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Our Vision:

A Vibrant Community Where Every Citizen Has the Opportunity To Be Healthy, Safe And Successful

KEY EVENTS

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EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND WELLNESS

Updated 12/12/18	Recordable Injury/Illness		
	1/1/2018-	1/1/2017 -	2017
Municipality	12/11/2018	12/11/2017	Year End
Ontario County (w/o Sheriff)	6	5	5
Sheriff's Office	6	8	8
Cities	14	14	14
Towns and Villages	17	19	21
FLCC	4	4	4
Fishers Fire District	4	3	3
Soil and Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	5	14	15
TOTAL	56	67	70

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The County Administrator hosted a lunch on Christmas Eve Day for the nearly 50 employees working in the Municipal Building at 20 Ontario Street. Thank you to the 20 Ontario team who helped pull it all together, Cindy Abraszek for the ordering, Michael Wojcik and Diane Foster for the set up, clean up and coverage, and the County Attorney for the beverages and dessert. It was nice to see everyone who stopped by.

January 1st brought newly elected officials to the County. Mary Krause, Michele Smith and Mary Gates conducted orientations on County policies and operations for Town of Canandaigua Supervisor, Cathy Menikotz on December 7 and for Sheriff Kevin Henderson and Undersheriff David Frasca on December 17. Mary Beer, Mary Krause and Brian Young joined outgoing Coroner Henderson to orient Scott Avedisian and update Coroners Michael John and Jim Devaney on December 27. We look forward to working with everyone in 2019 and beyond.

Brian Young attended the swearing in ceremonies of Jackie Sisson, Canandaigua City Court Judge and Kitty Karle, Ontario County Court Judge in December at the Courthouse. Mary Krause and Brian Young will attend Sheriff Henderson's swearing in ceremony on January 5 at Canandaigua Academy.

Eco HERO

2018 Waste Diversion Collection Event Totals

Ontario County would like to thank its residents for their participation in the County's 2018 collection events. We are pleased to share the results you helped us accomplish.

E-Waste Event:

489 participants, 51.28 tons collected

Pumpkin Collection:

195 participants, 3.25 tons collected

Spring and Fall Residential Tire Collection:

21.31 tons collected

Spring and Fall Paper Shredding Events:

7.52 tons collected

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Dec. 8, 2018 *Daily Messenger* carried an article titled, "Empire Access: Connecting Ontario County." The article describes how Empire Access is expanding fiber optic internet to County residents and businesses. You may remember Paul Harvey's "the rest of the story" segments. Well here is the "rest of the story" in regards to the County's Open Access Fiber Optic backbone. This economic development initiative, which came out of the Office of Economic Development's strategic planning early this century, is now being privatized and deployed by Empire Access. The Access Ontario Board chose Empire Access to take the fiber deployment to individual homes and businesses, the so called "last mile." Having this capability throughout the county separates us from the pack. We have an advantage in telecommunications infrastructure for economic growth that very few can claim. Here is a link to the Daily Messenger article: <http://www.mpnnow.com/news/20181208/empire-access-connecting-ontario-county>

HUMAN RESOURCES

The 4th Quarter Pin Ceremony was held on the morning of December 13, 2018. We recognized 33 employees with a total of 505 years of service! Thank you to all for your commitment to Ontario County.

Since the start of the new employee appreciation initiative last July, the Department of Human Resources has received over 80 copies of recognition notes that were given to employees by their co-workers as part of the Core Value of "recognizing all employees are critical to achieving the Vision and Mission". The winner for the November monthly drawing was Mariah Ernhout-Fegley. She was recognized for demonstrating the core behavior of educating and informing the public as well as working together to achieve the best results. Thank you to all the recipients and nominators. Please continue to send in copies of the notes for the monthly drawing. If you need another Ontario County Upward notepad, please contact Emily Marshall in Human Resources.

