

# TUG HILL TIMES



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## RACOG “Lighting” The Way

David Bradford, the ANCA Energy Circuit Rider, presented at the RACOG board meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. He discussed the different options for changing lighting districts within the area over to LEDs. Should the communities decide to move forward, they have two options. They can go with utility owned light replacement or they can go with municipal owned. Each has their benefits, so the members in RACOG will be looking into their different options.

Also presenting was Jamie Rogers, the ANCA Communities Outreach Coordinator. His presentation was on the Clean Energy Communities program. A community that does four out of the 10 High Impact Actions can be designated as Clean Energy Communities, which could open up opportunities for other funding. One of the items on that list of High Impact Actions, was changing street lights over to LEDs.

Mickey Dietrich, the RACOG Circuit Rider also reported that the new RACOG website is ready to go live, which the board approved. In the next week, the new site should be moved to the [www.racog.org](http://www.racog.org) web address. Be on the lookout for it!

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### Local Government Conference

March 29, 2018

at

Jefferson Community College

## LGC Free Registration Goes To ....

The Village of Lyons Falls! They liked and shared our Facebook post on the Local Government Conference, and won a free registration. Congratulations!

The conference registration fee of \$50 is available until March 8. More information on our website, <http://www.tughill.org/lgc2018/>. We hope to see you there for a full day of learning and networking.

# State Archives Grant Applications Submitted

Commission staff assisted with applications under State Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) program, working with local records management officers to develop projects in the following communities:

- The village of West Carthage requested \$9,540 to hire a consultant that will address a backlog of inactive court records, following the dissolution of their village court into the town of Champion's court.
- The town of Leyden requested \$14,428 for minor renovations to improve an inactive records storage room and to purchase fire proof filing cabinets for active use in their historic town hall.
- The village of Port Leyden, a first-time LGRMIF applicant, submitted an application for \$22,913 to remodel a portion of the village hall for inactive records storage. The climate-controlled, fire-rated room will include installation of steel shelving. The request also includes hiring a consultant to assist with an inventory, reorganization and transfer of records to the new storage room.

The 2018-2019 LGRMIF deadline was January 16<sup>th</sup>. State Archives expects to make award announcements later this year. LGRMIF information can be found here: [http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants\\_lgrmif.shtml](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_lgrmif.shtml).



## Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Workshop

The SLELO PRISM ([www.sleloinvasives.org](http://www.sleloinvasives.org)) is hosting a **Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Workshop on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00-3:45 p.m. at the Delta Lake State Park located at 8797 NY-46, Rome NY, 13440 (flyer attached). The purpose of the workshop is to strengthen early detection efforts for hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive forest pest that kills hemlock trees. Workshop attendees will learn how to recognize the symptoms of a hemlock woolly adelgid infestation and report observations via [iMapinvasives.org](http://www.imapinvasives.org) ([www.imapinvasives.org](http://www.imapinvasives.org)). The workshop is free and open to the public, **registration is required, please email Megan Pistolese** ([megan.pistolese@tnc.org](mailto:megan.pistolese@tnc.org)) **or call 315 387-3600 x7724**.

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## New York Planning Federation Annual Conference

The New York Planning Federation 80th Annual Conference is going to be held at The Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, NY from April 22nd to April 24th 2018.

Some of the topics sessions this year are as follows below:

Regulating Food Trucks, Case Law Updates, Zoning for Alternative Energy, Planning and ZBA Roundtable Discussion (open forum questions), Planning and Zoning Board Basics, Code Audits for Water Quality/Green Infrastructure, Mock Planning Board or ZBA Session, Regulating Air BnB's, Agricultural and Land Use, Foil & OML, Understanding Article 78's, Growth Analysis and Mitigation, Common Mistakes in the SEQRA and Land Use Processes, Local Code Enforcement and Prosecution.

For registration information visit <http://www.nypf.org/editable/conference.html>.



## Vienna Continues Work on Zoning Update

The Vienna Planning Board is nearly finished a project to amend to the town's zoning law. The new and improved law is intended to better implement Vienna's Master Plan. Among the changes will be better guidelines for recreational camping vehicles, storage facilities and other commercial uses. The draft updates will eventually be sent to the Oneida County Planning Board for 239-m review before final adoption by the town board.

## Onondaga County Planning Federation Conference

March 1, 2018

Marriott Syracuse Downtown

For information on registration and sessions go to: <http://ongov.net/planning/ocpf.html>

Courses can be used to fulfill training requirements for planning and zoning board members.

For more information contact: Syracuse –Onondaga County Planning Agency at 315-435-2611.

## NYSDEC Endorsed 4-Hour Erosion and Sediment Control Training

The Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting their annual NYSDEC Endorsed 4-Hour Erosion and Sediment Control Training on Thursday, March 29, 2018. Under the NYS DEC's Stormwater Permit, all developers, contractors and subcontractors must identify at least one trained contractor from their company that will be responsible for implementation of the SWPPP, and have at least one trained contractor on site on a daily basis when soil disturbance activities are being performed.

**Date:** March 29, 2018

**Place:** BOCES Administrative Building (Rooms A & B), 20104 NYS Route 3, Watertown, NY 13601

**Pre-Registration:** Required by March 23, 2018 ~ You must pre-pay! Space is limited, so please register early.

**Registration Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Training Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Registration Fee:** \$80 nonrefundable fee includes pizza for lunch and one Blue Book "Lite"

**Registration Information:** Registration and payment is available online at <http://www.jeffersoncountyswcd.org>

Register online or obtain a form online or by calling 315-782-2749. If you have questions, call (315) 782-2749 or E-mail: [Exec@JeffersonCountySWCD.org](mailto:Exec@JeffersonCountySWCD.org). The District will not be hosting another Erosion and Sediment Control Training class until 2019, so plan your training accordingly.

# Upcoming Events in Winona Forest

Winona Forest, in the towns of Boylston and Lorraine, is one of the many places on Tug Hill where winter outdoor enthusiasts can find recreational activities happening almost every weekend.

**Sunday, January 28:** The Stone Wall Empire State Snowshoe Championship and 5K Walk/Run

**Saturday, February 10:** Winona Forest Tourathon

**Saturday, March 3:** IditaFAT Bike Race

**Sunday, March 4:** SnoFATshu Duathalon

More information is available at:  
<http://www.winonaforest.com/>



# Upcoming Events with Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust

Grab your snowshoes or XC skis and enjoy the outdoors!

February, Saturday 3rd • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
NYS Route 177 • Rodman - Barnes Corners Trails  
Fresh Tracks in a Winter Wonderland

March, Saturday 3rd • 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
1 Thompson Park • Watertown, NY  
Snowshoe in Thompson Park

April, Saturday 21st • Time TBA  
Wildlife Sanctuary • 31287 Middle Road • Watertown, NY  
The Tug Hill Owl Prowl

For more information, call the land trust at (315) 779-8240 or visit their website at [www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org](http://www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org).

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Electronic versions appear in full color!

## Election Dates 2018

As we start the new year, it's useful to be aware of dates for local, state, and federal elections, as they may coincide with regularly scheduled town or village meetings. The following are some of the dates you may wish to keep in mind for your 2018 calendar:

- Village elections (March) – Tuesday, March 20
- Village elections (June) – Tuesday, June 19
- Federal Primary election (if needed)  
Tuesday, June 26
- State/local Primary election (if needed)  
Tuesday, September 11
- General election – Tuesday, November 6