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Tug Hill Times

Tug Hill Times is published semimonthly by the Tug Hill Commission for its board members, staff and associates, and the local representatives of the region's communities.

Site Plan Review Training

The Commission will be conducting a two-hour site plan review training session at the Vienna Town Hall on **September 25th at 7:00 pm**. This session will cover the site plan review process, typical items reviewed in the process, how site review differs from special use permits, and enforcement issues. There will be ample time for questions. Attendees **MUST** contact the Tug Hill Commission to reserve a training packet at 1-888785-2380 .



Justice Court Assistance Plan Grants Are Open

The Justice Court Assistance Plan (JCAP) grants for 2014/15 are now available. The State Court System's budget includes \$2.5 million in JCAP funding for this fiscal year. The maximum grant amount per Court, per year is \$30,000. Funding can be applied for in many areas including security equipment, office equipment and furniture, court room improvements and renovations etc. New this year, the application must be submitted by Justice Court personnel only, so municipalities with funding ideas should coordinate with their Court personnel to submit an application. The deadline to apply is **October 15, 2014**, and the application must be submitted online. There are certain portions of the documentation which can be sent either by mail or fax including the signature page, estimates, the Board resolution and the Court's annual budget. Court personnel will be able to access the page which includes the fax number and also the user name and password to access the application by going to the Town and Village Courts webpage at www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage. If you need assistance completing the application process, you can contact the Office of Justice Court Support at 1-800-232-0630; or as always, contact your Circuit Rider or the Commission Office at 1-888-785-2380.

Cooperative Tug Hill Council Fall Meeting and Dinner

The Cooperative Tug Hill Council will hold their annual Fall Meeting and Dinner on **Thursday, September 18** at the Central Hotel, Main St. Glenfield, NY. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. Cost of dinner is \$19. To make a reservation please call the Tug Hill Commission Office at 1-888-785-2380 or contact Angie Kimball at 599-8825 or angela@tughill.org.



Citizen Preparedness Training Program

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September 15, 2014
South Lewis Central School Auditorium
4264 Co Rd 43
Turin, NY 13473

New York State is offering a Civilian Preparedness Training Program on Monday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Turin. The purpose of the two hour training course is to provide residents with the tools and resources to prepare for any type of emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible. Each family participating will receive a free Citizen Preparedness Corps Response Starter Kit.

Pre-registration is required online at <http://www.nyprepare.gov/aware-prepare/nysprepare/>

Light refreshments will be served.

Mohawk River Watershed Consortium Community Forum September 18, Oriskany

Three community forums are being held throughout the Mohawk River Watershed to share the newly developed Management Plan. If you live or work in the watershed, here's your chance to learn, ask questions, and offer your input. MRWC will also be a conduit to funding sources for projects aligned with its overall goals:

- To improve the quality and ecology of water resources
- To reduce the risk of flood damage
- To restore and improve the habitat for fish and wildlife
- And to increase awareness of human impacts on the watershed and promote sustainable land use practices

Most of the Commission communities in Oneida County are part of the Mohawk River drainage basin. If you are interested in learning more or attending the forum, please go to <http://mohawkriver.org/>

CaRDI's 2014 Community Development Institute Highlights Water Resources Infrastructure

Cornell University's Community and Regional Development Institute (CaRDI) and NYS Water Resources Institute will bring together a diverse group of local government officials on September 17 and 18 in Ellenville, NY to address the key topic of water resources infrastructure at the 2014 Community Development Institute, bringing together Cornell staff, CCE Educators, practitioners, economic developers, community leaders, and University and college faculty.

The agenda underscores, from a variety of perspectives, the need for sustainable community development strategies and policies that address the issues of increased pressure on local and regional water resources infrastructure – reduced federal assistance, increased local fiscal stress, increased susceptibility to climatic events, and the concern over water supply and quality.

The 2014 Institute is co-sponsored by the Cornell CaRDI and NYS Water Resources Institute. The institute will focus on water resource infrastructure, economic vitality and smart growth. Over the two-day period, participants will engage in discussions and workshops to promote informed decision-making in support of sustainable community and economic development, support innovation and forge new partnerships, improve regional water quality, integrate scientific, economic, planning, governmental and social expertise, and to build comprehensive strategies for public asset and watershed management. For registration, agenda, and more information, visit: www.cardi.cornell.edu.

