway and Baseball ended with the Texas Rangers winning their 1st title ever.



Hopefully many of you noticed our new "Welcome to Gates" signs (pictured on the cover). We were finally able to secure a vendor and received them at the end of summer. 3 of 4 signs have already been installed on our expressways at points entering the Town. Stay tuned for landscaping which will follow this spring.

Recapping the last few months:

In September, we recognized our resident, Irene Harris, who turned 100 years old. Wow. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to her. In October, we awarded Westmar Acquisitions LLC with the 2023 Town of Gates-Chili Chamber Beautification award. This group, comprised of local investors, spent millions of dollars to remodel and revitalize Westmar Plaza - "The Center of Gates". Our Trunk or Treat Halloween Event was very successful with close to 1,000 attendees. In November, we held our Veterans Day Service. Eight students (Samantha Reinhardt, Ryan Popowich, Kendall Koch, Rorilee Wesneck, John Flanagan III, Aiden Hollander, Nailah Rollins and Violet Messina) from our Gates Chili Elementary schools read their essays on "What Veterans Day means to them" and presented a gift to over 90 veterans who attended. In return, the American Legion Doud Post #98 recognized each student with a special "Thank You". Our 5k Gobble Wobble was well attended on Thanksgiving Day and of course in December we will be conducting our Santa Parade around Town. Keep on the lookout for more details.

Additionally in November, our 2024 Town Budget was adopted. One of the most important functions of the Town Supervisor and Town Board is overseeing the budget process and being fiscally responsible to our residents. Working through this process provides us the opportunity to revisit all of our town services and prioritize your tax dollars. During this process, we require that each department put forth their best budget, in order to minimize any tax increase to our residents. Your tax dollars then get allocated appropriately in order to continue to provide, maintain or enhance the services we currently offer. With that said, I am pleased to say we were successful in staying under the 2% tax cap this year which included allocating \$1.25 million from fund balance. Even with us allocating from fund balance, our rate increased slightly. For the past 4 years our rate was flat at \$6.11 per thousand. This year, our rate will be \$6.16 per thousand. We feel this small \$0.05 increase was necessary due to the rising costs everyone is experiencing and a record level of inflation. What does this mean? If your house assessment remained the same as last year your "Town Tax" portion will incur a minimal increase. For example, if your assessment is \$200,000, your bill will increase by \$10.00 over last year. Please remember there are four other taxing agencies (Monroe County, Fire District, Ambulance and Monroe County Pure Waters). Each control and adopt their own budgets on your Town & County Tax bills. On a positive note, this slight increase includes the Town Board's approval to hire three additional police officers, bringing our Police Department up to thirty-six officers. We have listened to your concerns and feel the safety of our residents is our #1 Priority, which is why we've decided to allow for this slight tax increase.

In closing, I want to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. As always, don't forget to visit our website www.townofgates.org or Facebook page for more information.

Cosmo A. Giunta Town Supervisor

2024 Town and County Tax Payment Information



If your taxes are not held in escrow, you should receive your Town and County tax bill by January 10th. If you have not received it, you may view a copy on Monroe County's website: www.monroecounty.gov.

- -Go to pay/research property box
- -Enter address, follow prompts and you will be able to view, print and pay your 2024 Town and County Tax Bill.
- -If you are unable to view on line, please call the Town Clerks Office at 585-247-6100 ext 411 and a copy will be sent to you.

DO'S and DON'TS for Tax Payments:

- -If you are paying in person, the stamped copy you receive is your receipt.
- -Whether you are paying in person or by mail with a check once payments are received in the Town Clerks office it will take between 7 and 10 business days for your check to clear. Please remember that when you are checking your bank balance.
- -You may pay by check, cash or credit card. Visa debit card fee is \$3.95 all other credit card fees will be 2.45% of the payment.
- -You may also pay online at monroecounty.gov.
- -We recommend you DO NOT use bill pay. It will take at least 10 days for us to receive the check and it will NOT be postmarked. NYS tax law states we must go by postmark dates, if we do not receive it by the due date it will be returned.
- -First payment and full payments with no additional interest will be due by February 12, 2024.
- -Look for the new drop box between the Count Office and the Police Department.

DOG LICENSE

Don't forget all dogs in the Town of Gates must be registered and renewed yearly. If you purchased or adopted a new dog, we need proof of rabies as well as spay/neuter. Payment may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card.





Planning a wedding this year?

Marriage licenses are issued at the Town Clerks office by appointment only, please call 585-247-6100 ext 411. Marriage licenses are not valid for 24 hours and must be used within 60 days. Please call a couple of weeks before your wedding to make your appointment. We will let you know at that time what you will need to bring with you.

Get to know your Gates Highway Foreman



Mike Egan

Mike has 35 years of experience with the Highway Department, and has seen and done it all! As our Road Foreman, Mike oversees many of the day-to-day activities, and manages our Road, Leaf and Snow & Ice programs, including potholes and mailboxes replacements.



Chris Godfrey

Chris has been with the Gates
Highway Department for two
years, but has over 20 years of
municipal highway experience. As
a Working Foreman, Chris deals
mainly with our street trees,
drainage and utility stakeouts.
Chris also takes care of the sign
replacement around Town.



Nick Santillo

Nick has been with the Highway Department for five years, but has over 25 years of construction experience. As a Working Foreman, Nick oversees our brush pick up program, and concrete catch basin, sidewalk and gutter replacement work including the gutters and sidewalks.

Friendly reminders once the snow starts flying!

