

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/2020 – 2/18/2020	1/1/2019– 2/18/2019	2019 Year End
Ontario County	1	2	8
Sheriff's Office	4	2	13
Cities	1	1	12
Towns & Villages	2	2	22
FLCC	0	1	3
Fishers Fire District	1	0	3
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	7	3	7
TOTAL	16	11	68



A Lunch and Learn “Understanding your Biometric Screening Numbers & Taking the Next Step to Participate in the UR-Employee Wellness Coaching Program” is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 from Noon to 1:00pm. [Click here to register.](#)

The Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Drive on Thursday, March 26 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at 3019 County Complex Drive. [Click here to register.](#)

Board of Supervisors

Chairman Marren, County representatives, and NYSAC representatives attended an advocacy day at the State Capitol on Wednesday, February 12 to voice concerns over changes to the Medicaid program in the Executive Budget and to advocate for the maintenance of current local Medicaid caps.



County Administrator

Registration for Citizens Academy is now open. The Academy will be held Tuesday evenings, 6-9pm, beginning April 14 and ending May 19. Class size is limited to 25 Ontario County residents. More information can be found [here](#) and includes a registration link. If you would like to learn more about the functions of County Government, we encourage you to sign up and attend.

Office of Sheriff

Nine new County Police Officers are in various phases of training. A transfer from the Canton Police Department is in an abbreviated field training program, seven new recruits began their 25 week academy training at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy on February 10, and one additional recruit who recently completed academy training in Erie County has begun his field training program on the road.

Three Correction Officers are currently attending the Livingston County Sheriff's Office Corrections Basic School. They will graduate on April 20.

Two new Dispatchers have been hired and will begin their training at the 9-1-1 Center, followed by an off-site Dispatcher school.

Correction Officer Dillon Smith was recognized as February's Correction Officer of the Month, recognizing his diligent work and attention to detail. Officer Smith's accomplishments include the responsibility of Quartermaster for the jail where he orders uniforms, footwear, and accessory items for Corrections staff in addition to organizing and tracking orders, order status, and returns. Officer Smith is currently training a second Quartermaster to assist with the workload in addition to his normal duty to ensure the safety, security and good order of the Ontario County Jail is maintained. Recently, Officer Smith's observations uncovered illegal activity in an inmate housing unit, leading to an investigation and the illegal activity being addressed immediately.

A group of inmates recently graduated from the Jail's Therapy Program. This is the third group to complete the Program. Sheriff Henderson, Undersheriff Frasca, and Chief Correction Officer Smith, along with providers Darlene Rayburn, Dorothy White, and Dr. Keith McGraff from FLACRA were present at the graduation to support this valuable program and the participants.

Congratulations to Deputy Bob Holland for receiving the Elks Lodge Enrique Camarena award. This award is presented to a member of law enforcement who best exemplifies the qualities and principles for which DEA Agent Camarena gave his life. Nominees should be involved in their communities in efforts to make them drug-free. Deputy Holland, a D.A.R.E. Officer, was the New York State award winner!



A letter of support was recently written for the Fishers Fire Department, as the Department is applying for a multi-departmental grant for the purchase of 700MHz radios.

A new radio system site on top of 74 Ontario has proven to greatly enhance radio coverage in and around the City of Canandaigua.

Planning

The Fall Brook Storm Water Project is a cooperative project with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council, Finger Lakes Community College, County Planning, County Public Works, and the Town of Canandaigua; with \$262,400 in funding from DEC through the Water Quality Improvement Program. The project is intended to divert a portion of high-water flows in Fall Brook into a Federal Wetland on the FLCC Campus from which discharge rates will be regulated. This is intended to lessen erosion in Fall Brook and allow sediments to settle out of the diverted water before it is returned to Fall Brook. Fall Brook currently contributes a significant sediment load to the north end of Canandaigua Lake during large storm and spring melt events. The project has achieved design and permitting milestones recently, including:

- Federal wetland delineation approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers
- Final Design from our consultant, GEI.
- Federal wetland permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers
- Water Quality Certification from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

We are currently working on a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) in order to submit registration for coverage under NYS DEC's statewide general SPDES permit for storm water discharges during construction. We are also working on the scheduling of construction with most work likely to be performed under the coordination of the Town of Canandaigua Highway Superintendent with assistance from the County and other adjoining municipalities. While tree removal may begin shortly, the bulk of work is likely to be done this coming fall.

