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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 1/8/19	Recordable Injury/Illness		
	1/1/2018-	1/1/2017 -	2017
Municipality	12/31/2018	12/31/2017	Year End
Ontario County (w/o Sheriff)	7	5	5
Sheriff's Office	7	8	8
Cities	14	14	14
Towns and Villages	20	21	21
FLCC	5	4	4
Fishers Fire District	4	3	3
Soil and Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	5	15	15
TOTAL	62	70	70

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The County Administrator's Office offered assistance to help Sheriff Henderson and Undersheriff Frasca with a smooth transition to their new positions. As part of a County Orientation Program for the new administration, Department Heads have been scheduled time to meet with the Sheriff and Undersheriff to share information about their departments. The next session has been scheduled for early February. Mary Krause and Michele Smith are facilitating the program and all parties have found this overview to be very informative.

COUNTY CLERK / DMV

On February 11, Cheri Shahin, Tracy Shaw and Wanda Alger-Smith from the DMV will participate in the Lake Ontario Polar Plunge to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Brrrrr.

Starting October 2020, there will be a minimal requirement for boarding domestic flights. Check out our Real Id and Enhanced license options on DMV.GOV.

Please inter-office your renewals to the DMV. It keeps part of the money in the County and increases our revenue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

When Hazlitt Red Cat Cellars purchased the Widmer Wine production facility in Naples in 2010, the Town of Naples assisted with Community Development Block Grant funds and the Office of Economic Development

assisted with a low-interest loan and PILOT. In 2011, Hazlitt opened East Coast Crush and Co-Pack (EC3) on the grounds of the winery in Naples. EC3 produces, bottles, and warehouses juices, ciders, and wines from grapes around the world. EC3 allows Red Cat Cellars to process products for others in the wine and beverage industry, to get full use out of the 3-million gallon production facility. Here is a link to an article about EC3: <http://www.mpnnow.com/news/20181120/global-beverage-business-helps-naples-plant-thrive>

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and a call to action. Stop the Bleed is intended to encourage bystanders to be trained to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. A person with severe bleeding can die from blood loss within 5 minutes. Those nearest the injured person are best positioned to provide initial care. Stop the Bleed kits have been purchased through a grant and are being installed in our County buildings. Over 80 people have already been trained. Additional training will be scheduled and conducted. Consider attending one today.

The New Year blew in with wind gusts in excess of 50 mph. Your local first responders spent the first day of the New Year responding to numerous calls throughout the County. We had 23 out of 28 Fire Departments and 7 out of 9 EMS agencies responding to calls on the 1st. Most calls were for wires and poles that had fallen or were hanging low to the ground. Downed power lines are dangerous. For your safety, always assume that a fallen power line is live and follow these simple guidelines.

- Avoid touching the downed line with your hand or an object such as a stick, broom or pole.
- Avoid touching anything, such as a car, object, equipment or anyone who is in contact with a fallen line.
- Keep children and pets away from the fallen lines.
- Avoid driving over a fallen power line.
- If a line falls on your vehicle while you are in it, Stay Calm. Call 911 for help and wait for responders to arrive and ensure your safety before you exit the car.

On the evening of January 9, Cub Scouts from Pack 54, Den 8 came to visit the Emergency Management Office. The scouts were very energetic and had many questions about the office. We went over the requirements for the Webelos First Responder achievement that included some first aid skills, talking about insect bites and venomous snakes. The evening concluded with a tour of the facility with model city being the favorite stop on the tour. (Model city uses miniature buildings and matchbox cars to create scenarios).



HUMAN RESOURCES

The Department of Human Resources received 18 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 December monthly drawing was **Lisa Carmer** from Public Health. She was recognized for leading by example and for treating everyone with kindness, respect, and dignity. Thank you to all the recipients and nominators. Please remember to give the original note to the employee and send a copy of the note to Human Resources for the monthly drawing.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING



The Office for the Aging’s annual gift giving tree for our community’s elderly residents was a huge success this year. The Office for the Aging is so grateful for the outpouring of generosity from our caring community, County employees, a myriad of volunteers, and kids of all ages. Many kudos to Tammy Richmond, Aging Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator together with some of the OFA staff for pulling this event all together with our sincere thanks to: Marcus Whitman Middle School and SRO Deputy Lambert, Canandaigua Academy, Midlakes’ National Honor Society members and SRO Deputy Holland, Ontario ARC Geneva and Victor’s day programs. Ontario County Partnership for Youth EPIC ZONE members were assisted by TODD’S Taxi who escorted the students around Geneva to deliver presents for free! A Veteran who serves on our Advisory Council delivered gifts to our veterans. There were over 85 gifts delivered in Ontario County!

