

# COMMUNITY

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## Snapshot

# GETTING CREATIVE



At Troy Center on Marvin Avenue, residents have been getting together to create DIY wreaths, such as 85-year-old Joyce McCampbell from Mechanicville. She and a handful of residents have been so into their wreaths because the goal is to hang them on from their door at Troy Center.

## Calendar

### Monday, Dec. 27

**BLOOD DRIVE:** An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27 at American Legion Melvin Roads Post, 200 Columbia Tpke., Rensselaer. More information is available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**BLOOD DRIVE:** An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27 at Troy Hilton Garden Inn, 235 Hoosick Street, Troy. More information is available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Wednesday, Dec. 29

**BLOOD DRIVE:** An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at American Legion Post 1489, 111 Main Ave., Wynantskill. More information is available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**THRIFT SHOP:** The Thrift Shop at the Johnsonville Methodist Church, 22 Bridge St., Johnsonville, NY 12094 is open every Wednesday and the first Saturday of each month from 9-12. Look for our sign at the corner of Rte. 111 and Rte. 67. We have a great selection of adult and children's winter clothing, coats, boots, shoes, purses, special occasion and career clothes, jewelry, toys, linens, household and decorative items. Christmas decor is now available. Our well-organized book room has over 1,000 books available.

### Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022

**FIRST DAY HIKES:** Governor Kathy Hochul encourages New Yorkers to spend time in the outdoors this holiday season and celebrate the New Year at state parks, historic sites, wildlife areas, trails, and public lands across the Empire State on January 1, 2022. The variety of hikes offered include seal walks, fire tower treks, lakefront trails, boardwalks, towpaths, walks along waterfalls, historic estates, military forts and more. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) host or partner with volunteer organizations to host the many walks and hikes being held as part of the popular First Day Hikes program, marking its 11th year Anniversary. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event options for hikes range from self-guided treks to small staff- or volunteer-led hikes to multiple event options that day, allowing participants the time and space to social distance while

still enjoying nature's winter wonders. The walks and hikes are family-friendly, and typically range from one to five miles depending on the location and conditions. Hikes are being offered at more than 75 state parks, historic sites, DEC state lands, wildlife areas, Forest Preserve trails and environmental education centers with select sites offering multiple event options. The FDH events may include drawings for an annual Empire Pass, as well as keepsake giveaways. Local First Day Hikes are scheduled for Grafton Lakes State Park, Grafton; 11am; 1pm; (two hikes) 518.279.1156 and Peebles Island State Park, Waterford; 10am; 1pm; (two hikes) 518.268.2188 as well as Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs; 10am; 518.584.2535. A complete list of New York State First Day Hikes, location details, format, pre-registration requirements and additional information can be found online at [parks.ny.gov](https://parks.ny.gov) and [dec.ny.gov](https://dec.ny.gov). Interested participants are encouraged to check the details of their preferred hike site and pre-register where required; alternate locations should be considered as capacity restrictions and registration limits may impact availability.

### Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022

**VFW POST 1938 BREAKFAST:** Start the New Year at the monthly breakfast at VFW Post 1938 Poplar Ave. Valley Falls NY 12185 on Sunday January 2, 2022 from 9-11 a.m. Menu includes eggs cooked to order, french toast, pancakes, sausage, bacon, potatoes, biscuits with sausage gravy, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Cost is \$10 (age 13 and over) \$5 (children 9-12) free (children under 5).

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Buffet and Omelet Station — Waterford Knights of Columbus Sunday, January 2nd, 2022, 8:00am — 11:00am and Every 1st Sunday of the Month at the K of C Hall, 76 Grace Street, Waterford. Buffet featuring our famous Omelet Station, Eggs cooked to order, Pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, home fries, toast, coffee, tea, orange and apple juices. Take a chance to win a free breakfast. Each paid breakfast entitles you to win a free breakfast. Takeout available. For information or reservations call 518-237-9330. \$10.00 adult — \$5.00 children. Children under 4 free.

### Monday, Jan. 3, 2022

**LIBRARY MEETING:** The Troy Public Library's Admin-

istration Committee will have a hybrid meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3. A link will be provided a few minutes before the meeting. The library is located at 1002nd St. in Troy.

**NATURE ON THE MOVE:** On Monday, January 3rd at 10:30am Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park will be holding one of their bi-monthly Nature on the Move walks. This walk is geared towards gentle exercise and the enjoyment of nature and will be accessible for participants at basic fitness levels. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a winter walk on the trails! The walk will depart from the Camp Saratoga North Trailhead kiosk. These walks are a bi-monthly activity with the next walk scheduled on January 24th at the same location, the Camp Saratoga North Trailhead kiosk. Registration is required. Space is limited. Snowshoes will be available for rent 15 minutes before the program at \$3 per participant. If there is no snow, the program will take place without snowshoes. To register please visit our website, [wiltonpreserve.org](https://wiltonpreserve.org), and click on the "Public Programs" tab to access the online registration form. For more information, please contact the Preserve & Park office at 518-450-0321 or via email at [info@wiltonpreserve.org](mailto:info@wiltonpreserve.org). For up-to-date trail conditions or program information, please visit the Preserve & Park's website at [wiltonpreserve.org](https://wiltonpreserve.org). The Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park is a non-profit organization that conserves ecological systems and natural settings while providing opportunities for environmental education and outdoor recreation.

### Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022

**BLOOD DRIVE:** An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Joy of Troy, located at 600 Third Ave. in Troy. More information is available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022

**POETRY NIGHT:** On Wednesday, January 5, 2021, Caffé Lena will present a poetry reading by Suzanne Rancourt. An open mic poetry reading will follow. Doors open for sign-ups at 6:30pm and the readings will start at 7:00. The host for the event will be Carol Graser and the cost is \$5 general, free for students. The featured reading will also be livestreamed. You can find a link for the livestream at [caffelena.org](https://caffelena.org). 2x Best of the Net Nomi-

## TODAY IN HISTORY

SUNDAY DEC 26, 2021

### 1799

Former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

### 1908

Jack Johnson became the first African-American boxer to win the world heavyweight championship as he defeated Canadian Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia.

### 1917

During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation authorizing the government to take over operation of the nation's railroads.

### 1941

During World War II, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

### 1966

Kwanzaa was first celebrated.

### 1980

Iranian television footage was broadcast in the United States showing a dozen of the American hostages sending messages to their families.

### 1994

French commandos stormed a hijacked Air France jetliner on the ground in Marseille, killing four Algerian hijackers and freeing 170 hostages.

nee, Suzanne S. Rancourt, Abenaki/Huron descent, has authored *Billboard in the Clouds*, Northwestern Univ. Press, (received the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas First Book Award) murmurs at the gate. *Unsolicited Press*, 2019, Old Stones, New Roads, Main Street Rag Publishing, 2021. Her 4th book is forthcoming from *Unsolicited Press*, 2023. A USMC and Army Veteran, Suzanne is a multimodal Expressive Arts Therapist. Advanced degrees include psychology, Credentialled Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Aikido and Iaido. Widely published, please explore her website: [www.expressivearts.com](https://www.expressivearts.com).

### Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022

**DROP IN TECH HELP:** Beginning Thursday January 6, 2022, one-on-one assistance with technology will be available through the Troy Public Library's "Drop-in Tech Help" program. An ongoing program, TPL librarians will be on-hand to help with laptops, smartphones, tablets, and other common devices used by patrons. Librarians will also explain and help navigate common apps, such as Gmail and Instagram, and library resources like OverDrive/Libby and Hoopla. Assistance will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. This program is provided weekly on Thursdays from 10AM to 11AM, in the first-floor Troy Room of the Main Library. This program is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. For more information, call the library at 274-7071 or the Troy Public Library is located at 100 Second Street, Troy.

**TROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Regular City Council meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 433 River Street. Committee meetings are scheduled on a regular basis. Agendas and minutes for meetings are posted on the city website. All meetings are open to the public. Committee meetings begin with a public forum where residents of Troy can comment on any item on the agenda. At monthly regular meetings, Troy residents can discuss any issue related to the City of Troy. The city is currently live-streaming Council meetings on the Troy City Council YouTube page.

**DISCOVERY OF A MASTERPIECE:** Join the Troy Public Library for this virtual event, January 6th, 2022, at 6:00 pm. You will be speaking to Mallory Mortillaro, who serves as the Curator of Collec-

tions for the Hartley Dodge Foundation in Madison, NJ. While she was cataloging the artwork housed inside of the Hartley Dodge Memorial she uncovered a masterpiece that had been lost to the art world since the 1930's. After a year of research the piece was authenticated as an official work by Auguste Rodin. Mallory will share the story of how a simple art cataloging project evolved into a search for a mysterious piece's provenance, and became one of the biggest art finds in recent history. Mallory Mortillaro serves as the Curator of Collections for the Hartley Dodge Foundation. In this position she worked to authenticate an original Rodin sculpture, lost to the art world since the 1930's. Mallory holds a BA and MAT, both from Drew University. She balances her work as an Art Historian with teaching 7th grade English. She lives in Whippany, New Jersey with her husband. This program is conducted via zoom. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call the library at 274-7071 or online at [www.thetroylibrary.org](https://www.thetroylibrary.org).

### Friday, Jan. 7, 2022

**BLOOD DRIVE:** An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at the Troy Boys and Girls Club, 1700 7th Ave., Troy. More information is available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Friday, Jan. 7, 2022

**ONLINE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP:** January 7, 12 pm is the next Diabetes Support Group sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County. This informal support group is held via Zoom for people with diabetes or prediabetes. Family members of those with diabetes are also welcome to attend. There is no fee for the support group. Topics will vary and may be based on the interest of the group. Contact Diane Whitten at 518-885-8995, or [dwhitten@cornell.edu](mailto:dwhitten@cornell.edu) for more information. Register in advance for this meeting at: <https://cornell.zoom.us/j/96127090000>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022

**BLOOD DRIVE:** An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8 at Hope Lutheran Church located at 470 Winter Street Extension, Troy. More information is available online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).