

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/2019	1/1/2018	2018 Year End
	– 10/8/2019	– 10/8/2018	
Ontario County	7	4	7
Sheriff's Office	12	5	7
Cities	12	10	15
Towns & Villages	16	16	19
FLCC	2	4	5
Fishers Fire District	2	3	5
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	5	4	5
TOTAL	56	46	63



183 employees attended the Wellness Fair on Oct. 8. 236 Flu shots were administered in total. 146 were given during the Wellness Fair. Vaccine is still available through Public Health. If you still need a flu shot, please call Public Health to make an appointment.

Door prizes were given to the following employees:

- Walmart Gift Card – Donated by Victim Assistance Program..... Sandra Porrey
- Umbrella – Donated by ESI Group, The EAP..... Kevin Fisher
- Umbrella – Donated by ESI Group, The EAP.....Greg Shaffer
- Lunch Cooler – Donated by Employee Wellness..... Sarah Eddy
- Lunch Cooler – Donated by Employee Wellness Beth Thompson
- Tumbler & Cell Phone Wallet – Donated by Employee Wellness..... Becky Packard
- Gift Bag – Donated by LifespanCam Johnson
- Gift Bag – Donated by Breast Cancer Coalition.....Robin Hudson
- Cooler – Donated by Excellus..... Brett Kindel
- Portable Tablet Speaker & Stand – Donated by Thompson HealthJennifer Lewis
- YMCA 90 Day Membership – Donated by Canandaigua YMCA.....Kristin Mueller
- Flower Arrangement – Donated by Wegmans Pharmacy.....Holly Laska
- Relax Spa Gift Card – Donated by Smola Consulting ...Sharon Decker- Clark

Conflict Defender

The Conflict Defender's Office is happy to announce the hiring of two new employees. Caitlin Rahm joined the office in August as an Office Specialist I and brings with her several years' experience in administrative duties. Caitlin's experience has made her an absolute asset in the implementation of Munis and OnBase, and we are thrilled to have her on board. Ashley Westbrook Patronski has been hired as an Assistant Conflict Defender. Ashley has devoted her entire career to civil defense work for the indigent and recently joined the Ontario County Assigned Counsel Panel in criminal defense work. Ashley speaks fluent Spanish and is proficient in Japanese. She will be assigned to handle misdemeanor level offenses in Geneva City Court and Farmington Town Court.

County Administrator

County Administrator Mary Krause welcomed HWS President Dr. Joyce Jacobsen to Ontario County at their October 4 meeting and attended Dr. Jacobsen's Presidential Inauguration on October 18 at the Hobart William Smith Campus.

County Administrator Mary Krause, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Finance Director Mary Gates, Commissioner of Social Services Eileen Tiberio and City of Canandaigua Supervisor Rich Russell attended the ABC (Action for a Better Community) Luncheon at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center on October 10. Supervisor Russell sits on the ABC Board of Directors on behalf of Ontario County.

Congratulations to Ellen Wayne who has been selected as the new Commissioner of Social Services for Wayne County. Ellen previously held the position of Executive Director for Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes. We thank Ellen for her collaborative spirit in working on so many County projects and look forward to continuing to work with Ellen in this new capacity. On behalf of the Selection Committee of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, Wayne County Administrator Rick House thanks Eileen Tiberio, Ontario County Commissioner of Social Services, for her time spent assisting with this successful recruitment.

Economic Development

Since 2011, Governor Cuomo has invited Regional Economic Development Councils to bring forward projects worthy of State funding through a regional competition. Ontario County is part of the nine-county Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council (FLREDC). Recently, the FLREDC recommended 19 priority projects to advance the region's growth objectives. Five of these projects are located in Ontario County:

1. Select Fabricators in the Town of Canandaigua: \$700,000 of the total project cost of \$3.5 million for a new building;
2. CCMI Inc. in the City of Geneva: \$500,000 of the total project cost of \$2 million for a new facility;
3. Finger Lakes Area Counseling & Recovery Agency (FLACRA) in the Village of Clifton Springs: \$598,000 of the total project cost of \$3 million for building renovation/expansion;
4. Clifton Springs Area YMCA in the Village of Clifton Springs: \$300,000 of the total project cost of \$1.5 million for a renovation/expansion project; and
5. Finger Lakes Extrusion in the Town of Hopewell: \$167,900 of the total project cost of \$839,500 for additional manufacturing equipment.