- ·Please be mindful of the winter parking ordinance. Starting November 1st until April 1st, there is NO street parking allowed during the hours of 12:00am and 8:00am. This is to help the plows have the space they need to clear the roads as efficiently and safely as possible, and violators may be towed.
- •The Town of Gates does not have sidewalk plows. You are responsible for clearing the sidewalks of snow and ice in front of your home or business.
- ·As always, accidents happen and the Town of Gates will be more than happy to replace any mailboxes we may damage while clearing the roads of snow and ice.
- ·Please be patient as the Town of Gates Highway is doing their absolute best with keeping the roads clear but also safe for all of our residents. Please do not crowd or pass a snow plow in operation. Remember, they may back up at intersections!!!
- ·Don't push snow into the road. We understand how frustrating it can be when the plow leaves a windrow across your freshly cleared driveway, but putting the snow back into the road is not the answer. It can create unsafe conditions for road users.

Other Highway reminders:

- ·RGE is responsible for any outages on the street lights. Our Highway Department is not responsible for these lights. You can report outages at https://www.rge.com/outages/reportorviewoutage/reportstreetlightoutage
- •The trees that are between the sidewalk and the road belong to the Town. We are here to trim them, please just reach out to the office in order to bring it to our attention (585) 429-8240.
- ·We will pick up real Christmas Trees. Just leave them at the curb, and the Highway Department will pick them up as weather permits.

Building Department:

- ·If you would like to access information on a property that is not yours, you would need to file a FOIL request in person with the Clerk's office or on our website.
- ·The Town has a rental property registry, and registration is required. If you are a landlord or a tenant and not sure if your property is on the registry, please email <u>rentals@townofgates.org</u>
- ·Can you read your house numbers from the street? Or are they missing? In an emergency, seconds are critical. And missing numbers can lead to confusion as to where to respond. Please fix your house numbers as soon as possible!!
- ·Help your neighborhood, clear snow out from around your local fire hydrant!! This makes the hydrants easier to find and use in an emergency where seconds can make a huge difference!!
- Remember, it is required to have your dogs registered with the Town, and a special permit is needed if you have more than two. Please get your dogs registered and permitted. It can help us return them home, should they get loose.

Stormwater Management Information

As a member of the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County, the Town of Gates is dedicated to educating its residents on the importance of good stormwater management practices. The following information outlines a few practices that residents can implement to help the Town honor its commitment to protecting our waterbodies.

- 1. Make sure to properly dispose of pet waste.
- 2. Never dispose of household cleaners, paint automotive fluids, fertilizer or pesticides through the drain or trash collection.
- 3. When maintaining your, lawn use a broom rather than a hose to sweep debris away from storm drains.

If you have any questions about best stormwater management practices, please contact the building department.

Welcome to the Town of Gates Assessor's Office. Your Assessor is Agostino Mineo (Augie) His assistants are Dawn Becker, Carlton Maxwell, and Carol Stone (Froggy). We hope everyone had a great Holiday season!



I know you are probably tired of hearing about exemptions, but they are very important and can reduce your tax bills. We offer Limited Income Senior, Limited Income Disability, Veterans, and Volunteer Fire/Ambulance Workers exemptions. These applications are available in our office and on the Town website.



If you are already signed up for, or asked for, our Limited Income Senior, Disability, or Enhanced Star application(s), you should have received them by now. If not, stop in or give us a call. A senior is someone 65 or older, or will be by December 31st. As always, all applications are due by March 1st.

GATHER YOUR PAPERWORK!!!!!

We can only accept your 2022 Federal tax return along with all schedules, 1099 and W2 statements. If you do not file a tax return, you must fill out the enclosed Worksheet. Please note that Monroe County has raised their limit for the Senior and Disability exemptions to \$58,400. This new limit applies only to the County portion of your Town/County bill.

Please note, you will <u>not</u> be computing your income. The assessor will determine your income after applying the adjustments available in your taxing jurisdictions. Carefully read the information sent to you, and follow the instructions.



It's getting close now. Please make sure your get your application(s) in. March 1st is right around the corner, and there are no exceptions to that date. Hoppy Valentine's Day. Only 16 days left to get that application in!

Assessment Office - Webpage Updates



Always check to see what is new on the Assessor's Office webpages. Periodic updates may answer questions, saving you a trip, or we are just a phone call away. Town of Gates Assessor's page can be found at: https://www.townofgates.org

We do recommend that anyone with questions give our office a call, or just stop in, as we would be happy to assist you in determining what action(s) to take. Our office hours are Mon-Fri, 8 am -5 pm. Our office number is (585) 247-6100 Ext. 414

GATES FIRE DISTRICT CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY SEMINAR 2024

April 27th, 2024 from 8am-3:30pm Gates Fire District Sta. 1, 2355 Chili Ave



The Gates Fire District's Citizens Fire Academy Seminar (CFAS) is a free program designed to inform our citizens about the services provided by their fire department. The CFAS is open to individuals, 18 years of age or older, who reside in the Gates Fire District. The CFAS gives fire department personnel an opportunity to welcome residents into the firehouse and introduce them to the unique ways we serve our community.

Participants will also be provided with CPR, Stop the Bleed, and fire extinguisher training, along with being able to witness technical rescue and auto extrication evolutions conducted by our firefighters.

Space is limited to 16 participants and applications are due by March 31

Go to gatesfd.org or the Gates or Chili Recreation Department for more information and applications. Application and information will be out March 1.



June: 13, 27

GATES FIRE DISTRICT



2024 Gates Fire District Board of Fire **Commissioners Meeting Dates**

All meetings start at 6:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) All meetings will be held at 2365 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624. Any questions, please call (585) 426-2720. All Meetings are Thursday unless otherwise listed. Public comment is subject to the Fire District's Rules Pertaining to Public Comment.

