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Photo of West Seneca Farmer's Market

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR...

### YEAR ONE OF OUR QUARTERLY TOWN NEWSLETTER—COMPLETE!

This issue marks the completion of our first year publishing a town newsletter! The first issue came out in the summer of 2024, and with this spring issue, we will wrap up our first inaugural collection. Inside each newsletter, you will find seasonal updates and information on the various events, programs, and initiatives happening in the town. Additionally, town departments contribute important messages regarding their services, keeping residents informed and engaged.

As I shared in my SUMMER cover message, we hope you discover the many wonderful aspects of town that make "West Seneca the best place to live and raise a family". The summer months naturally highlight the vibrancy of our town, but in our more reflective FALL cover message, we emphasized that it is truly "the people of West Seneca that make our town special". I am particularly proud to be the Supervisor of this great town when I see the lasting impact that so many people have had through their collective talents, families, dedication, business, and service. Partnering with the community helps us improve every year. In my WINTER message, I shared that we were "preparing for our best year yet" and it was amazing to see the number of winter photos that were submitted by the community.



Now that 2025 has arrived, I hope you may see the ways our town continues to grow- whether through an expanding lineup of programs, through significant achievements like our Moody's financial rating improvement, or in the upcoming development of the Seneca Mall site!

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## EMBRACE THE BEAUTY OF SPRING!

West Seneca Parks are bursting with life! Get moving on the new Fitness Court at the West Seneca Soccer Complex, enjoy a relaxing stroll through Fireman's Park using the new walking path, try your luck fishing at Blackbridge Park, or have a picnic and playground playtime at Veterans Park. There is a lot to explore in West Seneca this season!

## SPRING INTO ACTION!

Need volunteer hours? Become a "Teen Volunteer"! This program is for youth in grades 9-12 who are looking for volunteer opportunities that will allow them to give back to their community, provide positive youth development opportunities, and strengthen their leadership skills.



## PROGRAMS

The Recreation Department offers a diverse range of activities and classes for **all ages, low cost or no cost for residents.**

See recreation website



## PARTIES

Free family-friendly events for everyone to enjoy. Gear up for events like **"Bubble Bonanza" in Town Center this summer!**

Come one, come all!



## AND PARKS!

Plan a day of fun at one of newly updated playgrounds located at **Veterans Park, Fisher Court Park and Sunshine Park.**

Which park next?

## Registration begins May 1, 2025

West Seneca Youth & Recreation **2025 Summer Program Catalog** is now available. You can find it online at [WestSenecaRecreation.com](http://WestSenecaRecreation.com). This summer, youth can participate in a variety of exciting activities, including exploring local parks, challenging WSPD officers in friendly games, and racing drones through an obstacle course. Additionally, they can sample different programs, uncover the truth behind myths, learn magic tricks, and showcase their artistic talents with chalk art. Mark your calendars because these very popular programs fill up fast!



## SECURE YOUR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

### Calling all Lifeguards, Recreation Attendants, and Leaders!

Don't let summer sneak up on you! The season is just around the corner and spring is a great time to prepare. The West Seneca Recreation Department is on the hunt for awesome people to join our team! We need lifeguards for our outdoor pool, recreation attendants to help out with our exciting programs, and leadership for both programming & aquatics.

**Interested?** Head over to [WestSenecaRecreation.com](http://WestSenecaRecreation.com) and check out the **"NOW HIRING"** tab to see all the open positions and pay rates.

**P.S.** Making new friends, learning leadership skills, and beefing up your resume are just some of the **excellent perks** of joining our team.

## Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt – April 19, 2025

The West Seneca Kiwanis Club will facilitate their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th at the Lions Bandshell behind Town Hall! This very popular event will begin at 9:00am for grades Pre-K and Kindergarten, 9:30am for 1st and 2nd grade, 10:00am for 3rd and 4th grade, and 10:30am for 5th and 6th grade. We sincerely thank this service organization, their leadership, and volunteers for taking the time to put on this amazing event for families!

## ENJOY A PICNIC WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY UNDER A PARK SHELTER!

Reservations for shelters at Veterans Park, West Seneca Soccer Complex, Fireman's Park, and Kiwanis Pavilion are available for a small fee.

