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Announcements

NOCCOG Annual Fall Dinner Meeting, October 29



Invitations will soon be emailed for the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments Annual Fall Dinner and Meeting, which will be held Thursday, October 29th, at the McConnellsville Country Club, 3007 McConnellsville Rd, Blossvale. A cash bar and social hour will start at 5:30 pm, with a buffet dinner and meeting to follow.

The cost is \$35 per person, and reservations are requested by Thursday, October 15.

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.

Managing Social Media Records Webinar, September 10

Many state and local government entities in New York State engage the public through social media, but few of those properly manage the records created on social media platforms. Join New York State Archives and presenters Jennifer O'Neill and Laura Montgomery, on Thursday, September 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. as they demonstrate how social media content can be a government record and provide guidance on using social media effectively. A major focus of the webinar will be how to capture and preserve social media records to ensure the retention of the records for the full extent of their retention periods. Other topics covered will include managing social media content as official records, assessing the risks of engaging in social media, developing a social media plan, writing social media policies, and retaining and preserving social media records.

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



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Super COG Meeting Reservations Due September 10

Reservations for the September 22nd Super COG meeting are requested by September 10th. The meeting is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Redfield Fire Hall, 4879 County Rt. 17, in Redfield. A complementary buffet dinner will be provided for all attendees.

The last Super COG was held in 2018. Since then, there have been many Council of Governments leadership changes, new supervisors and mayors, and new faces at the Tug Hill Commission- both board and staff. Additionally, membership in the councils has grown significantly, including many communities outside the official Tug Hill region boundary.

To RSVP, click [here](#). For a digital version of the invitation, click [here](#).

NOCCOG Executive Committee to Meet September 17

The NOCCOG directors are scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 17th at 12:00pm at the Town of Remsen municipal offices. Along with routine business, other items on the proposed agenda include the GPS mapping program, the annual fall dinner, possible future trainings, and the 2027 budget. The executive committee meetings are always open to the public.



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

Accounting Principles and Procedures, October 7-8



Sponsored by the Division of Local Government and School Accountability, this multi-day school is designed to familiarize participants with accounting and financial reporting requirements for local governments in New York. The course provides guidance on certain operational issues, such as cash management, purchasing, processing claims for payment, accounting for capital projects and utilizing reserve funds.

There is a cost for this webinar, and [registration closes 3 weeks prior to the class start date](#).

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

NYAOT Legislative Conference, September 22 & 23

The New York Association of Towns (NYAOT) is holding their first ever legislative conference September 22 and 23 in Albany. Focused on key legislative policies impacting our communities, the program will include training sessions, collaborative workshops, and task groups designed to identify emerging issues, while fostering peer-to-peer discussion, and developing potential legislative solutions. Attendees will also vote on legislative updates that will help guide the Association of Towns advocacy efforts.



For more information, to register, or to review the tentative agenda for the conference, visit NYAOT's conference [webpage](#).

Snow and Ice Control Operations for Local Highway Officials Workshop, September 24



Join the NYS LTAP Center-Cornell Local Roads Program and presenter Jim Crow, on Thursday September 24, at the Lewis County Cornell Cooperative Extension, 7421 E Rd, Lowville, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as they discuss some options and best practices for an effective snow and ice control program. There is a cost to attend, and lunch will be provided.

For more information, visit the LTAP [training page](#), or click [here](#) to register.

How Development Review Addresses Stormwater Management Webinar, Sept. 24



Join the MRB Group and Hancock Estrabrook on Thursday, July 24, from 6-7pm, as they present their eighth, no cost, training session of the year, *A Storm is Brewing - How Development Review Addresses Stormwater Management*.

Of the many threats to water quality in a community, stormwater runoff is among the highest risks. State and local regulations, and the review approach of planning/zoning boards and local staff, can be your best defense for stormwater pollution. This session will overview existing regulations and best management practices, and provide local leaders with insights on how to best manage this growing challenge.

To register for this webinar, click [here](#). For more information, or to view the 2026 Municipal Bootcamp Program, visit the MRB Group Bootcamp [webpage](#).

NYCOM Public Works Training School, October 19 - 21

Join the New York Conference of Mayors and the New York Water Environment Association as they present their Public Works Training School, October 19 - 21, at the High Peaks Resort, 2384 Saranac Ave., in Lake Placid.



This year's conference includes numerous relevant and important sessions, such as A Smarter Approach to Maintaining Your Municipal Assets, Budgeting and Purchasing, Records Management for Public Works, Retirement, Pension, Deferred Comp., and Retiree Health Insurance, and many more.

Registration rates increase after September 25th, and online registration ends Oct. 19.

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

NYSAOTSOH 97th Annual Conference, Education Symposium and EXPO, Sept. 29 - Oct. 2



The New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways is very pleased to present their 97th Annual Conference, *On Track for Safer Roads and Stronger Local Economies*, from September 29 through October 2, at the Saratoga Hilton, Broadway 534, Saratoga Springs.

