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Happy Spring



Tug Hill Times

Tug Hill Times is published semimonthly by the Tug Hill Commission for its board members, staff and associates, and the local representatives of the region's communities.

DEC Accepting Applications For 10th Anniversary Environmental Excellence Awards

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting applications for the 2013 Environmental Excellence Awards program, Commissioner Joe Martens announced. This year celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Environmental Excellence Awards program which recognizes and gives visibility to outstanding, innovative and sustainable projects or programs.

"This year marks a milestone in environmental innovations for the Empire State," DEC Commissioner Joe Martens said. "As we recognize 10 years of the exceptional work accomplished by previous award winners, Governor Cuomo and I invite the best and the brightest to submit applications about their project's substantial environmental benefits."

DEC is especially interested in acknowledging projects that achieve significant environmental benefits through: green infrastructure projects; initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; cutting-edge pollution prevention technologies; initiatives to "green" businesses, farms, schools, recreational, health care and hospitality facilities; innovative wind, solar and biomass projects; creative natural resource/habitat protection or restoration efforts; energy efficiency improvements; innovative education and training programs; waste reduction and recycling efforts; manufacturing process improvements and creative approaches to urban forestry or farming, programs advancing "grown locally."

Eligible applicants include businesses (i.e., small, medium and large businesses, manufacturing, power generation, retail, agri-business, hospitality etc.); not-for-profit organizations; education, health care and recreational facilities; individual(s) and local, state, federal or Indian Nation government agencies implementing innovative, sustainable actions or working in creative partnership to improve and protect New York's environmental resources and contribute to a viable economy.

Completed applications for the 2013 awards must be post marked no later than Friday, May 10, 2013. Award winners will be honored at a 10th anniversary celebration and awards ceremony that will be held in the fall/winter 2013. Winners will have an opportunity to present and display information about their award-winning project or program.

Over the past decade, previous award winners have helped improve New York's environment through initiatives that have reduced more than 20,000 tons of CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions; eliminated more than two million pounds of hazardous waste; saved at least 35 million kilowatt hours of electricity; reduced water consumption by more than 30 million gallons; diverted 7,100 tons of waste from landfills and preserved more than 150,000 acres of open space. For information on last year's winner visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/87553.html>.

Information about the award program and the 2013 application materials are available on DEC's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/945.html>; or by writing to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Pollution Prevention Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1750; by phone to DEC's Pollution Prevention Unit at (518) 402-9469 or by email to eeawards@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Another Successful LGC

Well 2013 proved to be another very successful Tug Hill Local Government Conference with over 600 attendees. The day kicked off with a keynote address from Gerald Geist, the new Executive Director of the Association of Towns of NYS. Mr. Geist and his colleague Michael Kenneally (Associate Council) also held a session with elected representatives throughout the region later that morning.

With 30 sessions covering everything from assessments to zoning there were topics for all local leaders to attend. There were also a number of side meetings with executive staff from the Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of State and the North Country regional Economic Development Council. Oh, and the food was delicious!

On behalf of the Tug Hill Commissioners and myself I want to thank the local leaders of the Tug Hill and North Country for their continued support of this annual training day and a thanks to my colleagues at the Commission for pulling the day together. See you all next year on March 27th, 2014 for our 25th annual LGC!

Training for Planning Board & ZBA

The Town of Schuyler is holding it's annual training for Planning Board and ZBA members from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm on **Wednesday, May 1, 2013**. The training will be held at the Schuyler Town Hall, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13501. Check in begins at 5:00 pm.

Courses offered:

6:00-7:15 pm Snowmobile Clubs & Trails as a Means of Building a Municipality's Economy

Presented by Domini Jacangelo, Executive Director, NYS Snowmobile Association

7:30-8:45 pm Freedom of Information

Presented by Robert J Freeman, Executive Director, Committee on Open Government, NYS DOS

9:00-10:00 pm Single Stream Recycling

Presented by William Rabbia, Executive Director, Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority

Additional information and registration forms can be downloaded at: www.townofschuyler.com/trainingregform.pdf. Registration deadline is **Monday, April 1st**. No registrations will be accepted after this date. No re-funds will be issued after April 1st (unless seating capacity has been exhausted). Payment for the \$20.00 registration fee should be payable to: Town of Schuyler, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502. Please note that **no phone, email or fax registrations will be accepted**. If you have any questions, please contact Bette Szesny at 724-7305.

Basic Governmental Accounting Training

The Office of the State Comptroller is offering **Basic Governmental Accounting Training** at the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES in St. Lawrence County on April 16th – 18th.

This training is an opportunity to gain knowledge, enhance your experience and acquire CPE Credits in Governmental Accounting.