Other park shelters are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Interested in learning more about our reservable park shelters? Search our website or scan the QR code.



## SPRING JUST GOT SWEETER!

In March, April and May, create lasting memories with your family at our Candy Bingo and/ or Game nights! Enjoy friendly competition with your family, exciting games and maybe even a sweet treat or two (at Family Candy Bingo only). Registration is required, so don't miss out on the fun!



## CHECK OUT OUR SPRING PROGRAMMING SCHEDULES

### Youth Programming

[WestSenecaRecreation.com](http://WestSenecaRecreation.com)

Our Youth and Recreation Department is packed with a large variety of programs and we are always finding new ways to expand. For details and information on pre-registration, please search the website or scan the following QR Code:



### Senior Programming

[bit.ly/WSSeniorCenter](http://bit.ly/WSSeniorCenter)

Our West Seneca Senior Center is the exclusive club for ages 50+. Their extensive list of programming and events can be found on the town website ([westseneca.net](http://westseneca.net)) under "Senior Citizens Center" or by scanning the following QR code:





*West Seneca Senior Center*  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES

It has been several months since I began at the West Seneca Senior Center. I believe we have seen some great changes! There is a light in this Senior Center, and it comes from everyone within it! Together, we have the opportunity to continue to make this Senior Center one of a kind! We have something for everyone, crafting, dancing, group workouts, card games, fitness center, pickleball and much more!

I am a West Seneca native, and chose to plant my roots here to raise my family as well. I am committed to the direction that this town is heading and I am so excited to be apart of its' growth as well. My background is rooted in Case Management. I have been providing and linking members of our community with Community Resources and plan on continuing this within the Senior Center. My vision is to continue the Center's lively atmosphere and motivation toward a healthy living while also bringing in more Community Resources to better the lives our Seniors.

Big things are happening here! We recently hired a new Fitness Instructor who is bringing her background in wellness and yoga to our Center. Our new kitchen staff are motivated to bring quality food to your table! We have entertainment coming every month for the next few months such as DJ Biggs, Brother James and Crash Cadillac! We also have weekday lunches served through Erie County and host University Express classes through Erie County Senior Services. Without the help and dedication from our Members and Volunteers we would not be what we are today. The Center continues to grow, not only in Membership but in what we have to offer to our Community!

-Kelsey Lignos



### Come Eat with Us!

In cooperation with the Erie County Department of Senior Services, the Senior Center provides a nutritious hot meal and social opportunities for persons age 60 or over and their spouses each weekday at noon with suggested contribution for each meal of \$3.50.

### Need a Ride?

The Senior Center operates vans to pick up Senior Citizens aged 60+ at their home and take them to the doctor, food shopping, and other necessary services. This curb to curb service has a suggested donation of \$8 for each one-way trip. Vans run Monday-Friday 9am—3pm. Call Erie County for more information 716-858-7433

### Upcoming Highlights!

Join us for one of our upcoming dances!

⇒ Dance with Brother James 4/22

⇒ Talent Show with DJ Biggs 5/21

⇒ Dance with Crash Cadillac 6/12

## Learn with Us!

**University Express** offers free educational classes for older adults in Erie County. The program runs May—July 2025. A variety of classes are offered including current affairs, history, humanities, finance and medicine.

Classes are designed to stimulate the mind and provide opportunities to build social networks. No Homework or tests here though! Just exciting discussions with peers with similar interests.

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW SENIOR FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

### Meet Jessie Reino!

*I believe that yoga and movement should be accessible to everyone, regardless of age, ability, or preconceived notions. I strive to uplift and inspire, meeting you exactly where you are on your wellness journey.*

*Dispelling the misconception that yoga and movement are solely for the physically fit or flexible, my classes are designed to cater to all individuals. I prioritize self-care and offer modifications and options, ensuring that everyone can participate and experience the benefits of these practices.*

*From gentle flows to rejuvenating movements, our classes aim to nourish your mind, body, and spirit.*

- Jessie Reino



### West Seneca Senior Fitness Center

The West Seneca Senior Fitness Center is a state-of-the-art fitness and health facility, located in the lower level of the Senior Citizen Center. The cost of the gym is \$10.00 per month, paid on a month-to-month basis in cash or check. The Center does accept Silver Sneakers, Renew Active through United Healthcare, Fit On Health and Silver & Fit through Univera, which is reimbursed based on your attendance. The Fitness Center allows you to workout independently and participate in instructor led fitness classes.