Each year this conference offers timely education sessions with many opportunities to network with highway superintendents around the state and interact with participating vendors.

For more information, or to register, visit the NYSAOTSOH conference webpage [here](#). For questions, email info@nystownhwys.org or call 518-426-1023.

Annual Land Use Workshop, September 29



The NYS Department of State and the Lewis County Department of Community Planning and Development present their Annual Land Use Workshop, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, at Lowville Academy, 7668 N. State St., Lowville. There is no cost to attend, but registration is strongly encouraged by Sept. 22nd. Food and refreshments will be provided.

This year's workshop will consist of three sessions: Hot Button Issues, Public Meetings & Hearings, and Mock Planning Board Meetings.

For more information, visit Lewis County's Planning workshop [webpage](#). Click [here](#) to register, or call Lewis County Planning at 315-376-5422, or email suekulzer@lewiscounty.ny.gov.

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Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner October 8



The annual dinner for the NYS Tug Hill Commission will be held Thursday evening, October 8, at the Adams Country Club, 10700 US Route 11, Adams. The social hour and cash bar start at 5:30 p.m. with welcome remarks and an Italian buffet dinner to follow.

The evening will offer a year in review and a celebration of longtime Tug Hill Commissioner, Leona Chereshnoski.

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

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

NYSERDA Municipal Permitting Modernization Program



The Municipal Permitting Modernization Program will provide New York State municipalities with two years of no-cost access to a software platform that will improve workflow, modernize, support, and enhance current municipal building and zoning processes.

NYSERDA is seeking applications from municipalities interested in no-cost access to Citizenserve® software, a browser-based “Software-as-a-Service” platform, for building plan approval, including a subscription, support, and training for two years. Participants will receive support from the software vendor to configure and deploy the program software at their municipality. Training will also be provided by the software vendor. Additional technical support will be offered by a dedicated provider contracted by NYSERDA.

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until December 31, 2026 by 3:00 p.m. or until all funds are exhausted.

Oneida County Veterans Capital Restoration Matching Grant Program



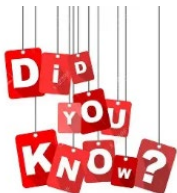
Oneida County has launched the Veterans Capital Restoration Matching Grant Program to support the preservation, repair, restoration, and modernization of facilities owned and operated by veterans’ organizations throughout Oneida County. Open to chartered American Legion Posts, chartered Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Posts, and other county recognized veterans’ organizations, the program was established to help support the important role these organizations play in honoring veterans, supporting military families, and serving as valued community gathering spaces.

Grant funds may be used for capital improvement projects including, but not limited to roof replacement or repair, HVAC systems, plumbing or electrical upgrades, windows and doors, accessibility improvements (ADA), parking lot repairs, structural stabilization, exterior restoration, interior rehabilitation, kitchen or bathroom modernization, energy efficiency upgrade, emergency repairs, and building code compliance improvements.

The Veterans Capital Restoration Matching Grant Program provides reimbursement for up to 50% of eligible project costs after completion of approved work and submission of required documentation. Grant awards range from a minimum of \$2,500 to a maximum of \$50,000 per applicant per funding round. Documentation explaining all matching contributions must be included with the application.

Applications may be accepted on a rolling basis until available program funds have been exhausted.

For more information regarding eligibility, grant evaluation, or to apply, click [here](#).



As of January 1, 2026, as part of a new [state law](#), all local government employees who use technology as part of their official job duties must complete annual cybersecurity awareness training. [The State Office of Information Technology Services](#) makes training available to local officials at no charge and LGSA’s Applied Technology Unit (ATU) offers resources on cybersecurity, including [Local Government Management Guides](#) and technical assistance. ATU can be reached by email (muni-cyber@osc.ny.gov) or phone 518-738-2639.

PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION IN NYS



**Tuesday,
October 27, 2026
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**West Monroe Fire Hall
54 County Route 11
West Monroe, 13167**

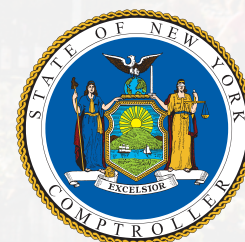
New York's system for providing fire protection is complex, and many towns and villages are working hard to maintain fire protection for their citizens balanced with fiscal responsibility. This workshop will include: a general overview of firefighting, fire protection by municipality type (city, town, village), fire districts, budgeting, and reporting requirements.

This workshop is free to attend, but pre-registration is required for planning purposes.

Presenters

Dan Acquilano, Manager of Local Training, Division of Local Government and School Accountability, Office of the State Comptroller

Katie Hodgdon,
Association Counsel, NY
Association of Towns



*Call the Tug Hill Commission at
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Register Now:

 tinyurl.com/THfire2026



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