Town of Amherst

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AMHERST REVAMPS NORTH FOREST POOL & PARK COMPLEX

Park Access will Close in December

(Amherst) The Town of Amherst announces improvements to the North Forest Pool and Park complex. The multi-phase project will improve the pool building, kiddie pool and playground. The project will also add a new splashpad and provide updates to the existing tennis courts.

"North Forest Park is a great community asset that is overdue for improvements. With the investments we are making now, the park will be transformed into a wonderful place for families and residents to gather and enjoy the outdoors," said Supervisor Shawn Lavin. "These improvements wouldn't be possible without the support of our partners in New York State, Erie County and the Jolly Boys. The grants the Town secured will help rejuvenate the park."

The first phase of the project is repairing the community building, commonly known as the bathhouse. Work is slated to begin in November 2026 to replace the 35-year-old roof, which is necessary to protect the integrity of the building. During the design process, it was determined that the four mature trees located in front of the building will need to be removed. The trees are quite large and due to their proximity to the building have caused structural damage. The trees will be replaced as part of the project. The project also considers renovations to the interior of the bathhouse to improve the changing rooms and restrooms.

Next year, the Town will complete relining of the kiddie pool. Since opening in the 1990's, the North Forest Pool is one of two community pools in town, servings thousands of patrons during the summer months.

Additionally, construction of the new playground will begin in the spring. Thanks to grant funding from New York State and a donation from the Jolly Boys of Williamsville, the Town will be adding a new, larger playground that was designed by the community. The Town will also add a gaga pit and resurface the tennis courts.

The Town secured another grant from New York State to add a splash pad to the site. The new splashpad is expected to break ground in the spring. This will be the town's second splashpad, following the popularity of the Royal Park Splashpad, which has seen thousands of visitors in its first two seasons. Splashpads are especially popular with young families, providing a safe option to cool off where children can explore the various water stations.

The extensive improvement project will cause the park to close in December 2026 and remain closed through 2027. Residents will be encouraged to visit the Clearfield Community Center and Pool, Royal Park and the town's other recreational facilities.