July: 11, 25

January: 11 (Organizational Meeting and first Commission Meeting following) **August: 8, 22**

January: 25 September: 12, 26

February: 8, 22 **October: 10, 24**

March: 14, 28 November: 14, Mon-25

April: 11, 25 December: 12, Mon-30

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 (District Election) May: 9, 23

Monday, December 30, 2024 (Final Financials)

2024 Gates Fire District Car Seat **Installation Check Events**

Seat checks are preformed on the 4th Tuesday of each month. (unless otherwise noted) All seat checks will be held at 2365 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624. Call the Community Risk Reduction Office to make an appointment at (585) 426-2720.

August 27th January 23rd

February 27th September 24th

March 26th September 28th (Car Seat

April 23rd Saturday event from 9a-12p)

October 22nd May 28th

June 25th November 26th

July 23rd December 17th (3rd Tuesday)



GATES VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE INC.

1001 Elmgrove Rd. Rochester, NY 14624 Phone: (585) 247-5519 Fax: (585) 426-5948

Fax: (585) 426-5948 Website: gatesems.org

Gates Ambulance is continuing to offer FREE CPR classes

This two hour course will give you the skills and knowledge to perform CPR and use an AED.

Whether you are looking to widen your knowledge set or for a family-friendly educational opportunity, this class is perfect for you. Scan the QR code below to register for the desired class.

Class dates are listed for the beginning of 2024. All classes will take place from 7pm-9pm in one of our two locations (1001 Elmgrove Rd in Gates and 116 Lyell Ave in Spencerport)

Questions? Call us at 585-247-5519 x113 or email us at traininginfo@gatesems.org







January: 16, 30

February: 13, 27

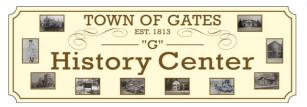
March: 12, 26

April: 9, 23





TOWN HISTORIAN



1963 GATES BICYCLE RODEO TROPHY PRESENTED TO TOWN HISTORIAN

A 60-year-old trophy which was presented to then 12-year-old Kevin Kassman for his first-place finish in Class A of the first bicycle rodeo for kids in the Town of Gates has been donated by Mr. Kassman to the office of Gates Town Historian Bill Gillette and will be placed in the historian's recently expanded display area.

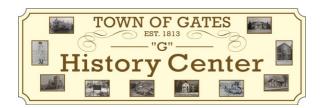
The 1963 bicycle rodeo was organized by Gates Police Chief William Stauber and the Gates Recreation Department, and was sponsored by the Bartram Chrysler-Plymouth automobile dealership.

A front-page story appeared in the Gates-Chili Shopping Dollar News (the precursor to the Gates-Chili News) on July 18, 1963. First-place winners in their classes were Kevin Kassman, Carol Anne Blind, Alan P. Brant and Sherry Ann Kulzer. Second-place winners were Michael Garry Schaeffer, Cathy DeRider, David Marenus and Kathy Mary Cramer.

The youngsters then went on to compete in the county-wide championship playoffs on August 10, 1963.







GATES WRITERS RETURNED HOME FOR HOLIDAY BOOK SALE



John Boundy and John Robortella, two writers who grew up in Gates and who served on the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service, returned home to join the Gates Historical Society for a pre-holiday book sale on November 4th at the Gates Public Library.

U.S. Air Force veteran John Boundy, a 1976 graduate of Gates Chili High School, who is both a past Gates-Chili volunteer firefighter, and medic and dispatcher at Gates Ambulance, is the author of Justice is Coming, a murder-mystery novel inspired by actual events with references to Rochester and Gates. It is the story of a small-town lawyer who squares off in and out of the courtroom with a doctor whose deceptions include private islands, luxury yachts, personal jets and a wealth which knows no boundaries.

Several local history books by John Robortella, the past editor of the Gates-Chili News, were available at the sale including his most recent Steps West: The Field Notes of Col. Hugh Maxwell which documents why the 1788 main survey line of western New York State veered to the west and created land ownership issues for those buying property in western New York and the Finger Lakes region for more than a century.

The Gates Historical Society featured Hinchey: A Pioneer Family's Legacy in the Town of Gates which was released in September 2023 and is the first full-length work on the Hinchey family. Now living in Texas, John Boundy graduated from U. T. Southwestern Medical Center and worked as a physician's assistant prior to attending law school. He is now an assistant district attorney in Angleton, a city and the county seat of Brazoria County on the Texas Gulf Coast. When not writing, Boundy designs jewelry as a wire-wrapping artist. This will be his first visit back to Gates in several decades.

John Robortella, a 1969 graduate of Gates Chili High School, is the author and co-author of a number of Gates history books including Coldwater: An Eclectic History of the Hamlet (with Donald G. Ioannone). A former newspaper reporter and editor, he retired after a 32-year career at the University of Rochester and wrote the "Past Tense" Finger Lakes history feature which was published in both Canandaigua Magazine and Rochester Magazine. He is now working with the Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes and Drums and Town of Gates Historian, Bill Gillette, on a 25th anniversary retrospective of the pipes and drums band.

The Gates Historical Society has a long list of books relating to the history of Gates which will be featured at the sale, such as The Biography of Rattlesnake Pete, Gates Revisited: Timeless Images from Family Albums, Frogleg George: The Legend No One Really Knew, and the Society's first book Gates, a pictorial history of the town.

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GATES PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Visit the library's website for more information on library services, programs, events, and holiday closures.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Baby Story Time (ages birth - 2 with a caregiver)

Mondays from 9:30am - 10:00am.

Story Time with Mary Jo (ages 2 - 5 with a caregiver)

Mondays from 10:15am - 11:00am.

Chess Club for Kids (ages 18 and under)

Second & fourth Monday of each month from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Registration is requested.

