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Remembering Commissioner Arnie Talgo

The Tug Hill Commission lost a long-time commissioner and supporter when Arnie Talgo passed away on January 10, 2018 after a long illness.

Arnie served his community and the Tug Hill region for many years. He was appointed to the commission in 1996, served two terms as chairman, and was a member at the time of his death, marking over 20 years of service to the Tug Hill region. He was a member of the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments Executive Committee for 23 years, the chairman of the Steuben Planning Board for over 20 years, and a board member with the Adirondack North Country Association for 12 years.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, January 21st from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at son Chris Talgo's establishment The Nail Creek Pub & Brewery, 720 Varick Street, Utica 13502. Arnie's complete obituary will be printed in this Sunday's Utica Observer Dispatch.



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The Tug Hill Commission will meet on January 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the West Monroe Town Hall located at 46 County Route 11, West Monroe, NY 13167.

Wind Farms Progress in the Article 10 Process

Developers of the Mad River Wind Farm filed their Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) on December 29, 2017. To view it, go to <http://www.avangridrenewables.us/madriver/#PSS>. You can also view hard copies of the documents at either the town of Worth or town of Redfield town hall. The PSS outlines the scope and methodology of the scientific, technical, and local studies that will be used to gather all of the information necessary for an Article 10 application.

Developers of the Number Three Wind Farm are further along in the Article 10 process and have submitted their application on January 5, 2018. Go to <https://number3wind.invenegyllc.com/documents> to view the application. An application is filed once the developer has completed its studies, gathered all of the required information, and performed an analysis of potential impacts of the project. The application is the developer's formal submission requesting an Article 10 certificate from the siting board. The siting board conducts hearings and accepts evidence and testimony about the proposal. Once hearings are completed, and all parties have submitted the necessary information, the siting board makes a decision to grant or deny a certificate.

Remember, you can learn more about the Article 10 process from our wind paper on our website at <http://www.tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/2016-UpdateThe-Next-Generation-of-Wind-Farms.pdf>. You can also read an informative article here <http://www.tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Agresta-Article-10-with-Reprint-Permission.pdf>.

Arbor Days Grants Due February 28

The **NYS Urban Forestry Council** is pleased to announce available funding for small communities to have a 2018 Arbor Day tree planting event and to establish a community based forestry program. This funding has been provided by the USDA Forest Service and the NYS DEC Urban Forestry Program (and is **not** associated with the Arbor Day Foundation nor is part of the NYSDEC EPF community grants program).

Grants of **up to \$1,000** will be awarded to communities or non-profits (that work in partnership with communities) to celebrate Arbor Day 2018 by both **planting a tree (or trees)...and** forming a volunteer tree committee or tree board within the municipality. To be considered for a grant, please complete and return the [application and requested documentation](#) (PDF format) (Word format [here](#)). See website at <http://nysufc.org/> for more information.

Besides planting trees, **the intent of this grant is to help promote and establish a meaningful community forestry program.** Communities that are currently a Tree City USA or those that have any component of the Tree City USA program, such as a tree ordinance, tree board, tree inventory or management plan are **ineligible.** **Previous NYS Arbor Day Community Grant recipients are also ineligible.**

Applications will be scored competitively and awarded from highest to lowest until the funding is exhausted. 50% of the amount awarded will be paid to the awardees upon return of a signed grant acceptance form and required documents. The remainder of the grant will be paid once a final report (brief summary of event, photos, receipts for expenditures and copies of materials related to the establishment and goals of a tree committee or board), is submitted.

Eligible expenses may include (but are not limited to) trees, mulch, soil, stakes (if necessary for the site), printing of a program and advertising to publicize the event. Values for in-kind or in-house labor, equipment, supplies, etc. can be included as part of your budget. Please refer to the enclosed recommended resources to facilitate tree species selections and feel free to contact committee members if you have questions.

[Applications](#) are due by 8 PM, **February 28, 2018** and award recipients should be notified by the third full week of March.

Tug Hill Training in 2017

As one year ends and we look forward to a new year, it may be of interest to look at the number of training opportunities offered by the Tug Hill Commission during the previous year.

In 2017, the Tug Hill Commission conducted 21 workshops or training sessions, with 1,373 participants. The largest of these was the annual Local Government Conference. This one event accounted for over half of the participants at 2017 training.

Between 2010 and 2017, the commission has held between 17 (in 2015) and 25 (in 2016) sessions each year, with between 1,198 (in 2014) and 1,445 (in 2012) participants.

The commission is always looking for suggestions for training sessions, which may be scheduled for the Local Government Conference, for other regional or sub regional workshops, or for your individual town or village. Let us know what you need, and we'll see what resources we can find to help you learn more about the topic!

Win a Free LGC Registration on Facebook!

Registration is now open for the Tug Hill Commission's annual Local Government Conference, being held this year on March 29 at Jefferson Community College in Watertown, NY. For more information and to register, go to <https://lgc2018.eventbrite.com> or our website, <http://www.tughill.org/lgc2018/>.

We are giving away a free registration - please like and share our contest post on Facebook, a winner will be picked randomly on January 19th.