These projects are recommended for Empire State Development grant funding. There are many other non-ESD Ontario County projects being advanced for DEC, HCR, NYSERDA, and DOS priorities. We will learn in December of the success of all these projects.

Office for the Aging

The Office for the Aging held its Annual “Aging Well” Public forum on October 8 at the Safety Training Facility; approximately 100 people attended. There was an overview of Medicare by Terri Haley, OFA Coordinator of Services and a workshop on Power of Attorney, Wills, Probate and Executors by Gavin Reynolds, Supervising Attorney, Legal Assistance of Western NY. There were also about 16 vendor tables with information on various agencies and Medicare Advantage Plans. Irene Coveny led the Public Hearing portion of the program to present the 2020 Annual Plan for services to older adults. The Public Hearing provides an opportunity for discussion and comment on the needs of older adults in Ontario County. Irene presented the results of the Community Assessment which is conducted every four years so that OFA can develop a four year service plan that addresses the needs identified. Ontario County sent a survey out to 1,337 randomly selected older adults in Ontario County. The survey was also available on-line through Survey Monkey. There were a total of 536 responses. The survey included a series of questions to gather data on what older adults and caregivers in Ontario County see as their top concerns and what they see as the current service gaps.

The issues identified by the survey respondents were, in priority order:

1. Health Insurance and Health
2. Housing and Home Maintenance
3. Transportation
4. Nutrition and Food.

The five service gaps identified were:

1. Transportation options for those unable to drive
2. In-home personal care services
3. A registry of private pay home care workers
4. Mental Health Services
5. Respite Care for caregivers

Office of Sheriff

The Office of Sheriff will be supporting the No Shave November Beards for Bucks fundraiser. Members are allowed to grow a beard if they donate, and female members can paint their nails. This fundraiser raises money for 13thirty Cancer Connect, an organization dedicated to helping the adolescent and young adult population live with cancer. Thank you, Deputy Dave Barnard for organizing this.

The Office of Sheriff hosted a Home Firearms Safety Course this month. Topics included Basic Firearms Safety, Use of Force and the Justification of the Use of Force, New York State Pistol Permit Process and New York State Laws regarding liability. Other courses will be scheduled.

The 2019 assessment of the jail with the Commission of Corrections has been completed. I am honored to state that we passed without any issues. This has been a huge milestone for the Office of Sheriff. This year we received our reaccreditation for the Corrections Division from the New York State Sheriff’s Association and now we passed our yearly assessment with the Commission of Corrections. We even had Chairman Riley come and visit our facility two months ago, which was the first time a Chairman from the Commission came to Ontario County and toured the entire facility. He left with a very positive impression.

New Hires:

Office Specialist 1 – Emily Hoover

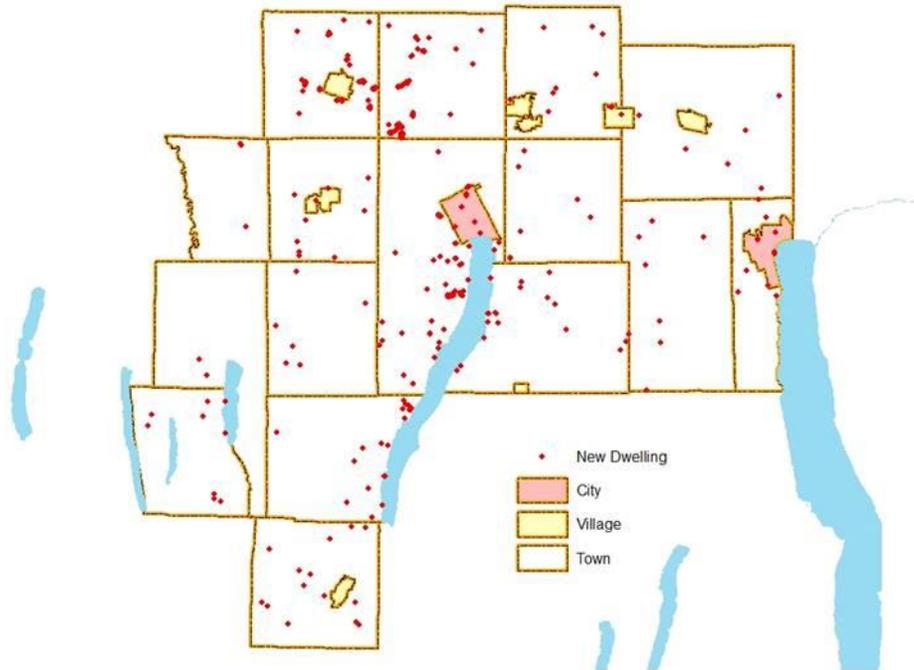
Retirements:

Correction Officer, P.T. – Chris Fonda

Planning Department

On October 18 the Planning Department completed Ontario County's participation in the Census 2020 new construction program. A total of 488 addresses representing 622 dwelling units constructed between March 1, 2018 and expected to be enclosed by April 1, 2020 (Census 2020 day!) were sent to the Census Bureau! These are dwelling units that otherwise would have been missed by the Census Bureau and any residents left uncounted! The Planning Department would like to thank Information Services staff for installing the special software necessary and figuring out how to load Ontario County tax parcel data into it, as well as all the municipal assessors and Code Enforcement Officers that participated in this 45 day effort! The map below shows the distribution of addresses throughout the County that were added.

New Dwelling Units Constructed 3/1/2018 to 4/1/2020



Public Health

With the help of Midlakes School District and Advio Advertising, students from Brittany Sullivan and Carolyn Wescott's health classes completed three silent movies educating the public about emotional, physical and mental health. Health class students learned about emotional, physical and mental health as well as where to find reliable health information. The health classes also learned about health marketing and even used photos from their own lives in the movies.

Check out the following locations Canandaigua Family YMCA, Charlie's Restaurant, Mac's Philly Steaks, Roseland Bowl, The Villager, Casa Italiana, Pickering Pub, Greater Canandaigua Civics Center, Canandaigua Lady, Finger Lakes Coffee Roasters, Tim Horton's (Victor), Finns Tap Room and Party House, United Martial Arts Center, Sports Academy of Victor and Milsy's Barber Shop to see the videos. The first video, "Mental Health, With Teens for Teens" is currently featured on the Ontario County Public Health website and Facebook page.

Ontario County Public Health: <http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/101/Public-Health>

Ontario County Facebook: @OCPHealth

Records and Archives

Don't miss out on RAIMS Open House! Come see their new exhibit "Counting America: The History of the Census".

When: Wednesday, October 23

Where: 3051 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Dr. Preston Pierce will present a short lecture at 12:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and tours of the facility will be available

Dr. Preston Pierce, County historian has updated and revised his paper, *The Military Expedition of Major General John Sullivan against the Six nations of Indians in 1779*. The updated version has been added to his website; <http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/105/County-Historian>. Dr. Pierce felt it was important to revise and update this paper that was originally written in 1985 and then revised once in 2005 because of the new sources and opinions on the subject matter. He was able to gain access to more images that depict this time in history. In this version Dr. Pierce has marked some of the references with asterisks for the benefit of teachers and researchers who could delve deeper into this topic. Advances in printing technology and editing preferences have also contributed to a more professional presentation. As always, history has a way of evolving and leading us to learn why and what really happened years ago.

Dr. Pierce will be presenting the following public programs in Ontario County:

- November 15: FLCC Armed Forces Dinner Dance. Historian Pierce will be Master of Ceremonies. Open to Public. To purchase tickets and make a reservation, call (585) 785-1264.
- November 18: Bristol Hills Historical Society (S. Bristol Museum-Bristol Springs). Program on the Billy Lee Library that once existed in South Bristol. Free and open to the Public. 6:30 p.m.
- December 8: Seneca No. 9 Presbyterian Church –lunch program on Rev. Asher Temple, pastor of the church for 52 years. 12:00 Noon. Free and open to the Public.
- December 12: Program "Demon Rum, John Barleycorn and the Struggle for a Temperate America." Town of Farmington Historical Society. Farmington Town Hall. 7:00pm Free and open to the Public.