Story Time with Jen (ages 2 - 5 with a caregiver)

Tuesdays from 10:15am - 11:00am.

Time for Tots (ages 1 - 5 with a caregiver)

Wednesdays from 10:15am - 11:15am.

Doodles (ages 9 - 11)

First Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. A Children's Art Club for kids in 4th-6th grade. Registration is requested.

RocDog Visit! (all ages)

First & third Thursday of each month from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the children's area. Read to (and pet) therapy dogs!

Lego Club (ages 5 - 12)

Second Thursday of each month from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Come build legos with us! Registration is requested.

Preschool Dance Party (ages 1 - 5 with a caregiver)

Second Friday of each month from 10:15am - 11:00am.

Pokémon Club (ages 5+ with a caregiver)

First & third Friday of each month from 4:30pm - 5:00pm. Bring your Pokémon cards and get ready to talk all things Pokémon!

Yoga Storytime (ages 1 - 5 with a caregiver)

Third Friday each month from 10:15am - 10:45am.

Sensory Play Time (ages birth - 5 with a caregiver)

Last Friday each month from 10:15am - 11:15am.

Minecraft Club (all ages)

First & third Thursdays of each month from 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Come play Minecraft on provided laptops and tablets.

Registration is requested.

Kids Coding Club (grades 1 - 5)

Fourth Thursday of each month from 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Learn the basics of coding through play! Registration is encouraged.

Take Your Child to the Library Day (family)

Saturday, February 3, all day. Join us in observing this national celebration by bringing your child to the library!

Family Bingo (children with a caregiver)

Wednesday, February 21 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Spend some of your February break playing bingo with us! Prizes will be awarded. All ages, registration is required.

TEENS & TWEENS

Teen/Tween Tuesday Craft (ages 8 - 18)

Join us in person every Tuesday night in the meeting room from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Registration is requested and class size limited to 35 people.

Junior Friends (ages 8 - 16)

Second Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. Registration is only requested for the first meeting.

Take and Make Crafts

In the Teen area, free to take. A new craft every month. All ages.

Anime Eats (ages 8 - 18)

Saturday, January 6 from 10:00am - 11:00am. Create food around anime themes. Registration is requested.

Chocolate Covered Valentine Treats (ages 8 - 18)

Saturday, February 10 from 10:00am - 11:00am. We will be making chocolate dipped spoons and pretzel wands. Registration is requested.

Floral Frenzy Water Coloring (ages 8 - 18)

Saturday, March 23 from 11:00am - 12:00pm. Paint spattering and flowers galore. Registration is requested.

NOTABLE EVENTS

Retro Video Game Day

Friday, February 23 from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Come to the library to play your favorite retro video games, munch on tacos, and drink Mountain Dew! Join us for Taco Bell tacos at Noon. Registration requested for taco enjoyers.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30 from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Join us for a Saturday egg hunt! We will have eggs hidden all over the library. Once you find one, bring it to the front desk for a prize!

Super STEM (ages 4 - 8 with a caregiver)

Wednesday, April 3 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm. School break STEM is SUPER! Super STEM will feature a short book and four science experiments! Please register so we have enough supplies.

Kids' Clothing Exchange

Saturday, April 20 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. We will accept donations for the exchange beginning Monday, April 1. Donations must be clean, gently-used children's clothes and shoes (sizes newborn - 20). For clothing or shoes donated, you will receive one ticket to swap for clothing/shoes at the exchange.

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ADULTS

Sit, Knit & Stitch

First Thursday of each month from 6:00pm - 7:45pm. Bring and work on your own knitting, stitching or crochet project in the company of other needlecraft enthusiasts.

#ReadWomen Book Club

Last Thursday of each month from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Join us for the book club that exclusively reads female authors. Registration is requested.

Ideas 'n' Authors

First Monday of each month from 7:00pm - 8:30. An in-person book discussion group for Adults. Registration is requested.

Movie Matinee

Second Thursday of the month from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Come watch a newly released film and enjoy some refreshments.

Deb Coller Craft/Painting Programs

Dates TBD. Always wanted to explore your creative side but don't know where to begin? All levels of experience are welcome whether you are a total beginner or have a background as an artist. Registration is requested.

AARP Safe Driving

Wednesday, January 10 and Friday, January 12 (must sign up for both sessions) from 10:00am - 1:00pm. The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Registration is requested.

Winter Air Terrarium

Saturday, January 13 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Introduce a charming botanical element of décor into your home, while bringing new, vibrant life indoors with your very own air plant terrarium. Registration is requested.

Puzzle Swap

Saturday, January 20 from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Exchange one lightly used puzzle for another. Bring a puzzle that has ALL pieces and the box rubber banded together. We will have 300 to 1000 piece puzzles for all ages.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964

Thursday, February 22 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Registration is requested.

Total Eclipse 2024 Evening Program with Jim Porter

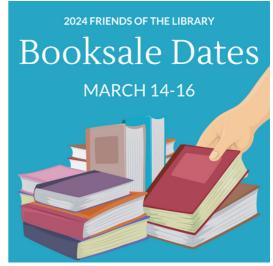
Thursday, March 7 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Join NASA Ambassador Jim Porter as he discusses total eclipses, what to expect and how to safely view eclipses through a telescope with a solar filter. Registration is requested.

Total Eclipse 2024 Morning Program with Jim Porter

Saturday, March 30 from 11:00am - 12:30pm. Join NASA Ambassador Jim Porter as he discusses total eclipses, what to expect and how to safely view eclipses through a telescope with a solar filter. Registration is requested.

Technology Seminars with Daniel Jones

Each month explore a popular technology topic with Daniel Jones in a 90-minute seminar from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Registration is requested.





HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

NEW YEAR'S DAY MONDAY, JANUARY 1

MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 15

PRESIDENT'S DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

STAFF TRAINING DAY FRIDAY, MARCH 29



Church of Epiphany welcomes new rector



The Church of the Epiphany welcomed the Reverend Gregory Kremer as its new full-time rector on September 1st. Father Greg received his Master's degree in Divinity from Seattle University in Washington in 1997 and worked in a variety of capacities in the Roman Catholic church for close to 40 years. Father Greg had an extensive career in a variety of ministries, including youth and young adults, social outreach and evangelism. Fr Greg found his international work with people who are economically poor in Tijuana, Mexico, and his work in reconciliation between Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda to be particularly life changing.

After discerning a call to the priesthood, he completed a certificate in Anglican Studies at Colgate Roster Crozier Divinity School in December 2020 and was ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester in January 2021. For the last four years Rev. Kremer served as pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church in Hilton. Fr Greg is married to Kate and together they have three children, all now in their late 20's. Among Fr Greg's favorite hobbies are woodworking and playing rhythm guitar & singing in a local cover band.

Rev. Kremer is proud to be part of the Episcopal Church. He embraces the Episcopal mission of welcoming all, engaging community, and helping others in need. He is excited to partner with the parishioners of the Church of the Epiphany, Gates, and the surrounding community working to create a more peaceful and just world.

The Church of the Epiphany and Rev. Kremer would like to invite the community to join us at our Sunday services at either 8am or 10 am with Holy Communion. Our 10 am service includes music and has a Sunday School for children, which runs from September through June. Our 10am service is live-streamed and can be found on Epiphany's Facebook page. The Church of the Epiphany's address is 3285 Buffalo Road, Gates.

New playground coming in 2024!





Erin Medlar, CEO, Imagination Childcare Academy, Inc. with Bill Gillette and James VanBrederode.

Imagination Playground Inc. is seeking funding to build the first fully inclusive community playground in Monroe County, NY that creates an equitable play space where all children can play, learn, and explore together, but we need this community's help!

In June 2021, we had a mother come to visit our center with her beautiful little girl, who lives with cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. We gave them a tour of our facility, and then it was time to go out to our playground. We explained to the mother that our playground is not wheelchair accessible. The mother went on to say, "that is ok, most playgrounds around here aren't, she can just sit on the side and watch". That statement broke our hearts! No child should EVER have to sit out while all their friends are playing, and no parent should have to accept this as a reality for his/her child.

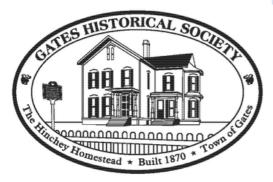
The Imagination Playground was built in 1987 by local families in the Gates, NY community. They all worked together to create this beautiful space for children to play and families to gather. This playground has been open to the community for decades and will continue to be open to the public. Often on weekends, one can come to find dozens of families enjoying this magnificent hidden treasure. However, over the years, the playground has begun to deteriorate and needs some significant updates and repairs.

We decided to refurbish our current playground and then add an additional fully inclusive playground alongside it! This way we can honor the past and embrace the future. This is when the corporation Imagination Playground, Inc. was born!

The creation of the Imagination Playground will be 100% funded via grants and private donations and the build will rely on volunteers and gift-in-kind material contributions. Scheduled to be built by September 2024, our budget is nearly \$1,000,000, saving with the support of volunteer construction labor. Our hope is that involving local residents and business owners will create a sense of ownership within our community and help to raise awareness around the importance of building inclusive neighborhoods.

For more information on our project and ways that you can help please go to www.imaginationplaygroundinc.org.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Gates Historical Society

634 Hinchey Road, Rochester, NY 14624 (585) 464-9740 gateshistory.org gateshistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Open Wednesdays 10 am - 3 pm Other hours by appointment

2024 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Gates Historical Society. We are working on lots of fun, family events for the year and we hope that you will make plans to join us. We are planning a summer concert, another Hinchey History Day, demonstrations, and lots of fun. Keep an eye on our website (gateshistory.org) and our Facebook page for dates and information on our upcoming events.

We also have a lot of great programs in 2024 that we think you will really enjoy! Our programs include:

- ·The History of Letchworth Park
- ·Don Alhart sharing about "A Generation of Idiots."
- ·The Roaring Twenties
- ·History of the Rochester Park Band
- ·History of the Rochester Americans Hockey Team
- ·History of the Susan B. Anthony house & Museum
- ·Historical Barns
- ·Significant Women in Rochester History



Interested in having Gates Historical Society come to your group and share a presentation about the history of Gates and the Gates historical Society? We have a great Power Point presentation that we would love to share with your group or organization. Call us at (585) 464-9740 or email us at gateshistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more information and to schedule a date.

We also have a tour geared towards children and youth that is available. If you are a teacher, scout, or youth group leader, we would love to have your group join us at the Hinchey House. Your group will learn about life from the 1870s-1910s and the Hinchey family's importance in our town's history. This tour is fun and informative. Call or email for more details and to schedule a tour.

As always, we welcome your questions and inquiries. We can be reached at 585-464-9740 or by email at <u>gateshistoricalsociety@gmail.com</u>. We are looking forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary with the community and hope to see many of you at our programs and events.





Thank you! Gates Fire Dept. & Gates Volunteer Ambulance/EMS for being a part of our Community Engagement and Resource Fair!



Everyone knows someone struggling with substance use. We are Open 24/7 for Supports and Services!

72 Hinchey Road, Rochester, NY 14624 www.delphirise.org

Main offices: 585 467 2230

24/7 Open Access Clinic: 585 627 1777



Thank you to all of our Keep Gates Clean volunteers for helping to make our town look better in 2023! Follow "Keep Gates Clean" on Facebook to get involved in the 2024 season of cleanups!





