

MARCH 24, 2017

CTHC Spring Meeting Scheduled

On Thursday April 27th the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) will hold their annual spring meeting at the Alpine Restaurant, 3008 NYS Route 26, Constatleville. Cocktail hour will start at 6:00 pm, with dinner at 7:00 pm and the business meeting to follow.

The draft meeting agenda includes review of the September 2016 meeting minutes and the current financial report. Election of officers for 2017 will follow these items. The upcoming renewal of the inter-municipal agreement for CTHC and some ongoing updates to the Council's website will be discussed, as well as proposed work goals for 2016 for review and approval.

The speakers for the evening will be from the Tug Hill Commission who will provide updates on ongoing projects and issues as well as give a presentation on map viewers and possible ways to display maps on the CTHC website. The meeting will close, as usual, with supervisor topics and any other comments from the floor.

Invitations to the meeting will go out in the mail soon, so be looking for them. The cost for the dinner is \$20 each, with representative's dinners being paid for by the CTHC. Reservations can be made by contacting Angie Kimball at ange-la@tughill.org or at 315-599-8825 or 315-480-6857, please RSVP by Thursday April 19.

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Job Announcement: River Area Council of Governments Circuit Rider

The River Area Council of Governments (RACOG) in cooperation with the Tug Hill Commission seeks applicants for the position of RACOG Circuit Rider/Municipal Management Consultant. RACOG is a cooperative of 5 member local governments in the Tug Hill region providing day-to-day technical assistance to advance projects beneficial to its member communities. Working cooperatively with the RACOG board and as a state employee of the commission, the person filling this post is expected to facilitate cooperative and shared services arrangements, when possible, with member communities and to serve the commission's circuit rider program.

The ability to work independently and show initiative on projects is critical to this position. For further information on salary, job description and minimum qualifications, see www.tughill.org. Submit letter of interest and resume to Philip Street, Tug Hill Commission, 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601 by April 28, 2017.

Progress on Major SuperCOG Meeting Themes

On a snowy evening in Boonville at the end of last October, all five Tug Hill Councils of Governments met with Tug Hill staff to talk about council- and region-wide issues and concerns. Four major topics were generated by that discussion: energy, low-volume roads, shared services/increased efficiencies, and emergency services. Updates on each topic are bulleted below.

Energy

- Commission staff members are participating in a statewide “Renewables on the Ground Roundtable” to discuss the state’s goal of 50% renewable energy by 2030.
- A well-attended workshop was held on Article 10 of the NYS Public Service Law in November.
- A new issue paper entitled “The Next Generation of Wind Farms on Tug Hill” was revised in January to reflect the most up-to-date information.
- Staff continue to attend public meetings on wind farms and respond to community requests for information and assistance.
- Coordinating with Adirondack North Country Association energy circuit riders and Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center to deliver energy efficiency technical assistance.

Low-Volume Roads

- New bills have been introduced to provide state authority to minimum maintenance road designations, sponsored or co-sponsored by all Tug Hill state legislators.
- A new draft issue paper entitled “Minimum Maintenance Roads” has been developed to inform stakeholders about the importance of such roads on Tug Hill.
- The town of West Turin filed its appeal to the Weikel decision in state appellate court.

Shared Services/Increased Efficiencies

- Legislation has been introduced by Senator Ritchie and Assemblyman Barclay (S04076 and A05697) to revise the residency requirement for the town of Boylston justice.
- Continued support during the dissolution of the village of Herrings into the town of Wilna.

Emergency Services

- Assisted Lewis County Search & Rescue with an Assistance to Firefighters grant for rescue equipment
- Provided technical assistance to the town of Trenton on ambulance districts.



Camden Village Begins Zoning Overhaul

The Camden Planning Board has begun work on an update of the village’s zoning law. The law will be upgraded to better implement the land use and development policies laid out in Camden’s 2014 Comprehensive Plan. The finished product will be reviewed by the Oneida County Planning Board and adopted by the Village Board.

Villages Elections, Upcoming Trainings

Across the Tug Hill region, many villages held elections last week. The villages of Barneveld and Boonville will welcome new mayors and the villages of Barneveld, Parish, and Sylvan Beach will welcome new trustees.

To assist newly elected and incumbents alike, the commission holds various training opportunities throughout the year. While the commission's largest annual training event, the Tug Hill Local Government Conference, is being held next week, there will be additional sessions scheduled in upcoming months. Additionally, the New York Conference of Mayors is holding their large annual training event May 9—11, 2017 at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs. Registration and a tentative agenda are available on NYCOM's website at <https://www.nycom.org/component/content/article/10-meetings-and-training/745-2017-annual-meeting-training-school.html>.

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MEETING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

MEETING REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: participation in all sessions, the trade show, multiple breaks, Sunday's reception and Monday's President's reception.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY REGISTRATIONS CANCELLED AFTER FRIDAY, APRIL 28th, WILL BE SUBJECT TO A 25% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. REGISTRATIONS CANCELLED AFTER TUESDAY, MAY 2nd, CANNOT BE REFUNDED. CANCELLATION REQUESTS MUST BE MADE VIA EMAIL TO NORMA@NYCOM.ORG.

