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Tug Hill Commission Summer Internship

The Tug Hill Commission, in partnership with the Cooperative Tug Hill Council, is currently seeking qualified applicants for a 2017 summer internship. The intern's primary task will be to update, restructure, and improve the existing report titled Tug Hill Resource Management Plan (2006), which can be found here: <http://www.tughillcouncil.com/PDFs/ResourceManagementPlan2006Update.pdf>. The intern will use internet (U.S. Census, NYS Office of Real Property Services, NYS Comptroller's Office, etc.) and other sources to retrieve data and software such as Microsoft Excel for processing and analysis.

The full internship description can be found on the commission's website, www.tughill.org.

The basic qualifications and preferred experience are:

- College student with good writing and communication skills.
- Ability to think systemically and logically.
- Ability to creatively solve problems.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Power Point, Excel, etc).
- Driver's License valid in New York State.
- GIS experience is a plus.
- Familiarity with Tug Hill region a plus.

The intern will work 37.5 hours/week starting mid-May until mid-August, at a rate of \$10/hour. Interested students should submit a cover letter and resume by March 1, 2017.

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Village of Barneveld Presents Petition to Dissolve

Another village in the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments could dissolve following the presentation of a petition by residents in the village of Barneveld.

Fifty electors signed the petition to pursue village dissolution, which was presented to the village clerk earlier this month. The law requires the petition to be signed by 20% of registered electors. The village board now has thirty days to set a referendum date, which must take place between 60 and 90 days later. The board met on February 14th and opted to tentatively set the referendum for June to provide ample time for local officials and residents to research the process and gather adequate information to guide their decisions. If the referendum passes, the village board will be required to prepare a plan within 180 days of the certification of the vote.

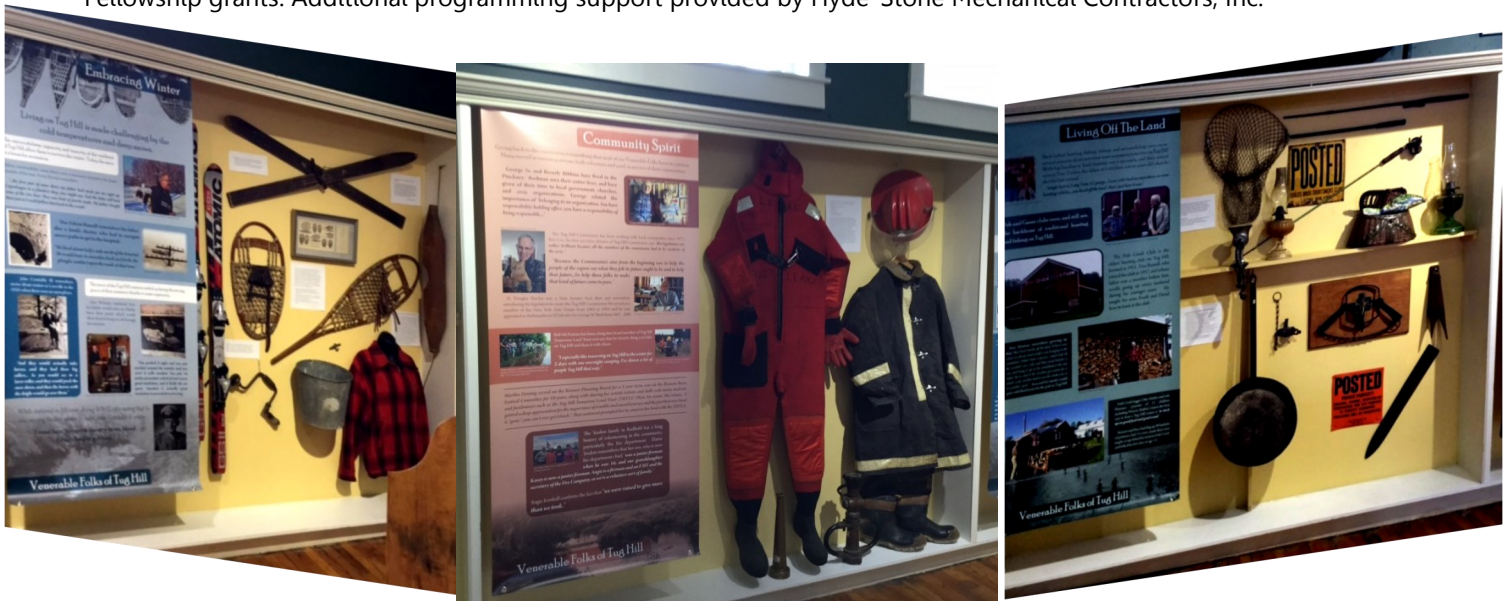
According to the 2010 census, there were 284 residents in the village of Barneveld. About 180 are registered electors.