Document Specialists Kris Martin, Robin Cuppernell and Casey Maves are scanning and indexing the 2018 Sheriff's arrest and incident reports into the Countywide records management system, OnBase. They are working with the District Attorney's office to get the 2015, 2016 and 2017 closed case files indexed and uploaded into OnBase.

The NYS Archives grants (LGRMIF) that were awarded to RAIMS for both 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 years has helped facilitate the implementation of our OnBase records management system in County departments and has also branched out to include two of our surrounding towns. The grant funded a generous amount of scanning for several departments and one town's code enforcement records to OnBase. The second town will have its code enforcement records scanned this fall and uploaded into OnBase. Many of the licenses for this system were purchased through the grant monies. For the past year and a half RAIMS and IS have been working together to introduce and set up this system in each department. OnBase is being utilized in Human Resource, the Sheriff's Records Office, Probation and DSS Services. County Attorney, County Administrator and District Attorney Offices will soon benefit from this grant. Many thanks to the good work of Bob Smith and Kent Schmeer in the IS department.

Sustainability and Solid Waste Management

On October 9, Director of Sustainability and Solid Waste Management Carla Jordan kicked off the first meeting to help develop the department's strategic plan. The invited group was greeted by Planning & Environmental

Quality Chairperson Kristine Singer and County Administrator Mary Krause. The session reviewed the history of the landfill, the County's Solid Waste Management Plan and the creation of the department. The next meeting on October 30 will focus more on obtaining input from the group and working toward the direction the department should take in developing a strategic plan.

Veterans Service Agency

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) invited Jeremy Marshall, Director of Veterans Services and the President of County Veterans Services Association to Albany on October 17 to testify at a hearing hosted by Assembly committees on Veterans, Local Governments, Cities and Women Veterans. Jeremy was on the panel with Adam Connelly from the NYC Dept of Veterans Affairs and Stephen Acquario, NYSAC Executive Director. Great job Jeremy!



Workforce Development

On Thursday, October 3, Workforce Development staff joined in on “Finger Lakes Works...With Their Hands!”. It is the annual skilled trades and advanced manufacturing career exploration event. Over 700 students and chaperones experienced 40+ local careers in skilled trades and advanced manufacturing! More than 50 businesses, trade unions, colleges and organizations provided hands on demonstrations and activities for the students including welding, pole climbing, nail driving competitions, engineering skills, masonry, electrical wiring, the actual operation of heavy equipment and much, much MORE! In addition to careers in construction and skilled trades, students gained information about careers in advanced manufacturing and alternative energy. Check out the FLWWTH 2019 photo album on the Finger Lakes Youth FB page!

www.facebook.com/fingerlakesyouth or see the video recently posted on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0c4Blyj7alM&feature=youtu.be>

Youth Bureau

The Ontario County Youth Bureau has been offering Positive Youth Development Training to programs, schools, and community centers. Youth Bureau Director Marsha Foote recently presented at Geneva School District's Superintendent Conference Day. She presented the 26 Attributes of a Great Teacher/Leader. In addition to the conference day, Marsha is scheduled throughout the school year to present to the Geneva School District's Before and After School Program and to the staff at the Geneva Community Center's Boys and Girls Club. If your school district is interested in a presentation from the Youth Bureau, please contact Marsha Foote at 396-4035.



For the past two years, the Office of Children and Family Services has provided support and funds toward our County's Public Awareness Campaign around the exploitation and trafficking of our youth. Much has been accomplished due to the efforts of so many! OCFS feels that Ontario County is ready for the next step. On October 4, forty-five stakeholders in Ontario County came together to talk about the County's next steps in becoming a 'Safe Harbours' County. Representatives from our schools, frontline agencies working with youth, law enforcement, legal system as well as Probation and DSS attended.



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.

Like he did as a young boy, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young still loves playing with trucks and tractors but now they are a little bigger. For the past 14 years (since its existence) Brian has volunteered his time for the Finger Lakes Works With Their Hands event (reported above by Workforce Development). Brian takes three 3 days off from work to help coordinate the outdoor heavy equipment. He helps set-up, move equipment to the event, run the area on the day of the event and tear down and return equipment after it is over. He even gets his sons, brothers and nephews to volunteer for the day. According to Brian, the best part of the day is when a high school student operates a large piece of earth moving equipment and jumps down with a big smile on his/her face and says "that was cool!" Anecdotally we often hear that a student enrolled in vocational training in skilled trades or advanced manufacturing went on to college in a similar discipline because of attending Finger Lakes Works with Their Hands. This event is critical to expose youth to careers in construction and advanced manufacturing as there are many good paying jobs going unfilled right now!

