

July 2, 2021

Welcome New NOCCOG Circuit Rider, John Healt

The new Northern Oneida County Council of Governments (NOCCOG) circuit rider John Healt began work on Monday, June 21. John lives in West Leyden with his wife and three children, and has been serving as a contractor circuit rider for NOCCOG for the past few years. John's local government experience includes serving on the Adirondack Central School board and the Boonville village board.



John Healt, Jean Waterbury

John's hiring came just in time, as the commission's projects director Jean Waterbury is retiring after 36 years of service at the Tug Hill Commission. Congratulations to both John and Jean!

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Tug Hill Snowmobile Economic Impact Study Released

Estimates 34,2154 unique snowmobile users, 866 jobs, \$28.8 million in earnings, and nearly \$81.6 million in sales annually

A four-county partnership led by Lewis County Economic Development and including the Tug Hill Commission, Jefferson County Economic Development, Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, Oswego County Tourism, Oneida County Tourism, and Operation Oswego County, Inc. commissioned an economic impact and fiscal benefit analysis of the snowmobile industry on the Tug Hill region.

Working with Camoin 310 and the Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College (JCC), the study was designed to consider the economic impacts, in terms of jobs, wages, and sales, that would not occur but for the snowmobile activity. Throughout early 2021, a survey developed by JCC was conducted to gather data from snowmobilers about user spending, including number of visits, spending habits, location of origin, and feedback on the trail network. The survey was conducted in three formats: (1) distributed online via social media; (2) e-mailed to the members of snowmobile clubs in Lewis, Jefferson, Oswego, Oneida, Onondaga, St. Lawrence, Herkimer, and Madison counties; and (3) conducted on the snowmobile trail by representatives from JCC to complete in person as an intercept survey. Camoin 310 then analyzed the data and ran computer models to generate the final numbers.

The full survey can be accessed on the commission's website at tughill.org/about/press-room/. See the next full page of Tug Hill Times for an infographic highlighting the major takeaways.

Ability to Hold Remote Meetings Ends

Though the latest extension of the ability to hold remote meetings was set to expire on July 5, last week's announcement that the disaster emergency is over ends the ability to hold remote open meetings.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York will end the state disaster emergency declared on March 7, 2020 to fight COVID-19. Given New York's dramatic progress against COVID-19, with the success in vaccination rates, and declining hospitalization and positivity statewide, the state of emergency will expire after Thursday, June 24.

For more information, see opengovernment.ny.gov/ and www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-york-ending-covid-19-state-disaster-emergency-june-24.

Economic Impact

of Snowmobiling on the Tug Hill Region



35,254

unique
snowmobile trail
users each year

52%

are non-local
users, from
outside of Tug Hill

347,337

days spent in total by
non-local users in the
Tug Hill region each year



19%

Lodging



16%

Bars/Restaurants



2%

Entertainment



12%

Gas



4%

Convenience Stores



22%

Snowmobile
Equipment



7%

Snowmobile
Repairs



5%

Shopping



13%

Other

A non-local
snowmobile user
spends

\$192

per day.

Snowmobile user spending supports
additional economic activity in the Tug
Hill region:



866

Total Jobs



\$28,804,434

Total Employee Earnings



\$81,575,341

Total Sales

ANNUAL TAX REVENUE GENERATED BY SNOWMOBILE ACTIVITY:

Jefferson
County:
\$448,085

Oswego
County:
\$575,776

Lewis
County:
\$444,848

Oneida
County:
\$775,610



Submit ARPA Funding Forms to NYS by July 9

The New York State Division of Budget (DOB) recently announced that all non-entitlement units of governments (also referred to as NEUs) **must** request or decline American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding no later than **Friday, July 9, 2021**. You can submit your request or denial for funds at app.budget.ny.gov/dc/Forms/LocalARPA. There is a guidance document on accounting for the funds from the state comptroller's office at www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/publications/pdf/american-rescue-plan-and-crrsa-guidance.pdf.

Please keep in mind the following as you fill out your application:

- Allocations for towns with villages and villages will be shared at a later date; you must still submit an application no later than Friday, July 9, 2021 – do NOT wait for this information to submit your request or denial.
- Please read the entire webform before starting your application, and be sure to review any links or documents included for further instruction. You will need:
 - Your NEU Recipient # and your DUNS number (fedgov.dnb.com/webform/)
 - Taxpayer ID #
 - Name/title/email of Authorized Representative (individual with legal authority to bind the government entity i.e., chief executive officer)
 - Contact person (may be same as authorized rep.) name, title, phone and email
- You will be required to submit the total budget amount as of January 27, 2020.
- There are links to two PDF forms provided by the United States Treasury that must be filled out: the Assurance of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements and the NEU Award Terms and Conditions. Please note:
 - The same authorized individual must sign BOTH PDFs.
 - The Terms and Conditions PDF has a box at the top of Page 1 where information must be filled in. This is in addition to the signature and date of the authorized representation, which is also on Page 1.
 - Information to fill out for the Civil Rights PDF may be found on Page 3.
 - The two PDFs MUST be via webform; DOB will not accept paper copies/copies sent by mail.

