

## KEY EVENTS

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### Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/2020 – 6/2/2020	1/1/2019– 6/2/2019	2019 Year End
Ontario County	3	5	8
Sheriff's Office	6	4	13
Cities	4	7	12
Towns & Villages	4	6	22
FLCC	1	1	3
Fishers Fire District	1	1	3
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	9	4	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>69</b>

The number of recordable injuries year to date for the County and all other participants in the County's Self-Insured Workers Compensation Plan is the same this year as it was in 2019. Not surprisingly with so many employees working from home or on temporary layoff, the total number of reported injuries for both the County and all others compared to last year has decreased between 30 and 40%. Since a recordable injury is a serious or potentially serious injury, this data suggests our rate of serious injury has increased from last year (e.g. 50% of all injuries now are recordable vs. 34.6% last year). Looking for common threads in these reports, I found some of them suggest the injury may have happened as a result of distraction or a lack of awareness to what was going on around them. Given this observation, I'd like to encourage everyone to be more mindful of surroundings and to stay focused on the task at hand.

### Board of Elections

The Board of Elections is still sorting and receiving returned voter ballots, assembling and labeling ballot envelope packets, and inserting ballots. The mass number of applications received on May 25th have been entered. Here are the numbers.

- Presidential Primary applications = 5,437.
- Republican Primary applications = 3,468.
- Special Election only 1,611.
- Total= 10,516. And counting.

Of those 10,516 applications an additional 6,214 applicants are eligible for two elections (Primary and Special Election) giving us a total number of ballots issued to date at 16,730 (four times more ballots than we have ever issued for any one Election Day). This could not have been accomplished without the numerous County employees from other departments that came and helped us! Thank you, thank you to everyone that came here and helped us. This was a great team effort that I believe not many other Counties could have pulled off in such a short amount of time, or even approved of.

We also have received approximately 10 new Election Inspector applications from the County Workforce.

## County Administrator

The Mask Distribution Event on May 28 at the CMAC general parking lot was a success. Thank you to the Sheriff's Office for their assistance providing traffic control and thank you to the employees and members of the Board of Supervisors who came to assist us handing out masks. The residents who came appreciated our efforts.

## DMV

The Canandaigua DMV opened to the public, by appointment only, on Wednesday, June 17. The Geneva DMV Office remains closed at this time. To schedule an appointment with the Canandaigua Office, please visit: <http://co.ontario.ny.us/ocdmvappt>. Thank you to the Sheriff's Office and Buildings & Grounds staff for helping the reopening go smoothly.



Janene and Heidi pictured above

## **Emergency Management**

Due to Covid-19, Ontario and Wayne County RACES operators, and others, will not congregate on June 27 and 28, set up equipment, invite supervisors and the public to attend, conduct license examinations, and so on, all as part of participation in Field Day, a national exercise in emergency preparedness. Prior years have seen temporary communications facilities established at the White Springs and Varick Fire Departments, Safety Training Facility, Geneva City Hall and Gannett Hill Park, among others; but this year hams are encouraged to set up and operate individually from homes and other locations, maintaining social distancing and other virus safety measures, while still establishing two way radio contact with as many other stations in North America as possible. Totals will be aggregated for the Ontario and Wayne groups, and hopefully this dispersed approach will keep everyone safe while testing emergency capabilities in a different format.

## **Mental Health**

Ontario County Mental Health has been approved by NYS Office of Mental Health to provide ongoing Telehealth services. During the COVID pandemic, the clinic was temporarily granted a waiver to provide services to our community via Telehealth and telephonic services. This has been incredibly beneficial for continuity of care for our consumers, as well as those seeking services for the first time. The clinic has been able to continually provide treatment to individuals, while maintaining the recommended safety standards of remote work and social distancing. As we plan to resume in-person office appointments in the future, the clinic will do so in a gradual manner, with the health and wellness of all in the forefront. Although we look forward to resuming in-person office appointments, the option of Telehealth is an excellent service which OCMHC will be able to provide to consumers. Stay Well!

## **Office of Sheriff**

The Office of Sheriff has experienced an overwhelming amount of community support during these unprecedented times. The community has rallied and donated masks, meals, snacks and encouragement to our Deputies and staff.

Each May during Law Enforcement Week, Ontario County Law Enforcement recognizes students in Ontario County who consistently make good choices, exhibit respectful behavior, are role models for their peers, and are positive leaders. Due to the COVID pandemic, these students did not have the opportunity to personally receive their awards. This year, Back the Blue and the Ontario County Sheriff's Office recognize the following students and will present them with Do the Right Thing awards: Autumn Sensenig, Finger Lakes Tech & Career Center; William Hand, North Street Elementary School, Geneva; Christopher Tyler, North Street Elementary School, Geneva; Joseph Urlacher, Canandaigua Academy; Brendan Laity, Marcus Whitman Middle School; Anthony Torres, Geneva High School; Jackson Harris, Victor Central School District; and Georgia Brick, Bloomfield Junior-Senior High School. Thank you to Donna Schaertl for all of her work and dedication to recognizing these deserving students.

