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Next Week  
Drive Carefully**



# 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.

## Sage Getman Recieves Certificate



George (left) receiving the framed certificate from Roger (right).

George Getman, one of the class of 2015 Tug Hill Sages, had been unable to attend the annual dinner meeting in May. Just before John Bartow's retirement, he and Commissioner Roger Maciejko visited George and his wife, and presented him with his certificate.

## CTHC Fall Meeting September 17

The Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) will hold their Annual Fall meeting on Thursday, September 17 at the Steak and Brew Restaurant at 4497 State Route 26, Turin. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm and the business meeting to follow.

The meeting agenda includes review of April meeting minutes, the current financial report, and the review of the proposed budget. The Tug Hill Commission will provide updates on projects they are assisting the Council with, as well as on the Broadband Internet survey that is underway. Details about the fall Legislators meeting will also be reviewed. Attendees should be thinking of questions they have for their State Legislators and bring them to this meeting. An update on the Town Information survey will also be given. If you haven't gotten your survey in yet, please do so.

The speaker for the evening will be Norm Wallace, from NOCA and Camden ambulances who will be speaking about Emergency Management issues including Certificates of Need for ambulance services. The meeting will close, as usual, with Supervisor topics and any other comments from the floor.

Invitations have been sent out. The cost for the dinner is \$23 per person, with representative's dinners paid for by the CTHC. RSVP by Friday, September 11 to Angie Kimball at [angela@tughill.org](mailto:angela@tughill.org) or at 599-8825 or 480-6857.

## Executive Director Search Open

The Commission is accepting letters of interest and resumes for its executive director position through September 15, 2015. A full description of the position is available at [www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org). Materials from interested candidates should be sent to Mr. Jan Bogdanowicz, Chairman, NYS Tug Hill Commission, Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601.

## Commission Staff Visits Canal Museum, Lyons Falls History Association

Commission staff enjoyed a rare field day together on August 18th. The first stop was in Boonville at the Black River Canal Museum (<http://www.blackrivercanalmuseum.com/>) with a tour by museum volunteers Daphne Larrabee and Dick Ulrich. The facility includes a gift shop, replica canal boat, hands on learning room, and a multitude of photographs and displays that demonstrate the Black River Canal's importance to the development of the eastern side of Tug Hill. The museum has plans to build an additional building to provide workspace and storage, as displays



Black River Canal Museum



Falls Pharmacy Museum

are rotated and constructed all by the volunteers. While visiting, Commission staff presented Ms. Larrabee and Mr. Ulrich with a piece of a crib structure that was removed from the Black River portion of the canal, courtesy the Town of Martinsburg. Small segments of the crib structures between Glenfield and Bush's Landing were removed as part of Martinsburg's Blueway Trail grant to improve navigation on the Black River. A sawn timber pile and associated iron spike were given to the museum so they can be preserved and used for display purposes.

The next stop was the Lyons Falls Farmers Market for lunch and goodies with Mayor Katie Liendecker and several other members of Lyons Falls Alive!. Following lunch, staff made its way to the Storms-Bailey House and the Falls Pharmacy museum (<http://www.lyonsfallshistory.org/museum.php>). Hosts Roy and Sue Hammecker, Shirley VanNest and Mary Gydesen interpreted the exhibits and gave background on the formation of the history association. They thanked the Commission for the assistance provided to Lyons Falls Alive! and the entire community of Lyons Falls over the years.

## Town of Lee Supervisor Honored

Town of Lee Supervisor John Urtz was honored this month for 40 years in service to the town as Supervisor. Urtz, who first took office in January 1975, credited the countless local officials he has worked with over the years in making the town successful. "I haven't done it alone," Urtz said, "Everyone I've worked with shares in this honor."

Senator Joseph Griffo R-47, Rome, presented Urtz with a framed Senate Proclamation during the August regular town Board meeting, crediting Urtz for maintaining leadership through changing and challenging times in local government. The proclamation was also signed by Assemblyman Marc Butler, R-118, Newport, who also represents Lee.