If it dissolves, Barneveld would become the second village in the town of Trenton, located in northern Oneida County, to dissolve. The Village of Prospect dissolved in 2015. Also in the Tug Hill region, Altmar in Oswego County dissolved in 2013; and the village of Herrings in Jefferson County is set to dissolve March 31.

Venerable Folks Exhibit On Display at TAUNY

A grand opening of the Venerable Folks Exhibit took place on February 11 at the Traditional Arts of Upstate New York (TAUNY) gallery in Canton. Visitors can see real Tug Hill artifacts on display along with the thematic panels that demonstrate life on Tug Hill. Pictured below are the "Living off the Land," "Community Spirit," and "Surviving Winter" compilations.

The exhibit will be on display through mid-May. Funding was provided by the St. Lawrence Arts Council, NYS Council on the Arts, NYS Tug Hill Commission, Iroquois Gas Community Grant Program, The John Ben Snow Foundation, Inc, and the Northern New York Community Foundation. A portion of this work was made possible through two Public Arts Fellowship grants. Additional programming support provided by Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc.



Oneida Lake Association To Hold Public Meeting on Nuisance Canada Geese

The Oneida Lake Association has announced that they will be facilitating a meeting regarding the lake-centric nuisance Canada goose population. This meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at P.V. Moore High School, 44 School Drive, Central Square, New York. Expert representatives from state and federal agencies will present information regarding this subject, and this meeting is free and open to the public.

Updated Subdivision Review Paper Available

The NYS Department of State Division of Local Government Services has many very useful publications available to planning and zoning officials on-line. These documents, part of the "James A. Coon Local Government Technical Series" are available at <https://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/publications.html>

These papers undergo periodic updates, and there have recently been significant updates to the paper entitled "Subdivision Review in New York State." Topics covered include the objectives of subdivision review, the review process, applications, SEQRA, county referral, agricultural districts, cluster and conservation subdivisions, conditions of approvals and enforcement. Anyone involved in planning or subdivision review would be well served to review this document.

DEC Seeking Public Input on Fish Creek Unit Management Plan for Kasoag, Klondike, Orton Hollow, and Stone Hill State Forests

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is beginning the process of developing the Unit Management Plan (UMP) for 3,464 acres of State Forest lands within the Fish Creek Unit of the Tug Hill Region. The state forest UMP's being developed include Kasoag, Klondike, Orton Hollow, and Stone Hill State Forests. The lands are located in the Oswego County towns of Amboy and Williamstown. UMPs assess the natural, physical, social, and recreational resources of the landscape and provide a solid foundation for the development of long-term land management goals, objectives, and actions. The public is invited to share ideas about plan development during the scoping period, which runs from February 15 – March 15, 2017. The public is invited and encouraged to provide feedback in a number of ways.

Two public input sessions at Williamstown Community Center located at 2910 County Route 17, Williamstown, NY 13493, are scheduled for:

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (snow date Tuesday, March 7)

and Thursday, March 2, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (snow date Tuesday, March 7)

Questions and comments can be directed by phone to DEC Forester and Land Manager Erin Jennings at (315) 298-7467, or by emailing R7.UMP@dec.ny.gov

Additional information on the State Forests found on the Fish Creek Unit is available on DEC's website:

Kasoag State Forest – <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/63170.html>

Klondike State Forest – <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/63195.html>

Orton Hollow State Forest – <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/63334.html>

Stone Hill State Forest – <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/63951.html>

Local Government Conference

**Thursday, March 30, 2017
at Jefferson Community College**

**Early registration cost of \$50 ends March 15.
March 16 - 26th, registration will cost \$100.**

**To mail, find forms available at www.tughill.org/LGC2017
or**

For electronic registration: <https://lgc2017.eventbrite.com>.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Grants/Funding Opportunities

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) FY2018

www.arts.ny.gov/public/guidelines/index.htm

NYSCA funds in the following categories are currently available:

- Architecture + Design
- Arts Education
- Dance
- Electronic Media & Film
- Facilities
- Folk Arts
- Individual Artists
- Literature
- Museum
- Music
- Presenting
- Special Arts Services
- State & Local Partnerships
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

Deadline: March 21, 2017

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I)

Community Grants Program

www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/community-programs/community-grants?utm_source=2017-18+CGP+RFA+Request&utm_campaign=CGP+RFA+2017-18+%281%29&utm_medium=email

NYSP2I invites applications from NYS-based community organizations, municipal departments, and other public sector and non-profit entities to the Community Grants Program. The goal of the Community Grants Program is to support projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level, with the goal of improving the health, environmental quality, and economic vitality of New York State communities. NYSP2I encourages applicants to review past projects on the NYSP2I website.

Deadline: March 31, 2017

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Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)

Economic & Infrastructure Development (EID) Investment program

www.nbrc.gov/

Applications will be available in March 2017 and due by mid-June.