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

SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Medicinal Herbs Workshop: Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m., Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. The interest in growing and using medicinal herbs has been on the increase for a number of years. There is an opportunity for growers and gardeners to diversify their crops to meet this interest. Come join Matthias and Andrea Reisen, owners/operators of Healing Spirits Medicinal Herb Farm in Avoca, NY. They have been growing, harvesting, and marketing organic medicinal herbs for years and will share their knowledge about their experiences with herbs. Fee: \$15.00/person. To register call 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number.

Cut Flower Business Speaker Series: the last session is scheduled for Nov. 14, at 7:00 p.m., Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. Michael Wells, Ornamental Product Manager for Harris Seeds will present. Fee: \$15.00/person. Contact Pilar McKay, Ag Economic Development Educator, pem23@cornell.edu or 585-394-3977 x 402.

4-H Department

Nearly 100 Ontario County 4-H members and their families enjoyed a pot luck dinner and a fun night of fellowship and recognition at their annual 4-H Achievement Night on Oct. 4 at the 4-H Camp Bristol Hills. This achievement night is a time to recognize youth for their accomplishments and growth over the past year. The program was led by seven teens: Wyatt Wadams, Autumn Rosenzweig, Noah Czadzeck, Preet Mands, Mackenzie Lill, Avah Gladle, and Ryan Pare. The accomplishments of all 4-H youth would not be possible without 4-H volunteers. The Ontario County 4-H Program would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the club leaders, volunteer evaluators, workshop instructors, parents, and other volunteers who make the programs possible.

4-H Camp Bristol Hills

4-H Camp Bristol Hills finished the 2019 season with great enrollment numbers. *Camp WindWalker*, a new tent-camping program debuted this season with 18 campers over the course of two sessions. Campers learned about primitive living skills such as fire building, outdoor cooking, outdoor first aid, map and compass, and much more. The final total enrollment surpassed the 2018 total (which was already a record year) by 20 campers, reaching 1172 children in 2019. While we saw increased attendance from most communities in Ontario County, the largest increases came from Farmington (+22) and Canandaigua (+76). Additionally, Camp Bristol Hills hired 66 young adults in a variety of positions from maintenance staff to kitchen, to nurses, lifeguards, instructors and cabin counselors. For many of these young adults, camp is a first employment experience. The Camp's leadership team considers staff development to be one of the hallmarks of our camp program and has garnered recognition statewide for developing the Workforce Competency Model which allows staff to continue to grow each summer they return to camp, as well as better understanding how to turn the camp employment experience into a valuable resume-building opportunity.

Check our website, www.cceontario.org for programs.

Finger Lakes Community College

Finger Lakes Community College invites the community to the following events:

FLCC on Safari: Learning Eye-to-Eye with Africa's Coolest Wildlife: Professors John Van Niel and Maura Sullivan share photos and tales from the College's first travel ecology course to Africa on Thursday, Oct. 24, at

7 p.m. in Stage 14 of the main campus. Entry is free. Read more here: <https://events.flcc.edu/event/flcc-on-safari-1/>

Fall Faculty Recital: Members of the College's music faculty give a free public concert on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the main campus auditorium. Each will share personal musical interests, from classical piano to jazz guitar. Consider beginning the evening with a gourmet dinner prepared by the culinary arts faculty and students. The concert is free; dinner is \$40 per person. Get the details about the Dinner at Julia experience by clicking here: <https://www.flcc.edu/restaurant/>

Honoring Veterans: FLCC has several events that offer an opportunity to show appreciation for veterans:

- FLCC alumnus Michael Tucker, who served in the Marines and Army National Guard, will share his photography and talk about how art allowed him to gain control over his post-traumatic stress disorder on Thursday, Oct. 31 at a 2 p.m. talk and a 4 p.m. reception in the Williams-Insalaco Gallery 34 at the main campus. Entry is free. Click here for more information: <https://events.flcc.edu/event/veterans-art-featuring-photos-by-michael-tucker-17/>

