

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness



Municipality	1/1/2020 – 3/31/2020	1/1/2019– 3/31/2019	2019 Year End
Ontario County	1	4	8
Sheriff's Office	4	3	13
Cities	1	3	12
Towns & Villages	2	2	22
FLCC	1	1	3
Fishers Fire District	1	0	3
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	8	3	8
TOTAL	18	16	69

Keeping Your Home Clean in the Time of COVID-19

6 of your Questions answered by a reliable and respected source: **The Cleveland Clinic's "Health Essentials"**

<https://health.clevelandclinic.org/tips-for-keeping-your-home-clean-in-the-time-of-covid-19>

Safety Coordinator Sherman Manchester reports no recordable injuries (which are serious or potentially serious injuries) since the last round of committee meetings. With the Safety Training facility currently closed for any non-law enforcement training, he cancelled the grant funded training that had been scheduled there thru the end of April and hopes to be able to reschedule these classes as soon as we get the OK to use the training center again.

Board of Elections

New Ontario County Board of Elections Voting Information

- The Democratic Presidential Primary and Special Election for 27th Congressional District scheduled for April 28th has been moved to June 23rd.
- The mail check card that voters received last week contains valuable voting information including party affiliation, Election District, polling place and check-in bar code. The card was mailed out **before** the Governor's Executive order to postpone the April elections until June 23, 2020. Keep the card!
- Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, voters wishing to vote by absentee ballot because of COVID 19 concerns may select "**TEMPORARY ILLNESS**" on the absentee ballot application. Ballots will then be mailed during the first week of May 2020.
- Early Voting dates for the June 23 Primaries: June 13 - June 21, one location, Ontario County BOE, 2930 County Road 48, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

- Deadline for Voter Registration for primaries is May 29 in person or postmarked by mail. Application deadlines for Absentee Ballot for primaries are June 16 postmarked or June 22 in person at the Board of Elections.
- Absentee ballot applications are available at:
<http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/DocumentCenter/View/465/Absentee-Ballot-Application?bidId=>
Or Voters may call the Ontario County BOE at 585.396.4005.

Board of Supervisors

To comply with the Governor's social distancing requirement and for the safety of all who attend, all Standing Committee Meetings and Board of Supervisors Meetings are being conducted virtually with WebEx.

Conflict Defender

The Office of the Conflict Defender continues to be fully operational despite closing to the public. Through the advocacy of Carrie Bleakley, the Honorable Craig J. Doran signed an Administrative Order directing every person entitled to mandated legal representation eligible during this crisis regardless of financial circumstances. This has enabled us to conduct phone interviews with applicants without the requirement of supporting financial documentation to be hand delivered. Not only has this enabled us to almost exclusively work remotely, it has eliminated a significant amount of foot traffic to the Human Services Building all while ensuring no person is without an attorney for essential court proceedings.

County Administrator

Deputy County Administrator Brian Young has been very busy assisting the County with the COVID-19 pandemic. He has been working closely with the Director of Public Health, Mary Beer and Christy Richards, Public Health Educator. Brian, Mary and Christy did their first Facebook Live Event on March 24 to share information about COVID-19 (which can be viewed on the Public Health Facebook Page) and continue to do live recordings at Finger Lakes TV. Brian and Mary Beer are doing the best possible job they can do keep employees and residents safe and informed as the information changes daily.

Brian also participates in daily WebEx calls to get updates from the COVID-19 task force. Additionally, all necessary meetings that continue to take place are conducted via WebEx.

County Attorney

Electronic contracts are moving forward and from here on out all contracts should be done with this system. The training was done in March and if you did not receive a welcome email or have any questions about the system, please contact Art James at Arthur.James@co.ontario.ny.us.

