

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/2019 – 10/29/2019	1/1/2018 – 10/29/2018	2018 Year End
Ontario County	7	5	7
Sheriff's Office	13	6	7
Cities	12	11	15
Towns & Villages	17	17	19
FLCC	2	4	5
Fishers Fire District	2	4	5
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	5	4	5
TOTAL	58	51	63



[Mindfulness for Stress Management Lunch n Learn](#)

Learn how yoga relates to mindfulness, what is mindfulness, and leave with valuable stress-reducing techniques to integrate into your day.

[Thursday, December 5, 2019](#)

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Building 3019, 2nd Floor Conf. Rooms 204/205

Please click below for more information and to register

[Info & Registration!!](#)

Brian Briggs, a Physical Therapist from Atlas Injury Prevention Solutions, will present two grant-funded training sessions on Friday, November 15 on slip, trip and fall injuries from an ergonomics point of view. These injuries typically are the cause of 1 in 5 of all injuries reported to our self-insured workers comp. plan. Cost data from 2017, 2018 and 2019 (year to date) show these slip, trip and fall injuries are expected to total over \$1M. We'd like to offer some tips on how to prevent these injuries in the future. To sign-up for either training session, please contact us at HRTraining@co.ontario.ny.us.

Board of Elections

Election Day, Nov. 5 and Early Voting (Oct. 26 – Nov. 3) was a success. Thank you to Mary Krause, Brian Young and Kristin Mueller for their assistance on Election Day. Thank you to everyone who came out to vote.

County Administrator

Getting an accurate count of Ontario County residents for the 2020 Census is very important. Census Takers are needed to help collect important data that helps determine our State's representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent in our community on things like roads, schools and hospitals. Apply to be a Census Taker and get paid to help your community. You will earn \$17.00 per hour plus 58 cents per mile for mileage. For more information or to apply online, visit: www.2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020. You can

also visit Workforce Development on November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to speak to a Census Representative.

On October 29, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Economic Developer Suzanne Vary and Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Andrea McGraw attended a panel discussion on the “Finger Lakes Workforce: Challenge or Opportunity” hosted by Finger Lakes Community College and coordinated by the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce. The four panelists, Hemdale Farms, Pactiv, FLCC, and the Workforce Investment Board, discussed the challenges to find qualified employees, unique steps taken to improve recruitment and possible solutions for future development.

Calling all Town Supervisors, City and Village Mayors and School Superintendents! Shared Services Panel Reminder! We need a quorum to vote on our 2020 plan, our panel meeting will be on November 20 from noon to 1:30 pm at the Safety Training Facility, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua. Lunch will be served at noon and we will have a quick overview of the plan at 1PM and vote immediately thereafter. Please let Cindy Abraszek know, either way, if you can attend or not. 585.396.4400.

County Attorney



Staff of the County Attorney’s Office wore pink on October 18 for “Go Pink Day” for Breast Cancer Awareness, Prevention and Treatment.” From Left to Right: Jennifer Worrall, Tammy Hagadorn, Christine Hoffman, Lisa Maslyn, Barry McFadden & Shirley Jermyn.

DMV

Our 3RD Annual Veterans Day at the DMV was held Saturday November 2 at the Canandaigua Office and was very successful. We had approximately 32 customers with either questions or transactions. Unfortunately, the state computers were not working so we gave each Veteran a raincheck to return. We had our own Jeremy Marshall, Director of Veterans Services Agency for the County, a representative from the VA, Sean Morris, as well as a representative from Senator Pamela Helming’s Office on site that day. We thank all of them for their support in making this a special event to thank our Veterans.

DMV just received a box for Toys for Tots in our Canandaigua office. Please bring in an unwrapped toy and place it in the box. Let’s fill it up!!! The toys will be picked up from our office on **December 11**.

Economic Development

Congratulations to Sue Vary who graduated from Dale Carnegie Training on Monday, November 4. We look forward to the continued excellence and value Sue brings to our Economic Development efforts.