- FLCC's annual Veterans Day Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. in the main campus auditorium. The event features a speaker followed by refreshments. Entry is free.
- Gulf War veteran Aaron Grant, an FLCC alumnus and author of "Taking Baghdad: Victory in Iraq with the U.S. Marines," will give a talk on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 12:40 p.m. in Stage 14 of the main campus. Entry is free.
- The annual Armed Forces Dinner and Dance is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15 from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for FLCC students, \$20 for veterans (active duty and Reserve National Guard), and \$35 for the general public. Childcare is provided. To make a reservation, call (585) 785-1264.
- The Veterans Book Project exhibit at ArtSpace36 at 36 S. Main St., Canandaigua, runs through Nov. 16. The exhibit consists of books sharing personal experiences of war. Hours are 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection is instituting grants designed to engage tourism-focused not-for-profits to create a positive visitor experience, enhance accessibility, and grow their business. The program, called the Visitor Experience Fund, provides matching funds on a competitive application basis to improve the visitor experience in Ontario County. The 2019-20 focus is on Accessibility for All. We held the first of two workshops being offered on October 21 to explain the fund and review the application process. If you serve on the board of an Ontario County not-for-profit or have connections to one that could benefit from these grants, share the information! The next session will be Thursday, Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. These sessions are being held at the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection Office at 25 Gorham Street, Canandaigua. Attendance is not a pre-requisite to an application. The deadline for application is Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. For additional information or to download an application visit VisitFingerLakes.com/Partners.

Ontario County Historical Society

The Historical Society is celebrating the fall season with several events.

On Saturday, October 26 the Historical Society will hold the "Small Treasurers Out of the Attic" auction at the Canandaigua Congregational Church. Doors open at 2 p.m. and the live auction begins at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Dozens of items will be auctioned off by our local auctioneer, Rob Lillis. For pictures of the items up for auction please visit www.ochs.org. Proceeds benefit the operation of the Ontario County Historical Society.

On Saturday November 2, the Historical Society will have its annual meeting. This year it will be in a luncheon format at Ferris Hills. The guest speaker is Getachew Bashir from the Catholic Family Center. He will speak on the current state of refugee placement in our region. For tickets and information contact the Historical Society at 585-394-4975.

Ontario County Humane Society

Protecting Paws Happy Hour was held Sunday, October 20 at Star Cider in Canandaigua. Funds raised will help with cruelty cases and awareness about animal cruelty. The event was well attended with approximately 100+ people attending throughout the afternoon. It was certainly a great afternoon with those in attendance showing support and the weather was great as well!

Soil & Water Conservation District

Sandy Bottom Park Shoreline Stabilization Project

With funding from the NYS DEC WQIP Grant Program, Ontario County SWCD and the Town of Richmond installed a natural shoreline stabilization project using coir wrapped soil lifts that incorporate native plant materials. The rock placed in front of the project is necessary to reduce wave energy and ice scour seen at the north end of Honeoye Lake. Existing trees and shrubs were kept in place to keep the shoreline protected and over three dozen additional plantings as well as live stakes were added to promote deep rooted vegetation to stabilize the shoreline. The NYS DEC promotes the use of natural materials to stabilize shorelines rather than hardened structures such as retaining walls and gabion baskets. A naturally vegetated shoreline helps reduce erosion, filters excess nutrients from entering the lake and provides habitat for fish and wildlife.



Eroding Shoreline at Sandy Bottom Park



After Natural Shoreline Installation project



Katie Lafler and Alaina Robarge of Ontario County SWCD plant native species along the newly established shoreline

The Partnership for Ontario County

The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the Ontario County Sheriff's Office had a successful Medication Take Back Event on Saturday October 1 in the Village of Victor. Mead Square Pharmacy and the Victor Village Town Hall have been key collaborators for the Take Back events. Our group of faithful volunteers counted 95 cars and collected 297 lbs of unused/unwanted medication. Save the date for our next Medication Take Back Event to be held at Wal-Mart in Canandaigua on Saturday, October 26. Stay tuned!



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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