FLCC Center for Allied Health (in the County's Capital Improvement Plan as the FLCC Nursing Expansion, with the local share being funded by a \$3 million grant from the Sands Family Foundation over 10 years). FLCC is funding continued work by Plan Architecture and LeChase Construction in order to move the project forward expeditiously once the state share of funding is approved in the upcoming New York State Budget.

2020 Census

- Address updates: The Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council has released data on our collective efforts to update residential addresses used by the U.S. Census Bureau through the LUCA Program (Local Update of Census Addresses). In Ontario County 13,615 addresses were added or corrected during the process (including 225 that were accepted on appeal of 284 submitted). This is in addition to the nearly 500 new addresses County Planning submitted during the New Construction Program process in 2019 (where we submitted addresses for homes constructed or expected to be enclosed between March 1, 2018 and April 1, 2020). Neither the Council or County Planning would have been so successful in updating the Census Bureau's records without the help of our Real Property Tax Department, Information Technology staff, and the municipal assessors and code enforcement officers across the County. Thanks to everyone who helped in this effort.
- The 2020 Census is IMMINEENT! Initial mailings to Ontario County residences will begin the second week in March. The mailings will provide instructions on self-enumeration on-line or via telephone by July 31, 2020. More information on the County's efforts to promote and provide assistance to those who need it

will be released separately in the very near future as we work to finalize our grant work scope with New York State. The effort will involve the school districts, colleges, libraries, and several not-for-profit service agencies in the County as well as County departments.

Public Health

The Ontario County Health Collaborative (OCHC) is excited to announce the 2020 Choose Health Ontario Award (CHOO). Congratulations **Geneva Reads!** Geneva Reads has been providing new books for Geneva's children since 2007. Geneva Reads distributed more than 20,000 books through multiple reading programs from 2018-2019.

Geneva Reads has been instrumental in increasing third grade proficient literacy rates in the Geneva Central School District in English Language Arts (ELA) from 10% to 14% in 2015. In addition, Geneva Reads:

- Ensures access to books through eleven free community bookshelves
- Hosts Community Reads events
- Participates in Healthy Readers, a collaboration funded by Geneva Rotary Club and supported by Geneva 2020
- WIC Geneva Reads volunteers allow each child to pick a book at every WIC visit in in the child's native language
- Hosts a Book Fest for the community's kindergarten through second grade children every spring

Geneva Reads volunteers are genuinely dedicated to every single person having the equal opportunity to read. Improving the reading level of the community helps with overall health literacy, which is important for lifelong health. Health literacy is essential for successful access to care and use of services, self-care of chronic conditions, and maintenance of health and wellness. Health literacy is fundamental to healthcare that requires individuals to have a more active role in decisions and management. Thank you Geneva Reads for your efforts in supporting and promoting literacy in the Ontario County,

The Choose Health Ontario award will be presented to Geneva Reads at the 54th Annual Ontario County Safety Awards Banquet on March 24, 2020. In addition, the awardee will be recognized by the Ontario County Board of Supervisors by an official resolution. For more information about Geneva Reads, please visit: <https://www.genevareads.org/>

Public Works

The County Road 39 Rehabilitation Project in the Town of East Bloomfield has begun. Utility relocations and tree removals are underway. Ramsey Constructors from Lakeville, NY are expected to begin work in April. This is a two (2) season project with drainage work completed in 2020 and road rehabilitation work completed in 2021.

The County's fifth modern roundabout at the County Road 28 & Shortsville Road intersection in the Town of Farmington is out to bid. The project is scheduled for construction in 2020. Intersections will be closed during most of the construction with traffic re-routed to posted detours using the following roads:

- Detour CR 28 Traffic: Canandaigua-Farmington Townline Road – CR 8 – NY 96
- Detour Shortsville Road: CR 8 – NY 96 – Sand Hill Road

The 74 Ontario project is progressing towards a late August completion. The main focus is the building addition which is critical to completing spaces for the Board of Supervisors, Grand Jury and Board of Elections. The rest of the building is in various stages of construction, with the third floor virtually complete.



