

August 30, 2019

## State Comptroller Announces Tax Levy Limit for 2020 Town Budgets

State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has announced the tax levy limit for local government units whose fiscal years end December 31. These local governments, which include towns and counties, will have a tax levy limit of two percent for the 2020 fiscal year. Comptroller DiNapoli notes that this is the second year in a row that the tax levy limit has been at two percent.

The comptroller's web page concerning the tax levy limit for local governments can be found at: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/realprop/index.htm>

## Planning & Zoning Workshop: Spot Zone or Grant the Illegal Use Variance?

The title of this course is to catch your attention and help avoid both spot zoning and the granting of illegal use variances. This workshop explores how situations in which a proposed use different from those around it (which local officials agree would not be a detriment to the community) might best be handled—with a review of the use variance test, the definition of spot zoning, and a few cases that will help local officials make sure their zoning works for their municipality. **Presentation by Christopher Eastman, NYS Department of State, followed by Q&A.**

**Date and Time:** Monday, September 16, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

**Location:** JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 1220 Coffeen Street, Jules Center, Room 6-002, Watertown, NY 13601

**RSVP by Friday, September 13th. Please register online here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spot-zone-or-grant-the-illegal-use-variance-tickets-70141632511>. You may also call Jefferson County Planning Department at (315) 785-3144 or email: [planning@co.jefferson.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.ny.us).

**If approved by your municipality, this workshop can provide two (2) hours of training to meet the NYS Municipality Training Requirement.**

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**The next meeting of the Tug Hill Commission will be Monday, September 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Cleveland Village Hall, 2 Clay Street, Cleveland, NY 13042. The public is welcome to attend.**

## Minimum Maintenance Roads Training Coming October 24

The Local Government Education Committee of Herkimer and Oneida Counties in conjunction with the Tug Hill Commission, will host training to assist local governments with navigating minimum maintenance road issues, including steps that can be taken in planning and zoning ordinances to better protect municipalities. Tug Hill Commission Director of Planning Phil Street will present on Thursday, October 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Boonville Municipal Office on Route 12, Boonville. Check in will begin at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP please contact Jennifer Armstrong-Symonds at [jarmstrong@tughill.org](mailto:jarmstrong@tughill.org) or 315-371-7612.

# CTHC Annual Fall Meeting



**Thursday September 19 at the Tug Hill Hideaway, 1838 Fish Creek Rd., West Leyden**

- Cocktail hour 6:00 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m., business meeting to follow.
- Agenda - Review of the budget for 2020 and discussion of the search for a replacement for retiring Associate Circuit Rider Kay Chapman and much more.
- Speaker - Attorney Mark Gebo who will update attendees on the PILOTs and other information on the wind projects in the area affecting our municipalities. The meeting will close with Supervisor/Mayor topics and comments from the floor.

Invitations will be mailed soon, so be looking for them. Representative's dinners are paid for by the CTHC and the cost for dinner for additional guests wishing to attend will be listed on the invitation. Attendance at the meeting portion of the evening is free.

Reservations can be made by contacting Angie Kimball at [angie@tughill.org](mailto:angie@tughill.org) or at (315) 599-8825 or (315) 480-6857. Please RSVP by Thursday September 12.

## NYS Archives FALL Workshop Schedule

The New York State Archives offers archives and records management training statewide. If your preferred workshop is not available near you, please contact State Archives at [archtrain@nysed.gov](mailto:archtrain@nysed.gov) to request it. See their workshop catalog at [www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/catalog](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/catalog) for a complete list of titles.

All State Archives workshops are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

<p><b>Tuesday, September 17, 2019</b></p> <p><b><u>Conducting A Records Inventory for Local Governments</u></b></p> <p>9:30 AM - 1:00 PM            Jefferson County Office Building            175 Arsenal Street            Watertown, NY 13601  <b>Workshop Type:</b> Classroom Training  <b>Presenter:</b> Michael Martin</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 16, 2019</b></p> <p><b><u>Managing Inactive Records for Local Governments</u></b></p> <p>9:30 AM - 1:00 PM            Oswego County Office Building            46 E. Bridge Street            Oswego, NY 131267  <b>Workshop Type:</b> Classroom Training  <b>Presenter:</b> Michael Martin</p>
<p><b>Friday, November 22, 2019</b></p> <p><b><u>LGRMIF Grant Application Information Session</u></b></p> <p>9:30 AM - 1:00 PM            Adams Town Hall            3 South Main Street            Adams, NY 13605  <b>Workshop Type:</b> Classroom Training  <b>Presenter:</b> Michael Martin</p>	