## **Public Health**



### **40 Years of Employment and Still Singing!**

Ontario County Public Health is proud to congratulate Beth Webster on her employment anniversary of 40 years! Beth is known around the office for her sense of humor and her love of theater and music. Beth is always smiling and is quick to sing a show tune or two. Beth has a true passion and love for her community and for generations of Ontario County children.

At 19 years old, Beth graduated from the Marian S. Whalen School of Practical Nursing (class of 1975) and worked the night shift at Geneva General Hospital. The very next year she returned to the Community College of the Finger Lakes (now Finger Lakes Community College) and graduated with a Registered Nursing degree. She then moved to Richmond VA where she worked as a charge nurse on the GYN surgical floor. On June 9, 1980 Beth began her journey as a Public Health Nurse working with the children of Ontario County.

So, what does Beth have to say about working for Ontario County for 40 years? "I am just very lucky to have had a job for 40 years and met so many wonderful caring people. I have been thru deaths and births and promotions and marriage, parenthood, grandparenthood and great grandparenthood!! Such a fast ride!! Thanks to everyone who helped along the way!!"

So, what is the next step in life for Beth Webster? Beth is pleased to announce that she is retiring this year! We wish Beth years of health, love and happiness while she sits by her pool with her loving family. Beth, thank you for being a wonderful mentor and a friend through the years. Thank you for the love and care you have shown countless children of Ontario County. Best of luck in your well-deserved retirement.

## **Records and Archives**

The New York State Archives has announced the new record retention schedule for the Counties, Towns and School Systems will be available August 1, 2020. Staff at RAIMS will be reaching out to departments concerning any changes in their records' retentions.

The project with the Surrogate Court and RAIMS is continuing. The vendor was able to pick up 100 boxes of the very old records in order to scan them. They will be returned to RAIMS and kept in the vault because they are deemed historical records that date back to 1789.

County Historian Preston Pierce is working with an Eagle Scout candidate in Canandaigua, Lyons National Bank, the Farmington Town Historian, and the Ontario County Historical Society to replace a historical marker at the Hathaway House (corner of Co. Rd. 41 and Rt. 332) in the Town of Farmington. That historic house was marked by the Farmington Historical Society about 1996 and the marker was destroyed when a car collided with it. There has been no marker on the site for twenty years. When Lyons National Bank purchased the property for a new branch, they wanted to preserve part of the old house for public use and put up a new marker as a gesture of good will to the community and a reminder of its heritage. The bank has since decided to erect two identical markers near the historic house. Dom Campagna, a local Eagle Scout candidate, is working with the County Historian to get the new markers in place. The Ontario County Historical Society is acting as the fiscal agent for the effort.

## **Sustainability & Solid Waste Management**

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, Casella Recycling Facility, 3555 County Road 49, Stanley, NY 14561. Pre-registration required by contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County, 585-394-3977 x 427. All people will be requested to print their name and registration time on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper, so we can read it through the driver's window to comply with social distancing. List of acceptable items can be found on CCE Ontario County website: [events or OntarioCountyRecycles.org](https://www.ontariocountyrecycles.org)

A confidential paper shredding event has been scheduled for June 26 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at Ontario County's Transportation Center, 2930 County Road 48 in Canandaigua.

## Workforce Development

Workforce Development is partnering with the Wood Library to offer a resume workshop class to all residents. This is a great opportunity to update and refresh a resume while at home. The class will be held live on Wednesday, June 24, on Zoom, and facilitated by WD Counselor Mike Sykes. It will provide both resume writing instruction and an opportunity to ask questions. Registration is required. Visit [woodlibrary.org/calendar](http://woodlibrary.org/calendar) or email Alexis at [alawrence@pls-net.org](mailto:alawrence@pls-net.org).

## Youth Bureau

**Message from the Youth Bureau & Safe Harbors:** Even with COVID challenging us daily, it continues to be important to keep the safety of our youth in the forefront. I am proud to say that we have agencies working diligently to provide services to youth in need. It is clear that we cannot quit on young people dealing with tremendous adversity, especially now.

Together we must continue to **#STAMP exploitation OUT!**

Safe Harbors CSEC/H.T Numbers for Ontario County

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Human Trafficking

**3/3/2020- 6/5/2020**

Service	Number (of times provided)
Information Provided	67
Advocacy (with other service providers)	63
Individual Counseling	43
Emergency financial assistance	5
Law Enforcement Advocacy	13
Criminal Investigation Assistance	2
Referrals from outside agency	2

**Current Trend:** Ongoing concern with online exploiters due to youth being isolated and home with internet and less supervision. Contact with youth has become more difficult, especially those without their own phones/numbers. Youth's voluntary engagement in services has declined since school has become remote.