REGISTRATION RATES	Member City/Village	NYCOM Network (Gold/Silver/Bronze)	Non-Member (City/Village)	Other Company/Organization
FULL Program (after 4/11/17)	\$275 (\$295)	\$365 (\$385)	\$425 (\$445)	\$505 (\$525)
One-Day (after 4/11/17)	\$185 (\$205)	\$205 (\$225)	\$235 (\$255)	\$275 (\$295)

CONFERENCE AGENDA

This TENTATIVE AGENDA is updated regularly and is subject to change.

HOTEL RESERVATION DETAILS • GIDEON PUTNAM HOTEL

The per night hotel room rate includes Sunday dinner, Monday breakfast and lunch and Tuesday breakfast.

Herrings Dissolution

In preparing for the village of Herrings to dissolve on March 31st, 2017, according to General Municipal Law 17-A, the town of Wilna held a special meeting at the municipal office on March 20th at 3:00 pm to finalize matters. In an effort to ensure a smooth transition, the village of Herrings mayor, members of the appointed dissolution committee and representatives from the Department of State (DOS) and attorneys, gave a brief overview of final procedures required to complete the approximately 1.5 year process.

A final village of Herrings board meeting is scheduled for March 27th at 4:30 pm in the municipal office to complete any remaining business. According to Rob Roeckle, Local Government Specialist with DOS, existing village laws remain in place for 2-years. Mark Gebo, town attorney, reported that the new town water/sewer/lighting and fire protection districts are in place and ready for operations on April 1st.

The Partners of the SLELO PRISM are pleased to announce the

2017 Eastern Lake Ontario Invasive Species Symposium

Wednesday, June 7th 2017, 8:30am-4pm, at Selkirk Shores State Park.

- ◆ Nine great presentations and presenters!
- ◆ Morning Theme "Invasive Species Threats & Management. Afternoon Theme "Invasive Species Initiatives, Approaches & Technologies"
- ◆ Continuing Education Credits (*pending*) for:
 - ◇ NYS Licensed Pesticide Applicators via NYS DEC.
 - ◇ Certified Foresters via Society of American Foresters.
 - ◇ Certified Nursery & Landscape Practitioners via NYS Nursery and Landscape Association, Inc.
 - ◇ International Society of Arborists

There is no cost for this event, however, seating is limited and pre-registration is required. No walk-ins please! For additional information and registration details, see the www.sleloinvasives.org.

Acknowledgements: The Partners of the SLELO PRISM (St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management). The Central and Western New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and The Douglaston Salmon Run, Inc.



**Tuesday, March 28, 2017
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Evans Mills Fire Hall
8615 Leray St.
Evans Mills, NY 13637

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Lowville Academy Central School
Large Group Instruction Rm.
7668 N State St.
Lowville, NY 13367

**Choose the location most
convenient for you.**

Presentations will be the same.

Your Input Matters! Save the Date!

You are invited to a public workshop regarding compatibility planning around Fort Drum.

Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) is hosting the first set of public workshops for the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) to address compatibility planning around Fort Drum. The overall goal of the JLUS is to protect the viability of current and future missions at Fort Drum while accommodating regional growth, sustaining the economic health of the region, and protecting public health and safety. Two workshops will be held in different geographic locations, but the materials presented will be the same.

Your input is essential! You are encouraged to join us at these workshops to learn more about the JLUS process and provide your input on the issues to be addressed in the study.

Questions?

For more
information,
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For more information, please visit: www.danc.org/operations/regional-development/fort-drum-joint-land-use-study

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Geocaching Your Way To Fun, Knowledge, And Possibly A Career

With spring weather fast approaching, or maybe we should say slowly approaching, you may be someone who likes to go out and find geocaches. A geocache is basically a small treasure box hidden in different areas all over the U.S., that you can find using the GPS on your phone, tablet, or a GPS receiver (Garmin, Magellan, etc.). Geocaching has grown in popularity and most likely you probably know someone who already does it. It is a fun family activity and a great way to get your kids outside.

What you may not realize, is that you are also learning the fundamentals to understand geographic information systems (GIS) and geospatial technology. Geocaching is a fun way to help you better understand GIS and make the task of learning GIS not so daunting.

Also, by taking youth out geocaching, you could be helping them find a career in a fast growing industry. In an article published in April 2016 by Kathleen McCleary, she stated that the need for people to gather and interpret geographic data will grow by 30% by 2024. The median annual income for cartographers and photogrammetrists in 2014 was \$60,930. Companies like Google, Amazon, Facebook, Microsoft, and Apple are always looking for geographic information experts, as well as various levels of government.

So whether you are just out to have some fun finding hidden treasures, looking for an entertaining way to learn a little more about geospatial technology, or helping a youth gain valuable knowledge into a potential career path for them, head outside and pack a lunch to a day of adventure.

A good place to get started with geocaching is by going to www.geocaching.com. Hope you have a great time geocaching!

