Bring Your Own Bag New York - #BYOBagNY

Consumer Participation

Starting March 1, 2020, a new bag waste reduction law will take effect in New York State - where over 23 billion plastic bags are typically used each year. Plastic bag usage affects both our communities and environment. Plastic bags can be seen stuck in trees, as litter in our neighborhoods, and floating in our waterways. From the significant recycling and disposal issues they pose to the harm they can do to wildlife, the negative impacts of plastic bags are easily seen.

As a consumer, you can help and #BYOBagNY - Bring Your Own Bag. Keep reusable bags in your car, or clip folding reusable bags onto your commuting bag or purse so you always have them handy. If you store them near the door or coat closet, you'll be more likely to remember them on the way out. Remember that every time you use a reusable bag, you are doing your part to prevent litter and waste. Using reusable bags makes sense and is the right thing to do. You can also remind your family, friends, and neighbors to bring their reusable bags whenever they shop.

The Bag Waste Reduction Law applies to more than just grocery stores. Whether you're going to the grocery store, clothes shopping, or to a home improvement store, make sure to bring your reusable bags.

Types of Bags You Can Use

While shoppers can bring any type of bag -- including film plastic -- note that there are many alternatives to choose from which are more environmentally friendly. Ideally,

a bag should be washable and designed for multiple uses, such as one made from cloth. If you forget to bring a bag with you, many retailers will have reusable bags for sale. An alternative, such as paper, may also be available. Please note that stores are not required to have bags available for customers. Some stores may choose not to switch to paper and may only have reusable bags for purchase. That is why it is important for consumers to #BYOBagNY - Bring Your Own Bag. If you have a small purchase, such as a magazine, candy or drink, you can help our environment by saying "No thank you" to a single use paper bag and carrying the item instead.

The Bag Waste Reduction Law and Who it Affects

Starting March 1, 2020, all plastic carryout bags (other than an exempt bag) are banned from distribution by anyone required to collect New York State sales tax. For sales that are tax exempt, plastic carry out bags are still not allowed to be distributed by anyone required to collect New York State sales tax (unless it is an exempt bag). The law will affect anyone required to collect New York State sales tax, bag manufacturers and consumers. Cities and counties will also be involved. Under the law:

cities and counties are authorized to adopt a five-cent paper carry-out bag reduction fee. This means that in these areas, a consumer will be charged 5 cents for each paper carryout bag provided at checkout. In areas that have adopted the five-cent paper carryout bag reduction fee, the fee does not apply to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition

Assistance Program) and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children -- a nutrition program) recipients, and they are exempt from paying a paper carryout bag reduction fee for paper carryout bags. One way to avoid paper bag fees no matter where you are across New York State is to always bring your own bag.

stores covered under the NYS Plastic Bag
Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Act will still
be required to collect plastic bags and other
film plastics from consumers for recycling.
(Film plastics include items such as bread
bags and plastic wraps that come over cases
of water, paper towels and other similar
items). As a consumer you can help by
continuing to recycle these items at
participating retailers.

Exempt Bags

Some bags are exempt under the law, so plastic bags may still be distributed to consumers in a few specific circumstances, such as a bag used by a pharmacy to carry prescription drugs, and produce bags for bulk items such as fruits and vegetables. But as a consumer, you can aid in protecting our environment by using reusable bags as much as possible.

More Information

You can access the full text version of the Bag Waste Reduction law (Environmental Conservation Law ECL Article 27, Title 28). (Link leaves DEC's website) Technical information for manufacturers or retailers is available regarding the New York State Bag Waste Reduction Act.

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News from the Tully Library

February is National Library Lover's Month and to celebrate, we have a giveaway! The Friends of the Central Library have given us two tickets to see New York Times Bestselling Author Paula McLain in Syracuse on April 14th, as part of the Rosamond Gifford lecture series. We are having a free drawing for the pair of tickets. Just stop into the library and fill out a card, letting us know what you love most about our library! We'll draw a winner at the end of the month.

Our seed library is now available to our patrons. It's not too early to think spring and look forward to growing your own fruits, vegetables and flowers. You can check out seed packets at the desk with your library card, for free!

Full Steam Ahead for our younger students is in full swing! They're having fun experimenting with Science You Can Eat!

Upcoming events for adults include:

Feb. 24: Screening of "Better Angels: Reuniting America" documentary, 6:30 PM

Feb. 25: Cabin Fever Craft Night for adults, 6 PM

Feb. 25: Delicious Desserts, 6 PM

Mar. 9: Meet the Author Book Club, 6 PM

Mar. 11: VITA Income Tax Assistance, 5:30

Mar. 13: Meditation & Mindfulness Workshop, 6 PM

Mar. 16: "Depolarizing Within": A Better Angels Workshop, 6 PM

Mar. 24: Cabin Fever Craft Night for Adults

Ongoing programs for children include: Tykes Time story time Wednesdays at 10:30, and Terrific Tuesdays for elementary students after school.

Teens can participate in Chat and Craft on Tuesdays at 5 PM, and Magic the Gathering game playing on March 6 and 20. Drop-In Tech Time is on Fridays, from 3:30-4:30, until May. Join our Teen Book Club, which meets monthly.

For more information and to register for the above events, please visit our website at: www.tullyfreelibrary.org.

Tully Free Library is located at 12 State Street in Tully. Our phone number is 315-696-8606. We are open Mon-Fri 10 AM - 7 PM and Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM.