Economic Development

When it comes to developing ventilators and other medical equipment to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, many Ontario County manufacturers are stepping up to the call. G. W. Lisk in Clifton Springs is designing and prototyping an adjustable valve for a new type of ventilator. Hollerhorn Distilling and On Hand Lotion in Naples switched production to hand sanitizer. Select Fabricators in Canandaigua switched production from RF shielded enclosures and tents to medical face masks. The list goes on. We are proud of the Ontario County-based businesses who are fighting this pandemic

The OCIDA, OCLDC, and OCEDC continue to meet, but meet virtually. Businesses call daily for clarification on CARES Act SBA programs, as well as information on what is an essential business and how to file for unemployment. We've been updating our County website, Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram as guidance is developed. We are also thinking about reopening plans and recovery plans.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Jeff Harloff has been very busy assisting the County with the COVID-19 pandemic. Jeff has made multiple requests to DHSES for PPE and Supplies. He received supplies from DHSES and National Stockpile. Emergency Management distributed PPE and supplies to area Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Ambulance Corps, Fire Departments, Law Enforcement, Assisted Living Facilities and Funeral Homes. Jeff also researched alternatives to PPE due to limited supply and availability. PPE and Supplies were also purchased from local businesses who changed their production to assist with the nationwide shortage.

Human Resources

HR staff is working 100% remotely. Our transition was made a little bit easier because we recently converted our record management and civil service systems to new electronic formats.

Civil Service Exams scheduled for April 15, 18, and 25 have been postponed. Announcements for June exams have been posted but the test dates may be postponed. The Application filing deadline remains the same, even for postponed exams. Remember all applications must now be submitted and paid for online.

The Benefits staff continues with intensive MUNIS training to prepare for new Payroll/HR processes.

The March winner for the Ontario County Upward monthly drawing was **Peter Brown** from Finance. Peter was recognized by a department head for being proactive in planning how various grant finances would be handled during the COVID crisis. Peter's efforts were greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the recipients and nominators. Please continue to send in copies of the notes for the monthly drawing. If you need another Ontario County Upward notepad, please contact Emily Marshall in Human Resources.

Information Technology

The IT Department has been extremely helpful with the COVID-19 pandemic. Remote desktops were set up for hundreds of employees in a short period of time to allow them to work from home. Without their help, it would have been very hard to reduce our number of on-site staff as required by the NYS Governor. They have also been very helpful keeping our County website and social media sites updated with current information.

Mental Health

COVID-19 and Mental Health:

The week of March 9th and specifically Friday the 13th will certainly be remembered for changing our services dramatically! Mid-week we began developing a plan on provision of services to our 650 consumers within the clinic. Our IT department rallied to get our staff connected to the virtual desktop to allow them to do their work at home. With that said, the management staff immediately began providing guidelines (albeit ever changing) for staff working from home. Much of the clinical staff were working remotely by 3/17/20, with the ability to provide telephonic services to all consumers. Within another week, IT got all our staff linked to Cisco WebEx, a HIPAA compliant video conferencing platform, so that clinicians could start offering tele-mental health sessions to their consumers! Changes were made to our website to help make consumers aware of the clinic's social distancing procedures (telephonic visits), as well as to offer them additional support phone numbers during the pandemic. Additionally, a mailing was sent out to all consumers to update them about these necessary changes due to COVID-19 that also included educational materials on the virus.

As we have progressed through these weeks, we have been able to resume many of our clinic services using telephonic or telehealth technologies such as individual psychotherapy sessions, medication management evaluations and appointments, as well as resume with DBT group psychotherapy, for consumers who are

interested. Individuals requiring psychiatric medications via injections, and individuals with more urgent needs are being offered psychiatric evaluations with one of our psychiatrists in person. As it happens, we have heard from the clinical staff that some of our consumers prefer telephonic sessions rather than telehealth options, while others have embraced it. The clinical staff will continue to encourage consumers to give telehealth interventions a try as we feel it offers a more engaging experience.

During this time, the staff have become (by necessity) incredibly flexible in learning new skills. Mental health treatment is all about relationships, connections and engagement; skills which we are quite comfortable with, in person. Transitioning from most of our interventions being face to face to 100% telephonic and/or telehealth (overnight), has had its challenges. Through available webinars and trainings, continued supervision and guidance, and support to the staff, our clinic team is now in a new rhythm of provision of services.

Technology is not my area of expertise, but luckily most of the employees at the clinic are knowledgeable in that area. Learning a new way of doing business through virtual desktops, setting up webcams, scheduling teleconference sessions, and blocking or masking personal phone numbers when making consumer calls has been interesting and frustrating at times, yet we have learned them and are becoming more comfortable with them each day!

I applaud the staff at OCMHC and greatly appreciate their remarkable dedication to providing quality services to our community.