We encourage you to use information at both the [NY Conference of Mayors](http://nyconferenceofmayors.org) and [Association of Towns](http://associationoftowns.org) websites for reference.

2021 Black River Trash Bash

It's time to start planning for the 2021 Black River Trash Bash! The event will use the Alliance for the Great Lakes for our data collection, and events can be set up, organized and advertised at adopt.greatlakes.org/s/host-a-cleanup. The commission is happy to assist groups with data cards, gloves, bags, and trash grabbers for events! Please contact Jennifer Harvill (jennifer@tughill.org or 315-785-2392) for more information.

Last year, the Black River Trash Bash saw a much smaller haul and lower participation due to the pandemic, but participants worked just as diligently as always. Fourteen event participants representing three groups collected 155 pounds of trash from locations along the waterways and shorelines of the Black River Watershed. Participating groups were Lyons Falls Alive, Adirondack Communities Advisory League and the Jefferson County Water Quality Coordinating Committee.

Since the event started in 2009, participants have collected over 5,800 pounds of garbage in the watershed. Every year, White's Lumber generously donates gloves for all volunteer groups. One can imagine the materials that are handled, which this year included around 135 food wrappers, over 200 cigarette butts, over 170 beverage containers, and numerous other items such as plastic grocery bags, straws, and balloons.

This event is organized annually by the Lewis and Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Tug Hill Commission.



Glenfield Elementary School Reuse Study Community Meeting

August 2

Members of the public are invited to a community workshop to share ideas for the reuse of the Glenfield Elementary School, 5960 Main St., Glenfield, NY 13343. The public information meeting will be on Monday August 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Glenfield Elementary School Gymnasium to solicit ideas for the reuse plan for the Glenfield Elementary School. Participants will have an opportunity to share their vision, concerns and ideas.



The Glenfield Elementary School ceased operation as a school as of June 2021. The purpose of the informational meeting will be to hear from the public as well as share information about the building and its future. The "open-house" styled meeting will be open to all members of the public. Refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Casandra Buell, Director of Planning & Community Development of Lewis County at (315) 376-5919.

DOTGOV Act Makes .gov Website Domain Names Available to Local Governments

As a result of the DOTGOV Act, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) now administers the .gov top-level domain. CISA recently announced that .gov domains are now available for qualifying organizations at no cost. CISA has also updated the requirements to obtain and maintain a .gov domain. Websites that end with .gov can make it easier for a member of the public to tell if the information being shared on a website is legitimate.

To register for a free .gov domain, go to home.dotgov.gov/registration/. More information about the requirements and FAQs are available at home.dotgov.gov/2021/4/27/a-new-day-for-gov/.

Future of Preservation Webinar Series Continues

The Preservation League of New York State is hosting an on-going series of panel discussions and presentations that look to the future of historic preservation. Upcoming webinars include:

Telling the Full Story: Reinterpreting History in New York | Friday, July 16, 12:00-1:30 p.m. How do we get to a place where "telling the full story" is normal instead of novel? In this webinar we will hear from leaders of historic sites around the state who are doing the work to bring underrepresented histories to light. During their discussion, they will highlight examples of how this work is being done well, as well as how the field needs to do more. This webinar is co-presented with Museum Association of New York. [Click here to register.](#)



Preservation in the Adirondacks | Wednesday, August 11, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Join us as we shine a light on the important role preservation has played in shaping the Adirondacks. [Click here to register.](#)

Preservation in the Adirondacks



For more information on the Preservation League of NYS and upcoming and past workshops please visit www.preservenys.org

Schools and Libraries Eligible for Emergency Connectivity Funding

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced a new \$7.17 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund, to which schools and libraries can apply for financial support to purchase laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and broadband connections to serve unmet needs for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons. From June 29 to August 13, eligible schools and libraries can submit requests for funding to purchase eligible equipment and services for the 2021-22 school year.

The American Rescue Plan of 2021 established the Emergency Connectivity Fund. In May, the FCC adopted the report and order outlining how the program would be administered. The Universal Service Administrative Company will serve as the program's administrator with FCC oversight. The new fund leverages the processes and structures used in the E-Rate program for the benefit of schools and libraries already familiar with the E-Rate program. More information at www.emergencyconnectivityfund.org or www.fcc.gov/emergency-connectivity-fund and instructions on how to apply at www.emergencyconnectivityfund.org/application-process.

Sample Rules of Order Available from AOT

The Association of Towns recently shared on their website a [sample resolution](#) for use by a municipality to establish rules of order for municipal meetings.

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