Conservation
Board members
at Gates Summer
Celebration August 2023



GATES RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT



REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 3 FOR RESIDENTS

GATES RECREATION & PARKS STAFF

Daniel Hoock, Director Cindy Briggs, Recreation Supervisor Stacie Paris, Recreation Supervisor Ellen Fridman, Recreation Supervisor Kim Vogler, Adult Services Coordinator

PHONE: (585) 429-8289

E-MAIL ADDRESS: gatesrec@townofgates.org

WEBSITE: gatesrecparks.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

GATES RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

Rhoda E. Ride, Chairperson Eileen Andrews Abramo Bianchi Steve Murphy John Unson



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide accessible, affordable, and quality leisure programs, activities, services and facilities to all residents of the Town of Gates and to ensure residents that all programs and facilities are available for the public to participate in regardless of race, gender, income, physical disabilities, creed or other barriers that would preclude participation.

Gates Recreation & Parks

The Gates Recreation Center will be open for two FREE "Day of Play" afternoons this winter. Enjoy our preschool play area, pool table, ping-pong, bubble hockey, air hockey and a few scheduled activities!

Saturday, January 27, 1-4PM **Theme: Fun & Games**

Saturday, March 2, 1-4PM Theme: Arts & Crafts



AGES 18 & UP - SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY
TEAMS DRAFTED THE MORNING OF THE TOURNAMENT
FEE: RESIDENTS \$30, NON-RESIDENTS \$35
REGISTER UNTIL 1/29 (DETAILS AT GATESRECPARKS.ORG)





SUMMER 2024 SAVE THE DATES!!



Registration begins in April



SUMMER CAMP

July 1st - August 9th, 2024
(No Camp on July 4th or 5th)
Entering grades K - 8
Locations TBD

OLYMPIC CAMP







WILDERNESS EXPLORERS CAMP

August 19th - August 23rd, 2024 Entering grades K - 8 Westgate Park



January 10th - March 27th

(10 classes - No classes February 21st & 28th)



Residents: \$25 Non-Residents: \$35



For Ages 1-2 9:30 - 10:30 AM For Ages 3-5 10:45 - 11:45 AM

Weekly themed activities with story, hands on craft and play time. Please bring a shirt to get messy in. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

If registration is low, classes may be combined.





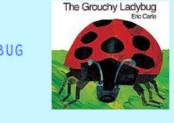
First Thursday's

Come enjoy a story, craft and a snack with Miss Stacie, all themed around the stories listed below:

> AGES: 1 - 5 10:30AM FREE

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

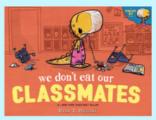
FEBRUARY 1ST THE GROUCHY LADYBUG





MARCH 7TH COMMOTION IN THE OCEAN







Preschool Classes with Miss Stacie

Tuesday
January 23rd



Story & craft time 10:30 AM FREE Gates Recreation Center





Tuesday April 16th Spring flowers

KIDS NIGHT OUT

This monthly program gives kids the chance to enjoy a special evening away from their parents in a fun and safe environment. We will have games, crafts, snacks and different themed activities.

AGES: 5-11 YEARS 6:00 - 9:00 PM RECREATION CENTER

RESIDENTS: \$14 NON-RESIDENTS: \$24 (EACH MONTH)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH MARIO PARTY



FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2ND
TOY STORY



FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH JURASSIC PARK



FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH UNDER THE SEA



FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

SUMMER KICK-OFF



`TWEEN NIGHTS AT GATES REC!

Res: \$10 Non-Res: \$20 (each night)

6:30 - 8:30 PM AGES: 9-14 This monthly program gives our older kids the chance to enjoy a special evening away from their parents in a fun and safe environment. We will have games, crafts, snacks and different themed activities.

LEGO MASTERS NIGHT



FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Beads Galore Night



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

SUMMER PARTY NIGHT FRIDAY



TIE-DYE NIGHT



FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH SPORTS MANIA NIGHT



FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

RECESS DAY CAMPS

JOIN OUR GATES REC STAFF AS WE PARTICIPATE IN FUN ACTIVITES DURING THE DAY OFF OF SCHOOL. BREAKFAST, AN AFTERNOON SNACK, GAMES, ACTIVITES AND CRAFTS ARE PROVIDED.

\$45 RESIDENTS \$55 NON RESIDENTS (PER DAY)

FEBRUARY BREAK (ALL 4 DAYS) \$160 (RESIDENTS) \$200 (NON RESIDENTS)

> SPRING BREAK (ALL 5 DAYS) \$200 (RESIDENTS) \$250 (NON RESIDENTS)

GRADES K-5

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Recreation Center

Tuesday, Feb. 20th
Wednesday, Feb. 21st
Thursday, Feb. 22nd
Friday, Feb. 23rd
Friday, March 8th
Monday, April 1st
Tuesday, April 2nd
Wednesday, April 3rd
Thursday, April 4th
Friday, April 5th











REGISTER ONLINE OR IN OUR OFFICE



American Dance Academy

This class is accepting new registrations in January. All other students need previous instruction through audition

> *Tap, Ballet, Tumbling (Ages 4 - 6) 9:30 - 10:10 AM

> > **Session Dates:**

Saturday's January 13th - March 9th (8 weeks) (No class February 24th)

\$104 - Residents \$114 - Non Residents

Classes already in session - Winter Dates

Monday Session A Dates:

January 8th - March 18th (9 weeks)

(No Classes January 15th & February 19th)

