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Historic Windsor Motel to be torn down, replaced

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LAKE GEORGE – The historic Windsor Motel on Canada Street is proposed for demolition by the end of the summer and replaced with a new, two-story year-round motel with upgrades.

“The building itself is from the 1940s, maybe earlier than that, vintage,” said project architect Ethan Hall. “[The site] does need some sprucing up, and it needs to have some upgrades in amenities. What we’re looking at doing is to build a two-story building basically on the same footprint of the motel building that’s there. The idea is to leave the pool where it is.”

“We’re trying to keep a little bit of the look, it’s just going to be two stories in front, and the idea is to maintain the charm of the older-style motel, but bring it into, at least, the 21st century,” Hall explained of the new Windsor’s design. “We’re trying to keep the color similar, a little bit to what’s there. We have about nine different

renderings with different shades of blue.”

The number of rooms at the motel will increase from 19 rooms, plus two apartments, to 28 rooms. The Windsor Motel’s sign, which has become a village staple over the decades, will remain for the new motel, as will the existing pool, according to Hall.

The most significant change to the new facility is a redesigned parking lot that will include a one-way entrance from Canada Street and a one-way exit onto Dieskau Street to allow for better overall traffic circulation. “I think ultimately it makes the circulation on the site much better than what it is now. If you have two cars in there right now, they have to negotiate around each other to be able to get out,” Hall explained to the village planning board. “It can be very tight, so we had a long discussion about being able to negotiate and traverse the site. This is a much cleaner flow of traffic in and out of the site.”



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The historic Windsor Motel on Canada Street.

STUDY: 10,586 WASH. CO. HOUSEHOLDS STRUGGLE TO AFFORD BASICS



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FORT EDWARD – A study of Washington County’s working poor found that 10,586 of the county’s 24,469 households are struggling to afford the basics.

“These aren’t people who have disconnected from the workforce; they are the workforce,” said Kristin Chlopecki, executive director of Tri-County United Way based in Glens Falls. “If nearly half of the county’s workforce cannot comfortably afford the basics, what does that mean for the future economic competitiveness and sustainability of Washington County?”

The recently released data from 2024 was presented by Chlopecki at the Washington County Board of Supervisors meeting on June 18.

The study used the acronym ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained Employed) to describe households that earn more than the federal poverty level but less than the nation’s basic cost of living. This ALICE measurement, Chlopecki said, provides a “more comprehensive picture of financial hardship” than the federal poverty level.

The ALICE population includes a number of important workers, such as childcare providers, truck drivers, construction laborers, home health aides, cooks, cashiers, and retail employees.

“ALICE households are an integral part of our communities in all aspects: civic, social, cultural, religious, and recreational,” states a 2026 report by United for ALICE, a national study of financial

hardship. “Yet ALICE workers struggle to support their own families. They are forced to make impossible choices, like deciding whether to pay for utilities or a tank of gas, whether to buy food or fill a prescription; whether to live close to work and pay more for housing or opt for a longer, less convenient commute with higher transportation costs.”

According to the Tri-County United Way’s presentation, the number of ALICE households in Washington County has hovered somewhere between 7,000 and 9,000 since 2010, reaching a peak of 8,554 in 2014. In 2024, there were 7,869 ALICE households in the county.

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A place to play

New playground opens in Lake Luzerne

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LAKE LUZERNE – Former Town Supervisor Gene Merlino cut the ribbon on the Lake Luzerne Community Playground at Benjamin C. Butler Park on Thursday.

“It feels wonderful,” Merlino said following the ceremony. “I’m glad [current Town Supervisor Jim Niles] invited me, so I got here. I wouldn’t miss it; I’d be here anyway.”

In April 2024, the town was awarded a \$125,000 grant from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Adirondack and Catskill Parks Community Smart Growth Grant Program. In August that year, the board established a “playground” committee consisting of council and community members to oversee the project, of which Niles, then a councilmember, was a part.

“I wouldn’t think I’d be wrong saying it’s probably one of the nicest playgrounds in the county,” Niles said Thursday.

In addition to the DEC money, the committee had to raise another \$100,000 for the playground they envisioned. They succeeded in spades, raising \$120,313 in a matter of months.

“It became obvious pretty quickly that the community got behind this project,” Niles said. “When you walk in and talk to somebody and say it’s for the kids, the checkbooks open.”

Funds came in from 28 local businesses, foundations, and service clubs, as well as 23 individuals, to bring the park to fruition. Three local businesses donated in-kind services; each is commemorated on a sign in front of the playground. Niles gave a special shout-out to Mike Panich, who, while serving on the playground committee, also donated his professional expertise as an associate landscape architect with The LA Group.

“Mike was basically the project manager and chief designer; all I did was say, ‘okay,’” Niles quipped. “This is his project, probably more so than mine.”

A memorial brick path was also added with names of donors inscribed. In November 2025, the equipment

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