Records and Archives

The Staff at RAIMS held a class in how to transfer records and files to RAIMS for storage on February 20, 2020. It included:

- How to request boxes- permanent or non-permanent
- Complete transfer sheets
- How RAIMS staff send box numbers and location to the departments
- Tips on finding record series in CO2 retention schedule

If you missed this one and still would like some instruction, please email rosemary.switzer@co.ontario.ny.us or casey.maves@co.ontario.ny.us. We will set up a time for you to come to RAIMS and review the procedure.

Social Services

Commissioner Eileen Tiberio has been elected to the Board of the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium. The Consortium is a collaboration of agencies engaged in the work of housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The consortium is a required component for accessing designated HUD housing funds for the 4-county area.

On February 3 Commissioner Eileen Tiberio, Chairman Jack Marren and County Administrator Mary Krause met with Congressman Tom Reed to discuss the local implications of the Governor's budget proposals regarding Medicaid. The Governor proposes to pass more of the costs of the Medicaid program along to counties. While the proposed calculation is still a bit fuzzy, we anticipate an additional \$1 million in local cost if the Governor's plan is successful.

Sustainability & Solid Waste Management

As of March 1, all plastic carryout bags (other than certain exempt bags) were banned from distribution by entities required to collect sales tax in New York State. You can help and BYOB – Bring Your Own Bag! For more info visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/117781.html> #BYOBAGNY

A [Residential Tire Recycling Event](#) will be held Saturday, March 28 (1-4pm) at the Town of Victor Highway Garage, 60 Rawson Rd. Advanced registration is required between March 9 and March 26. To register, please contact Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District at 585.396.1450.

Workforce Development

Mike Sykes, Workforce Development Counselor, attended a meeting for the Advanced Manufacturing and Industry Group at the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce on February 6. The group consists of local businesses and representatives who identify issues faced by employers and share ideas and information about effectively addressing those issues. Mike reviewed information about job training funding available to businesses and individuals who qualify, specifically the On the Job Training and Customized Training programs, as well as job seeker services offered through Workforce Development.

The NYS Board of Regents is currently reviewing graduation measures and Mike Sykes, Workforce Development Counselor, participated in the regional panel discussion hosted at WFL Boces on February 13 to gather feedback from educators, administrators, businesses, and community stakeholders about what students should know and be able to do prior to graduating High School. Central themes included the importance of Soft Skills development and job skills training programs matched to career pathways. Mike shared the successes of similar training programs offered through Workforce Development, such as On the Job Training and Customized Training programs. There is clear consensus that college is only one path to success and further experiential job training programs like apprenticeships should be offered to all students in High School and paired with traditional curriculum.

SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension

4-H Winter Break Workshop Day: On Thursday, February 20, twenty-eight local 4-H'ers gathered for a day of fun and learning. This event was led by 4-H Educators, Amy Morrissey and Sarah Bagley. The day started off with a workshop about fabric weaves where the youth learned about various types of fabric and got to observe fabric differences by looking at various fabric types under a microscope. They then put their new knowledge into practice by creating various weaves with colorful strips of paper which were then laminated to create placemats. The second workshop taught the youth wet felting techniques and each youth wet felted a small snowman. After lunch, youth learned all about bats, including how bats are often misunderstood and their importance to the environment. For the fourth workshop of the day, youth learned how to create homemade bird feeders using logs, pinecones, and made suet to go in them. The day wrapped up with a session on jam making, with an emphasis on food safety and proper preparation techniques. It was a very successful and interactive day with youth leaving with lots of cool projects and new knowledge.

4-H Public Presentations: Each year in February, the Ontario County 4-H program holds public presentation events. Public presentations are very important 4-H events because they help develop youth confidence, poise, communication, and creativity. The event consists of 4-H'ers of all ages gathering together to present a presentation on a topic of interest to them. Presentations are evaluated by volunteer judges who provide one-on-one feedback and encouragement to each participant. This year, four different public presentation sessions were held with a total of 84 youth participating. Of these, 14 youth have been selected to progress to the district level of public presentations which will be held in Livonia on March 28, 2020.