We hope to see you there!

Training Available for Local Governments on Census Address Updates

The Geography Department of the New York Regional Census Center has scheduled **Local Update of Census Addresses** (LUCA) Technical Webinars to help prepare LUCA participants for the review process. These webinars will be targeted to a participant's product preference selection. The webinars will cover what to expect in the LUCA review materials package, visual examples of address and map materials, how to appropriately add and update addresses, and how to submit updated materials to the Census Bureau. These webinars will be interactive sessions where participants are encouraged to ask questions. Information will also be provided on how to receive support and assistance from the Census Bureau during the LUCA review process.

So far, there are seven webinars scheduled, see below. All webinars are scheduled to last 2 hours, but will likely last 90 minutes with additional time for questions. Participants should plan on attending the webinar that corresponds with their product preference selection.

If time permits, please consider posting these webinars to your events page and/or including them in your communications with governments. Links to registration pages are provided below and webinar recordings will also be made available for participants that cannot attend in real time.

Technical Webinars for LUCA 2020

The Geographic Update Partnership Software (GUPS)

[Tuesday, January 23, 2018](#) - 10am to Noon

[Thursday, January 25, 2018](#) - 10am to Noon

[Wednesday, January 31, 2018](#) - 10am to Noon

Digital address list/Digital maps - GIS users

[Wednesday, January 24, 2018](#) - 10am to Noon

[Friday, January 26, 2018](#) - 10am to Noon

[Thursday, February 1, 2018](#) - 10am to Noon

Paper address list/Paper maps

[Monday, January 22, 2018](#) - 10am to Noon

Digital address list/Paper maps

[Tuesday, January 30, 2018](#) - 10am to Noon

Newly Elected Training

Thursday, January 25th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Town of Trenton Municipal Building
8520 Old Poland Rd, Barneveld, NY

Who should attend:

- Supervisors & Mayors
- Board Members & Trustees
- Planning & Zoning Members

There is a \$10 fee to attend the workshop. Register online at lgec.org/content/Generic/View/22 to reserve your seat.

Sponsored by the Local Government Education Committee (LGEC).

Thank you to a Tug Hill Times reader, and Department of State Land Use Training Specialist Trish Burke, for clarifying an item we shared in the last edition of Tug Hill Times regarding Oaths of Office.

Town Law § 25 states:

"Before he or she enters on the duties of the office, and within thirty days after the commencement of the term of office for which he or she is chosen, every town officer shall take and subscribe before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths in his or her county, the constitutional oath of office and such other oath as may be required by law, which shall be administered and certified by the officer taking the same without compensation, and such oath shall be filed in the office of the town clerk."

Under Town Law § 25, the term must commence before the town officer can be sworn in. That is, after January 1.

There is no similar law related to village officers.

Congratulations to all those taking their oaths of office this month!

Sustain Our Great Lakes Preproposals Due February 13

The Sustain Our Great Lakes program is soliciting proposals to benefit fish, wildlife, habitat and water quality in the Great Lakes basin. The program will award grants in 2018 to improve and enhance: 1) stream and riparian habitat; 2) coastal wetland habitat; and 3) water quality in the Great Lakes and its tributaries. Up to \$5.4 million is expected to be available for grant awards in 2018. The program is administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF).

Pre-proposals are due February 13th, 2018. For more information:

<https://www.sustainourgreatlakes.org/apply/>

Applicants interested in applying to the Sustain our Great Lakes funding opportunity are encouraged to use decision-making tools and resources supported by the [NY's Great Lakes Action Agenda](#), including the [NY Sea Grant/NYSDEC Great Lakes Clearing-house](#), [NY Great Lakes Riparian Restoration Opportunity assessment](#), and the [North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative culvert assessment database](#).

We also encourage interested stakeholders to engage additional perspectives in developing project proposals. The GLAA NY group on the Great Lakes Clean Communities network can be used to connect with potential partners by joining at: <https://glccn.org/groups/glaa-ny-great-lakes-action-agenda-sub-basins/>

Great Lakes watershed coordinators are also happy to help and can be reached at greatlakes@dec.ny.gov

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Free Webinars Scheduled

Cornell Local Roads Program will be hosting two free webinars for new highway and public works officials.

- **When: Jan 23, 2018 11:00 AM**

Topic: Running Your Highway Department

Click here to join - <https://cornell.zoom.us/j/597655134>

- **When: Jan 30, 2018 11:00 AM**

Topic: Local Roads and Streets Done Right

Click here to join - <https://cornell.zoom.us/j/336984118>

Webinars last for 1 hour and are limited to the first 100 attendees.

Association of Towns Annual Meeting & Training School Registration Now Open

2018 Annual Meeting & Training School conference will be held February 18th – 21st at the New York Marriott Marquis in Times Square, NYC. The training school features two-and-a-half days of training, professional credits and certification for town supervisors, board members, municipal attorneys, highway superintendents, town clerks, assessors and more. There is also an extensive exhibit hall space for town officials to meet with companies and state agencies offering comprehensive services.

A block of discounted rooms and early-bird registration rates will be available through January 26th. Register at www.nytowns.org.