### Interested in taking a class?

The schedule can be found online at [westseneca.net](http://westseneca.net) under "Senior Citizens Center". Classes include strength training, yoga, cardio drumming, Club 99, and more!

## WEST SENECA SOCCER COMPLEX HAS BECOME A FITNESS HUB

Over the summer, you will certainly see many families and soccer stars on the field thanks to our partnership with the West Seneca Soccer Club and other organizations. This level of activity is complimented by the concession stands operated by Holiday Leisure, the playground, shelters, and the creek access point where many go to explore. However, the West Seneca Soccer Park has also become a go-to space for loyal walkers, runners, and fitness enthusiasts, EVERYDAY!

There is a walking path that loops the entire park, which is about 1 mile long. Additionally, a fitness court was added only a couple years ago. This exciting fitness court provides the an outdoor exercise opportunity containing seven movement stations to achieve a full body workout in seven minutes. There is even a free app that will unlock thousands of workouts. Created for people aged 14 and over, and with all abilities in mind, the workouts are adaptable for all fitness levels.

With summer around the corner, the West Seneca Soccer Park is a great place to prepare, go outside, and get active before the season arrives. This gem of our community is located at **3747 Seneca St.**

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## YEAR ONE...COMPLETE! *(continue from page one)*

As we enter the second year of our newsletter, I invite our community to share their feedback, so we may continue to grow and improve. What type of updates would you like to see? What do you enjoy most about the newsletter, and what can be improved or added? Please send any suggestions you may have to our Deputy Town Supervisor Amelia Greenan at [agreenan@twsny.org](mailto:agreenan@twsny.org). We want the next year of publications to be even better than the last!

This newsletter is made possible at no cost to the Town through our partnership with LPi, who coordinates with local sponsors to support publication. The summer, fall, winter, and now, SPRING issues are linked on the front page of our website. Four thousand print copies are also made available at various locations, like Town Hall, the Community Center, and Senior Center. We are grateful to the many local businesses that help sponsor and distribute our information to the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read, for all the supportive messages, and for your thoughtful suggestions too! As always, my office is here to assist you - please contact my office anytime at 716-558-3202.

## “Support Local” at the West Seneca Farmers Market

**Opening Day is May 15, 2025**

The West Seneca Farmers Market is brought to you in partnership with the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce. Uniquely located on the grassy hill at the corner of Union Road and Main Street this market features 40+ local tent vendors and food trucks every Thursday from 4:00-7:00pm. The 16 week market runs until September 4th, with the exception of June 19th.

The market has a wide selection of vendors and shoppers can find produce, fresh baked goods, wine, mead, flowers, sweet treats, décor, and much more! There is something for everyone and a perfect place to stop before the weekend begins.

You can even pick up dinner on your way home from work. Or, bring the family and enjoy the food selection at the picnic tables while you listen to the acoustic music arranged each week. In fact, this year, even more food vendors will be joining us, including the a catering vendor that cooks grilled chicken and pulled pork dinners!

Connecting with the local vendors is often the best part of attending the market. We encourage the community

to get to know the business owner’s story and their passion behind the product. These are the vendors that do really well and the customers that walk away the happiest.

Themes to look forward to: Back-to-back “Kids Day” themes on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and, “Animal Rescue” on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The West Seneca Farmers Market sincerely thanks the WNY Federal Credit Union for their sponsorship.



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – MAY 26TH AT 10:30AM

We thank our Joint Veterans Committee for coordinating the annual Memorial Day Parade! Parade participants will gather and “step off” from Southgate Plaza will occur at 10:30am. The parade will travel down Union Road and conclude at Town Hall. All units will then line up and a Memorial Day Ceremony will follow. In case of rain, the ceremony will take place in the gymnasium.



## INTRODUCING THE WEST SENECA COURT JUSTICES

### Justice Jon F. Minear

Jon was elected as your West Seneca Town Justice on November 7, 2023, and was sworn in on December 31, 2023. The Justice Court handles all types of cases, from vehicle and traffic violations, small claims matters, town code violations, noncriminal violations, misdemeanors, and even felonies (although not through disposition).

