



# Town of Alden

## September Newsletter



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### *From Supervisor Rick Savage*

The Towns accepting bids for a new 4 season shelter for the Town Park in September. If the bids come in at an acceptable price, we intend to have it built by late spring, 2019. Assemblyman Mike Norris has provided a \$30,000 grant towards its construction, and the Town Board has put money away in the budget over the last three years.



Work should be in progress on the construction of Sewer District 2 (Alaura Dr.) as you read this newsletter.

The Town's Tentative Budget for 2019 has been prepared. It is our intention to stay under the tax cap once again.

We have authorized the development of a "Map, Plan and Report" for a proposed waterline on Cayuga Creek Road. This is the first step in the process. Once completed, I will set up an informational meeting.

Flu shots will be given by Pharmacist Kara Smith from Alden Pharmacy on October 19, 2018 at the Community Center between 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Participants should bring their insurance cards.

We have been informed that Modern Disposal is not interested in executing a contract extension (with only a CPI increase) with the Town beyond the end of this year. Therefore, we will immediately begin work on a bid package.

Finally, we extend our appreciation. First, to **Girl Scout Troop 30702**, who made and put up birdhouses in the Town Park's Joe Panza Nature Trail. As well as, to **Leeza Brown**, who books the bands for our Summer Concert Series. Due to her efforts (incidentally she does this for free), we had a

nice variety of great music, and except for two "rain outs"; many residents were able to enjoy some nice summer evenings.

### *Changes to ENHANCED*

#### *STAR Exemptions*

This coming year will mark a transition on how **ENHANCED Star** applications will be processed. Beginning with the 2019/2020 school year, all applicants will be required to participate in the State's Income Verification Program.



Going forward, the NYS Department of Taxation will annually review an applicants' income to determine their eligibility for the **ENHANCED STAR** Exemption. In the following years, the Tax Department will verify income eligibility and applicants will not need to reapply for the exemption or provide copies of their tax returns to the Assessment Office.

Property owners who were previously participating in the Income Verification Program do not need to submit any information to the Assessment Office, the Tax Department will notify existing IVP participants if additional information is required or, if it is determined the applicant is not eligible for the exemption.

The Enhanced STAR exemption apply to school taxes only and is for residential, owner occupied property of owners aged 65 or over. The maximum allowable income under this exemption is \$86,300.

For this year, the Assessment will be sending out renewal applications to existing **ENHANCED STAR** and Local Senior exemption holders during the month of October. Deadline for filing is March 1, 2019

 <p>Please come and enjoy a wonderful, nutritious meal served at one of 45 dining sites located throughout ERIE COUNTY.</p> <p>Please give <b>48 hour</b> notice if <b>ordering</b> or <b>canceling</b> meals.</p> <p>Suggested Meal donation: <b>\$3.00</b> All donations are confidential; nobody is denied a meal due to an inability to pay. All meals served with 1% or 2% milk. Coffee Hot tea and water are free.</p> <p>For Dining Site Information or Locations Call or Email 858-7639 <a href="http://www.erie.gov/stayfit">www.erie.gov/stayfit</a></p>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	 <p><b>Alden Comm./Sr. Center</b> <b>13116 W. Main St.</b> To order or cancel lunch call: ~Beverly Weisbecker 937-4018 Cell 207-1640 ~Community Center on Tues., Wed. or Thurs. 10 AM to 1 PM 937-4280</p> <p><b>BINGO</b> Tuesday 12:45 PM</p> <p><b>GAMES/CARDS</b> Rummy, Trivial Pursuit, Uno 1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays 12:30 PM Pat Holmes 238-3755</p> <p><b>CERAMICS</b> Thursday 9 AM</p> <p><b>ALDEN SENIOR VAN</b> Tues., Wed., Thurs. To Schedule Call Senior Van Cell: 480-6532 Driver: Joyce Eastland</p> <p><b>ALDEN SENIOR TRAVEL</b> Bus Trip to CANADA Sept. 16-21 Montreal, Quebec &amp; Ottawa Helen at 937-6722 Louise at 937-3466</p> <p><b>ALDEN SENIOR CLUB MEETINGS:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday</p>
	<p><b>4 Veal Parmesan</b> with Tomato Sauce over Pasta Cauliflower Italian Green Beans Diced Peas (730)</p>	<p><b>5 Chicken Breast</b> Boneless with Vegetable Oriental Sauce Mashed Sweet Potatoes Broccoli, Rye Bread Lemon Vanilla Pudding (673)</p>	<p><b>6 Entrée Salad</b> Julienne Salad Dinner Roll Frosted Yellow Cake (3011)</p>	
	<p><b>11 Entrée Salad</b> Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad with Caesar Dressing Rye Bread Cookies (1014)</p>	<p><b>18 Salisbury Steak</b> with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Lima Bean Bake Wheat Bread Mandarin Oranges (709)</p>	<p><b>15 Chicken Thigh</b> Baked, Mashed Sweet Potatoes Peas, Dinner Roll Seasonal Fresh Fruit Chocolate Milk (706)</p>	
	<p><b>19 Chicken Breast, Breaded,</b> Mushroom Gravy Butternut Squash Green Beans with Red Pepper Wheat Roll, Peas (651)</p>	<p><b>19 WELCOME FALL Turkey</b> with Stuffing &amp; Gravy Mashed Potatoes Harvard Beets Fresh Grapes Molded Cranberry Salad (706)</p>	<p><b>20 Pork Chop</b> Boneless, Breaded, w/ Gravy Scalloped Potatoes Country Cottage Mixed Vegetables Wheat Bread, Ambrosia (903)</p>	
	<p><b>25 Chef Side Salad</b> Penne Pasta with Meatballs, Tomato Sauce &amp; Mozzarella Cheese, Peas Chef Salad with Dressing Tropical FruitCup (503)</p>	<p><b>26 Chicken Breast Breaded,</b> Herbed Gravy Mashed Sweet Potatoes Cauliflower Wheat Dinner Roll Chocolate Chip Cookies (954)</p>	<p><b>27 Meatloaf</b> with Onion Gravy Mashed Potatoes Piesta Corn Dinner Roll Orange-Pineapple Velvet (871)</p>	
<b>MONDAY</b>			<b>SEPT. 3</b>	

## Senior News

**September 12** – Member meeting at 1:00pm – Community Center; sign-in begins at 12:30pm. Charitable contributions given by President Mayer to Alden Historical Society, Ewell Free Alden Library, Alden/Marilla Food Pantry and the Alden Pet Food Pantry.

**September 25** – Executive Committee Meeting at 9:30am – Community Center.

**September 26** – Member meeting at 1:00pm – Community Center; sign-in begins at 12:30pm. Birthday celebration with cake and ice cream.

**NEW – Every Tuesday at 11:00am – senior fitness provided by the Erie County Senior Services Department, Richard Derwald. Free to Erie County senior residents. Feel free to also sign-up for the lunch program (\$3) and stay for Bingo! All happening on Tuesdays at the Community Center.**

### History of Labor Day

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.