Workforce Development and Economic Development teamed up for a “Partners for Workforce Transformation Conference” in Rochester recently. The conference is a partnership between the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP) and the New York State Economic Development Council (NYEDC). At this conference, Mike Davis, Chairman of the Ontario County Industrial

Development Agency, won the statewide Business Leadership Award. Mike is the Business Manager at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 840 in Geneva. Mike is also a member of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board and President of the Fingers Lakes Building and Construction Trades Council. Karen Springmeier, Ontario County Economic Development Corporation Board Member, was also awarded the statewide Leadership Award. Karen, Executive Director of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, Inc., was recognized for her forty years of leadership at the state and local level as well as her tireless advocacy for the state workforce system. Ms. Springmeier has also served on the NYATEP Board for 25 years. Congratulations to Mike and Karen for this well-deserved honor.

Emergency Management/RACES

Ontario and Wayne County RACES members were among the 22 volunteer radio operators who assisted New York State Police Troop T with the annual Halloween Pumpkin Patrol on October 30 and 31. Seven Thruway overpasses were monitored for unusual activity that could possibly result in damage or injury to the traffic below. No incidents were reported to 911 by the network, except for a blown power transformer and some pedestrian activity later determined by police to be harmless. The Ontario RACES station in the Safety Training Facility, using the DisasterLAN software package, coordinated the radio network for part of the effort. Total time contributed by the volunteer radio operators was 92 hours.

Human Resources

Employee Recognition

The Department of Human Resources received over 30 copies of recognition notes that were given to employees in August, September and October 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 **August** monthly drawing was **Kathleen Meyers** from Finance. She was recognized for demonstrating the core value of “work together to achieve our best results” by stepping in to complete a project while a co-worker was out of the office. The winner for the **September** monthly drawing was **LeeAnn Lagas** from DSS Accounting. She was recognized for everything that she does for her department. The winner for the **October** monthly drawing was **Sharon Decker Clark** from Finance. She was recognized, along with several other county employees, for the collaborative role she played during the Public Health emergency drill. 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.

Open Enrollment

All benefit-eligible employees should have received their 2020 Open Enrollment packets – if you haven’t already, please return your completed form(s) to Human Resources no later than November 18.

Information Services

Did You Know? The County has many PDF maps that can be used for navigation on your phone or tablet. So, if you are ready to hit the extensive trail network at Gannett Hill Park or even Hi Tor Wildlife Management Area, you will be all set!

Where to find these maps:

<http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/1116/Recreation-and-Tourism-Maps>

If they can be used with your device GPS for navigation, it will indicate “Georeferenced PDF”.

How to use them:

A few options:



- Avenza Maps (Apple / Android) – free use of up to 3 PDF maps, otherwise an annual \$30 Plus subscription needed. Works offline (no internet data 😊!) and allows you to plot points and trails (and even photos), measure distances and areas.
- OruxMaps GP (Android only) - \$3.49 one-time purchase for entire app.

Office for the Aging

Ontario County is pleased to be one of 14 Counties to receive the innovative New York State Age-Friendly Planning Grant Program, designed to help communities across the state incorporate healthy, age-friendly community principles into all relevant policies, plans, ordinances, and programs. The grants support Governor Cuomo's award-winning Age-Friendly NY/Health Across All Policies approach and Executive Order.

Office of Sheriff

The application deadline to register for the next Dispatcher I Exam is November 27, 2019. The exam date is January 11, 2020.

On November 1, Deputy John Torlish was recognized by the Victor Farmington Kiwanis with the Service Above Others Award. Deputy Torlish was recognized for his dedication to public safety and for serving the residents of Victor-Farmington, where he resides with his wife and children.



Some members of Ontario County's Office of Sheriff are participating in the Beards for Bucks, No Shave November fundraiser. This fundraiser raises money for 13thirty Cancer Connect, an organization dedicated to helping the adolescent and young adult population live with cancer. Male deputies are contributing to the fundraiser by growing beards. Female deputies are contributing by wearing their hair down and painting their fingernails. Please check out 13thirty.org for some insight into the good this organization does for those in need. Last year, members of the Sheriff's Office raised over \$6,300 in pledges and donations.

Several Ontario County Jail inmates took advantage of Vote-By-Mail by casting their ballot in the November 5 election. This is the first time this was offered to inmates. Thank you to the Ontario County Board of Elections for helping facilitate this.

