

GLOVERSVILLE

Food Truck Fridays to continue this week downtown

The 2024 Gloversville Food Truck Fridays continues today, at Castiglione Park on North Main Street, and for this date food vendors will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 8 p.m.

"There will be music by local talented musicians, and we have some new food vendors participating. Sev-

eral non-profit organizations will also have tables in the park to share their information and these include Fulmont Community Action Agency, which has an office at 53 Church St. in Gloversville, Gloversville Public Library and Glove City Coalition," said Jennifer Donovan, Gloversville Downtown Development Specialist

at the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, in a news release.

This is a joint venture sponsored by the Gloversville Recreation Commission and Fulton County Center for Regional Growth. Music sponsors this year include Price Chopper-Market 32, First Choice Financial Credit Union, and Cricket

Wireless and special assistance is provided by Great Rentals for the program set-up.

Food trucks scheduled for the 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift are Jammin' Juice Bar, Parkside Hot Dogs, Plated Palette, and Teddy's Gyros.

Michelle King will provide a musical backdrop for the lunchtime

event.

Joining the earlier food vendors for the 4 to 8 p.m. shift are Nibbles & Bites, Lynn & Walt's Walk Up Wagon, and Robb's Topp Doggs Mobile Kitchen.

The musician performing in the evening is Brian Delorenzo Boche-neck.

AMSTERDAM

GOJO Industries honors Liberty Enterprises business partnership with award

Liberty Enterprises, the manufacturing division of Liberty ARC, was honored for its long-standing business relationship with GOJO Industries, the maker of Purell Hand Sanitizer, with their inaugural State-Use Partner of the Year Award for 2023.

The award is given to a state-use GOJO partner to recognize their engagement, collaboration, and sales performance. For over 10 years, GOJO has been collaborating with state-use partners, or a business that provides employment opportunities to people with disabilities and sells to state-wide agencies. Liberty Enterprises was one of the companies to take part in the collaboration.

According to Kelly Grove, the Public Sales Director for the Northeast Region at GOJO, when the company began evaluating their various state-use partners for the award Liberty Enterprises was a stand out for their ongoing and active collaboration with GOJO.

"Liberty Enterprises participates in regular business reviews, including their state-wide governing agency, New York State Industries for the Disabled, in our planning meetings, sharing their out the door GOJO sales data and engaging with their GOJO team on targeted efforts," Grove said in a news release. "They have also embraced GOJO's innovation over the years, and that receptiveness was also a consideration. Liberty Enterprises has also consistently looked for and has been creative in finding new growth opportunities within the state. These activities certainly defined a true partnership and hence it is only fitting that we presented the 2023 GOJO State-Use Partner of the Year Award to Liberty Enterprises."

"It is an honor to receive this award in recognition of our employees' hard work and dedica-



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Pictured are Liberty Enterprises, Liberty ARC, and GOJO Industries staff. Liberty Enterprises was the recipient for GOJO's Industries State-Use Partner of the Year Award for 2023, along with Purell Hand Sanitizer products. Liberty Enterprises is a preferred source for Purell products.

tion," said Erin Abele, Liberty ARC's Director of Employment Services and Industrial Operations. "GOJO, the maker of Purell Hand Sanitizer, has worked for years with Liberty Enterprises, and as you can imagine during the pandemic the demand for

their product saw a major increase. Our workforce graciously stepped up, added extra shifts, and we pulled out all the stops to make sure that New Yorkers had the hand sanitizer and cleaning products they needed. Post Pandemic demonstrated to be a

real challenge given the glut of product out there. Through our creative thinking, product development initiatives, customer targeting, sales support and collaboration we have since witnessed not only a recovery but growth in this line of business from

pre-pandemic levels. Maintaining, evolving and growing lines of business is critical to serving our mission and continuing our work to provide employment for people with disabilities.

"I was so proud to hear that GOJO wanted to honor Liberty

Enterprises," said Liberty ARC CEO Jennifer Saunders in the release. "This is a huge testament to our staff at Liberty Enterprises and our mission - 'To empower people with disabilities through vocational and supported employment.'"

MAYFIELD

Mayfield Historical Society announces 2024 event schedule

The Mayfield Historical Society has announced its list of events for 2024.

◆ Saturday, June 15, 12 noon - 4 p.m. - 41st Annual Strawberry Festival and "Treasures in the Trunk". Strawberry shortcake with ice cream and lemonade is just \$5/\$3 for children 8 and under. Enjoy live music by Ryan Matter from 1-3 p.m. Free tours of the Rice Homestead will be given. New this year: "Treasures in the Trunk", featuring vintage and new items, in a flea-market style setting. Admission is free. The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield. In case of rain, the event will be at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St., Mayfield.