## 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.

9-1-1 Dispatcher Gary Foster has been a member of the Farmington Fire Department for nearly 30 years! Even with that many years as a volunteer, Gary still gets up in the middle of the night and all other hours of the day that he is available to respond to calls. Gary is one of the department's engineers, meaning that he often is tasked with driving and operating the fire apparatus including the department's 100 ft. aerial (ladder) truck, better known as a "quint" as it is able to perform five distinct functions at the scene of a fire or specialized rescue. It requires specialized training and skills both of which Gary has.

Many times, the fire service enjoys and benefits from second, third and even fourth generation firefighters who, like their parents, and grandparents, join the fire service to continue the volunteer tradition to help others in need. Gary's son Ryan is exactly one of those people! He joined the Farmington Fire Department's Boy Scouts

of America Fire Explorer program at age 14, became a junior firefighter when he turned 16, and is now a fully trained interior firefighter for Farmington. Oh, and by the way, he is also a 9-1-1 Dispatcher like his dad! We are happy to have them a part of the 9-1-1 Dispatch team and as community volunteers!

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](mailto:Cindy.Abraszek@co.ontario.ny.us)

## SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

### Cornell Cooperative Extension

The **FLX 4-H Learning Launchpad** is continuing to offer 4-H projects for youth of all ages each weekday at 10 am. Follow FLX 4-H Learning Launchpad on Facebook or Youtube to access these videos. All of the presentations are on CCE Ontario's website 4-H Youth page: <http://cceontario.org/4-h-youth/flx-4-h-learning-launchpad>

***Just Plant It: COVID-19 Victory Gardening Online Series*** is continuing throughout the gardening season.

In the spirit of the World War I and II era Victory Gardens, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County is offering a free online gardening series. The goal is to help people become more self-sufficient and better gardeners. This course is for the beginner as well as the experienced gardener. Interested individuals can still register for this free online course by sending an email to [ontario@cornell.edu](mailto:ontario@cornell.edu) with your name, address and phone number.

**Gardening Questions or pest/plant ID's** that you want identified, send your questions and pictures to [rw43@cornell.edu](mailto:rw43@cornell.edu)

### 4-H Camp Leadership/Counselor In-Training Program

For the summer of 2020, 4-H Camp Bristol Hills will be closed due to the risk of exposure to the Corona virus. However, this summer we will hold a virtual summer program to retain and develop the hearts and minds of those potential 15 & 16 year-old campers who stand as our greatest employee base, next year and for many subsequent summers to come. This summer program would provide much needed training to those campers who already have a passion for camp and who look forward to becoming counselors in the near future.

Camp staff will facilitate a 6-week virtual summer program (Early July – Mid August) that addresses the needs of young adults, including: Public Speaking, Resume/Cover letter writing, Professionalism, Active Listening, Behavior Management, Interview Skills, Introduction to leadership, Setting the Tone in Cabins and age appropriate programming and interactions to support camper engagement. The program fee is \$129.00. 4-H Camp has scholarship money to support young adults from financially limited families. Contact Jim Hooper at [jah249@cornell.edu](mailto:jah249@cornell.edu) for more information.

### News from the Regional Teams:

**How to Take a Photo for Crop Diagnostics:** With the current push to work remotely, using pictures to quickly address production questions has a lot of appeal and utility but the images must be of high quality. In *How to Take a Photo for Crop Diagnostics* ([https://rvpadmin.cce.cornell.edu/uploads/doc\\_868.pdf](https://rvpadmin.cce.cornell.edu/uploads/doc_868.pdf)), readers will learn: What makes a high quality image; Things you should know; Different problems need different images; Steps for taking a high quality image; Pro tips. Plus there are several side-by-side comparisons of poor quality photos versus high quality images with tips on what changes the photographer made to take the better photo.

**Resources for Managing Overtime:** Beginning January 1, 2020, farm employers in New York were required to pay overtime to certain employees for all hours worked over 60 in a week. The CCE developed some tools to help farm employers consider management strategies to respond to this change. Tools include an excel calculator to estimate the cost of overtime and an extension bulletin to help you consider and evaluate changes on your farm. Tools can be found at <https://agworkforce.cals.cornell.edu/regulations/overtime/>.