Developing Municipal Budgets Workshop September 15, Albion

If you missed the session in Boonville on September 4th, don't worry! Laird Petrie from the State Comptroller's office will offer a second session of his popular budget workshop on Monday, September 15, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. At the Albion-Altmar Municipal Building located at 15 Bridge Street, Altmar.

Topics covered will include:

- What is a budget?
- Who is responsible for the budget process?
- What is a structurally balanced budget?
- Fund balance – what is it?
- What is a reasonable amount?



There is no fee for this workshop. Please contact the Commission office toll-free at 1-888-785-2380 to reserve a spot!

Fiscal Oversight/Red Flags for Fraud Workshop September 25, Utica

The workshop Fiscal Oversight/Red Flags for Fraud will be held Thursday, September 25 at CNSE SUNY-IT Student Center (the new building east of Kunsela Hall) from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. The presentation will be given by the New York State Office of the Comptroller and is sponsored by the Local Government Education Committees of Oneida and Herkimer Counties. It is intended to help municipal officials with instituting and maintaining sound fiscal practices for monitoring municipal finances and transactions. The workshop is available for any interested local official, with a special emphasis on those who maintain financial records, take or receive payments, authorize payments for bills and vouchers, who are involved in purchasing, or who may act in a fiscal oversight capacity.

A mailing is going out to local officials in early September and additional information and registration forms are available at www.LGEC.org. The registration fee is \$15.00 and sign in will start at 6:00 p.m. **You are strongly encouraged to pre-register to make sure you will be able to receive all the handouts.** Payments should be made payable to the College Association and mailed to the Office of Continuing Professional Education, SUNYIT, 100 Seymour Road, Utica, NY 13504

Salmon River Fish Hatchery Annual Open House

The Fish Hatchery will offer fishing and hunting demonstrations, environmental education programs and displays, fly-tying, fly-casting, stream ecology for kids and a fish petting zoo at this year's Open House on National Hunting and Fishing Day, Saturday, September 27th at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Salmon River Fish Hatchery. Tours of the hatchery will be given every 30 minutes starting at 10:30 a.m.



The fish hatchery is located at 2133 County Route 22 in Altmar. The event takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., rain or shine. There is no admission charge.

New Invasive Species Discovered in North Country

An invasive insect first detected on the West Coast in 2008 has now been detected in the North Country. The Asian spotted wing fruit fly, which is damaging to berry crops, was detected in Canton in late August 2014, according to a news story from North Country Public Radio.

Fruits at risk to the Asian spotted wing fruit fly include strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, cherries, elderberries, peaches and grapes. Late-season crops are more at risk. It is thought that the Asian spotted wing fruit fly does not overwinter in cold North Country winter temperatures, and their presence in the area is a result of migration from more southern areas.

Cornell University is coordinating spotted wing fruit fly monitoring and reporting in New York State. Their resource page can be found at <http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/spottedwing/>. The North Country Public Radio article about the Asian spotted wing fruit fly can be found on the internet at <http://tinyurl.com/ncfruitfly>. A longer Ithaca Journal article can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ijfruitfly>.

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DANC Open House "Fall Festival"

The Development Authority of the North Country's Open House "Fall Festival" will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. at the Solid Waste Management Facility located on NYS Route 177, Rodman.

Highlights include:

- Live fiddle music
- Fun activities for the kids
- Agricultural Product & Environmental Displays
- Electronic waste collection
- Bus Tours
- Nature Trails
- Live Birds of Prey
- NYS Zoo at Thompson Park Exhibit



www.danc.org

Admission is free.

Fall Land Use Training

The Lewis County Department of Economic Development and Planning is offering a fall land use training session for Town and Village Planning Board and ZBA members on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Topics will include special use permits, role-play in a mock meeting and hearing on use and area variance applications.

To register please call Lewis County Department of Economic Development and Planning at 315-376-5422 or E-mail: skulzer@lewiscountyny.org by Friday, September 19th.

Please help us reduce our costs and let us send you this newsletter electronically. Send an email request to gwen@tughill.org or call 1-888-785-2380. Electronic versions appear in full color!