◆ Thursday, July 18, 6-8 p.m. - Annual Ice Cream Social and Concert - Singer/guitarist Dan Lynaugh will perform live on the lawn. Bring a chair or use one of the picnic tables. Spinning demos and free tours are part of the fun. \$3 for homemade cake, ice cream, and a beverage. \$2 for children 8 and under. The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield. In case of rain, the event will be at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St., Mayfield.

◆ Monday, August 19, 6:30 p.m. - The Daughters of the American Revolution Presentation. Join the Mayfield Historical Society in welcoming the Amsterdam Daughters of the American Revolution



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The Mayfield Historical Society will hold its 41st annual Strawberry Festival from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road. Treasures in the Trunk Sale fundraiser in the field of the Rice Homestead will take place at the same time with set-up from 10-11 a.m. Sell your treasures from the trunk of your vehicle or own tables. The pre-registration cost is \$10 per vehicle parking spot (12' x 12') or \$15 for the day. Vendors may purchase more than one spot. The event will feature live music, strawberry shortcake and tours of the Rice Homestead. Free admission and open to the public. For information or to register, contact Mayfield Historical Society President Bob Suits at 518-857-2820.

as they present the DAR's history, mission, commitment to equality, and relevance in today's world. Learn tips on

researching your family's ancestry and how the DAR can assist you in discovering your family roots. Refreshments

will be served. Free admission. Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St., Mayfield.

◆ Saturday, October 5, 12 noon - 4 p.m. - Fall Harvest Cruise-In. A great event for families and car enthusiasts to come together for fall fun and food, including desserts and hot dogs with Mayfield's own Lee's Snack Bar's famous meat sauce. Bring a chair or use one of our picnic tables. Enjoy live music by The Knox Gentlemen from 1-3 p.m. Free admission. The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield.

◆ Monday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. - Appalachian Historic Songs. Join the Mayfield Historical Society in welcoming Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle, award-winning songwriters and singers. Hear songs and narratives from the Appalachians on instruments such as guitar, fiddle, banjo, and harmonica. For adults and teenagers. Refreshments will be served. Free admission. Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St., Mayfield.

◆ Saturday, December 7, 12 noon - 4 p.m. - Christmas Open House at The Rice Homestead. Always a festive and beautiful time to visit, with roaring fireplaces and natural seasonal decor. Enjoy homemade cookies, hot mulled cider, and music by Dana Carroll, who will play the hammered dulcimer from 12-2 pm. Home-made pies will be for sale. Free admission. The Rice Homestead, 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield.

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN

Town seeks input from residents as they apply for state funding to update the comprehensive plan

Since early 2024, the Town of Johnstown established a committee to look at the Comprehensive Plan and make recommendations for an update. Known as the EnVision Town of Johnstown Initiative, the group consists of Supervisor Christina VanValkenburgh, Deputy Supervisor Paul Catucci, Planning Board Chair Jes Bearden, Planning Board Vice Chair Lance Gundersen, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Persch, and the Fulton County Planning

Department.

The committee hopes to apply for a Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant through New York State Consolidated Funding Application. If awarded, the State will cover 90% of the update, with and 10% coming from the Town to hire a consultant.

A Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning document that determines a community's vision, goals, objectives, policies, strategies, and aspirations

for future growth, development, preservation, and recreation discussing but not limited to transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing.

Smart Growth is an approach of development and conservation strategies that can help protect our health and natural environment and make our communities more attractive, economically stronger, socially diverse, and resilient which may include principles such as walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly

streetscapes; compact, mixed-use community design; municipal centers; a diversity of housing options for all incomes, ages and abilities; safe, accessible public spaces; ample parks and outdoor recreational opportunities; green buildings; and infrastructure.

"The current Comprehensive Plan is roughly 20 years old and does not address certain changes in the geographic landscape, such as the increased presence of renewable energy, desire

for more recreational activities, growth in agribusinesses, and changes in types housing for older adults and first-time homebuyers," says Christina VanValkenburgh, Supervisor. "Updating our Town's Comprehensive Plan will engage, and educate the residents and Town Officials while giving the ability to envision how we would like the Town to look over the next five to ten years."

Between now and June 14, 2024, the Town has set up a

questionnaire for residents to submit feedback. This feedback will be beneficial when applying for the grant, and if awarded, will be used to update the plan. Both the Survey and the Comprehensive Plan are available by going to the Town of Johnstown website, www.townofjohnstown.org, or by visiting Town Hall. The survey is also available by going to <https://tinyurl.com/EnVisionTownOfJohnstown>. For any questions, contact the Town of Johnstown at 518-762-7070 x3.