Office of Sheriff



Daily Messenger Article and picture

Deputy Bob Holland assisting the Easter Bunny with distributing Easter candy to children around the county. What could have been the Easter egg hunt everyone wanted to forget is now one many folks will fondly remember for years to come. And instead of kids finding candy, the candy is finding the kids as part of Operation Reverse Egg Hunt. Throughout the week, Ontario County law deputies and the Easter bunny are handing out 6,000 Easter eggs to kids as they drive up to pick up meals at schools in Canandaigua, Red Jacket, Midlakes and Marcus Whitman.

The novel coronavirus pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the Kiwanis Club of Canandaigua's annual Easter egg hunt, which was supposed to take place last weekend and is one of the larger such events in the area. Back the Blue, which is a campaign to help build morale and show support for Ontario County's law enforcement officers, reached out to the Kiwanis Club after hearing about the cancellation with the idea.

All essential members of the Office of Sheriff continue to provide public safety to its residents. 911 dispatchers are taking emergency calls, as well as non-emergency calls. Corrections officers are providing and making sure that the inmates that are entrusted in our care are receiving the much-needed prevention and guidance to prevent the COVID-19 virus coming into the jail. Road patrol deputies are on the frontlines along with EMS, to

respond to calls and continue to keep the County safe. Administration meets daily to interpret the directives coming from the Governor. Thank you to all the members of the Office of Sheriff!

