

Monthly Newsletter

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LYONS FALLS
ALIVE



August 2026



VILLAGE UPDATE

Summer continues to be a busy season in Lyons Falls, with several projects making steady progress:

1. A new engineering firm has been hired for the sewer project, grant applications have been submitted, and construction is expected to begin next summer.
2. Work is also moving forward on the New York Forward downtown revitalization project, with branding and marketing expected to be completed by December before planning begins for the streetscape improvements.
3. Progress continues at the former Lyons Falls School as well, and residents may have opportunities to tour the building this fall.

The Village Board also welcomes Amanda Denslow, who was recently appointed to fill the vacancy left by Ronnie Dorrity. Amanda, along with Jeff Hoskins and Rhonda Munoz, will appear on the November ballot for three Village Board seats. Thank you for your continued interest in our community and for helping make Lyons Falls a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

Live Birds of Prey program

August 7th, 4pm with Adirondack Raptors, Inc. Bring a chair or blanket to the library lawn for a live raptor encounter, sponsored by the Lewis County Youth Bureau. All ages are welcome and the library will be open until 6PM.

Farmers Market Tips & Tricks

Thursday, Aug. 20th - with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County - Join us for a cooking demonstration and casual class on how to get the most out of your visit to the local Farmers Market. All are welcome, please sign up by calling the library at (315) 348-6180.

Open Mic Jam

will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, 5-7PM, open to all!

Lego Club

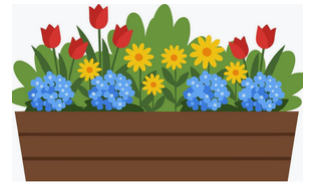
Wednesday, August 19th, open to all kids and their caregivers.

- Relax & Read

Friday, Aug. 27th for kids and tweens, chilled out reading in the community room at 3PM, book chat at 4PM, fans and cold drinks provided

Upcoming Annual Craft Supply

Swap- we will accept donations of clean, usable crafting supplies from August 25th to September 12th. The craft swap is scheduled for the entire week of September 22ⁿ



Keeping Lyons Falls Blooming

The beautiful flower boxes throughout Lyons Falls don't stay that way by accident. They are cared for by dedicated volunteers who water them during dry weather, trim spent blooms, pull weeds, and help keep our village looking its best all season long. Their time and effort create a welcoming first impression for residents and visitors alike. Thank you to everyone who helps keep Lyons Falls colorful and inviting—we truly appreciate your commitment to making our community a place we're proud to call home.



Lyons Falls Alive Farmers' & Crafters' Market will celebrate National Farmers Market Week on August 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Families can enjoy free games, activities, face painting, and complimentary ice cream sundaes in the Lyons Falls Firemen Auxiliary building, donated by Stewart's Shops and served by the Forest Presbyterian Church Youth Group. Children can receive \$5 Coupons for Kids at the market booth in the pavilion to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from market farmers. Coupons are available each week to families with children at home and are sponsored by Forest Presbyterian Church, Farm Credit East, and the Lyons Falls Alive Farmers' & Crafters' Market. SNAP/EBT shoppers may also visit the market booth to receive tokens and FreshConnect Coupons.

