

MAY 18, 2018

Tour of Osceola Public Library Renovations

Tug Hill Commission staff recently held a staff meeting at the Osceola Public Library, hosted by commissioner Leona Cheresnoski. Over the past two years the library has been busy planning and completing renovations, including major improvements to the interior, including a new bathroom. The library shares the building with the Osceola Historical Society, and some of their artifacts are on display for library patrons to enjoy.



Planning and design work was funded by the Technical Assistance Grant Program, a grant program of the Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts. Funding for the construction work was provided through two NYS construction grants administered through the North Country Library System. Matching funds were raised from the Pratt-Northam Foundation, Senator Joseph Griffo and by many generous donations from businesses, local citizens and non-resident taxpayers who stepped up in support of the renovations to the 1882 building. Some of the library endowment funds from the Wm & Mary Emily Stedman Evans were also used for the projects.

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The Tug Hill Commission will meet on May 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Wilna municipal building located at 414 Main Street, Carthage, NY 13619.

Meet Our Interns



Interns Seth Lapp and Kelsey Hurley

The Tug Hill Commission was part of a new virtual internship program put on by Monroe Community College. Intern, Kelsey Hurley started working remotely in January on a Community Resource Map for RACOG and came out to the RACOG board meeting on May 15 to present her project. The virtual internship project was a success and the commission and Monroe Community College are looking at continuing this partnership in the future.

Also, the commission in partnership with the Environmental Finance Center from Syracuse University and RACOG, have brought on an intern for the summer. Seth Lapp will be working primarily with RACOG communities helping them with mapping out drinking water systems, culverts, and other related mapping projects. He also will assist other drinking water systems within the region through EFC funding. He has currently started working at the commission and will continue through the end of August.

The commission also has one other possible intern that will be starting on July 2. More information on this will be coming in the next month.

Webinar: Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 4-6 p.m.
Sponsored by NYS Tug Hill Commission

Rise of Cemetery Abandonment:

Legal Responsibilities & Obstacles for Towns & Villages



Speaker: David Fleming, Jr., COO, Featherstonhaugh, Wiley & Clyne, LLP

David is widely recognized as a state expert in cemetery regulation and management, having represented cemetery organizations, including many of NY's largest cemeteries, since 1995. Over more than 20 years of advocating cemetery interests, David has negotiated significant changes in cemetery policy in NY which are now utilized as national models for cemetery regulation.

In an era of tax caps and shrinking revenue, the last thing a town or village wants to do is become a cemetery operator.

As many municipalities are now learning the hard way, that is exactly what state law and circumstances may require them to do.

In this session, options to help communities deal with this new responsibility or perhaps in preventing cemetery abandonments will be discussed.

Date: Tues., June 5, 2018
Time: 4-6 p.m.

Two easy steps to participate:

1. On your computer, login at 3:45 here:
<https://meetny.webex.com/meet/emily.sheridan>
2. On your phone, call in to listen to the webinar at 3:45 using the following info:
1-844-633-8697 US Toll Free
Access code: 649 908 318

***To RSVP or ask questions regarding the webinar,
please contact Tug Hill Commission at (315)785-2380
and ask for Jean or email jean@tughill.org***

***If interested in participating in a satellite location to
view the webinar as a group, please contact
the commission office.***

Redfield Boat Launch Gets Upgrade

The boat launch located on County Route 17 in the hamlet of Redfield was upgraded this past week with a 90-foot floating dock. The improvement will make it easier for boaters to launch onto the Salmon River Reservoir. Funded and installed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation using New York Works 3 funding, additional improvements will include concrete picnic tables and fire rings at the adjacent day use area.

The boat launch and accessible fishing platform were originally constructed in 2006, and have been popular with recreationists in the area.



