

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/2019 – 3/12/2019	1/1/2018 – 3/12/2018	2018 Year End
Ontario County	2	0	7
Sheriff's Office	2	0	7
Cities	3	4	15
Towns & Villages	2	5	19
FLCC	1	1	5
Fishers Fire District	0	0	5
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	3	0	5
TOTAL	13	10	63

The chart to the right represents our “recordable” injuries in the 1st quarter of 2019 and 2018. “Recordable” injuries are generally serious or potentially serious injuries. The recordable injuries in 2019 are tracking higher than in 2018. I believe what is needed to change this trend is to not only be attentive to the task at hand but to be mindful of our surroundings.

Board of Supervisors

Chairman Marren and Supervisor Menikotz were asked to be “celebrity baristas” at the North Star Coffee Shop run by Ontario ARC. Supervisor Menikotz is pictured here with Lieutenant Mick Szoczei and North Star barista Aaron M.

Chairman Marren is pictured below with two North Star baristas.



County Administrator

Our 2019 Citizens Academy class is now full. We are looking forward to meeting all the participants. If you wanted to sign up but didn't get a chance to, call our office at ext. 4400 to be placed on a waiting list.

On March 21 Chairman Jack Marren, Vice Chairman Bob Green, County Administrator Mary Krause, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Director of Human Resources Michele Smith, Deputy Director of Human Resources Lindsey Burgess and Pin Ceremony Coordinator/Secretary to the Director of Human Resources Emily Marshall had the pleasure of visiting several County buildings from Geneva to Canandaigua to recognize our County employees who received a service pin for the first quarter of 2019. Congratulations to all for your milestone achievements.

We hope you like the new format of Key Events. Shelly Dinan, our Public Relations Consultant, helped us develop it.

County Attorney

We are happy to announce that County Attorney Holly Adams was selected as a 2019 recipient of the Makers: Women Who Make America Award by WCNY, the public television station in Central New York based in Syracuse. The awards ceremony was appropriately held on March 8, International Women's Day, in the Wesleyan Chapel at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls. Holly was recognized for her many years of work on child protective matters, involvement in the Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes, assistance in the creation of Family Promise, a new organization helping homeless families, and, of course, for being the first woman appointed as Ontario County Attorney. Please join us in congratulating Holly on this honor! We all are very happy for you!

County Treasurer

The 2019 United Way Campaign will kick off on April 1. County Treasurer Gary Baxter is asking all County Department Heads to send him the name of their department representative.

Department of Motor Vehicles

Did you know that April is National Organ Donation month? Visit your local DMV to add organ donor status to your NYS license or non-driver ID or go on line to register. During the month of April we will hold drawings for gifts for all that register with the organ donor registry. Did you know that NYS has one of the lowest numbers of registered donors? Let's fix that!!

Economic Development

The Ontario County Economic Development Corporation in partnership with the City of Geneva has been working to provide additional expansion capital for Real Eats. This report from Channel 10 provides a glimpse inside the Geneva headquarters operation for this fast growing high quality food delivery service.

<https://www.whec.com/news/small-business-spotlight-real-eats/5278175/?cat=565>

Human Resources

A blood drive will be held Thursday, March 28 from **9:00 AM – 2:00 PM** at 3019 County Complex Dr. – Human Resource Building, 2nd Floor Conference Rooms 204/205. The need is constant, the gratification is instant. Please contact Emily Phillips, 396-8839 or Emily.Phillips@co.ontario.ny.us to schedule an appointment. If you donated on or before January 31 (Whole Blood) or December 6 (Double Red Cell/Power Reds), you are eligible to donate again. Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring ID!

The first quarter pin ceremony was held Thursday, March 21. 45 employees received a service pin for their years of service with a county-wide total of 695 years. Congratulations to all!

The Department of Human Resources received over 30 copies of recognition notes that were given to employees in January and February 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 January monthly drawing was **Dave Barney** from Public Works. He was recognized, along with several other members of the DPW staff, for completing a project at the County Attorney’s Office and all the while maintaining a positive attitude. The winner for the February monthly drawing was **Erica Brown** from Human Resources. She was recognized for providing a last-minute presentation to a group of employees regarding benefits. 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 of Sheriff

Sheriff Henderson has been assigned to the following New York State Sheriffs’ Association Committees for 2019: Legislative, Jail Management, E-911 and Vice Chair of the Standards-Goals-Ethics Committee. He will represent the Ontario County Sheriff’s Office on these committees, which will focus on improving operations for Sheriff Offices.