The Office for the Aging would like to recognize and thank Liz Alcivar as she retires after 20 years of service to the County. We will miss you Liz!

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

In August of 2018, Wayne Behavioral Health Network received funding to operate the "Open Access Center" at 1519 Nye Road in Lyons, NY. The Open Access Center serves Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne & Yates Counties. It is presently open from 7:00am to 10:00pm daily, with plans to operate 24/7 in the near future. The Open Access Center is designed to assist individuals dealing with an opioid or other drug addiction, a drinking problem or an emotional or mental health issue. The Ontario County Sheriff’s Office has recently used the Open Access Center to assist with individuals they have come in contact with who they found in need of addiction and/or mental health related assessment. The Open Access Center is available to anyone to determine an appropriate level of care and to link them to a service provider. Services include: overdose prevention, detox, in-patient, out-patient, residential or emergency treatment.

PROBATION

Probation Officers Andrew Park and Kim Huber recently completed *“Successful Use of Online Social Media for Criminal Investigations”*, a two day training in Buffalo hosted by The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, in conjunction with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of New York, Hilbert College Institute for Law and Justice, Erie County Chiefs of Police Association, and the Erie County Law

Enforcement Foundation. In the program they received an up-to-date understanding of how social networking sites work and how members act and interact.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Ontario County Health Collaborative (OCHC) is taking nominations for the 2019 Choose Health Ontario Award. This award recognizes an individual, agency, organization, committee or business that demonstrates a commitment to improving the health of Ontario County residents. The award will be presented at the 53rd Annual Ontario County Safety Awards Banquet on March 26, 2019 and the awardee will be recognized by the Ontario County Board of Supervisors by official resolution. A little recognition is a wonderful feeling! Simply write a few paragraphs explaining why you think an individual, agency, organization, committee or business should be celebrated for their efforts to improve the health of Ontario County residents. Please be sure to include a supporting statement and measureable outcomes if available. Please submit your nominee(s) to Mary Beer at mary.beer@co.ontario.ny.us by January 28, 2019.

PUBLIC WORKS

Buildings & Grounds is working with the State's Office of Court Administration to renovate the Court Clerk's Office in the County Courthouse. This will include new flooring, lighting and painting to compliment the new office furniture and layout.

Buildings & Grounds, in conjunction with RG&E, recently completed a lighting energy audit which will be used to guide interior and exterior lighting upgrades through 2020.

The County Engineering staff received the American Public Works Association (APWA) award in the category of Structures < \$5 million for the Allen Padgham Road Bridge Project in Farmington. The award will be given at the Genesee Valley Branch of APWA banquet, January 31 at the RIT Conference Center in Henrietta. Civil Engineer Chris Day led the project with consultant Erdman Anthony providing the design and construction management.

On December 21, 2018, the Ontario County Fire Training Facility Repairs and Upgrades Project was completed. This facility, better known as the "Burn Building," is used by the Ontario County Emergency Management Office to train local Fire Fighters. Because fires are repeatedly set in the interior of the building, it requires periodic repairs and upgrades. Staff from Buildings and Grounds assisted at the start of this project by removing the old fire panels. Area Fire Fighters will continue to receive safer and realistic training necessary to prepare them for the challenges they face.

REAL PROPERTY TAX

Congratulations to Stephanie Holtz who was appointed Assessor for the Town of Victor on January 7. Stephanie most recently held the Assessor position in the Town of Seneca Falls in Seneca County, and was the Assessor for the Town of Manchester prior to that.

RECORDS AND ARCHIVES

On January 17, Dr. Preston Pierce hosted the Ontario County Municipal Historian's meeting at the Historical Museum in Canandaigua.

The first meeting of Wood Library's 160th Anniversary Committee will take place on January 30. The Library Association has asked Dr. Pierce to serve on the committee to plan historical events in 2019.

Dr. Pierce is completing final editing on the World War I veteran burial inventory for the County. The inventories of all municipalities except Geneva have been uploaded to the RAIMS website. The Geneva inventory was delayed by weather in Oct-Nov. 2018 and should be completed by the end of February. It is the largest municipal inventory standing now at 363 pages and growing.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

ECO HERO: A few new things have been added to the [Residential Recycling](#) page on the County's recycling website. Brush up on what is acceptable and not acceptable to put in your recycling bin at work and at home to help make this year's waste diversion efforts even better.