Jon is very proud of our court. Out of all the justice courts in Erie County, West Seneca is currently rated as number three. The ratings are based upon volume of cases, town size, and various other qualifications. Our court clerks are professional, respectful, and well prepared, igniting the foundation of our great rating.

In addition to being a West Seneca Town Justice, he has been in private practice as an attorney for the last 14 years. Jon is a seasoned litigator, focusing on civil litigation. He has the necessary credentials to practice in all New York State Courts.

Jon is a lifelong resident of the Town of West Seneca. He loves attending his oldest son's hockey games and his youngest son's soccer games. He also thoroughly enjoys fishing and running. You'll be sure to see him in a race or two supporting the Town!



### Judge Paula M. Eade Newcomb

Paula began her legal career during high school working at a law firm in her hometown of Olean, New York. Paula then obtained an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Jamestown Community College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from St. Bonaventure University, and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Buffalo Law School. While attending college and law school, Paula worked for various law firms in the Southern Tier.

In the summer of 1991, a few months after being admitted to the New York State Bar, she settled in West Seneca, New York. Paula was a civil litigator in private practice for 28 years before accepting the position of a confidential law clerk for a supreme court judge for two years. For the last five years, Paula has been an associate court attorney in Cattaraugus County Supreme Court. Paula became one of the town's prosecutors in 2024, and was appointed to Town Justice of West Seneca, effective January 1, 2025. Paula is known for her legal knowledge, integrity, and hard work ethic.

Paula and her husband Terry are very proud of their two sons that they have raised in West Seneca. She is an avid sports fan and team supporter. From the time their children started playing sports until the present, Paula can be found at the hockey rink, football field and lacrosse field, as well as cooking team dinners. When she is not in court or in the stands, you can find Paula assisting neighbors, family and friends or volunteering in the community.



## SPRING TIME IS HERE

### Thinking of upgrading / enhancing your backyard?

As the snow melts away and you can finally see the grass in your backyard, you may be thinking about some upgrades. There are many things to consider; cost, timing, and contractors. But, have you considered what the town's guidelines are? Each town sets different guidelines for things like fencing, pools, and sheds. A visit to the office will help sort all of the issues out before you get too far along in your planning. In almost every instance, your property survey is key to success when determining what you may, or may not, be able to do. Let us help you get it right the first time.



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## ERIE COUNTY RODENT PROGRAM

**Did you know that Erie County has a program that installs bait traps at properties at no cost?**

Our office routinely addresses these issues throughout the Town. This often becomes an entire neighborhood issue when numerous residents see traces of rodents. Sometimes we can fix the issues that harbor rodents, but often it takes more than that.

Bird feeders are often a source of food for rodents. Residents must be diligent in the type of feeder they have to ensure there is little to no seed on the ground.

Contact Erie County at:

716-961-6800

## ALTERNATIVE POWER FOR YOUR HOME

It is difficult to keep up with the constant changes in technology. Companies are constantly developing different ways to power your home. All of these require various permits and inspections. Here are some examples:

### Rooftop Mounted Solar Panels

This is a system of solar panels, power inverters, and equipment that provides power for your home. In addition to all of the electrical components, a review of your roof takes place to ensure it can support these panels. These systems are also scrutinized for the safety of first responders in the Town.



### Batteries

This is simply storing power in

batteries for future use. These often are only enough power for essential items in your home for a very limited time period. A popular technology is the Tesla Wall Pack.

### Natural Gas Generators

Often a more popular option, but potentially more expensive. These units can provide enough power to energize your entire home in a power outage. Your desired comfort level will determine the size of these units. There are options for utilizing a traditional "pull start" generator to energize your home. All of these options require adjustments to your home electrical system.



### Geothermal

A system geared towards the heating and cooling of your home. A concept that uses underground piping and equipment to extract the fairly consistent temperature located below ground.

## WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES

The Town of West Seneca is making much-needed upgrades to the water system within Water District (WD8) and also along Bullis Road in WD 1. This project will replace old, worn-out water mains originally installed in the late 1950s, ensuring residents have safe, reliable water service for years to come. These improvements are part of the Town's plan to eventually transfer water service operations to the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA).