Correction Officer Benjamin Casella has been promoted to Correction Sergeant. Christopher Baldwin has been appointed as County Police Officer, Part-Time.

On Sunday, March 11, at approximately 7:30 am, corrections staff noticed a roof drain pulling out of the ceiling in the Pod 2 exercise court as a result of high winds. On-call county maintenance was contacted. County maintenance personnel; Steve Vanderbrook, Ken Jeffries, Shawn Barber, Paul Jansen, Tim Jabaut, Toby Ralston and two roofing contractors worked several hours placing 70 lb. sand bags onto the roof of the correctional facility. This temporary fix will hold the roof membrane in place during high winds and until a permanent solution can be implemented. A big thank you and job well done are extended to these guys for coming in and solving this emergency.

Public Health

On March 18, the Ontario County Public Health staff participated in suicide prevention training, called SAFETalk. SAFETalk is part of a suicide safer community plan that was introduced by the Ontario County Suicide Prevention Coalition. The principles learned during SAFETalk guide the participants to help a person that is thinking of suicide. During the training, participants learn how to become suicide alert. Participants learn to identify people who might be having thoughts of suicide and connect them to persons trained in suicide intervention. Would your worksite benefit from participating in SAFETalk training? We are hoping to share this information in multiple venues within our community. The training is three hours, requires a minimum of ten participants and it is available at no cost for worksites and communities within Ontario County. Please contact Ontario County Public Health at 1-800-299-2995 if you are interested in hosting a SAFETalk presentation.

Records and Archives

April is Records Management Month. In addition to the NYS Archives workshop “Document Scanning Essentials” being held on **April 2** at the Safety Training Facility (registration link below),

<http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule/document-scanning-essentials-2019-04-02>

the staff at Records and Archives will be instructing a class in how to transfer records and files to RAIMS for storage. It will include:

1. How to request boxes- permanent or non-permanent
2. Complete transfer sheets
3. How RAIMS staff send box numbers and location to the departments
4. Tips on finding record series in CO2 retention schedule

The class will be on Thursday, **April 11**, 10:00am-11:00am at Records and Archives. Please email rosemary.switzer@co.ontario.ny.us to register.

Sustainability and Solid Waste

An online resource for reporting landfill odors is now available for residents. The new web-based form enhances citizens' ability to report landfill odors, expanding the current phone hotline resource. Like the phone hotline, the online reporting tool captures location, time of day, and odor description. The web-based form can be accessed at: <http://casellany.answernet.com/Complaint>. The phone hotline can be reached at 1-888-230-2004.

Youth Bureau

New Youth Advisory Board Members Needed and Wanted

As a county, we must be more visible to our youth so they are less invisible to us. No single agency or individual, acting alone, can address all the complex circumstances any youth may be facing. Public and private sectors; communities and individuals must work together. We must continue to increase the safety of our youth as they journey to find their place in society. Youth are more than our future. Youth are our present as well. Youth are teachers as well as students. Youth have something to give as well as to gain from working and contributing to their communities. If you are a youth, think about becoming a member of the Ontario County Youth Advisory Board. Apply today and share your voice, dreams, thoughts, and energy. If you are an adult, consider joining the Ontario County Youth Board as one of your personal contributions to your community. Adults are to teach, encourage, instruct, mentor, praise, influence, guide and inspire our youth. The Ontario County Youth Advisory Board members are making decisions about programs and services which provide youth with the opportunity to experience a good and healthy childhood. Application can be found [here](#). Any questions feel free to call Marsha Foote at 585-396-4035. She would be happy to provide answers.

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.

Skip Guerrie:

Skip's children no longer play Junior Hoops; in fact it's been a number of years since they have. However, Skip remains on the board for Red Jacket JR hoops. He is at every home game keeping parents and fans calm, gets the gym set up, and assists with injured players. He participates in Hoops for Hope, which is a huge fundraiser

RJ Jr Hoops puts on that donates a lot of money each year to Sands Cancer center as well as a large donation to community families that are fighting cancer. Skip has devoted many hours each basketball season and is well respected by the refs, players, and families involved. This is a huge commitment to his community. Kudos to Skip!