Maple Weekend, March 21 -22 and March 28-29, 2020, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Schoff's Sugar Shack (Victor); Kettle Ridge (Victor); Wohlschegel's (Naples), Kettle Ridge (Palmyra). All information can be found at <https://mapleweekend.nysmaple.com/>

Agriculture Appreciation Banquet, March 27, 2020, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm, Club 86, 86 Avenue E, Geneva, NY. The evening starts with a social hour and silent auction to support the 4-H Scholarship Fund at 6:00 pm. Dinner and program will follow at 7:00 pm. We will be celebrating the accomplishments of agriculture leaders in Ontario County with the presentation of the Rodney Lightfoote Agriculture Viability and Innovation Award; Jackie Kunes Outstanding Woman in Agriculture; Paul and Peg Zimmerman Young Farmer Award; Ralph Jerome Scholarship; and Farm Bureau Citizenship Scholarships. Cost: \$35.00/person or \$60.00/couple. For more information, contact Nancy at 585-394-3977 x 427.

Backyard Tree Fruit Pruning Class, March 28, 2020, 10:00 am to Noon, NY Kitchen, S. Main Street, Canandaigua, NY. Late March is an excellent time to prune home fruit trees. Russ Welsler, Horticultural Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County will walk you through the steps on how to properly prune fruit trees. Fee: \$10.00/person. To register, call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number.

Future Programs by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Regional Teams:

Raspberries 101 Workshop: April 1, 2020, 5:30 pm at CCE Wyoming County, Warsaw, NY. Presenter: Esther Kibbe, Berry Specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Harvest NY. \$10.00/farm. To register: Lisa, 585-786-2251 x 126.

Growing Great People: Training Skills for Dairy Farmers: April 16, 2020, Noon-4:00 pm at CCE Ontario County. Presented by the NWNYS Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Team. Effective trainings contribute to the success of employees and the farm business. \$20/person. To register:

https://nwnyteam.cce.cornell.edu/event_preregistration.php?event=1110

Wash Pack School: Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Hygienic Design: April 22, 2020, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at Cornell Lake Erie Research Center, Portland, NY 14769. Presented by the Cornell Vegetable Program. \$25.00/person. To register: Robert Hadad, 585-739-4065 through April 15.

Check our website www.cceontario.org for programs.

Finger Lakes Community College

Finger Lakes Community College invites the community to the following events:



Thursday, March 5: Ashley Hopkins-Benton, senior historian and curator of social history at the New York State Museum, will give a Women's History Month talk titled "Leading the Charge: The Fight for Women's Suffrage in New York and Beyond." Free and open to the public, it will be held from 12:40 to 1:50 p.m. in Room 2775 at the FLCC main campus, 3325 Marvin Sands Drive, Canandaigua. Hopkins-Benton has worked at the museum since 2014 and has served as its senior curator for the past four years. She is the co-author of "Votes for Women: Celebrating New York's Suffrage Centennial," "Enterprising Waters: The History and Art of New York's Erie Canal" and "Breathing Life into Stone: The Sculpture of Henry DiSpirito."

Sunday, March 8: FLCC will host an indoor walk to benefit Gleaners Community Kitchen from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 8. There is no minimum donation for participants in the Walk to End Hunger at the main campus,

3325 Marvin Sands Drive, Canandaigua. Advanced registration is not required. Located in St. John's Episcopal Church in Canandaigua, Gleaners provides free lunches to roughly 55 people daily.

Thursday, March 12: The college's main campus art gallery, Williams-Insalaco Gallery 34, will celebrate the opening of a new exhibit, "The Work of Karen Sardisco," with an artist's talk at 2 p.m. and a reception from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12. The events are free and open to all. Sardisco teaches at Monroe Community College. Her paintings and prints have appeared in solo exhibitions throughout the Rochester-Finger Lakes area. The exhibit runs through April 17.

Thursday, March 26: The college will host an event to mark the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Free and open to all, the talk by Marine Corps veteran Norman Champagne will run from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Stage 14 at the main campus, 3325 Marvin Sands Drive, Canandaigua. Champagne's many honors include the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and he serves as historian for the Korean War Legacy Foundation.

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

Mark your calendars for March 21-22 & 28-29, because you are not going to want to miss [Maple Weekend](#). From the quintessential pancake breakfast to maple s'mores over a campfire there are five locations around Ontario County hosting delicious and fun-filled outings for the whole family to taste and experience. Visit [Wohlschlegel's Naples Maple Farm](#), [Schoff's Sugar Shack](#), [Syrup A'LaRue](#), [Cumming Nature Center](#) and [Kettle Ridge Farm](#) for all the maple fun! Learn more about what each business is doing by checking out our [Maple Weekend page](#) on our website.

