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Announcements

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



Registration is still open for the repeat session of the Highway Departments and Town Budgets workshop with Laird Petrie, to be held Wednesday, August 23, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Town of Trenton Municipal Center, 8520 Old Poland Road, Barneveld, NY.

Sponsored by the Tug Hill Commission and NOCCOG, the 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.

2. Town Clerk September Regional Training Registration Now Open

The New York State Town Clerks Association's September regional training will be held in Buffalo on September 18th, from 9 am to Noon. There will be association updates and discussions of current hot topics around the state. Issuance of One-Day Marriage Officiant licenses and first amendment audits will be included topics. Bring your questions, comments, and concerns and enjoy a morning of learning and lively discussion.



Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m., ending at noon with lunch to follow. The cost of the program, including lunch, is \$40.00. Regional sessions are a great time to meet new clerks, catch up with fellow clerks, and increase your clerk network.

Please register no later than September 1st [online](#) or by using the [registration form](#).

3. GPS Work Continues

The NOCCOG GPS Program is in full swing, with mapping being done in the towns of Trenton, Western and Remsen and the Village of Camden. Trails, street signs, culverts, bridges and more have been added to "live" digital maps for each of those municipalities. Western also utilized the program to save on surveying fees by having NOCCOG mapper Mike Thompson map and measure the distance between the town's sand and salt storage and the nearby Mohawk River, per a DEC request.

If your municipality has an interest in the no cost GPS Mapping Program, please contact John Healt, 315-941-2818 or jhealt@tughill.org.

4. Wastewater System Operation and Maintenance Webinar August 15th

Join the Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University as they present an hourlong webinar designed to develop the knowledge and skills to operate and maintain a wastewater collection system effectively. Operational and maintenance procedures for lift stations, manholes, and other key components of a collection system will be covered. This webinar is geared for operators of wastewater systems with an average daily flow of less than 1 million gallons, as well as the decision-makers for wastewater utilities, including mayors, finance officers, utility managers, public works directors, board members, and clerks.



The webinar presenter is KT Newman, Owner, Utility Contractors LLC.

Although a certificate of attendance can be provided to eligible attendees, this webinar has not been submitted for continuing education credit approval. There is no guarantee it will meet your PDH or CEU requirements.

Click [here](#) to register.

5. \$58,050 Awarded from the Sawyer Community Fund

Fourteen community projects and organizations that benefit Boonville, Constableville, and Westernville residents will share \$58,050 in funding from the Kenneth V. and Jeannette Remp Sawyer Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation this year. Nearly two dozen organizations applied for grant funding in the sixth year of the grant program. In 2022, the Sawyer Community Fund awarded \$52,100 to 15 community-based organizations.

Thanks to the enduring generosity of the Sawyers, the fund has provided more than \$250,000 in support to 75 organizations and projects since grant-making efforts began in 2018, according to officials.

The following organizations will receive 2023 grant funding from the Sawyer Community Fund:

Constableville Library Association, Erwin Library and Institute, Boonville Cemetery Association, Boonville Fire Company, Dodge Pratt Northam Art and Community Center, Constable Hall Association, Adirondack Community Chorus, Village of Boonville, Lost Trail Snowmobile Club, Constableville Volunteer Fire Company, Boonville Black River Canal Museum, Boonville Search and Rescue Association, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and the Young at Heart Senior Citizens Group.



Jeannette Remp Sawyer and Kenneth V. Sawyer

The Kenneth V. and Jeannette Remp Sawyer Community Fund was established in 2018 as a geographic-specific fund to strengthen and enhance the communities of Boonville, Constableville and Westernville. The Sawyers were passionate about the quality of life in their community, participating in many activities and volunteering with several meaningful organizations. Through the community fund, the Sawyer family established a lasting charitable resource that will forever impact these communities.