## **Invites you to attend the 36th Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**

**Delta Lake Inn, 8524 Fish Hatchery Rd, Rome, NY 13440**

**6 pm ~ Social hour**

**7 pm ~ Buffet dinner**

**7:50 ~ NOCCOG Annual Business Meeting**

**8:10 ~ Speaker/Presentation**

**\$25 per person for dinner**

**Please RSVP to Jennifer Armstrong-Symonds  
at [jarmstrong@tughill.org](mailto:jarmstrong@tughill.org) or (315)371-7612.**

## **NYCOM Fall Training School September 16-19, Saratoga Springs**

The NY Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) collaborate each year to create a program designed for clerks, finance officers, managers, administrators, attorneys and elected officials. More than 60 separate sessions provide training on various aspects of municipal law, government operations, local finance and professional development.

For more information, see <https://www.nycom.org/training/additional-training-events/fall-training-school>.

## **Salmon River Hatchery Open House September 28**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will hold its **24<sup>th</sup> Annual** Salmon River Hatchery Open House and Family Day on **Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is being held in conjunction with the celebration of "National Hunting and Fishing Day." The Salmon River Hatchery is located at 2133 County Route 22, Altmar, Oswego County, and admission is free.

Tours of the facility will be given throughout the day, providing attendees behind-the-scenes access to the inner-workings of the hatchery, and the popular fish ladder will be on display, offering the opportunity to view salmon as they migrate. Additionally, children will have the opportunity to learn to cast a fishing rod, tie flies, participate in a laser shooting range, observe the aquatic life of Beaverdam Brook, and learn about rare and threatened fish species found in New York State. Along with the scheduled program events, several conservation organizations, fishing and hunting clubs and outdoor recreation groups will be on hand with displays and activities providing information about their role in the Salmon River Corridor and the Lake Ontario Ecosystem.

Guests can also visit the nearby Salmon River Falls, a DEC Unique Area located four miles from the hatchery. The area offers several hiking trails, including an accessible short trail which leads to an observatory point for the 110-foot waterfall which offers viewing areas with spectacular scenery.

For more information on the [Salmon River Hatchery](#) see its webpage on DEC's website. Additional information on [Salmon River Falls Unique Area](#) can also be found at DEC's website.

Jefferson County  
Soil & Water Conservation District



# OPEN HOUSE

## New Location

25451 State Route 12  
Watertown, NY



Thursday  
October 3  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Stop in!

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1-888-785-2380.

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## LED Street Lighting Academy Webinar Series

NYSERDA and The Lighting Research Center (LRC) of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute are teaming up for the LED Street Lighting Academy – a series of four (4) monthly webinars to educate local governments on LED street lighting options and better prepare municipal decision-makers for interacting with contractors and the public.

### September 10, 2019, 10 am | LED Street Lighting - Help is on the Way

This seminar will introduce the LRC, its capabilities, and services available through this project. It will also review the street lighting decision making process, basics of LED street lighting, and important characteristics to consider when planning a street lighting installation or retrofit. **Click [here](#) to register.**

### October 8, 2019, 10 am | Talking Tech - How LED Street Lights Compare

This seminar will present an overview of LED street lighting technology, systems, and products. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to critically analyze LED products under consideration, and select the best products to meet their project goals and objectives. **Click [here](#) to register.**

### November 12, 2019, 10 am | Planning for Success with LED Street Lighting

The seminar will present information on the design, layout, and application of LED street lighting. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to make the best decisions when planning/designing/installing/retrofitting existing or new street lighting installations. **Click [here](#) to register.**

### December 10, 2019, 10 am | Understanding Impacts on the Public

This seminar will present information on the human-factor considerations of LED street lighting. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to better understand the interaction of street lighting and people. **Click [here](#) to register.**

Read more at: [www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec](http://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec) or email: [cec@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:cec@nyserdera.ny.gov)