Tap, Ballet, Jazz - Level 3 (Ages 6 - 9) 5:45 - 6:45 PM

\$135 - Residents \$145 - Non Residents

Hip Hop (Ages 9 - 14) 6:45 - 7:15 PM

\$90 - Residents \$100 - Non Residents

Tap, Ballet, Lyrical, Jazz - Level 5 (Ages10 - 14)

\$135 - Residents \$145 - Non Residents **Saturday Session A Dates:**

January 6th - March 9th (9 weeks)

(No Class February 24th)

<u>Tap, Ballet, Tumbling - Level 1</u> 10:15 - 10:55 AM (Ages 5 - 7)

\$117 - Residents \$127 - Non Residents

Tap, Ballet & Jazz (Ages 8 - 12) 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM \$135 - Residents \$145 - Non Residents

For more information email: AmericanDanceAcademy1986@gmail.com

Registration begins January 3rd





Gates Recreation Center

- Please sign in at the Recreation office.
- Preschool play area is for ages 5 years and younger.
- Food/Drinks only allowed in tiled area.
- Please DO NOT go in any of the cabinets, craft supplies areas or cubbies.
- Ask a staff member if you have any questions about the equipment.
- Water bottle fill up station available in the main hallway.
- Please clean up after yourself!

The Recreation Center is closed on school breaks and hours are subject to change throughout the year. Please call 429-8289 to inquire about any schedule changes.





Recreation Center open hours:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 9:30am - 2:00pm

> Wednesdays **CLOSED**

TOWN OF GATES 1605 BUFFALO RD

WWW.GATESRECPARKS.ORG





At the Gates Rec Center

JANUARY - MAY

Reservations begin Monday 11/27

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
BETWEEN 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
2 HOUR MIN - 4 HOUR MAX

\$40 PER HOUR FOR GATES RESIDENTS \$60 PER HOUR FOR NON-RESIDENTS

PRICE INCLUDES USAGE OF THE REC CENTER, 30 ADDITIONAL MINUTES SETUP & CLEAN-UP BEFORE AND AFTER PARTY, AND STAFF MEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE.

BUBBLE MACHINE AND GAGA PIT AVAILABLE TO RESERVE FOR ADDITIONAL FEE.

CALL 429-8289 TO CHECK FOR AVAILABILITY

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Do you have diabetes? Is someone in your family dealing with it? Are you a pre-diabetic? Join us once a month for this support group as we talk about issues we have had, diet ideas and general emotional support as you deal with diabetes.

Coffee and light snack will be provided.

3rd Wednesdays of each month Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 20, Apr 17 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Gates Town Hall Annex FRFF

Presented by the Roberts Community Theatre THE LITTLE MERMAID

VENUE: Andrews B. Hale Auditorium, Cultural Life Center

Theatre trip to Roberts Wesleyan

\$30 residents, \$40 non-residents

Sunday, January 14, 2:00pm Includes: ticket & transportation from Town Hall

Saturday, January 20, 2:00pm ticket only (provide your own transportation)

SENIOR FITNESS

This class, provided by Agape Physical Therapy, will be led by a licensed therapist who will lead the class in generalized exercises to build strength and endurance for the upper body, trunk and legs.



January 22 - April 1 No class Feb 19 2:00 - 3:00 PM Gates Town Hall

Program Fee: \$10 (resident) \$20 (non-resident)

CHAIR FITNESS WITH CINDY

Join Cindy for some chair fitness and balance exercises. We will be doing some low impact movements.

Tuesdays

January 23 - May 21 (no class Feb. 20 & Apr. 2)

Thursdays

January 25 - May 23 (no class Feb. 22 & Apr. 4)

> 10:15 - 11:00 AM Rec Center Room A

Program Fee: FREE Pre-registration required

TAI CHI

Have you made plans for keeping in shape over the fall and winter? We don't want to stiffen up over time, do we? Our friendly Tai chi class is for YOU! Tai chi is done from a standing position. We offer gentle repetitive movements that will increase your range of motion, give relief to knees, hips, and shoulder joints, help in maintaining balance (so you won't be prone to falls), and give your mind a workout. Learning new skills prevents mental decline! Beginner students will have more one on one assistance if needed.

Session 1: January 18 - February 22 Session 2: February 29 - April 4 Session 3: April 11 - May 16 Thursdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM Rec Center Room A

Program Fee: \$25 (resident), \$35 (non-resident)



Project Nights

Do you like to do crafts, knitting, sewing, etc.? Do you find it hard to find time at home to work on it? Come join us at the Recreation Center on the 3rd Tuesday of the month to work on your projects and socialize with others without the distractions of home or TV. Bring whatever you want to work on and if you wish, bring something to snack on.



3rd Tuesdays,
Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 19, Apr. 16
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Gates Recreation Center
FREE
BE SURE TO REGISTER AHEAD

Ages 18+

MAH JONGG



We play with the standard hands and rules of the National Mah Jongg League. Want to learn? Join us and we will have a teaching table.

> Mondays 1:00 - 4:00 PM Gates Recreation Room A

BRIDGE

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:30 PM Gates Town Hall Annex \$1 to the instructor per visit

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Competitive Group Mondays 10:30 AM -2:30 PM Gates Town Hall Annex Non-Competitive Group Wednesdays

10:00 AM -12:00 PM Gates Town Hall Annex

HOOK N' NEEDLES

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:30 AM **Gates Recreation** Rec Center



BINGO

Tuesdays and **Thursdays** 1:00 - 2:00 PM Gates Town Hall Annex \$1 per visit at the door

UKULELE CLUB

This club meets weekly all year long, practicing songs from all eras of music. We have both experienced musicians and those that are new to playing ukulele. We also have a few ukuleles to loan out if you are interested in learning. The club occasionally performs at events around the community. The best way to see what we are all about is to stop by and check us out!