To register, obtain course content and additional information please access this link:

<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/training/basic.htm>

If you have any questions, please call the Local Official Training Unit at (518) 473-0005 or email: LocalTraining@osc.state.ny.us.



State Preparedness Training Center

Training Announcement

Illicit Drugs 2013: A Workshop for Public Officials

April 5, 2013



Description:

The *Illicit Drugs 2013: A Workshop for Public Officials* is designed to give a comprehensive overview of illicit drugs for public officials. The training offers a basic understanding of the drug, statistics, street information, and legislation related to its distribution and illicit use. This workshop will also provide an informational update to the current state of illicit drug usage and Agencies' responses to illicit use. The course will familiarize students with current drugs in order to assist them in the conduct of their duties.

Course Provider:

This workshop is being presented by the National Center for Security & Preparedness in collaboration with:

- NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
 - NYS Preparedness Training Center
 - NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control
 - NYS Office of Counter Terrorism
- NYS Police
- NYS Intelligence Center
- NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
- NYS Department of Health
- U.S. Department of Justice

Location:

State Preparedness Training Center
5900 Airport Road
Oriskany, NY 13424

Time:

Registration and Check-In: 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Course: 1:30 PM- 3:50 PM
The workshop will begin **promptly** at 1:30 PM.

Audience:

The target audience for this course includes decision-makers from state and local agencies, including elected officials, appointed officials, chiefs, managers, supervisors, and related positions.

Topics Include:

- **Illicit Drugs Overview**
 - Identify common illicit drugs
 - Understand the widespread use of illicit drugs
 - NYS specific terminology of illicit drugs
 - Identify signs of clandestine labs
 - Recognizing the potential for violence with users of synthetic drugs
- **Future of Illicit Drugs**
 - Identifying the next generation of illicit drugs
 - National, State, and Agency level legislation
 - Agencies' Response to Illicit Drugs
 - Identifying the community impact of illicit drugs



Costs:

There is **NO FEE** for this course.
Travel and meals are the responsibility of the student.

Registration:

"NEW" Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS) Procedures taking effect.

If you have already used SLMS, please login here to register for this course: <https://nyslearn.ny.gov/>

If you received an email indicating that a SLMS username and account have been created for you but you have not yet used that account or if you have an account with NYS Directory Services, please use the instructions in the email and at the following link to enroll in SLMS and register for this course: <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/training/slms/login.pdf>

If you have never used SLMS and **DO NOT** have an account please use the instructions in the following link to create an account and register for this course:

http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/training/slms/SLMS_ExternalUserRegistration.pdf

For more information: Contact DHSES, State Preparedness Training Center at (315) 768-5689 or by email at SPTC@dhSES.ny.gov

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SEQRA - DRAFT Full EAF Workbook Available For Public Review

The DRAFT Workbook for the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been prepared and is available for public review and comment at www.nysfeaf.net. A printable PDF version of this DRAFT Workbook is also available on that site.

The DRAFT Full EAF workbook contains information to guide project sponsors and agency reviewers in the preparation and review of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). It contains background information on topics and will provide built-in links to spatial data needed to answer many of the questions asked in the Full EAF. The workbook should make it easier and more likely that project sponsors will have access to information that will allow them to provide an accurately completed Part 1. It will also make it easier for the reviewing agencies to confirm responses and provides guidance on how to determine the size and potential significance of an impact when completing Parts 2 and 3 of the Full EAF.

The revised model EAFs, which now do not take effect until October 7, 2013, are located on the DEC web site at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/70293.html>.

Comments on the DRAFT Full EAF Workbook maybe submitted to the DEC by e-mail to depprmt@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Please include DRAFT FEAF Workbook in the subject line. Hard copy comments may also be sent to the Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750 (attention SEQR FEAF / Division of Environmental Permits). Comments will be received until May 20, 2013.

Lewis County Historical Society to Hold Tour and Workshop Friday, April 12th

The Lewis County Historical Society will be holding a tour of the historical society beginning at 10:30am., a presentation by Artisan Engraving LLC of Sandy Creek from 11:00am-Noon on cleaning and repairing gravestones, followed by a light lunch. Then, beginning at 1:00pm, Kent Stuetz from the NYS Archives will do a presentation on "Scanning Historical and Family Photographs." This workshop will address everything you ever wanted to know about scanning your historical or family photos.

If you are interested in attending this tour and workshop, contact Jerry Perrin, Manager, Lewis County Historical Society by phone at (315)376-8957 or e-mail at lewiscountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. This event will be held at 7552 South State St., Lowville, NY. Reservations should be made by April 5.