The Rochester/Finger Lakes Craft Beverage Trail First Fest is back! Last year, this tasting event sold out, so make sure to get your tickets now for First Fest – Round Two! First Fest will be held Friday, March 20, 2020 at Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor. Enjoy samples from craft beverage producers, plus there will be food vendors, a free tasting glass, and music. [Get your tickets today!](#)

Historical Society

The Historical Society has announced its exhibits for the 2020 season.

[Coming to America, Ontario County Immigrants](#), will look into the various waves of immigration that brought new residents from foreign lands to our county. The exhibit will open to the general public on May 12. A private preview will be held for museum benefactors on Saturday May 9. Presentations on the history and impact of Ellis Island, by Preston Pierce are planned. Where did your kin come from?

[From Cow to Consumer](#), a history of Ontario County's dairy industry will be opening on April 15. It will be curated by Museum Educator and County Historian Preston Pierce. It will feature among other artifacts, a large collection of bottles from our county's dairies. A family Ice cream party is planned for July 1. **Free** milkshakes will be available. Bring the kids and see ice cream made by hand.

The Spring Issue of the Ontario County Historical Society's quarterly newsletter, CHRONICLES will be published on March 7. County employees wishing to receive a digital copy can contact the Society at newsfromochs@gmail.com Past Issues are available on line at www.ochs.org.

Save the Date! Spring is just around the corner. The Historical Society 2020 Garden Tour will be held on July 18, 2020. It will feature 5 gardens in the city of Canandaigua. Tickets go on sale June 11. Proceeds support the operation of the county historical museum located at 55 North Main Street in Canandaigua where admission is always free.

The Historical Society is pleased to report that Edward Varno, the Executive Director of the Society has named the recipient of the **2020 Anne Ackerson Innovation in Leadership Award** by the Museum Association of New York. The award will be given at their annual conference at the Albany Hilton on Monday, March 30. The award recognizes Mr. Varno's leadership in early and effective promotion of the Historical Society's mission and resources using internet-based platforms. The Historical Society's Internet site www.ochs.org was established in 1996.

Humane Society / Happy Tails

The last few weeks have been busy at the shelter with many people looking to adopt a new four-legged friend. Since it is difficult to keep up with all of the changes on our website, we highly encourage people to stop by and see what is actually available as it seems to change every day! It will also give people a chance to see our first two new cat condos that were highly recommended from the study Cornell did of our shelter. The cats appear to be enjoying the added space and improved accommodations.

Now is a great time to take advantage of our spay/neuter program. While our program is available year-round, we want to draw special attention to getting cats spayed/neutered now in order to slow down the number of cats and kittens needing homes in April and May. If you know of anyone needing financial assistance to get their pet spayed/neutered, please direct them to our website or to reach out to the shelter. Please allow approximately 10 days for a completed application to be reviewed and approved prior to the time of wanting the surgery to be completed.

Our spokes-dog, Dexter, made his first official debut in the public recently and was certainly a big hit!! Many thanks to administrative assistant Baker and Director Martin for taking the time to introduce him in the public!

We would like to say thank you to the public and veterinary offices for their assistance with the Naples 85/96. We are happy to report that the last Naples dog was lucky to find its forever home recently! Butterball was well received into a wonderful family and couldn't be happier! The whole experience has been nothing short of miraculous to rescue/rehabilitate and place 96 dogs in approximately 7 months. Without the support of the public and the veterinary offices, we here at the shelter would have found it difficult to get all of the dogs into forever homes in that time frame.

Soil & Water Conservation District

2020 Tree & Shrub Sale

The Ontario County SWCD is having their annual tree and shrub sale. Order forms are due by **March 6, 2020**. For more information, go to <https://www.ontswcd.com/tree-shrub-sale>.



2020 Soil Health Workshop

The Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, and Yates County SWCD held a Soil Health Workshop on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the Ontario Produce Auction. There were about 150 attendees that came to learn about a wide range of soil health practices. Thank you to our partners and sponsors for making this event a huge success!



Rain Barrel Workshop: April 15, 2020

Ontario County SWCD, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, and the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board are holding a rain barrel workshop on April 15, 2020 at Outhouse Park for \$20. To register, please call (585)396-1450 or email alaina.robarge@ontswcd.com.



If you would like additional information on any of the key events, please feel free to contact my office or the appropriate department head.

Sincerely,

Brian Young
Deputy County Administrator
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