MARCH programs for the Community

Tully United Community Church hosts Community Soup Suppers during Lent. Everyone is invited! Bring some soup, bread or a dessert to share and join us from 6 – 715pm. The programs are different for each of the five weeks:

March 5th - "Your Personal Preferences, Strengths and Conflicts"

March 12th - "Gifts to the Church"

March 19th - "You'll See"

March 26th - "Musicians for World Harmony" presented by Samite

April 2nd - "Surprise Crafts"

Also, on Sunday, March 29th the Easter Egg Extravaganza (EEE!) will be held. There will be a light lunch served, various activities including cookie decorating, a coloring table, as well as the Easter egg hunt! Check tullychurch.org for more details as we get closer to the date.

Lots happening at TUCC; hope you can attend a program or two!

Community Events

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Songwriting Workshop with Jess Novak

If you're a music writer or music lover, this workshop is for you. For writers, singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Jess Novak will talk about what goes into writing a song. What are the parts of a song? Where does the idea come from? How does it get brought to life? How can you start writing your own songs? For music lovers, this will be a journey into the birth of a song, showing you how some of your favorite songs came about and giving you a new appreciation and perspective into what they are and mean.

With a fiddle on fire and powerful vocals, Jess Novak Music brings passion to every performance. Having touched audiences across the country and performing more than 250 dates annually, Novak brings soulful originals and choice covers to the stage with violin, voice, percussion, piano and guitar.

Named the 2018 Best Female Vocalist by the Syracuse New Times, Novak now performs solo, with her duo, Safe Word (with Ben Wayne) and with her full group, The Jess Novak Band. Her song, "Rat a Tat" won the Indigo Productions Songwriting Competition in 2018 and between 2013 to 2018, she's released eight albums with her latest scheduled for release this year. Known for keeping her audiences engaged with her music and charisma, Novak is a force to experience.

Wholeness Health Classes 6:30-8 pm

March 9th

Reflexology

Gain some knowledge of the reflexology points on the foot and how to stimulate them. Each participant needs to bring a pillow and a couple towels.

March 16th

Moving energy by learning the 5 Elements, Metal, Earth, Wood, Fire, Water and how to energy to create harmony within your body and space.

This is a 2 part class, 45 min chair yoga session with Deb Daly on how to open meridian lines and enhance internal chi flow.

Followed by a lecture on Feng Shui and how to work with moving chi energy in your home and office.

March 23rd

Aromatherapy

Here's your chance to explore aroma's with a make and take class. Each participant gets to make a massage oil and body scrub. (This class does have an additional fee for supplies)

March 30th

Meditation and Mindfulness

This class focuses on how to clear yourself. Learn how to clear the energy of your home, ways to detox and flush your body. Finishing the night with a 45 mediation with Kimberly Friedman, on how to clear the mind.

Protecting Water Quality in the Kettle Lakes Watershed and Beyond

Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 5:30 to 7:30 PM -Tully United Community Church, 5872 Meetinghouse Road, Tully NY

Learn what others are doing to solve water quality challenges so you can become a part of the solution too. Dinner will be provided!

PLEASE register for this event on or before March 20th by calling:

Meredith Perreault, 315-443-3741 or register online at https://bit.ly/37VZTgz

The entire Kettle Lakes watershed community is invited including, farmers, landowners, lake shore residents, business owners, village and town officials and staff, anglers, boaters and all who enjoy these precious Kettle Lakes.

This event is free and open to the public, but Please Register. This workshop may count for municipal training credits.

This event is made possible through the collaborative efforts of:

- The Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations
 - Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center
 - Upper Susquehanna Coalition
 - Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District
 - Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District

Make a mean chili? Prove it at the Tully Rotary Chili Cook-off 3/28

Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 1 AM - 4 AM

Cosponsored by the Tully FFA Chapter

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your business or organization, or your own chili cooking skill, AND have a lot of fun. You could win some prize money or an award. We expect a good crowd, and there will be some celebrity judges, and participants. The cook off will be at Tully High School Tully, NY 13159.

Pick out a good name for your chili, fill out the entry form, and get ready for fun!!



Entry form

Entry fee is \$25.00—Attendees Tickets \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 and 12 tickets for \$10

Chili Name

Head Chef:

Address:

Phone/Email

Chili Type: Your Chili may be, Eastern Style, or Western Style. Eastern typically includes beans, or similar type filler, and may use ground meat. Western is made with cubed beef, and no fillers. Note: Tomatoes, Peppers, Onions, and similar flavoring ingredients, are not fillers, and may be used in either style chili.

Basic Rules:

Each team may have up to three (3) persons. Each team will have a Head Chef, who is responsible for cooking, at least, one gallon of chili. It is recommended to cook more than one gallon to increase your chances of winning the, "People's Choice" prize. Because, once you run out of chili there will be no more votes. All Chili Must be Cooked On-site, or a Health Dept. Approved Kitchen. Only one cup of chili will be turned into the judges (Cups will be supplied by the judges).

Chili cooked on site, the day of the event; must be made from scratch, with no commercial pre-mix ("just add meat"), or pre-made (Hormel®) allowed. Eastern Style may have ground meat, along with beans, macaroni, cornmeal, and similar fillers. Western Style is cubed beef and seasoning ingredients only, no fillers. Cooking time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

A complete list of ingredients must be available and displayed, to protect people with food allergies.

Each team will provide all ingredients, utensils, and the accessories needed to cook chili. This includes: crock pots, hot plates, extension cords, and booth decorations. Electrical outlets will be available. There is space in the Mason's, St. Leo's, and Tully United Community Church kitchens, for those contestants wishing to use a stove. Health Dept. rules apply, and proper wash-up and toilet facilities are available.

It is recommended that you arrive early. Judging samples will be taken at 1:00 PM, and the "Peoples' Choice" voting will then commence, ending at 3:30 PM. Winners announced by 4:00 PM

Prizes:

First Prize - \$100.00—Second Prize - \$75.00—Peoples' Choice—\$ 50.00—Best Booth - \$50—Best Chili Name \$50

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