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Announcements

1. NOCCOG Welcomes New Director

At a special meeting held January 10th, the NOCCOG Executive Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Larry Mierek as the newest director to the Executive Board. A longtime resident of the Town of Western, Larry is married, with one daughter, and two grandsons. He grew up on his father's dairy farm in Westernville, working hard and learning a strong work ethic, but also taking time to hunt, snowmobile, and fly airplanes with his father. Larry graduated from Holland Patent Central School, and then from Utica College with a BS in Computer Science and has worked in the computer field over 35 years as a programmer and project/resource manager. Currently a councilman on the Western town board, where he has served for several years, Larry has previously held the positions of Town Clerk and Town Supervisor. In addition to his town board responsibilities, he is also on the Western Town Library Board of Trustees.



Larry enjoys hiking, snowshoeing, target shooting, and anything that brings him outdoors. Although he does have a private pilot's license, Larry says he hasn't "flown in several years. It is on my to do list to get back into the air."

The NOCCOG Board of Directors welcomes Larry, and is looking forward to his ideas, input, and expertise!

2. 2023 Local Government April 5 & 6, at the Turning Stone Resort



The Turning Stone Resort and Casino will once again host the Local Government Conference on April 5 and 6 this year. Registration materials have been mailed to all municipalities. Online registration is also available by clicking [here](#).

The cost for the full day event on the 6th is \$85. The half day drone session and reception on the 5th is \$75. If you plan to attend both sessions, there is a discounted price of \$150. **Registration fees will increase after March 3rd.**

Please talk to your municipal advisors or check the Tug Hill Commission [website](#) for LGC registration information. On the website there are copies of the registration materials, including detailed information about each presentation, as well as the drone session and reception.

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3. Grant Writing Basics Webinar March 9

The Local Technical Assistance Program is sponsoring a webinar for anyone interested in learning how to tackle grant or funding applications, or for anyone who would like a refresher on the process, on Thursday, March 9th, at 9am.

Writing a grant or funding application can seem like an impossible task if you have never completed one before. It can seem daunting even if you have completed one or more but weren't given any guidance on how to approach the project. During this webinar, learn the basics of how to tackle and complete a grant or funding application. Topics will cover reviewing and understanding what your application requires, organization to collect the application's information, readability of your application, and considerations for strengthening your application's chances of being funded. You won't become a grant or application writing expert by participating in this webinar, but you will take away a method for approaching and completing applications.

The webinar will be provided by Victoria Beale of the Ohio LTAP Center. Victoria has over nineteen years of experience in grant and application writing with many successful awards which have provided LTAP's grant funded courses.

Click [here](#) to register.

4. Preserve New York Grants Available

Preserve New York (PNY) grants provide support to eligible municipalities and 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations for projects that identify, document, and preserve New York's cultural and historic buildings, structures, and landscapes. PNY helps fund preservation planning projects: historic structure reports, condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. The 80/20 grants are likely to range between \$5,000 and \$14,000.



**Preservation
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the Arts**

All interested applicants must submit a pre-application to receive a full application form. [Review grant guidelines and submit your pre-application on the PNY website.](#)

Please [click here to review the updated 2023 PNY guidelines before](#) submitting your pre-application.

Pre-applications are due by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, March 24. Applications for the 2023 PNY grant cycle are due by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, March 31.

[Check the Preserve New York website for the schedule of grant webinars and drop-in help sessions!](#)

Free grant webinars, workshops, and online help sessions will take place in the weeks leading up to the grant deadline. Register to attend at www.preservenys.org/preserve-new-york. For further questions, contact Janna Rudler, Grants and Technical Services Manager, 518-462-5658 x10 or jrudler@preservenys.org.

For a list of previously awarded PNY projects, [visit www.preservenys.org/pny-recipients](http://www.preservenys.org/pny-recipients).

5. Tug Hill Commission Meeting March 20

The Tug Hill Commission is scheduled to meet Monday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rodman Municipal Offices, 12509 School Street, Rodman, NY 13682 The meeting will include routine business of the commission, and review of major projects and activities in the region. The public is always welcome to attend.

6. Energy Code Enforcement Training March 29

Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, in cooperation with Newport Ventures and NYSERDA, is offering a free, in person, Energy Code Enforcement Training on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, in Old Forge, from 8 am to 5pm.

This day long course carries 8 hours of NYSDOS In-Service Learning Credits, covering Residential and Commercial Energy Code Courses that focus on plan review and compliance. Participating municipalities will qualify for 200 Clean Energy Community points.

To register, click [here](#). For more information, contact Amanda Kaier (315) 525-1312, or email her at: Akaier@mvedd.org.

7. NYSLTAP - CLRP Webinars Continue

Join the Cornell Local Roads Program in an ongoing series of free Foundational Webinars focused on the important principles key to local highway agency operations and management. Each webinar offers a convenient way to learn the basics of a particular topic. Taken together, they cover the foundation of local highway issues.



Foundational Webinars are held most Tuesdays, 9-10 am EST. Click the topics below to register.

NYSLTAP-CLRP Foundational Webinars

2023 Topics

- 3.7.2023 – [Erosion, Ditches & Storm Sewers*](#)
- 3.14.2023 – [Grants, State Aid, Federal Aid, and other sources of revenue](#)

Most online webinars and virtual workshops are worth [Road Master](#) credit based on the length of the session.

8. Mohawk Valley Economic District “Municipality Mondays” Webinars Continue



Each Monday morning from 9-10 am, staff from MVEDD hosts an online, open meeting for anyone to discuss issues and opportunities for your municipality.

Topics can cover anything from ARPA funding, cutting utility costs, Comprehensive Plans, municipal improvements and much more.

To join the meeting, click this [video link](#).
Or dial: (US) (240) 775-0085 PIN: 322 752 952#

For more information, contact Amanda Kaier by email at: Akaier@mvedd.org, or by calling (315) 525-1312.

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