YOUTH BUREAU

The Ontario County Youth Bureau and Department of Social Services have partnered with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes and Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes to help raise awareness about juvenile exploitation in our community. The first phase of the awareness program involved the extensive training of frontline professionals about this social problem and how to identify and respond to victims of exploitation. Training programs took place over the past six months.

As part of this effort, a logo and mission statement has been developed in preparation for phase 2 of this initiative involving public awareness messaging to the broader community. Mission Statement: To empower Ontario County youth with awareness, support, and protection from exploitation.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

One of our Core Behaviors is "Advocate for the needs of the most vulnerable in our community". Many County employees volunteer in support of this Core Behavior.

Matthew Hoose – County Clerk

I am currently the United Way of Ontario County Board President. My involvement with the United Way started here with a donation through the Workplace Giving Program that the County participates in every year. Shortly after that I was asked to join the committee that puts on the annual United Way Golf Tournament. From there I joined the Community Investment Committee that reviews the applications and annual program reports from the 36 Community Partners that are supported through the Community Fund that helps Ontario County residents in three major areas of concern, Education, Health and Financial Stability. After a couple years of serving on that committee I was asked to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors where I have served for 5 years. I also participate in the annual United Way Day of Caring that has 400 volunteers working on 60 different projects across the county. This year's Day of Caring will be held on Thursday, May 16th.

The United Way of Ontario County is always looking for new people to volunteer for committees, special events and various programs. If you are interested, please let me know or contact the United Way office directly at (585) 394-6550.

Do you have a volunteer experience that you are willing to share in Key Events?

Please email Cindy Abraszek at Cindy.Abraszek@co.ontario.ny.us.

The County's Team Agencies

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

4-H Public Presentation Program: More than 40, 4-H members, leaders and parents attended training on January 5 to learn about the skills of speaking, organizing and preparing for this year's event in which 4-H members are strongly encouraged to participate in. 4-H members may do demonstrations or illustrated talks on a topic of their choice and Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate. The goal of the event is to build public speaking skills, including confidence and poise when speaking to others.

4-H members in dairy and horse projects are practicing for the districtwide Dairy Bowl and Horse Extravaganza to be held in early March at Midlakes High School.

Information on upcoming workshops can be found [here](#).

FINGER LAKES VISITORS CONNECTION

On the fourth Tuesday of each month Finger Lakes Visitors Connection joins Ted Baker of Finger Lakes Morning News Radio for Tourism Talk on WGVA 1240 am and 95.9 fm at 8:16 a.m. We love the opportunity to talk with Ted about the exciting things happening in the community! If you missed our segment this morning, don't worry – you can listen [here](#), and then mark your calendars for February 26 to listen live.

The start of a new year means people create resolutions and goals for themselves. Most of the time resolutions consist of eating healthier, getting more exercise, etc. For those that want to take on a challenge to start their year, try completing everything from our [19 things to do in 2019](#) blog that we published in our Insider Diaries recently.

If you haven't been paying attention lately, the [Rochester/Finger Lakes Craft Beverage Trail](#) continues to grow. The trail runs through Monroe, Ontario and Wayne Counties and brings together the wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries of the region with nearly 40 businesses being represented. On March 29, the trail's very first tasting event will be held at Ravenwood Golf Club, in Victor. Tickets to First Fest are \$30 for General Admission, \$40 for a VIP ticket, and \$15 for the designated drivers in your group. There will be food vendors, music, raffles and each ticket gets you a tasting glass souvenir! Get your tickets [here](#).

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Casey Mantione served 11 years on the Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors and concluded his service as of December, 2018. His contribution to the board has been greatly appreciated. Casey has capably represented the position of Practical Farmer on the Board of Directors and also participated on the Personnel Committee throughout the years. Casey has diligently served the Soil & Water Conservation District utilizing his extensive knowledge, experience, and common sense for the betterment of Ontario County. Casey owns and operates Golden Oak Farm in Honeoye, New York with his wife and son, raising alpacas and Hereford cattle. Thank you to Casey for his 11 years of service and his commitment to Ontario County.



(Pictured: Casey Manitone with Sam Casella, Chair of the Board of Directors)

*Upcoming Programs and Workshops can be found by visiting the Soil and Water Conservation District's website at www.ontswcd.com

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
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