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Announcements

1. NOCCOG Scholarship Awardees Announced

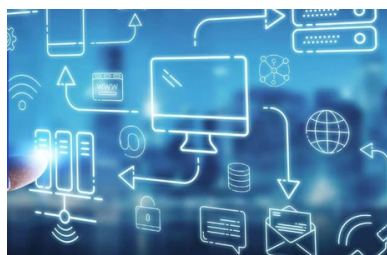
The Northern Oneida County Council of Governments proudly announces the awardees in their first ever scholarship program: Preston Campbell, from Adirondack Central School, Gianni Liberatore, from Camden Central School, and Kyrian Hall, from Remsen Central School.



The program, which started this year, is for college bound seniors attending school within the NOCCOG municipalities. A \$500 award will be given to each selected seniors after successful completion of their first college semester. Ideally, the winners will focus on a public service or municipal management field.

The award is given in recognition of the importance of local government, as well as the often-unacknowledged service, commitment, and dedication of community members who are essential in the daily operation of our towns and villages. It is also given with the hope the recipient will someday be involved in their local government. Congratulations to all!

2. Oneida County Offers IT Services to Municipalities



as well as various other helpdesk services.

The Oneida County Department of Information Technology is offering IT professional services to municipalities within the county. These services can include assessments, design, hardware and software implementation, technical support, and maintenance. Also offered is training in cyber security and firewalls, Windows/Linux and Microsoft product support, training with IPS/IDS, telephony systems including VOIP and traditional TDM systems, network and desktop support, procurement, audio visual and presentation equipment, database design, mobile device management,

Typical agreements cost \$2,400 annually, which includes 8 hours per month of basic professional services. Any additional professional services would be provided at a higher per hour cost, but such services would also be negotiated between the county and the municipality.

For more information, contact Chuck Klein, Director of Information Technology, by calling 315-798-6471, or by email, cklein@ocgov.net.

Towns: *Annsville ~ Ava ~ Boonville ~ Camden ~ Floyd ~ Forestport ~ Lee ~ Remsen ~ Steuben ~ Trenton ~ Vienna ~ Western*
Villages: *Boonville ~ Camden ~ Holland Patent ~ Remsen ~ Sylvan Beach*

3. 2023 Tug Hill Sages Nomination Process Now Open

The 12th round of nominations for Tug Hill Sages is now open, continuing the year long celebration of the Tug Hill Commission's 50th anniversary. Submission forms will be accepted through August 15, 2023.

First designated by the commission in 1983, "Tug Hill Sage" is a title bestowed upon local individuals who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the Tug Hill Region. Familiar with the region's land, heritage, and culture, Sages are leaders in their communities with a strong history of civic involvement, community service, entrepreneurship, or environmental stewardship. Quite simply, it is a person who has distinguished himself in some way by helping directly improve the quality of life for the people in their communities. The last Tug Hill Sages were inducted in 2015, and to date, 36 individuals have been recognized.

For detailed information on qualifying criteria and instructions on submitting a nomination, visit the Tug Hill Commission's website: tughill.org/about/tug-hill-sages/. Please use the Nomination Guidelines and Nomination Form to fill out an application. Applications can be submitted by mail or by email.

For more information, please contact Taylor McKinney at (315) 785-2606 or at taylor@tughill.org.



4. Highway Departments and Town Budgets Workshop with Laird Petrie August 23



For those that were not able to attend the recent Highway Departments and Town Budgets session, with Laird Petrie, in Adams, the Tug Hill Commission and NOCCOG have scheduled a repeat session to be held Wednesday, August 23, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Town of Trenton Municipal Center, 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, NY.

The work session will cover the statutory duties of both the town board and the highway superintendent when it comes to highway operations including the highway budget, hiring and firing highway workers, and control of highway equipment. All are welcome and questions are encouraged.



Since retirement from the Office of the State Comptroller in 2021, instructor Laird Petrie has been providing technical assistance and training to towns and villages in a four-county area through a contract with the Tug Hill Commission.

Call 315-785-2380 or email tughill@tughill.org to register for this free workshop.

5. NYSLTAP - CLRP Continuing Foundational Webinars Series

Join the New York State Local Technical Assistance Program Center - Cornell Local Roads Program for their ongoing series of free foundational webinars focused on the important principles key to local highway agency operations and management. These webinars run from 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

July 18- **Bridge Basics*** Presented by Willy Grimmke, PE
July 25- **Shop Safety & PPE** Presented by Phil Spiezio
August 8- **MUTCD*** Presented by Al Bachner, PE

August 15- **Snow & Ice Control*** Presented by David Orr, PE
August 22- **Equipment** Presented by Tim Hunt