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Announcements

Freedom of Information Law & Open Meetings Law: Virtual Information Sessions, May 6



Committee on Open Government

Kristin O'Neill, Deputy Director and Counsel for the Committee on Open Government, will be presenting a virtual *Freedom of Information Law* information session on Monday, May 6, 2024, from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

and then a virtual *Open Meetings Law* information session later the same day from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Registration is needed for both programs, but you are welcome to sign up for one or both. The programs will consist of a one-hour overview of the statute, followed by 30 minutes of a question-and-answer period. There is no cost to attend either webinar, but registration is required. All registrations will be automatically approved. Once registered, a confirmation email from WebEx with instructions for joining the session will be sent. If the confirmation e-mail is not received, it is advised to check your spam or junk folder, as Committee staff is not able to provide WebEx technical support. While the information presented is extremely beneficial, Continuing Education Credit is not provided with these webinars. Recordings of each session will be available afterward.

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

NYCOM Annual Meeting and Training School, May 15-17

The New York State Conference of Mayors is holding their annual meeting and training school May 15-17, at the Sagamore Hotel, in Bolton Landing. There are numerous concurrent sessions, a few of which are Government Operations and Community Development, Volunteer Firefighter Issues, Understanding Battery Storage in NYS, Exploring Health Insurance Options for Local Governments, State and Federal Funding Opportunities, and Managing Water Resources in Your Community. The full agenda, which includes fireworks, is available [here](#). There is a cost to attend. While the conference and training run from Wednesday afternoon through Friday morning, there are pricing options that include Thursday only, as well as the dinner reception on Wednesday, or the banquet on Thursday. General and hotel information are available [here](#), or click [here](#) to register.



More information is available on the NYCOM website, nycom.org.

Highway Superintendents Annual School, June 3-5, 2024

The 77th Annual School for Highway Superintendents, sponsored by the Town and County Officers Training School, The Association of Towns of the State of New York and The NYS LTAP Center - Cornell Local Roads Program, will be held at Ithaca College, from June 3 -5.



Some of the 2024 Highway School topics include a Legal Panel; Budget, Inflation, & Purchase Lead Time; Sustainable and Innovative Highway Materials; CDL Training; Alternatives to gas and Diesel; Improving Highway Safety; A Year in the Life of a Highway Superintendent, and Reasonable Suspicion.

Early registration ends on May 17th. After which, registration is only done onsite at an increased rate. Check-in and on-site registration will be available Sunday, June 2 from 3 - 5 p.m.

Attendees will automatically receive three credits in the highway category of the Association of Town's Certified Town Official Program. Attendees enrolled in the NYS LTAP Center - Cornell Local Roads Road Master Program will also receive credit towards Road Master levels III and IV when they earn their 5 or 10 year attendance award.

For more information or to register, visit the NYS LTAP Center - Cornell Local Roads Program website, [here](#).

Tug Hill Commission to Meet May 20

The Tug Hill Commission is scheduled to meet Monday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village of Central Square Municipal Offices, 3125 East Avenue, Central Square, NY. 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.



Building Climate Resilience for Small Wastewater Systems Webinar, May 21



Wastewater systems across the country are increasingly at risk from the impacts of extreme weather events, aging infrastructure, lack of funding, and an unstable regulatory environment. The growing risk of failure in wastewater systems presents a critical threat to public health. Small wastewater systems are more likely to lack the funding, staff, and resources to adapt to these changes creating an added challenge to providing effective wastewater management.

Join the Environmental Finance Center Network in this webinar on Tuesday, May 21, at 10am, as they look at how small wastewater systems can prepare for the effects of climate change such as higher intensity storms, sea level rise, more extreme temperatures, and reduced flows from water conservation efforts.

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

NYSLTAP - CLRP Foundational Webinars Continue

Join the Cornell Local Roads Program in their 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.



- 5/9 - NHTAP - [Introduction to RoadResource.org Tools for Pavement Preservation](#) (11am - 12pm)
- 5/22 - FHWA - [Equitable Data Analysis](#) (1pm)
- 6/18 - [Alignment & Intersection](#)
- 6/25 - [Grants, State Aid, Federal Aid, and other sources of revenue](#)
- 7/9 - [Emergency Preparedness](#)

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

NOCCOG Scholarship Program

The Northern Oneida County council of Governments is very pleased to announce the NOCCOG Scholarship program will continue in 2024. The program, which started last year, is available to graduating seniors in the NOCCOG area school districts that are attending college in the fall. The current schools involved with the program are Adirondack, Camden, Holland Patent and Remsen.



The award is given to recognize 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. Ideally, the candidate has been involved in school or community organizations, volunteering their time, usually behind the scenes, without the desire for recognition. The award is given with the hope the recipient will someday be involved in their local government.

The \$500 award is given upon the successful completion of their first college semester.

If you know of a deserving senior, encourage them to check with their local guidance office and apply!

For more information on the program, please contact John Healt, 315-941-2818, or email, jhealt@tughill.org.

NOCCOG Global Positioning System (GPS) Mapping Program

GPS mapping services are offered to the municipalities of the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments (NOCCOG) at no charge. NOCCOG contracted employees will work with department heads or representatives to determine what data is to be collected and mapped. Collected information will then be provided digitally and can be updated at any time.

Public works departments routinely manage vital infrastructure equipment as well as items such as streets and roadways, parks, traffic signs and signals, street lighting locations, noting the maintenance, age, replacement schedules. GPS service enables municipalities to efficiently collect and store this information, manage, analyze, and deliver data on-demand for a streamlined workflow. This offers municipalities the ability to integrate this information, making their record keeping accurate and up to date.

For information on how GPS mapping may be beneficial for your municipality, contact John Healt at (315) 941-2818, or email jhealt@tughill.org.