Public Health



Ontario County Public Health and the Office for the Aging have teamed up to provide **Talk Saves Lives** for seven community dining sites throughout Ontario County. **Talk Saves Lives** was created by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and is a brief introduction to suicide prevention for seniors. This presentation covers what we know about suicide as a leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on prevention, and what we can all do to fight suicide. Participants learn common risk factors for suicide in older adults and how to spot the warning signs in ourselves and our loved ones. Suicide rates are higher among American males 65

years and older. Suicide attempts in adults over 65 are more likely to result in death. Feelings of isolation, significant losses, changes in health, loss of autonomy and changes in family roles all put seniors at a higher suicide risk. How can you help seniors in your community? Providing companionship, compassion, appreciation and sharing hobbies are all strategies to help seniors feel more connected and to decrease the risk of suicide. Suicide can be prevented. **Talk Saves Lives** is available for the general community and specific audiences like LGBTQ and gun owners. This presentation takes less than an hour and is perfect for worksite wellness or a community night activity. Please contact Ontario County Public Health at 1-800-299-2995 if you are interested in hosting a **Talk Saves Lives** presentation.

Public Works

The County has qualified for more than \$12,000 in rebates from RG&E for the replacement of less efficient lighting fixtures with LED fixtures similar to those shown here. The LED fixtures consume less than a third of the energy of existing fixtures. The installation of the new LED fixtures is already in progress by B&G staff and will continue over the next few months. The new lighting will be installed in meeting rooms, parking lots and garages.

B&G staff recently completed the first phase of the masonry wall repair of the County's former highway garage at 212 Saltonstall Street. The result of their labor is apparent in the before and after photo shown here.



The next phase, which will be performed by a contractor, is in design and will be bid over the winter for a spring 2020 completion.

Records and Archives

As we move toward the implementation of OnBase and MUNIS in the different departments it may be necessary for departments to obtain desktop scanners in order to scan current files and documents into the system. A few departments have inquired about purchasing/leasing so we have reviewed vendors and scanners to find some options. Please contact RAIMS or email rosemary.switzer@co.ontario.ny.us if you are interested and how many scanners you may need for your department.

Sustainability and Solid Waste Management

As our 2019 event season comes to a close we'd like to thank you all for your participation in our fall events. Together we ensured the collection and responsible recycling of over 37 tons of e-waste at our event in October. Additionally, over 3 tons of paper was collected, shredded and recycled at our fall paper shredding event. Thank you for your continued assistance in our waste diversion efforts. Stay tuned for our 2020 calendar of events!

Director, Carla Jordan and Ontario County were recognized by the New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR3) at their 2019 Conference in Cooperstown, NY. We were awarded the 2019 Public Sector Recycling Leadership Award for our education and outreach initiatives and the significant progress we've made in increasing our waste diversion rate.



Treasurer's Office

On Friday, October 25, County Treasurer Gary Baxter was elected President of the NYS Treasurers and Finance Office Association. The meeting was held in Syracuse. Congratulations, Gary!

Workforce Development

Deputy Commissioner Andrea McGraw and Senior Counselor Kathy Bailey joined over 500 professionals in workforce & economic development, education, business leaders, and key state leaders for the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals 33rd annual fall conference recently. As our workforce system continues to move towards full implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), the State and local areas are looking to revolutionize its system for today's job market and economy. New investments will be made in better labor market data; online tools for learning and skill acquisition to better serve our local employers and residents.

Youth Bureau

Marsha Foote and the Youth Advisory Board would like to thank and wish well outgoing members Elizabeth Maczynski, Cecelia Harris-Maxwell and MaDaijia Johnson for their time on the Youth Bureau's Advisory Board. They are all now in college and we are so proud of them. We also would like to thank two outgoing adult members Jason MacBride and Emily McCarter for their time on the board. All of our outgoing members made