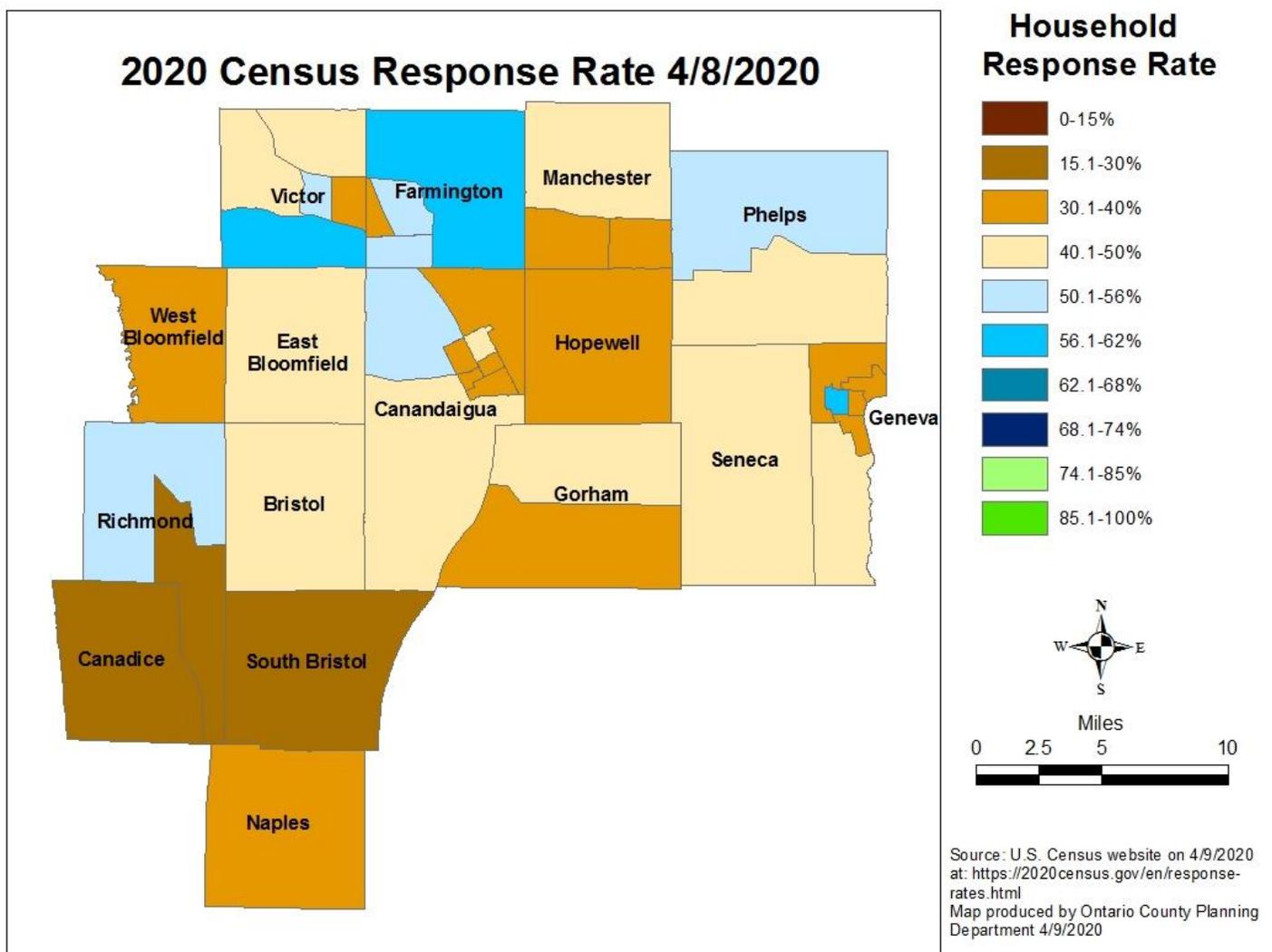
Planning

Code Officer Robert Johnston is relaying complaints received from the State's PauseNY hotline concerning non-compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders to local municipal code enforcement. It is certainly keeping him quite busy.

The Planning Department is hosting a weekly conference call for municipal code officials to exchange ideas and discuss interpretations of the executive orders to foster more uniform enforcement.

Funds for the expansion of the Nursing facilities at FLCC were authorized in the recently adopted state budget.

We continue to track 2020 Census household response rates. While we post updates on the County web site on a weekly basis at <http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/425/2020-Census>, below is the latest information as of this writing:



In tracking the Census response so far, we've noticed some evolving trends:

- The response rate (percent of households responding) along our lakefront area is trending very low. We suspect that is because many of the residents there overwinter in the south and have not returned yet,

some because of COVID-19 restrictions or concerns. Towns with low populations, such as South Bristol, Canadice, and Richmond (Honeoye) highlight this trend, with some of those areas having response rates at less than 20%! We've reached out to those municipalities to use their email lists to encourage people to complete the census.

- Census tracts with traditionally low response rates in the City of Canandaigua and Geneva are also trending very low. They contain significant hard to count populations.
- Overwhelmingly, people have been responding using the internet, well over 99%. Most non-internet responses have been from group quarters (college dorms, group homes for the disabled, etc.).
- Some rural areas where we had concern that internet access might restrict participation have the highest response rates within the County (for example, northern and eastern Farmington, northern Phelps, and northern Richmond). We will continue to monitor to see if this trend continues or they 'top out' indicating we are still missing responses from those without internet access. Over the 2 weeks we have been tracking, those areas started and have remained at the top.
- The Town of Seneca and southern Gorham have our largest Mennonite populations and, as we suspected might occur, are both trending very low in response rates.

On the good side we've reached out directly to FLCC and Hobart & William Smith Colleges (HWS). Both are contacting off-campus students and reminding them that they need to complete the Census as if they were still living locally even if they went home or elsewhere because of COVID-19 restrictions. HWS is also aware of the requirement to report their on-campus population as living in the City of Geneva even if they have left due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Public Health

Ontario County Public Health nurses and staff continue to work around the clock to serve our communities during this COVID-19 crisis. With the help of many Ontario County employees we have planned for events like the COVID-19 crisis. Our preparedness is certainly being put to the test. Our public health team has met this challenge head on; they have demonstrated a tireless commitment to serving those who have been diagnosed with coronavirus, as well as to protecting others from contracting this virus.

We would like to take a moment and express our heartfelt thanks to the Ontario County leadership for their support and guidance through this pandemic. Thank you to all the Ontario County employees who continue to provide excellent service to our residents during this trying time. Those employees help to provide a safety-net in a time of uncertainty for so many of our residents. Thank you for all your efforts.

We ask that you continue to support our efforts by doing your part to keep your community, your neighbors, and your loved ones safe by practicing physical distancing and staying at home. Please continue to practice distancing so that we can all unite again, stronger than ever.

Ontario County Public Health is living our mission, to protect and promote the health and well-being of our residents. Good health, we are all in this together.

Public Works

Steve Vanderbrook coordinated the efforts to obtain New York's' own hand sanitizer for County buildings.

Public Works staff have been visiting all County buildings to wipe down touch point surfaces daily.

Public Works staff have been assisting Public Health by doing daily home checks on those who are on mandatory quarantine to be sure they are complying with their stay at home orders.