Meghan Maslyn: As some of the most vulnerable members of our community are battling cancer, a local non-profit, Thrive to Survive, provides financial and emotional assistance to those adults in Ontario, Seneca, Yates, and Schuyler Counties. For the past two years I participated in the Middle Finger 5K Run and Walk which is the largest fundraiser for Thrive to Survive. This year I was asked to volunteer on the Middle Finger 5K Committee to help plan and organize the event. I encourage you to get a team together and help others in our community 'thrive' through their cancer diagnosis. Join us at 6:00am on May 4, 2019 for a beautiful sunrise run or walk along the north end of Seneca Lake. Sign up to run, volunteer, or donate at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Geneva/MiddleFinger5K>.

Sheriff Henderson and members of the Sheriff's Office organized a team to participate in the 2019 Polar Plunge, which is being held on March 30th. The Polar Plunge supports Special Olympics and to date (Team Ontario County Sheriff's Office) has raised \$3250.00. To contribute to the Sheriff's Office Team go to event.nyso.org The event begins at 12:00PM at Kershaw Park, Canandaigua. Sheriff Henderson will be leading his team into the water, please come to cheer them on and support a great cause.

Corrections Officer **Brett Avery** has organized END 22 which supports awareness for veteran suicide. On May 18th, beginning at 10:30AM a 22 mile hike on the Ontario County Pathways will help raise funds for Mission Mustang. This organization uses mustang horses which are waiting a second chance who work with veterans to gain trust to be handled and ridden. Veterans with post-traumatic stress are chosen to participate which is a way of dealing with (PTS). Over 540,000 veterans in the United States are diagnosed with (PTS) and 20 veterans commit suicide each day. Please go to Facebook: END 22 Hike to find out more and to sign up to hike or email brett.avery@co.ontario.ny.us for more information.

Deputy **Seth Jones** is organizing a team to support Shootout for Soldiers, which is a lacrosse tournament. This has been a very popular event and will be held on July 20th and 21st with members from the Sheriff's Office, Canandaigua Police and Geneva Police teaming up. All proceeds go towards veterans support. **Check out Seths' team fundraising page for Shootout for Soldiers -** <https://fundraise.shootoutforsoldiers.com/team/216891> or contact seth.jones@co.ontario.ny.us for more information

SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension

New CCE Hire! Please help us welcome, Pilar McKay, as the new Agriculture Economic Development Educator! Pilar joined CCE Ontario in February, Pilar hails from Wyoming County and has a strong background in marketing and agriculture. She can be reached by email: pem23@cornell.edu or by calling 585-394-3977 x 402.

Retirement: Jennifer Jensen, long time 4-H Educator for CCE Ontario, retired on March 8. We want to thank Jennifer for her 15 years of dedicated service to the youth in Ontario County making our 4-H program successful! Her passion, dedication and commitment to our 4-H program will be missed by many! We wish Jennifer the best of luck as she begins this new chapter.

Youth Strong Gala Dinner – May 3! 4-H Camp Bristol Hills will be hosting the Youth Strong gala dinner honoring several camp Superhero's! The formal dinner will be catered by FLCC's culinary program and will be honoring members of the local community for their generous support of 4-H Camp Bristol Hills. To reserve a table or a ticket, contact Erin VanDamme, 585-394-3977 x 410 or etv7@cornell.edu and for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/4-h-camp-bristol-hills-19227675119>

Check our website www.cceontario.org for these upcoming programs:

➤ Unusual Fruits in the Backyard | April 17, 2019 | 6:30pm – 8:00 pm

➤ Fairy Gardens and Gnome Homes | April 25, 2019 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

➤ Introduction to Mushroom Cultivation | April 30, 2019 | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