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The project will replace about 3,200 feet of water mains along Northwood Avenue, Terrace Boulevard, Hyland Avenue, and Mohawk Street and also replace approximately 2,600 feet of water mains along Bullis Road (from Seneca Street to Rt 400). Along with new PVC pipe, the Town will also install new valves, fire hydrants, water services, and other components to improve the water system. Due to the location of the existing utilities, the majority of the new water mains will be installed within the roadway so there will likely be minor disruptions to local traffic during working hours but the roads are expected to open at night and on weekends.

### WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

The existing cast iron water mains along these roadways have been in service for more than 60 years, and over time, they have had numerous breaks, leading to interruptions in water service and resulting in large expenses for repairs. With the aging infrastructure, maintaining reliable service has become more challenging, and upgrading the system is necessary to prevent future problems.



### HOW WILL THIS PROJECT BE FUNDED?

The Town of West Seneca was fortunate to receive a 2024 Congressional Appropriation grant for approximately \$1.2M to help offset the project costs. The balance of the project costs will be financed for 30 years and paid back through a charge to the residents within the Overlay Water District.

### WHAT WILL CHANGE?

The new water mains are designed to meet today's standards and improved reliability for homeowners. The project will also improve fire hydrants for better fire protection. Additionally, The Town will install new water services from the main up to the road right-of-way where a connection to the customers' existing service line will be made. These upgraded service lines will ensure long-term durability.

### LOOKING AHEAD

This is just the start to the Town's efforts to modernize its water system. These water main replacements are part of a larger phased plan to update water infrastructure in West Seneca and completely transfer service to the ECWA. The Town will continue to pursue grants and low interest loans to keep the costs to customers as low as possible.

### A BETTER FUTURE FOR RESIDENTS

These improvements show the Town's commitment to providing residents with clean, reliable water. The upgraded system will reduce the chance of water main breaks and interruptions while providing better service and peace of mind once the project is finished.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

The water main project is currently out for bids. Construction is expected to start this summer and be completed by the late fall of 2025. Stay tuned for updates as the work progresses!



## FORMER BELLWOOD SCHOOL

**Location:** 2806 Seneca St

**Constructed:** around 1910

This property has sat vacant for years, with very little interest in development. Around 2002, a portion of the school building was demolished due to its poor condition. Just recently, there has been a change of ownership. The new owner immediately started taking steps in a positive direction. They are clearing the building of contents and performing some preliminary investigations on the structure and size of the building. Although there has been no official plan set in place for the future of this property, the Town has discussed various uses such as residential. The Town's newly

formed Historical Commission has been made aware of this exciting development. The Commission will play a vital role in the development of this property. The Town is

looking forward to the development of this long vacant building.

**BELOW PHOTO:** TAKEN AROUND 2002, SHOWING THE PORTION OF THE BUILDING THAT WAS DEMOLISHED



## U HAUL

**2970 Transit Rd**

Construction is well underway for this new 3-story building along Transit Rd. This project received approvals in 2022. There has been a complete renovation of the existing office building into a self storage complex.



## TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUT

**Orchard Park Rd @ Fisher Rd**

Work has started at the first traffic circle in the Town of West Seneca. This is a New York State DOT project. Improvements will be made at the East & West Rd intersection as well. Be ready for a new traffic pattern once completed.



## FORMER SENECA MALL

Stay tuned for the next publication for updates on this project.



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## A Message From Police Chief Brian Cosgrove

For those of you that do not know me, let me introduce myself. My name is Brian Cosgrove and I am the Chief of Police of the West Seneca Police Department. I want to use this space to tell you a little about myself, the extraordinary men and women of our Department, and what we do to make the Town of West Seneca a place that we are proud to call home.

I have worked for the West Seneca Police Department for 24 years, however, my ties to West Seneca go back farther than that. I am a lifelong resident of West Seneca, having grown up on Circle End Drive. I did not grow up with the intention of becoming a police officer, however, a series of events played out in a way that leads us to where we are today. When I was 17, I was fortunate enough to get a summer job as a laborer in the Buildings and Grounds Department. After a couple of years, this led to working part time in the Dog Control Department. It was during this time that I started to become acquainted with the officers that worked for the Police Department. It was quickly apparent to me that they did more than just arrest criminals. They also provided assistance and help to a lot of people in so many ways. This led to me deciding to pursue a career in law enforcement, specifically, in my hometown of West Seneca. I was hired as a police officer in 2001, and my immediate mission was to be an officer just like those that I had admired from afar years earlier.