Records and Archives

Due to the recommendations being imposed on us because of the pandemic, we have closed the research room. All researchers should refer to our website and complete a research form. Your questions will be handled via email. We have also asked our volunteers not to come into our facility until further notice. We hope that you and your families will be safe and healthy during this challenging and ever-changing situation.

Staff at RAIMS continue to pull files and records for departments despite the limited staff and available hours they are in the building. Thanks to the mail couriers, different departments receive their requests. Although RAIMS is shut down to the public, we answer research questions remotely via email and telephone. This has helped people who are confined to their home to work on their genealogy projects.

The transition from working in the office to working from home has been successful. The document specialists are working at home; quality checking and indexing records in order to move forward with our shared service efforts.

Preston Pierce, County Historian is working with the reporters from the Finger Lakes Times providing them with information and images depicting historical events and prominent residents who lived or visited the area throughout the years to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Finger Lakes Region.

The Assistant Records Management Officer continues to index the historical records that are in our historical software.

Rosemary Switzer, RMO, has been able to maintain staff workload and answer FOIL requests that have continued to come in regularly.

We appreciate the guidance and leadership that Ontario County has provided for the employees and citizens of the County. We wait with great anticipation when things will return to normal. In the meantime, we hope all will remain safe and healthy in their homes.

Social Services

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) applications in March were up 100% over the same period last year. The DSS eligibility staff is working diligently to process these applications as quickly as possible to get benefits out to laid-off county residents.

Workforce Development

Like everyone else, Workforce Development is adjusting services to meet the needs of our customers during this time of uncertainty. We quickly shifted to connecting with our existing clients via the phone and email early on to notify them we were available to them for employment support and guidance. In addition, we've received dozens of calls from County residents regarding applying for Unemployment Insurance and from our small businesses seeking information on the financial supports the federal government is offering. We are continuing to update our webpage to provide the most recent information.

Youth Bureau

Agencies Stepping Up to the Plate

During this challenging time, I have had the honor of networking with so many dedicated people working in agencies serving the youth of our County. Every day I connect with agencies to obtain updates on how they are

handling not only their workloads but keeping themselves safe and healthy. Many have moved their face to face approach of reaching out to our youth to virtual. Our schools are teaching our children through computers, ipads, and phones. Our rec centers are sending activities directly to our children and youth's homes or through the schools.

The Geneva Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club are a prime example of how COVID-19 is not stopping their compassion and investment in our youth and community. Chris Lavin, Executive Director wrote: "When schools were closed, the Boys & Girls Club immediately started converting its services to reach out literally or virtually to our members' homes. We partnered with the City School District to assure all our members had obtained school packages and we began preparing 'Fun Packets' designed to augment the school assignments for each grade. We also formed a 'call center' which touches base every day with each of our families. We check on school progress, technology impediments, and family health and food needs. In addition, we immediately converted our club nutrition efforts to begin delivering breakfast, lunch and dinner to our member homes. Because of the economic displacement many families experienced, we have grown our daily food list from about 150 members to more than 320 dinners and 150 each of lunches and breakfasts. We also raised funds that allowed us to offer food to parents in particularly challenged homes. In addition, donations of non-perishables and baked goods from local restaurants, donors and food production operations has allowed us to augment the pantries of many of our families, reducing their food bills significantly at a time when their funds are needed for other issues like rent and transportation. We have also purchased and delivered literally hundreds of 'intellectual' board games to both engage our members and continue the mission of augmenting their academic development with creative alternatives." This is one of many examples that, as the Director of the Youth Bureau, gives me hope for our County especially through troubled times.

SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension

At the present time our office is closed to the public and outside groups. If you call, CCE of Ontario County, please leave a message as we will be monitoring our phone messages and will return your calls.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County staff are working at home. All staff are readily available for assistance with your questions about 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, 4-H, Agriculture, Gardening, and the Regional Teams: NWNY Dairy, Livestock, Field Crops and the Cornell Vegetable Program. Staff contacts can be found on the website www.cceontario.org staff contacts are located in the top red ribbon on the home page or you can submit your question to ontario@cornell.edu. The staff check their emails and office phones frequently. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County's website, www.cceontario.org, has a wealth of information on Coronavirus updates that are easily found with the Coronavirus Information in the scroll at the top of the page. There are resources to Deal with School Closures that includes: resources for parents or caregivers; resources for educators; Talking to Children about COVID-19; Financially Protecting Families from the Impact of COVID-19; Valuable websites for Coronavirus Education; Agriculture Resources and most importantly where people can access food in Ontario County. On the home page is NYEDEN (NY Extension Disaster Education Network) that has the latest information for everyone during this COVID-19 event.