On March 2, the tourism industry, wine industry, historic preservationists, economic development officials, planners, agri-economics folks – and the residents of Ontario County lost a remarkable person. John H. Brahm III passed away suddenly, sending shock waves through Ontario County and the Finger Lakes. John had given many years of service to Ontario County – including time on the Industrial Development Agency and on the Ontario County Tourism Board. He spent 10 years and 25 years on those boards respectively. Over 500 people attended the celebration of John's life at the Parish Hill Barn in Naples – where an outstanding eulogy was delivered by his son-in-law and business partner John French. The Brahms owned both Arbor Hill Grapery and Brew and Brats – and another offering in the grape and wine industry, Randall Standish Vineyards. John was also a founding board member of the Canandaigua Wine Trail and the Roc/FLX Craft Beverage Trail. There is so much more than this brief paragraph can explain or laud appropriately. The Board of Supervisors will be recognizing Mr. Brahm with a resolution of appreciation and sympathy presented by our office. He will be sadly missed and leaves a large hole in our hearts; despite that, he left a remarkable family and a strong business model that we know will continue to grow and honor his legacy of entrepreneurship and community spirit.



And in honor of John Brahm's tendency to never stop working and never stop promoting the Finger Lakes as a destination we have to mention that this Friday, March 29 is the first ever tasting event hosted by the [Rochester/Finger Lakes Craft Beverage Trail](#) of which John was a founding member. First Fest is the trail's inaugural tasting event and will be held at Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor. Tickets are available [here](#) and are \$30 for General Admission, \$40 for a VIP ticket, and \$15 for the designated drivers in your group. There will be 30 beverage providers, music, raffles and a souvenir glass, you won't want to miss this event.

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Ontario County Humane Society/Happy Tails

These two pups are currently available for adoption:

EDDIE: is a three year old high energy mixed breed with so much affection to share with humans that he doesn't save much for other pets.



BRODY: is a lovable and playful four year old mixed breed neutered male that is smart and high energy but can be selective with other dogs.

Visit the Humane Society website for more information:
<http://www.ontariocountyhumanesociety.org/dogs.html>



Soil & Water Conservation District

Successful Soil Health Workshop

The 2019 Soil Health Workshop on March 7 at King's Catering in Canandaigua was a great success! This workshop was hosted by Ontario County SWCD, Yates County SWCD, and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association. There were about 180 attendees that learned about cover crops, no-till operations, pest and disease control, tiling research, water quality, conservation easements, and other soil health topics.

Welcome Diana!

Diana Thorn has joined us as Ontario County SWCD's new Treasurer. She is from Victor, NY and previously worked as Library Manager for the Bloomfield Public Library. With a strong background in accounting and administration, she makes an excellent addition to the SWCD team!

NYS CDEA Division 2 Merit Award

Tucker Kautz, Ontario County SWCD Water Resource Technician, received the New York State Conservation District Employees' Association Division 2 Merit Award. Pictured to the right are Tucker Kautz and Chairperson Sam Casella. Tucker has been a tireless advocate for the District and has worked hard to grow and build programs wherever he has been. He continues to strive to educate himself and others on new technologies and best management practices. A Certified Crop Advisor, Tucker has recently received his certification as a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planner. Tucker is a highly capable, highly motivated District employee who is a true asset to the agricultural community and we join NYS CDEA in congratulating Tucker on this achievement.



Upcoming Rain Barrel Workshops

April 11, 2019 at the Geneva Town Hall from 6:00 to 8:00pm, and April 23, 2019 at Ontario County CCE in Canandaigua from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For registration information, please go to www.ontswcd.com.

Realtor Workshop

April 10, 2019 at 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. "A Water Workshop for Real Estate Professionals" offers 5.5 continuing education unit credits. For more information, please go to www.ontswcd.com.

The Partnership for Ontario County

The **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition**, in collaboration with the Ontario County Office of Sheriff and Canandaigua Wegmans, will be sponsoring a medication take back event on Saturday, April 27 from 10am -

2pm. This event will be held at Wegmans in Canandaigua. All unwanted medication will be collected including over the counter, prescription and pet medications.

Ontario County Youth Court is currently accepting applications for Youth Court members. We will start training in April, 2019. Check out our informational Night flyer: [Youth Court Info Night 4/3/19](#). If interested, fill out a short application on our website: www.ontariocountyyouthcourt.org. If you have any questions, please call Yvonne Vazquez, Program Director at (585) 396-4519.

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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