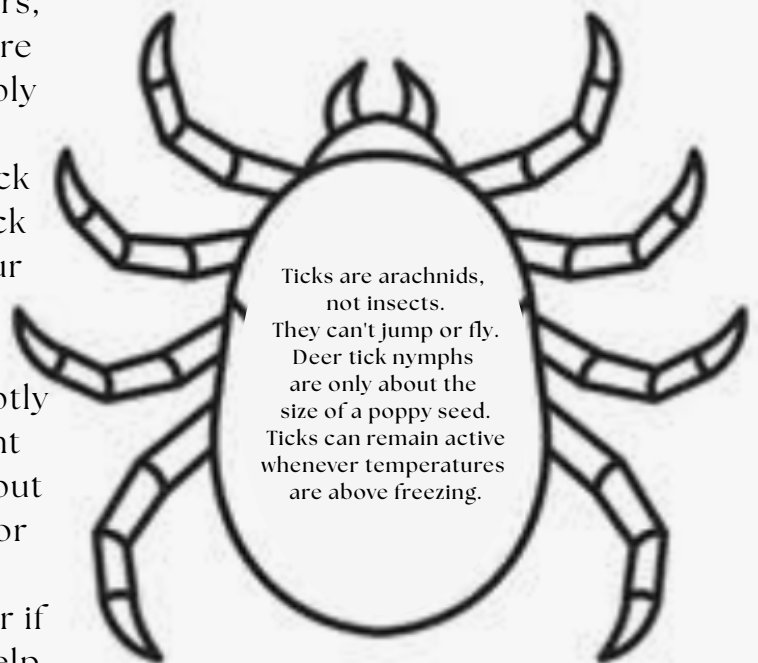


Seasonal Tip: Protect Yourself from Ticks

Summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors, but it's also peak tick season. Whether you're hiking, gardening, mowing the lawn, or simply spending time in the yard, wearing light-colored clothing, using an EPA-approved tick repellent, and performing a quick tick check when you come inside can help reduce your risk of tick bites. Don't forget to check children and pets, too.

If you find an attached tick, remove it promptly with fine-tipped tweezers by pulling straight upward. Most tick bites don't cause illness, but watch for symptoms such as a rash, fever, or flu-like feelings in the days or weeks that follow, and contact your healthcare provider if they occur. A few simple precautions can help everyone enjoy the outdoors safely this summer.

Tick Facts



SUPPORT OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SQUAD!!

The Lyons Falls Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service are always ready to answer the call—whether it's a house fire, medical emergency, motor vehicle accident, or severe weather event. Their members volunteer countless hours for training, meetings, fundraising, equipment maintenance, and emergency response, often leaving family dinners, celebrations, or a full night's sleep to help a neighbor in need.

One of the best ways to support our first responders is to thank them for their service, respect emergency scenes, and consider volunteering if you're able. There are many ways to get involved beyond emergency response, and every contribution helps strengthen these vital community organizations. Their dedication helps keep Lyons Falls a safe place to live, work, and visit, and our community is stronger because of their commitment.



MAKING LYONS FALLS EVEN BETTER

Lyons Falls ALIVE will hold its next meeting on August 12 and everyone is welcome to attend. We are always looking for new ideas, fresh perspectives, and volunteers who are willing to help strengthen our community, improve our village, and create opportunities for neighbors to connect with one another. Whether you have a suggestion for an event, a beautification project, or simply want to lend a hand, we would love to hear from you. We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the volunteers who have adopted and cared for the planters throughout the village. Your efforts help beautify our sidewalks, village signs, and public spaces, making Lyons Falls a more welcoming place for residents and visitors alike.

HAPPENING IN OUR AREA THIS MONTH



Lewis County is updating its 2009 Comprehensive Plan

Naturally Lewis is asking residents, businesses, and community members to share their ideas, priorities, and hopes for the future. This important planning effort will guide decisions that impact local communities, the economy, housing, public services, and overall quality of life for years to come.

The County has launched a community survey to gather broad public input. Community participation is essential to ensure the updated Comprehensive Plan reflects what matters most to the people who live, work, and invest in Lewis County.

Residents are encouraged to participate:

- The survey takes approximately 10–15 minutes to complete.
- All responses are confidential.
- Your feedback will directly inform long-term priorities and investments.

Share your thoughts today:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/d4a2215964a24b6b9b01dc75142ee90a>

Lewis County invites everyone to take part and help shape a vision for a vibrant, resilient, and thriving future. Your voice matters—tell us what you love about Lewis County and what you would like to see moving forward

**Save
the
date**

Saturday Aug. 8th

Live Auction at Noon

To benefit **Caring Friends of the Community**

Croghan Ice Rink

Preview 11 a.m.

Music at 11 a.m. by the Meyer Family

Food: Burgers, hotdogs, nachos, drinks

Cupcake Corner

Pie Stand

Basket Raffle

**2026 Meal Site
PRESENTATIONS:**

Public Health will be presenting at our different meal sites on the following dates:

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT	Harrisville - Wednesday, August 5th Croghan - Wednesday, August 12th Lowville - Wednesday, August 19th
FALL PREVENTION	Harrisville - Wednesday, December 2nd Croghan - Wednesday, December 9th Lowville - Wednesday, December 16th

All presentations begin at 11:00am

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL BY NOTIFYING THE APPROPRIATE MEAL SITE, OR BY CALLING OFFICE FOR THE AGING AT 315-376-5313.

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