

JUNE 3, 2016

Training for Planning Board and ZBA Members Set for June 13th

The town of Osceola is hosting training for planning board and ZBA members. The training session will be held on Monday June 13th from 6 to 8 pm at the Osceola Community Center, 1426 Osceola Rd., Osceola. The Tug Hill Commission's Director of Planning, Phil Street will be conducting the training focusing on subdivision review. Contact CTHC Circuit Rider Angie Kimball at angela@tughill.org or 599-8825 (home) or 480-6857(cell) with any questions and to register for the class. If approved by your town board, this class would provide two hours of training towards your annual training requirements.

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40th Anniversary “Madcatter” Sailboat Regatta Held on Tug Hill Waters

The weekend of May 21st saw Hobie Cat sailors from around the United States converge on the west end of Oneida Lake for the 40th annual running of the Madcatter Regatta. The regatta, first held in 1976, is headquartered at Oneida Shores Park in Brewerton. This year's event included 108 boats, with competitors from as far away as Washington State, California, and Puerto Rico. The annual regatta is a popular stop on the Hobie racing circuit.

Deer River Wind Project Information Meeting June 16

An informational meeting about the proposed Deer River Wind Project, located in the towns of Harrisburg, Montague and Pinckney will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisburg Town Hall. The project team will present the current wind farm proposal and provide an overview of the multi-year permitting process.

The Clean Energy Economy Conference SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Utica June 13-15

Organized by the Adirondack North Country Association, this conference focuses on clean energy issues and opportunities and is designed to serve as a forum for individuals, businesses, educators, community leaders, industry professionals and others to share information about the science and economics of clean energy across the region. Presentations include: Climate Smart Communities; One Stop Shop for Community Sustainability; Solar PV Land Leases and Project Siting; Strategic Energy Communities; Geothermal Projects; Zoning and Planning for Solar; Energy Code 101 for Municipalities and more.

Local Government representatives can attend the conference for a \$50 registration fee. This includes continental breakfast and full lunch Tuesday and Wednesday, refreshments at all breaks (coffee, tea and snacks), welcome reception on Monday evening (5:00 - 9:00 p.m.), and networking reception Tuesday evening (5:30 - 8:30 p.m.).

You can find everything you need to know about the conference at this web page: www.ncenergyconference.org/. You can also contact Amanda Lavigne, Conference Coordinator, with questions at alavigne@adirondack.org.

CDBG Funds Available for Planning

Grant Funding is available to assist local municipalities with planning for infrastructure, including wastewater and drinking water system improvements and expansions.

In 2014, the town of Annsville was awarded \$21,850 through the NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program to conduct an engineering study for water system improvements. As a result of a reconfiguration of the City of Oneida's water system, which flows through the town, a portion of the town's customers were to be cut off from the water supply. In order to ensure that access to water would continue, the town pursued a planning project to extend an existing district to include the affected area. The engineering report will now be utilized in the implementation of the water district and application for further funding for implementation.

Towns and villages can apply for up to \$50,000 in funding for similar planning activities through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Successful applicants must propose a community needs assessment or preliminary engineering report activity designed to assist the municipality in seeking future funding opportunities from NYS CDBG or other state and federal agencies that will result in a benefit to low- and moderate-income persons. At least 51% of the persons who would benefit from implementation of the plan need to be low- and moderate-income persons, or the plan addresses a slum or blighted area in the community. A 5% cash match is required.

Draft EIS Released for Potential Missile Defense Site; Public Meeting June 28

Fort Drum is one of three sites being considered for a ground-based interceptor site. Public scoping sessions were held in August of 2014, and the Draft Environmental Impact State was released this week. It can be found at www.mda.mil/about/env_documents.html.

The footprint of the potential site would be 1,219 acres, with 996 of that to be cleared. Some additional historic site investigations would need to be completed. During construction, the area would see 400 to 600 additional jobs and \$1.1 million in sales tax revenue annually during a normal five-year building schedule. Overall, construction would increase the region's value by \$190 million and create 1,836 indirect jobs. Once built, the site would provide approximately 650 to 850 jobs and an estimated sales tax boost of \$1.65 million annually. The region would see a \$27 million increase in economic value annually and about 340 jobs would be indirectly created.

A public meeting is scheduled for June 28 at the Carthage High School.

You're Invited!



JEFFERSON COUNTY
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Twilight Technology Tours

JUNE 1ST, 15TH & 29TH

LEARN ABOUT THE LATEST IN ON-FARM TECHNOLOGY
that Our Farmers
use for Manure Management

Tour #1 – JUNE 1ST • 7PM - 9PM

SHELAND FARMS IN ELLISBURG

- this tour will focus on the use of drag lines along with how methane digesters are used

TOUR #2 – JUNE 15TH • 6PM - 8PM

NORTH HARBOR DAIRY IN SACKETS HARBOR

- this tour will focus on a state of art sand separator and the use of GPS mapping technology in manure application

TOUR #3 – JUNE 29TH • 7PM - 9PM

PORTERDALE FARMS IN ADAMS

- this tour will focus on how the farm uses an on-site weather station to help manage their manure applications

**PLEASE RSVP
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Space is limited to the
first 25 people at each tour location.

To RSVP
contact New York Farm Bureau
ENY office at
1-866-995-7300 or ENY@nyfb.org

Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition Begins Public Education Campaign

At their May meeting, the Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition approved moving forward with efforts to educate citizens in the MS4 area about stormwater and pollution prevention. The campaign is beginning with a radio ad in the Watertown area, highlighting the importance of proper disposal of waste oil, and directing residents to www.earth911.com to find a nearby used oil recycling location. Other items will include printed material circulation, public service announcements on area television stations, and internet advertising.

Additionally, stormwater coalition member communities have been attending trainings to bring town and village boards, planning boards, and highway and department of public works employees up to speed on the new requirements. The coalition will provide a yearly update about their activities at next week's Black River Watershed Conference.

More information is available www.jcnystormwater.com.

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Electronic versions appear in full color!

Herrings Dissolution Moving Forward

Members of the village of Herrings Dissolution Committee held their last meeting on June 2nd for a final review before submitting the draft plan to the village for approval at the regularly scheduled June 5th board meeting. Serving as a guideline to local officials in dissolving the village, residents will have an opportunity to review the draft plan and make comments that could amend the draft plan.

Following the required procedures for village dissolution under NYS General Municipal Law 17-A, a public hearing will be held not less than 35 days but not more than 90 days after board approval. More information about the process, including the draft plan, can be found at www.tughill.org/projects/village-of-herrings-dissolution-study/.

Funded through the Department of State under the Expedited Re-organization Assistance Program, the village is receiving assistance and support through the Tug Hill Commission.

USDA Rural Development Open House

The Watertown Rural Development office is holding an annual open house on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 21168 NYS Route 232, Watertown.

The Watertown office services Jefferson, Lewis and Oswego counties. Staff will be available to discuss all rural development programs.