2018 Blood Drive Stats: Ontario County collected 132 units of blood which have impacted up to 396 Lives!!

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

The Jail Kitchen staff consisting of Cook Manager Doug Randall and Cooks Deb Jensen, Patty Keller and Bill Phelps, were recognized as the 2018 "Deputies of the Year" at the Sheriff's Annual Holiday Awards Ceremony. The Jail Cooks were recognized for their total and unselfish cooperation with the project to move and incorporate the Office of the Aging Senior Meal Program into the Jail Kitchen. Deputies Skylar Miller and Dustin Heininger were recognized as the "Stop DWI Deputies of the Year." Letters of Commendation were presented to Deputies Bart Castle, Anthony DiMariano and Joshua Sahr and Investigators John Falbo and Doug Smith. A Meritorious Service Award was presented to Deputy Zdenek Chumacero. Lieutenant Tate Colburn and Deputy Dan Bennett were recognized for 35 years of service to the Office of Sheriff. Retiring Undersheriff Dave Tillman and retiring Secretary to the Sheriff Linda Hudson were recognized by Sheriff Povero for their dedicated service. Supervisor Bob Green, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, spoke at the Awards Ceremony.

At the December 20th Board of Supervisors meeting, New York State Sheriff's Association President Barry Virts, Wayne County Sheriff and Executive Director Peter Kehoe presented Sheriff Povero with a five year Reaccreditation Certificate for the PSAP/911 Emergency Communications Division. Recognized for their efforts in the successful reaccreditation process were Chief Steve DeChick; Sgt. Jeff Edwards and Dispatcher Jacquelyn Preston.

PLANNING

The Planning Department received notice that Empire State Development has allocated \$20,000 in funding to further the Manchester Rail yard redevelopment plan. Empire State Development expects us to show progress and reapply for additional funding next year.

The Planning Department received notice that the State Department of Environmental Conservation will provide \$42,250 in funding for equipping the aquatic vegetation program's working barge with a conveyor system to make shoreline clean up in Honeoye Lake more efficient.

PROBATION

The Probation Department must bid farewell to Human Services Worker, Doris Day. Doris has been with the department since 2007, assisting domestic violence victims with orders of protection and serving as a liaison between Ontario County Probation and other Probation Departments for court ordered investigations. We celebrated with a special "Doris" Day.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Ontario County Public Health is excited to announce that Christy Richards (Health Educator and Registered Nurse) has completed her Master of Public Health degree (MPH). She attended the online MPH program through the University at Albany, School of Public Health over the last five years. Obtaining an MPH allows students to gain competencies in broad based areas of public health practice. Coursework for the MPH program included basic areas of public health such as epidemiology, public health administration and policy, biostatistics, environmental health and behavioral/social science. Christy is very thankful for the tuition assistance program from Ontario County and the Human Resources staff that has helped her through that process over the years. She is especially thankful for the support and encouragement from Mary Beer, Kate Ott and the entire Ontario County Public Health Team.



Be prepared for winter weather! Winter weather does not change the way we live here in the Finger Lakes. We are just as mobile, social and active during the winter as during the summer. In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable winter, stay informed and aware of the risks and hazards of winter weather.

Stay informed. Radio and television are two ways to stay up to date on Mother Nature. Facebook, Twitter and weather apps are also great sources of instant and updated information. Additionally, Ontario County has its own alert and emergency notification system. Take the time to sign-up at: <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/List.aspx>

Understand alerts and respond. The National Weather Service issues outlooks, watches, warnings and advisories for all winter weather hazards. Here is what they mean and what to do.

- **OUTLOOK:** Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2-5 days. Stay tuned to local media for updates.
- **WATCH:** Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36-48 hours. Prepare now!

- **WARNING:** Life-threatening severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. Act now!
- **ADVISORY:** Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If you are cautious, these situations should not be life threatening. Electronic equipment is available to receive weather information: NOAA Weather Radio, radio, television, and cellphone.

To receive information and emergency alerts when something is happening in your neck of the woods, subscribe to **NY-Alert** at <https://alert.ny.gov/>. Stay up on bad weather, highway closures and even hazardous material spills. You'll receive advice from emergency personnel in real-time. Signing up is free, and messages can be received by phone, email, text and fax.

Learn more about winter weather safety:

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/duringstorm/outdoorsafety.html>

PUBLIC WORKS

As noted in the last Key Events, the County received a grant of up to \$1.67 million to help fund improvements at the Honeoye Wastewater Treatment Plant. We also applied for a larger Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) grant and were just notified the County will receive \$4.32 million dollars! Within the rules between the two grant sources, the County will receive \$4.57 million dollars of the estimated \$6.7 million upgrade cost. The task now is to find additional funding sources to reduce the local share the sewer district must finance.