## **Finger Lakes Visitors Connection**

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection deployed a survey to local businesses asking for their desire to participate in a joint buying cooperative purchase opportunity of PPE supplies, sanitation equipment, signage, and other items for their businesses. We also asked them to express their needs for what it would take for them to reopen safely, following all of the CDC and state guidelines. The response we received from the survey was fantastic and enlightening, and through the dedication and hard work of the reopening team from FLVC, Kathy Rayburn from the Victor Local Development Corporation, Denise Chaapel of the Canandaigua Business Improvement District, and county support from Brian Young, Interim County Administrator, and Jack Marren, County Chair of the Board, we have been able to secure our first order to stock our Sanitation Bank. Businesses can now order from a list of supplies including signage and floor markers through our order form found on our <https://www.visitfingerlakes.com/partners/reopen/> page and submitting it via email to [Julie@VisitFingerLakes.com](mailto:Julie@VisitFingerLakes.com). We have the estimated price for each item and are asking for a donation in order to reinvest into the resource bank. Finger Lakes Visitors Connection is a 501c3 which gives us a unique position to fulfill requests and to receive related donations. We will be working on a first-come, item availability basis and are sure we'll be putting in additional orders in the coming weeks. Donations for supplies can be accepted by check, cash, or credit card. Our hope is that this sanitation bank will take some of the reopening stress out of the equation for what we know can be and is a daunting process. We're also available for support and insight into business safety reopening plans and affirmation forms. We know Ontario County and the Finger Lakes region will come back stronger than ever because of the cooperation we've shown each other and for the tenacity we all possess.

## **Historical Society**

OCHS' *New York Forward Re-Opening Safety Plan* has been written, following the requirements and recommendations of the New York Department of Health and the CDC. Pending approval by our Board of Trustees, it will be posted on our website. We've ordered all required PPE materials, and signs for visitors will be in place when we re-open.

We've hired ServPro to come and do a pre-emptive cleaning and disinfection using EPA, hospital-grade products.

Our new exhibits have been created, and we hope to open again in July, pending the Governor's action for Tier 4 organizations and businesses.

Marci Diehl has come on board as the incoming Executive Director as of May 1, 2020. She is in training with outgoing Executive Director Ed Varno and will take over full duties after Varno's retirement on July 23, 2020.

## **Humane Society**

The Ontario County Humane Society staff have been busy during the Covid 19 shutdown. The Adoption Coordinator and staff continue to do live Facebook presentations every Friday afternoon at 1PM to show the adoptable pets still here at the Shelter. Limiting visitors at the Shelter has helped prevent Covid 19 exposure while getting cats and dogs out into new forever homes. By having people see what pets are available every

Friday has allowed 30+ cats and dogs go into new homes with only one cat being returned due to it acting differently at its new home. The pets currently left are some of our harder to place animals as they may not get along with other pets, not be good with children or have some other nuance that makes them ineligible for most homes. We still believe that there is a home for each one of these cats and dogs so everyone is trying to be patient while those homes materialize.

We would like to notify everyone of our new summer hours here at the Shelter. We are now open on Sundays but are closed on Wednesdays. The hours remain the same for public access: 10AM-3:30PM. We ask that you make an appointment to see specific animals. We also ask that all visitors wear masks and practice social distancing as well while visiting the Shelter.

## **The Partnership for Ontario County**

**EPIC Zone: A Youth Clubhouse** has been providing connection from afar for its members! We are doing three weekly Zoom hang-out sessions where we chat and play games together, host physical challenges on Instagram, and every Friday we hold a group cooking or baking class on Zoom! Follow us on Facebook (@EPICZoneYouthClubhouse), Instagram (@epiczoneych), and TikTok for daily check-ins, recommendations from staff on how to stay busy at home, fun dances, jokes, and trivia! New this week: we are hosting individual support sessions. Take a break and chat about anything that might be on your mind!

## **Soil & Water Conservation District**

### **Manure Storage Installed**

A local farm just completed their new manure waste storage facility with support from the Agricultural Environmental Management Program. Proper manure storage helps a farm store manure until conditions are more favorable for application on fields when crops can best utilize the nutrients.



Installing a rain barrel is an easy way to protect our environment and save money! A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains or streams. Installing a rain barrel will minimize runoff pollutants into our waterways and conserve treated drinking water. Using a rain barrel not only helps protect the environment, it saves money and energy. The water from your barrel can be used for watering gardens and lawns, washing cars, cleaning sidewalks, cleaning outdoor furniture, and the list goes on. If you are interested in purchasing a pre-built rain barrel for \$50, please call us at (585)396-1450. Make sure to sign up for our newsletter to get updates on our upcoming workshops and events. Recently, we held a virtual rain barrel workshop. The Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association sponsored an April workshop that we had to postpone due to COVID-19. We created a video on the rain barrel set-up and maintenance to share with the attendees and then scheduled time slots for them to pick-up their barrel at our office. To see the video, go to: <https://www.ontswcd.com/managing-your-stormwater>

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,

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