Reliable Resources for Spanish- & English-Speaking Farmworkers about COVID-19

The Cornell Agriculture Workforce Development Program has prepared a new resource to help Spanish- and English-speaking farm employees access credible, multi-lingual information about COVID-19 that they can use right away. The document appears in English and Spanish and the content is the same, we will keep both documents up to date during the present COVID-19 crisis. The resources can be found at:

COVID-19 Reliable Resources for Farmworkers -

Spanish: <https://cornell.app.box.com/s/5qpchzethwwu9c5edyvg7y5dnxsuzkli>

COVID-19 Reliable Resources for Farmworkers -

English: <https://cornell.app.box.com/s/ac5hhk7bnfiq3nrxi8pctyqm0ae4yr5z>

FLX 4-H Learning Launchpad: The Launchpad is being "launched" amid the COVID-19 outbreak to offer the high quality 4-H experience that our families value in a safe online environment. Our objectives are to maintain a sense of connection with 4-H families across the Finger Lakes Region, connect our research-based resources with new audiences, and complement at home learning. These projects are open to all interested people. Each weekday until Friday, April 17th at 10:00am, new content will be posted to their Facebook page including a variety of content areas, targeted ages, and modes including live stream, prerecorded videos, and informational sheets. This content will be available and stored on this page within 24 hours of its debut on Facebook, please check back often! Some of the topic included are Tools for Bird Watching, Intro to Engineering with CAD, Backyard Composting, Cake Decorating, and watching chicks hatch and grow.

On the Front Green: With youth at home, 4-H Camp Bristol Hills has rolled out new online content, giving youth and their family a way to connect with 4-H Camp, have some FUN, and maybe even learn something along the way. Our new online programming series, titled "On the Front Green", will bring you a variety of camp classes and other fun camp-y things, like cooking and crafts, and some outdoor skills like knot tying and a scavenger hunt, and how to set up a tent. Included will be a photo scavenger hunt, a campfire singalong, and even a little bit of 4-H Camp history, cultures, and traditions. Youth can join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am at <http://cceontario.org/4-h-camp-bristol-hills/the-front-green>. Past sessions have been recorded.

Virtual Gardening Series: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County is in the process of developing a virtual gardening education series for youth and adults with more information, as it is developed. It will include site selection/soil preparation; vegetable variety selection/when and how to plant seeds and transplants; weeding/watering; and many other interesting topics to be successful with gardening. Participants will be given the opportunity to connect with trained Master Gardeners and our Home Grounds Educator to ask questions and access the plethora of CCE gardening resources. Our 4-H Educators will offer youth a chance to exhibit their vegetables at the Ontario County Fair, while also providing recognition for those who choose to donate some of their produce to local food pantries. Contact Nancy at nea8@cornell.edu for additional information.

Check our website at cceontario.org for updates.

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

The team at Finger Lakes Visitors Connection has been working hard to put together a variety of resources for the community during this crazy time of COVID-19. We're doing our part to distance physically and flatten the curve, but that hasn't stopped us from being creative and a helpful source of information and entertainment for those looking for ideas. On our page - <https://www.visitfingerlakes.com/flxtogo/> - you'll be able to find restaurants that are still operating though strictly in a takeout, curbside pickup, or delivery capacity. You'll also be able to find all the places in Ontario County to find locally made craft beverages to quench your thirst during the weeks inside. For those looking for virtual experiences around the County or ideas on how to stay inspired

and sane at home, we have that too! And some fun video contributions from our community. We're adding more content all the time, so don't forget to check back!

We're also working on some interesting content regarding hidden talents of our community members and leaders, so if you play an instrument, paint, play water glasses, bake or cook, do stand-up comedy, or have any other specialties [email Melissa](mailto:email_Melissa) and you too may be featured on our social channels and website!

Historical Society

NOTICE: The museum will be closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 public health matter. All activities and events are cancelled. Staff is working from home on two new exhibits scheduled for late spring opening and organizational management. We are anticipating a busy summer season.