As I've made my way through my career, I have had the opportunity to do many things, including being a D.A.R.E. officer, field training officer, academy instructor, member of the Crisis Negotiation Team, Honor Guard, Patrol Lieutenant, Patrol Captain, and finally, Chief of Police. While I have been able to enjoy many personal achievements, one thing that I cannot ignore is the fact that this job requires a team effort, and officers and employees of this Department continually strive to be at their best, which allows us to continually do more than just respond to crimes in progress. Below are examples of just a few of the things we do in the community:

- Assisting community members suffering from mental health crisis
- Ensuring child safety seats are correctly installed
- Speaking to groups about crime prevention
- Partnering with volunteer Neighborhood Watch or block watch programs to keep neighborhoods safe
- Maintain a strong social media presence
- Conducting a Citizen Police Academy
- Conducting a Youth Police Academy
- Keeping schools safe by working as school resource officers
- Neighborhood bike patrols in the summer months
- Partnering with animal rescue organizations

As we continue our commitment to providing the highest level of public service, please remember that the members of the West Seneca Police Department are available to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are here for you when you need it most.

On behalf of the West Seneca Police Department, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support.

In closing, I am honored to serve as Chief of Police and truly love where I work and what I do. Each day, we collaborate to ensure that West Seneca remains a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.





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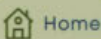
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# WEST SENECA PILOT COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2025!

Did you know that the Town of West Seneca has a food composting program? Composting is the process of turning food scraps that have either went unused or bad into a nutrient rich natural fertilizer. The composting program started back in the Summer of 2023 when the Town Supervisor's Office received a phone call from a passionate resident with an idea to introduce composting to the West Seneca community.

The Town of West Seneca eventually partnered with Farmer Pirates Compost to offer 120 residents the ability to drop off their food scraps at no cost at a "drop off zone" in Town Center for twelve months. "Farmer Pirates Compost" would then collect the scraps from the secure bins and convert them into compost. Data and feedback were continuously collected, and two informational events were organized for a youth audience and a senior audience in collaboration with the Recreation Department and Senior Center. This pilot was scheduled to conclude in February of 2025 but **the Town Board approved the continuation and EXPANSION of the program for another year!**

In an effort to expand the program and continue data collection, the Town Board is now offering this opportunity to 160 residents and will be introducing a second drop off location near the Highway Department this summer. You can sign up for this program at [www.farmerpirates.com/westseneca](http://www.farmerpirates.com/westseneca). Once 160 spots fill, another waitlist will be created. Anyone not actively engaged in the program will be removed so others may have the opportunity to sign up. Farmer Pirates engages with program participants on a regular basis and are available for any questions or guidance along the way.

Additionally, a fun, educational opportunity for kids grades K-10 will be offered in the evening on Earth Day, April 22, 2025 at the West Seneca Community Center. Children who are registered will be able to learn about the process of composting in a fun interactive way, and conduct a sustainable Earth Day craft as well. Please register for this event at [westsenecarecreation.com](http://westsenecarecreation.com).

If you have any questions or feedback on this initiative, please contact Deputy Town Supervisor Amelia Greenan at [agreenan@twsny.org](mailto:agreenan@twsny.org).

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- cereal
- coffee grounds/filters
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- vegetables
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- paper towels
- pasta
- rice/grains
- seafood/shells
- tea/tea bags
- tofu/tempeh
- deadheaded flowers, plant trimmings
- BPI and TUV Certified Compostable products

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- meat/bones
- glass
- gum
- metal
- plastic
- pet waste
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- styrofoam
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**FARMER PIRATES COMPOST**



## Did you know?

**The marigold is the official flower of the Town of West Seneca!**

In 1972 the town held an essay competition to name an official flower. Richard Murko, a sixth-grade student at Queen of Heaven School won with his submission of the marigold.

This flower begins to bloom in late spring. Not only is it beautiful, but rabbits and deer don't them!