an amazing impact on behalf of all the youth within Ontario County. You all will be greatly missed. Thank you again for a job well done! We would like to welcome three new members to our board. Luis Torruella of Geneva, Virginia Torruella of Geneva and Chari Miller of Canandaigua. We look forward to their contributions to the Ontario County Youth Bureau Advisory Board! Apply today and share in this rewarding opportunity to make a difference for all youth in Ontario County. We are looking for youth representatives for the following school districts: Victor, Marcus Whitman, Honeoye, Red Jacket, Naples and Bloomfield. Come and share your ideas, concerns, hopes and dreams. Help us strengthen the safety nets of our youth as we seek preventive measures around suicide, addictions, exploitation, trafficking and sexting. Help us find inventive ways to increase school attendance, higher graduation rates, and lower dropout rates. Help us promote the various activities and services available for youth to build a stronger connection with the vast diversity of youth within our county. Join us and invest in the leaders of tomorrow and the visionaries of today. Application can be found [here](#). Feel free to call Marsha Foote at 585 396 4035 with any questions. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two weeks ago channel 8 news did a report on OFA's Meals on Wheels program. The reporter highlighted a volunteer who took her young daughter with her to deliver the meals and the clients just love to see the young girl and her mom come to their door with a hot meal. The reporter did a great job promoting the program and as a result 16 new volunteers have contacted OFA. OFA is still in need of volunteers to deliver meals, especially this time of year. You can deliver a "Meals on Wheels" route during a lunch hour! If you would like to volunteer, call Tammy Richmond at Ext. 4046.

Stop in to the Humane Society shelter or email volunteer@ontariocountyhumanesociety.org to learn about volunteer opportunities and to sign up. With such a large variety of programming and services available to the community, there is always a way to help. Volunteer activities might involve serving on a committee, marching in local parades, decorating the shelter for seasons and holidays, gardening and outside decorating, hosting or helping with a fundraiser, and grant writing. As a volunteer you are interacting with other animal lovers in the community and making new friends in the process. You will be providing a needed service and having a lot of fun in the meantime!

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

4-H Agri-business Career Trip: Each year in October, Ontario County 4-H is pleased to offer the Agri-Business Career Trip to outstanding 4-Hers. The 2 day trip is a collaboration between NYS 4-H, SUNY Cobleskill and the NYS Farm Bureau Foundation for Education. The trip is for 14 year olds and over who want to become more aware of opportunities with agriculture and also the academic requirements for positions in the various agri-businesses. Quoting from this year's attendees "We had a great time and are planning on going back next year, if we are able. We learned things about Cobleskill that we weren't aware of, which will help in future college endeavors. All in all it was a great experience. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity."

Tarpping for Reduced Tillage Workshop: November 18, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. The Cornell Small Farm Program offers a full-day intensive, farmer-to-farmer workshop to talk about how to use tarps for reduced and no-till vegetable production. Fee: \$35.00/person, includes lunch and refreshments. To register, click [here](#).

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, with dinner beginning at 6:00 pm at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Center, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. Join us for a social evening featuring Robert Hadad, Cornell Vegetable Program: *Farm Food Safety-The Cost to Farmers Keeping Your Produce Safe*, and recognition of our volunteers. RSVP by November 14 by calling Nancy at 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu

New 4-H Entrepreneurship Club: Ontario County 4-H has developed a new special interest club that is focused on helping a family start a business with parents and children involved. The club will be formatted in the form of monthly sessions from October-May and include guest speakers, business field trips, and will culminate in a pitch event. The first meeting was October 21 and our opening speaker was Ethan Fogg, Executive Director of the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce. Our next meeting will be November 25 and will cover positioning a business with a mission and vision.

Cow Comfort Programs - Freestall: December 2 @ Mulligan Farms, Avon and **Tie Stall:** December 10 @ Daryl Martins Farm, Penn Yan, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. The Cow Comfort Workshops are an educational program for farmers, employees and agriservice professionals who work directly with dairy cows. The workshops will cover economics of improving cow comfort, stall design and management, stocking density, heat abatement and effects on production. To register, click [here](#).

Tabletop Christmas Tree Workshop: December 3, 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua. Come join Master Gardeners and make a small (12-15 inch) tabletop evergreen tree, perfect for your holiday centerpiece or home decorating. **Participants need to bring:** shears/scissors to trim evergreen pieces, decorations of your choice, and a small battery operated string of lights, if desired. **Fee:** \$15.00/person. To register call Cornell Cooperative Extension, 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number.