Buildings and Grounds employees are working at the Jail to solve a sewer drain issue. We cut through the concrete floor to replace and "re-line" drain lines found to be broken or compromised. Staff will continue to televise other drain lines as we suspect the problem is not isolated to this area.

Highway and Buildings & Grounds employees are beginning work at the County Complex in Hopewell to repair roads and drives. The first task is to repair street lights and make drainage improvements along the drive to Building 3019. In the spring this drive will be completely re-built.

RECORDS AND ARCHIVES

Two years ago, Arlene Reeves volunteered her time to complete the transcription of the Ontario County grantee deed indexes 1846-1879. It was an undertaking that began several years ago by our clerk, Liz Alcivar, but it was not until Arlene took the project over that it was given the time needed in order to see it completed. This is a big accomplishment that has resulted in a document almost 2,000 pages in length. Brooke Morse, ARMO, will be editing and formatting the index before uploading it to the county's website for public access. This added index will be a tremendous help for our researchers, not only for the offsite patrons who then can review and order copies of deeds, but it will better prepare the ones that are able to come to the facility.

VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

Toys for Tots Update

The Veterans Service Agency hopes that everyone had a great holiday. Approximately 215 children from our Department of Social Services programs were able to have a great holiday because of you. Over 500 toys were donated by the employees of Ontario County!!!! We cannot thank you enough for your continued support and generosity.

The County's Team Agencies

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Parenting Skills Workshop Series

The eight week Parenting Skills Workshop Series #93 concluded on December 11, 2018. The dinner and Completion Ceremony for the 7 participants was attended by 17 adults and 11 children. Our next Parenting Series will be held in Geneva and starts on March 12, 2019. Call the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office at 585-394-3977 for more information or to request a registration flyer.

Upcoming Programs:

2019 4-H Tractor Certification

Youth at least 14 years of age by April 1, 2019 are eligible. Classes are held at the Extension Center in Canandaigua and area equipment dealerships. For more information contact, Amy Morrissey at 585-394-3977 x 429 or via email alm72@cornell.edu

Ontario Produce Auction Winter Growers Meeting | January 9, 2019 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Stanley, NY

Contact Judson Reid at 585-313-8912 for more information.

2019 Corn Congress | January 10, 2019, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Quality Inn and Suites (formerly Holiday Inn), Waterloo. Visit their website, <https://nwnyteam.cce.cornell.edu/> for more information.

Beginner Maple Workshop | January 15, 2019, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. Fee: \$10.00/family. To register, contact Nancy at 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number.

Care of African Violets | January 15, 2019, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. Fee: \$5.00/person. To register, contact Nancy at 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number.

FINGER LAKES VISITORS CONNECTION

Kick off 2019 by exploring your own backyard! Our local bed and breakfast owners, hoteliers, and restaurateurs have great deals planned for the winter months, so why not indulge in a winter getaway and try something new? Our [Travel Packages and Deals page](#) is chock full of deals from overnight accommodations, restaurant discounts, and wine tour deals. Whether you need a quick escape on the weekend, or a mid-week getaway, enjoy a little winter pampering.

Although our mission is to position Ontario County as a premier leisure and meetings destination we know that most of our content can be just as relevant to our locals. After all, we're looking for things to do with family and friends, too! So, if you'd like regular, fun content delivered right to your inbox we encourage you to sign up for our e-newsletter. We'll highlight what's happening in our County, new businesses we think you should check out, and fun blogs. [Sign yourself up!](#)

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program

The Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District recently received a grant through the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program Round 24. These funds will be used to help 5 farms in Ontario County within the Mud Creek Watershed. The \$152,555 will help fund projects utilizing best management practices to control stormwater and reduce erosion from agricultural fields. With the intensity of storms

increasing, the District recognizes the need to increase opportunities to promote storage and infiltration of stormwater across our landscape. This grant funds projects that provide improved water retention and infiltration, helping to minimize the concentrated flows that lead to loss of soil from 600 acres of cropland. These farms are committed to environmental stewardship and provide cost sharing to implement these practices.

Check out our new Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District logo!



Tire Recycling News

Ontario County SWCD and the Town of Seneca have been working together to help recycle large truck and tractor tires from farms in the Town of Seneca.



If you would like additional information on any of the key events, please feel free to contact my office or the appropriate department head.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Krause
County Administrator
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