## Tug Hill North UMP Finalized

The NYS DEC has finalized the Tug Hill North Unit Management Plan, approximately 42,000 acres of state owned lands in the towns of Rutland, Rodman, Pinckney, Montague, Lorraine, Worth, Harrisburg, and Martinsburg, in both Jefferson and Lewis Counties. In an overview section, the Plan states: "The Tug Hill North Unit Management Plan (UMP) is based on a long range vision for the management of Cobb Creek State Forest, Gould's Corners State Forest, Granger State Forest, Grant Powell Memorial State Forest, Lookout State Forest, Pinckney State Forest, Sears Pond State Forest, Tug Hill State Forest and Tug Hill Wildlife Management Area, balancing long-term ecosystem health with current and future demands. This Plan addresses management activities on this unit for the next ten years, though some management recommendations will extend beyond the ten-year period. Factors such as budget constraints, wood product markets, and forest health problems may necessitate deviations from the scheduled management activities." Detailed activities regarding recreational improvements, road issues, harvest schedules, as well as numerous maps can be found in the plan, located at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/74515.html>.

## Black River Trash Bash Updates

There have been a few changes to the volunteer group schedules as noted below. If you would like to participate in one of these events, please call the coordinator listed. If you have an idea for a new site in the Black River Watershed, please contact Jennifer Harvill at the Commission [jennifer@tughill.org](mailto:jennifer@tughill.org).

- September 10 - Lewis County Water Quality Coordinating Committee. Castorland Boat Launch - Nichelle Billhardt at 376-6122.
- September 16 - Jefferson County Water Quality Coordinating Committee. Black River Trail - Christine Watkins at 782-2749.
- October 3 - Lyons Falls Alive - Boat launches, Burdick's Crossing and Davis Bridge Road - Rocky Fawcett at 348-9991.
- October 3 - Adirondack Communities Advisory League - Hawkinsville Dam - Ian Klingbail at 942-2610.

## Cycle Adirondacks in Boonville, Camden

The long-awaited Cycle Adirondacks event happened this past week, with over 150 riders winding their way through the eastern part of Tug Hill, spending a night each in Boonville and Camden. Riders enjoyed the communities and scenery of Tug Hill. Stops included Snow Ridge Ski Resort for water and snacks, and the Osceola Cross Country Ski Center for lunch and fiddling entertainment. Commission staff provided assistance to the Wildlife Conservation Society both in event planning and during their days on Tug Hill.



Snow Ridge



Osceola



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## **Floodplain Management and Coastal Erosion Training Workshops Offered**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is offering floodplain management and coastal erosion training workshops in several locations during September and October. Locally, the following are being provided:

Wednesday September 2, 2015 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Oswego City Hall, Council Chamber, 13 West Oneida Street, Oswego, NY 13126, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/101275.html> RSVP by August 31.

Friday October 2, 2015 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, West Carthage Fireman's Hall Meeting Room, 61 High Street, Carthage, NY 13619, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/101275.html> RSVP by September 29

Registration is free but space is limited. Continuing education credits will be available, subject to approval, for Professional Engineers, Code Officials and Certified Floodplain Managers.

## **Local Agriculture & Land Use Leadership Institute**

A Local Agriculture & Land Use Leadership Institute is recruiting 30 residents of Oneida, Madison and Onondaga counties for five, day-long training sessions from November 2015 through February 2016. The goal is to develop community leaders with the skills and knowledge to strengthen the economy and protect farmland. The Institute will train farmers, extension educators, planners, nonprofit professionals, local officials and concerned citizens about policies and programs that communities can use in protecting farmland and keeping farmers on the land. For more information, see <http://www.extendonondaga.org/laluli2015/>.

## **2015 Land Use Training Workshop**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 5:00-9:00 pm**

The Local Government Training department of New York Department of State is again partnering with the Lewis County Planning Department to present two land use training courses:

- Smart Growth -1½ Hours
- Sign Regulation - 1½ Hours

Presenters are Christopher Eastman, manager of the Local Government Training program and J-D Wood, Land Use Training Specialist. Both are with the New York Department of State.

The workshop is for all town and village planning board and ZBA members. The workshop will be held at the Large Group Instruction (LGI) Room, Lowville Academy & Central School, 7668 State Street, Lowville, NY

RSVP recommended by **Friday, September 18** by calling the Lewis County Planning Department at 376 -5422 or email [suekulzer@lewiscounty.ny.gov](mailto:suekulzer@lewiscounty.ny.gov).

If approved by your municipality, this workshop can provide four (4) hours of training to meet the NYS Municipality Training Requirement. Code Enforcement Officers may receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit for each course taken.