> **Every Tuesday** 9:30 - 10:30 AM Gates Town Hall Annex

All Day Crafting

FEBRUARY 10TH & MARCH 9TH

BINGO

RECREATION CENTER \$10 RES. / \$15 NON-RES. **COME BE CREATIVE WITH OTHERS!**

SET-UP STARTING AT 9:30 AM & WORK TO 8:00 PM.

REGISTER ONLINE OR AT THE REC OFFICE

CARD **MAKING**

SCRAPBOOKING

KNITTING



Adult Services

HICAP

Health Insurance, Counseling & Assistance program. Call (585) 325-2800 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Medical Transportation

Transportation available for medical appointments (9:30 AM - 3:30 PM). For Gates senior 55+ residents only. Call (585) 429-8289

Eldersource Care

An Eldersource Care
Manager can provide
information & guidance on
various elder issues.
Call (585) 244-8400 for appt.

Westside Express

Westside Express provides
transportation needs for Gates and Chili
residents. Appointments must be
scheduled two weeks in advance.
Volunteers drive their own vehicles. For
more information, please call 889-6104
and a dispatcher will return your call.

Transportation for meal program

- Our Recreation bus is available to pickup any town resident ages 50 or older or those with disabilities.
- Transportation is available only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Pickup times will be approximately between 10:15 10:45 AM and return trips home will begin at 2:00 PM.
- Each week, call 429-8289 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM to reserve a seat on the bus for the days you would like to be picked up.
- Seats are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Adult Services

AARP Defensive Driving

Pre-registration is required. IO:OO AM - 1:OO PM each day. Please call the Recreation Department at (585) 429-8289 to register. Bring a check to 1st class (\$25 for AARP Members, \$30 for non-members).

Upcoming Classes

January 17th & 19th Ma

March 13th & 15th

May 8th & 10th

AARP Tax Preparation

Free tax preparation for adults 50 years and older.

Volunteers will be available on Mondays and Fridays beginning Monday February 12th - Monday, April 8th. Tax preparation will be in Room A of the Recreation Center. Appointments are made on a first come, first serve basis. Once all appointments are full, we will put people on a waitlist and provide options for other places that provide free tax prep.

We will start taking appointments:

Residents - Wednesday, January 17th Non Residents - Friday, January 19th

Please call between 9:00 AM-1:00 PM to make an appointment: (585) 429-8289

We are always looking for additional volunteers for medical transports and the Tues/Wed/Thurs food program. Please contact our office for more information (585) 429-8289.

60+ Lunch Program



TUESDAYS,
WEDNESDAYS,
& THURSDAYS
LUNCH IS
SERVED
AT 11:30AM





NEW IN 2024!
WE ARE NOW
SERVING LUNCH
ON WEDNESDAYS
BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 7

Lunch Program details:

Gates Recreation & Parks, in partnership with Monroe County Office for the Aging, provides lunches for the members of our community that are 60 years of age or older. It is preferred that lunch is preordered 10 days ahead of time by calling 429-8289 or by signing up in the annex or Recreation & Parks office. If you are not pre-registered, lunch will only be available on a first come, first serve basis. The suggested contribution for lunch is \$3.50. A monthly lunch and activity schedule is available. We offer a variety of activities throughout the year. Bingo is played Tuesday & Thursday afternoons starting at 1:00 PM. Transportation is available for any Gates resident on Tuesday or Thursday. See page 32 for more details.

TOWN PARKS & SHELTER RENTAL INFO

Visit our website (www.gatesrecparks.org) for specific information on each park and how to rent one of our facilities.

ENCLOSED SHELTERS:

Hours of Operation: 9 AM - 9:30 PM Monday - Thursday Residents - \$120 Non-Residents - \$240 FRIDAY - SUNDAY RESIDENTS - \$150 NON-RESIDENTS - \$300



WESTGATE PARK 1489 HOWARD RD



MEMORIAL PARK 160 SPENCERPORT RD



LIONS PARK 100 KENTUCKY AVE

OPEN PICNIC PAVILIONS:

HOURS OF OPERATION: 10 AM - 9 PM (MAY - OCTOBER) Monday- Thursday Residents - \$60 Non-Residents - \$120

FRIDAY - SUNDAY RESIDENTS - \$75 NON-RESIDENTS - \$150



WEGMAN RD PARK 510 WEGMAN RD



MEMORIAL PARK 160 SPENCERPORT RD



WESTGATE PARK 1489 HOWARD RD



FIRST RESPONDERS PARK 4310 LYELL ROAD

THE PRICE OF OUR ENCLOSED SHELTERS INCREASES ON HOLIDAYS. TO SEE MORE PHOTOS OF OUR PARKS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE. YOU CAN ALSO CALL OUR OFFICE TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE SHELTER IN PERSON.





<u>Town of Gates Public & Private Organizations</u>

TOWITOT Gates Fublic &	Trivate Organizations
GATES PUBLIC LIBRARY247-6446	GATES HISTORICAL SOCIETY464-9740
GATES CHILI CONTINUING ED247-5345	GATES GARDEN CLUB733-7331
GATES CHILI ROTARY CLUB247-6420	GATES AMITA CLUB247-6601
WESTSIDE FAMILY YMCA247-3501	GATES KIWANIS CLUB355-1399
GATES SOCCER (www.gatessoccer.org)542-5705	GATES LIONS CLUB746-1179
GC LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL820-0515	SPORTSNET: Inclusive Opportunities for Persons with
www.gateschililittleleague.org	physical disabilities334-6000 ext 1120
GATES JR. SPARTANS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING259-1000	ROCHESTER REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM TOTAL
www.gatesirsnartans.com	SPORTS EXPERIENCE 158_1263

