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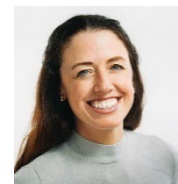
NOCCOG Annual Fall Dinner Meeting, October 23



Invitations will soon be emailed for the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments Annual Fall Dinner and Meeting, which will be held Thursday, October 23th, at the Woods Valley Ski Area. A cash bar and social hour will start at 5:30 pm, with a buffet dinner and meeting to follow. Sarah Foster Calero, President of Oneida County Tourism, is the scheduled speaker.

The cost is \$35 per person, and reservations are requested by Friday, October 17.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, check out the NOCCOG website, reach out to your current Municipal Advisor, or contact John Healt, 315-941-2818 or jhealt@tughill.org.



Snow & Ice Overview Webinar, September 9



The Cornell Local Roads Program wraps up their no cost Summer Foundational Webinar series with an overview on snow and ice control. Join presenter David Orr, P.E., on Tuesday September 9th, at 9am as he discusses the number one priority for highway and street departments during the winter months, and to gain insights into ways to prepare for the upcoming plowing season. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

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Oneida County Youth Bureau Seeks 2026 Grant Applications

The Oneida County Youth Bureau is accepting proposals from interested nonprofit organizations and municipalities for youth-oriented programs that offer delinquency prevention, recreation and positive youth development opportunities.



Funding is available in four categories:

- **Youth Development Program (YDP)** for non-profit agencies and municipalities that operate a youth development program that provides direct services to youth.
- **Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)** for non-profit agencies that provide crisis and transitional living services.
- **Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF)** for non-profit agencies and municipalities to support and provide sports programs for underserved children and youth under the age of 18.
- **Youth Team Sports (YTS)** for non-profit agencies, community-based organizations and municipal youth team sports programs for underserved children and youth under the age of 18.

Proposals are due via email to kpensero-shanley@oneidacountyny.gov by close of business on September 16, 2026.

Funded programs must meet guidelines established by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The guidelines and forms necessary to prepare and submit proposals can be accessed online at www.oneidacountyny.gov/departments/youth-bureau/.

Questions and assistance can be directed to Karen Pensero-Shanley of the Youth Bureau at 315-798-5027 or kpensero-shanley@oneidacountyny.gov.

NYAOT 2025 Planning & Zoning School, September 13



The New York State Association of Towns Planning and Zoning school comes to the Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center in Lake George, on Saturday, September 13th. Join presenters Sarah Brancatella, Katie Hodgson, and others from 8 am to Noon as they cover topics such as, What Planning

& Zoning Officials Need to Know About Open Meetings Law and Foil, New York's New Freshwater Regulations and Home Rule Meets the (Affordable) Housing Rule.

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

NOCCOG Executive Committee to Meet September 18

The NOCCOG directors are scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 18th at 2:00pm at the Village of Camden municipal offices. Along with routine business, other items on the proposed agenda include the GPS mapping program, the annual fall dinner, future trainings, and additions to the NOCCOG municipal reference guide. The executive committee meetings are always open to the public.



For more information, contact John Healt at 315-941-2818 or jhealt@tughill.org.

NYS Town Clerk's Association Regional Training, September 22



Join the New York State Town Clerks Association on September 22, at the Riveredge Resort Hotel, 17 Holland Street, Alexandria Bay, in the heart of the 1000 Islands, for their fall Regional Education Session.

Katie Hodgdon and Lori Mithen-Demasi, from NY AOT, will present a session on *Understanding the Budget Process* -a topic which has been requested by many clerks. Registration will open at 8:30 AM and the session will begin at 9:00 AM, ending at noon with lunch to follow. The cost of the program, including lunch is \$40.00. These regional sessions are a great time to meet new clerks, catch up with fellow clerks, and increase your clerk network.

For more information, visit nystca.com, or click [here](#), to register.

Strategies for Attracting Housing Investment to Your Community, September 25

The New York and Oneida County are in the depth of a significant crisis relating to housing. The short answer is that supply is lacking, driving up prices and putting some community members on or beyond the brink of safe, affordable housing. This session will focus on regulatory and other tools that communities can use to address housing shortages and enhance affordability.



On Thursday, September 25, from 6 -7 pm, the MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook will present *Putting the Home in Hometown: Strategies for Attracting Housing Investment*, their 8th session of their no cost annual training program, geared to assist local governments, town officials, and planning and zoning boards.

To register for this webinar, click [here](#). For more information, or to view the 2025 Municipal Bootcamp Program, visit the MRB Group Bootcamp [webpage](#).

Public Works Training School, Oct. 6-8



**Public Works
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October 6-8, 2025
Fort William Henry
Lake George



Join the New York Conference of Mayors and the New York Water Environment Association as they present their Public Works Training School, October 6-8, at the Fort William Henry Hotel, 48 Cananda Street, in Lake George.

This year's conference includes numerous relevant and important sessions, such as Disaster Preparedness, Solid Waste Diversion Program, Planning a Wastewater Upgrade, Reasonable Suspicion Drug Testing, MS4, Put Your CHIPS on the Table, and many more.

Registration rates increase after September 15th, and online registration ends Oct. 3.

Click [here](#) for more information, to register, or to view the full agenda.

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Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner October 9



The annual dinner for the NYS Tug Hill Commission will be held Thursday evening, October 9, at the Delta Lake Inn in Rome. The social hour and cash bar start at 5:30pm, with welcome remarks and an Italian buffet dinner to follow.

The evening will host a panel of speakers, including representatives from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Chobani, the Northeast Dairy Producers Association, and Cornell Pro-Dairy, with a focus on learning more about Agricultural Economic Development and Dairy Expansion Projects in Upstate New York.

Tickets are \$35 per person, and RSVPs must be received by Tuesday, September 30. Reservations can be made by mail with a check, or by clicking [here](#).

For more information or to ask questions, please contact the Watertown office by calling 315-785-2380.

NY SWIMS Round 2 Funding Applications Open

The second round of the New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS) Initiative has been recently launched, making \$53 million in capital grants available to municipalities and nonprofit organizations to expand access to safe swimming facilities across the state.



NY SWIMS provides competitive matching grants for the construction, renovation and improvement of swimming pools and natural swimming areas that will serve communities statewide. Eligible municipalities and nonprofit organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$250,000 to \$10 million for projects that expand swimming opportunities. Grant recipients must provide a 20% match toward total project costs. Eligible projects include the design, construction, renovation, or improvement of swimming facilities and related infrastructure such as bathhouses, public restrooms and accessibility features.

Application deadline is October 30.

For more information, visit the DASNY NY SWIMS webpage, [here](#)

Commission Welcomes New Board Member

The Tug Hill Commission has recently gained a new board member with the appointment of Fred Munk by Governor Hochul. Fred is a long-time resident of the village of Lowville. He retired from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in 2023 with 43 years of service, starting as a forester in the Lowville office and ending as the Region 6 Natural Resources Supervisor in Watertown. Fred is active in his community, including serving as a director on both the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County and the Lewis County Soil & Water Conservation District boards. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the International Society of Arborists. He volunteers with the Lowville Lions Club and does numerous other volunteer activities. Welcome Fred!