Finger Lakes Community College

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

Nov. 14: Print Club Exhibit: FLCC will celebrate an exhibit by members of the Rochester Print Club with an opening reception on Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Williams-Insalaco Gallery 34. The event begins with a talk at 2 p.m. by some of the members showing their work, followed by a reception from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The gallery is on the first floor of the main campus, 3325 Marvin Sands Dr. Entry is free and open to all. [Click here to read more.](#)

Nov. 15-16: Theatre: "Picasso at the Lapin Agile"

Picasso and Einstein walk into a bar ... This classic setup is the basis for comedian Steve Martin's play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," which FLCC students will stage on Nov. 15 and 16. This long-running off-Broadway absurdist comedy is set at a bar in the Montmartre neighborhood of Paris in 1904, a year before Einstein publishes his theory of relativity and Picasso transitions into cubism. The pair have a lengthy discussion about genius and inspiration at the bar, which is named the Lapin Agile, French for nimble rabbit. Performances will be held in the Student Center Auditorium, 3325 Marvin Sands Drive, on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$8 for students and \$5 for seniors. This show is recommended for mature audiences.

Nov. 21: ArtSpace36: Student Portfolio Show and Silent Auction

ArtSpace36 will host a reception and silent auction for the FLCC Student Portfolio Show on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery at 36 S. Main St., Canandaigua. The free event is open to the public. Both students and faculty will select work to exhibit. Faculty work will be up for silent auction from the time the gallery opens at 2 p.m. until the reception ends at 7 p.m. Bidding will start at \$50 and each work will become the property of the winner as soon as payment is processed. Faculty will donate all proceeds to provide programming at [ArtSpace36](#).

Nov. 23: SUNY Financial Aid Day: FLCC will host a SUNY Financial Aid Day workshop on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 9:45 a.m. at the main campus in Canandaigua. FLCC staff will provide students and their families with assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The FAFSA is the required first step to receiving any federal or state loans or grants, which includes the New York State Excelsior Scholarship. Entry is free but registration, on a first-come, first-served basis, is required at flcc.edu/offices/financial-aid.

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

FLVC welcomes our newest team member, Tracey Burkey as Director of Sales. Tracey will oversee and facilitate all aspects of meeting and conference sales and services for Ontario County tourism. Have you traveled to another destination for a conference or meeting? Are you a member of a Board of Directors for an organization? If so, let's bring that meeting to Ontario County! Ontario County is poised to become a luxury meetings and conference destination in 2020 with the opening of two high-end Canandaigua Lake properties along with a full rebranding and renovation of the Geneva Ramada Lakefront and the Pinnacle Athletic Campus in Victor. [Email Tracey Burkey](#) or call her at (585) 507-7885. Provide a contact name, conference program or any other information you have. Our team at Finger Lakes Visitors Connection will take it from there. Let's show off our beautiful region to meeting attendees and generate tourism dollars for our area!



Historical Society

After 25 years with the Historical Society, Executive Director Ed Varno has announced he will be retiring effective July 23, 2020. Ed was hired as Executive Director on July 23, 1995 when the organization was struggling. Ed picked up the pieces and with a lot of hard work, unique ideas and community support he rebuilt the staff and created a welcoming atmosphere that made the organization a viable cultural institution for our County. The Board of Trustees will be actively recruiting for a replacement in the coming weeks. A state-wide search is planned. It has been a pleasure to work with Ed and we hope he enjoys his retirement.

Soil & Water Conservation District

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District in the Classroom: The Ontario County SWCD has been working in classrooms all over Ontario County. Recently, we spent the morning at Muller Field Station with the Naples 5th grade class learning about watershed functions and the Honeoye Inlet Restoration Project.



We were at the Marcus Whitman Comstock Ponds this month finding and identifying macroinvertebrates and learning about water quality indicators.



The Partnership for Ontario County

The **Community Support Center** is incredibly excited about our collaboration with Artspace 36. Artspace 36 is a retail gallery and creative project space founded by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Finger Lakes Community College. The space serves to unite community members through art and education. Our bi-weekly "**Create and Connect**" series brings community members together with an art instructor who leads them through a creative project. The program is free of charge and all supplies are included. Our next two sessions, open to the public, are free of charge and will be held on November 6th and November 20th at 6 p.m., 36 Main Street, Canandaigua. No RSVP is necessary and if you have questions, please e-mail Shawna Bonshak, Program Coordinator at shawnabonshakcsc@gmail.com

The **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition** partnered with the Ontario County Sheriff's Office and Canandaigua Wal-Mart for another medication take-back event on October 26th. We were able to collect 40 lbs of medication, many of which were narcotics. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers and to those who dropped off medication for continuing to keep our community safe.

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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