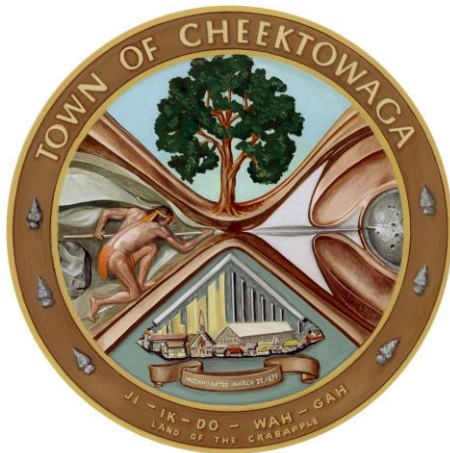


A Lesson in Town History

Cheektowaga Town Seal



In 1967 the Town Board believed the Town was in need of a symbol that would draw all Town residents closer to both the present and the past history of the Town of Cheektowaga.

The new seal incorporated our Indian heritage, our name source, our industry, our participation in future national goals, and our intermixture of residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional living. Five symbols were incorporated into the original seal; they were the Indian, the Crabapple Tree, The Air

Ship, the Moon symbol and the Architectural Complex. According to Armento Architecture the symbol of the Indian refers to the early history of Cheektowaga as a hunting ground for the Seneca Tribe. The Crabapple Tree is symbolic of the Indian name “JI-IK-DO-WAH-GAH,” which means “land of the crabapple tree.” The Air Ship is a symbol of flight, it attests to the many industries of Cheektowaga that hinge on air and space research and development. The symbol was also incorporated to represent industrial business; Becker Airports and Twin Coach Industries, once local manufacturers of aircrafts. The moon symbol suggests the future of the industries that continue to grow from the present air and space research programs carried out by many Cheektowaga companies. Finally, the Architectural Complex included in the original seal was intended to represent the successful co-existence of industry, business and homes. It was featured as a sign of a healthy, prosperous and growing community.

The Town seal now represents 175 years of Town History. Originally adopted to be placed on the then newly constructed Police and Court Building, the seal has since gone on to be reproduced on all documents and correspondence originating from various departments of Town Government.