Training to Monitor Invasive Species June 18

Tug Hill residents that are concerned about invasive species and want to help contribute to strategic management actions may want to attend the upcoming Imapinvasives training event that is being held at **Rice Creek Field Station in Oswego, NY on June 18th from 11 am to 3:20 pm**. Participants will learn about invasive species threats, basic invasive species identification, and how NYS is using a “crowd-sourcing” approach to engage people throughout the state to help identify and record where invasive species are located, and use that information to inform management actions.

To register, visit: <http://www.nyimainvasives.org/Training/nyimapschedule/2018-spring-training-blitz/slelo--sunny-oswego>

Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Training

The New York Municipal Clerks Institute (NYMCI) at the Rockefeller Institute of Government is now accepting applications for Certified Municipal Clerk training to take place July 15-18 at the Rockefeller Institute in Albany. The training is open to city, town, and village clerks; deputy clerks; clerks of county legislative boards; and other municipal officials who seek professional development. The four-day session will offer 32 credit hours toward the 120 required to become a Certified Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). For more information and to register visit <http://rockinst.org/education-programs/municipal-clerks-institute/register/>.

Season of Data Collection



You may have started looking into mapping programs for your phone or tablets to help with your data collection in the field. There are some important questions you may want to ask about these programs. The first question is whether or not their program will allow for data collection offline when there is no internet service, this can be key when collecting data or looking to update data in the field. Especially in an emergency response setting. The second question to ask is if once the data is collected and put into the programs, can it be accessed by other programs? This is important if you want to be able to utilize other programs for doing different tasks that otherwise would not be able to be accomplished with the program selected. Having data in a centralized accessible database, which can be accessed by multiple programs, makes life a lot easier. As you switch from one program to another, you will at least have your data within the same database, so you won't have to move it around, which can create multiple copies of the same data, but maybe with different updates done to each.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Tug Hill Commission.

Register for the NY-Alert Program Upgrade

The NY-Alert program, which provides alerts to your phone or through email, has helped to keep families across New York State informed and safe during an emergency. Soon, it will be even better. The NY-Alert program, which will continue to be free of charge, is now undergoing a significant upgrade and you can pre-register for it now.

The new NY-Alert will continue to provide fast and accurate information, but will soon allow people to customize the type of alerts they want to receive, including:

- Missing person alerts, including Amber alerts;
- Traffic alerts, including significant highway closures, hazardous material spills and more
- Severe weather warnings, watches and marine surf advisories for coastal communities; and
- Additional options are coming soon.

Those already using NY-Alert, and new users, must pre-register for the upgraded version by June 2018. You can pre-register for the new NY-Alert at <https://my.ny.gov/SelfRegV3/selfreg.xhtml?app=nyappitsnyalert>

Register for the Black River Watershed Conference

Registration is still open for the 2018 Black River Watershed Conference at Camp Turk on Tuesday, July 12, 2018. All are invited! This year's conference will focus on how changing weather patterns affect the environment and decisions made by municipalities. This year's conference will feature a keynote by Dave Eichorn, a retired meteorologist and visiting professor and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. For complete information and a registration form, please go to <http://www.tughill.org/2018/05/07/register-for-the-black-river-watershed-conference/> or contact Jennifer Harvill at 315-785-2392 or jennifer@tughill.org for more information.



Camp Turk, 6461 Round Lake Rd, Woodgate, NY 13494

Cyber Security Conference

Technology's increasing sophistication has driven new trends in device mobility, social media, and expanded connectivity. While continued access to the Internet provides us with the flexibility and convenience to stay connected no matter where we are, it can also make us more susceptible to our information ending up in the wrong hands!

Interested in learning more about today's cyber challenges and what you can do to protect your personal information and your organization's data? Register for the 21st Annual New York State Cyber Security Conference and 13th Annual Symposium on Information Assurance (ASIA), June 5 - 6, 2018 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, with post-conference training opportunities on June 7. The conference offers something for everyone – whether you're an end user, IT professional, business manager or educator.

Registration is free to government and public sector employees.

For more information, including conference agenda and registration information, visit the conference website at <https://its.ny.gov/2018-nyscsc>

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