The Historical Society will be hiring a Full-Time Clerk/Receptionist starting in the summer season. If you or someone you know have an interest please send a letter of interest to Edward Varno, Executive Director Ontario County Historical Society, 55 North Main Street, Canandaigua 14424

The Ontario County Historical Society has received the Spring 2020 issue of their newsletter, CHRONICLES. Copies or e-copies are available to county employees for the asking. Send request to newsfromochs@gmail.com.

We are pleased to report that we have recently completed the publication of a new book, [Rail Transportation in Ontario County NY](#). It is a comprehensive document on the history of rail transportation in Ontario County and includes corporations, station stops, municipal information and much, much more. County Planning Director Tom Harvey assisted in providing information for the publication. Author: Dr. Robert Ward. 435 pages hard cover \$35.00 + sales tax and shipping. Please e-mail with contact phone No. to newsfromochs@gmail.com to order. We will get back to you. MC/VISA Accepted.

For the latest info on the museum and the COVID-19 Pause, please refer to www.ochs.org and our Facebook page for announcements and news.
Please stay healthy and #DontBeaSpreader

Soil & Water Conservation District

Honeoye Inlet Restoration Project Receives New York State Award

The Honeoye Inlet Restoration Project received the New York State Conservation District Employee Association's Special Project Award. The Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, The Nature Conservancy, the Honeoye Valley Association, Finger Lakes Community College, the Honeoye Lake Watershed Taskforce, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service partnered together to complete the restoration of the Honeoye Inlet. This project was made possible by a WQIP grant awarded to the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District with cash and in-kind support provided by partners.

This project has transformed a straightened and deepened stretch of the Honeoye Inlet channel located in drained, former agricultural lands into a new 4000 ft, shallow meandering channel with a re-established connection to adjacent floodplains. Associated ditch plugging, backwater wetland construction, strategic placement of berms, and vernal pool and pothole creation has added new, low maintenance, sustainable habitats in this portion of the NYSDEC Honeoye Inlet Wildlife Management Area. Based on Natural Channel Design planned by USF&WS, the project utilizes services provided by nature to attenuate peak stream flows, reduce downstream flooding, and encourage groundwater recharge. Green infrastructure techniques now help

filter sediment and nutrients upstream of the lake and, hopefully, decrease the frequency and severity of cyanobacterial blooms in the lake.



Cancelled Events

The Town of Victor Tire Recycling event for March 28, 2020 has been cancelled. There are 3 more tire recycling events scheduled for the summer open to Ontario County Residents:

Town of Farmington- June 13, 2020

Town of Naples- August 15, 2020

Casella Landfill- September 26, 2020

The April 15, 2020 Rain Barrel Workshop at Outhouse Park in Canandaigua has been postponed. The event will hopefully be rescheduled for an evening in June. For those who are registered, we will make sure you receive a rain barrel if you are unable to attend the next scheduled workshop.

Ontario County SWCD Signage



Driving into Ontario County, you might see something new along the roadside! Thanks to help from the Ontario County Department of Public Works, we now have signs highlighting Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District. Established in 1940, this year the District celebrates 80 years of serving the Ontario County community. As part of this milestone, Ontario County SWCD will be featuring a variety of past and present efforts that showcase the outstanding work performed by District staff over our 80 years. Check our website and follow our Facebook page to learn more!

2020 Fish Sale

Order forms for the 2020 Fish Sale are due by noon on April 30, 2020. For the order form, please go to: <https://www.ontswcd.com/fish-program>. Fish pick-up is Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 5pm-6pm. Make sure to bring a container of pond water at pick-up to transport your fish home. The pick-up location is the parking lot at the Ontario County Cornell Cooperative Extension building, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424. In order to keep everyone safe, when you arrive please stay in your vehicle and wait until further instruction.

Tree & Shrub Sale Pick-Up Instructions

If you purchased trees & shrubs this year, you can pick-up your order on Friday April 24, 2020 from 8am-4pm or on Saturday April 25, 2020 from 8am-Noon at the Ontario County Fairgrounds (2820 County Road 10, Canandaigua, NY 14424). Pick-up will be at the carriage barn, the new fair building (tan and red) that is closest to the road. Please pull up, stay in your car and wait for instructions. For more information, please go to: <https://www.ontswcd.com/tree-shrub-sale>.

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
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