

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/2020 – 7/10/2020	1/1/2019– 7/10/2019	2019 Year End
Ontario County	3	5	8
Sheriff's Office	6	7	13
Cities	6	7	12
Towns & Villages	4	7	22
FLCC	1	1	3
Fishers Fire District	1	1	3
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	11	4	8
TOTAL	32	32	69

The chart above shows the County had 3 fewer (9 vs. 12) "Recordable" injuries in 2020 when compared to this point in 2019. The number of total injuries reported in the County is also down by 16 injuries (38 vs. 22) compared to last year. Looking at all participants in our plan, the total number of "Recordable" injuries stayed the same (32 vs. 32) compared to last year but the total number of reported injuries is down (71 vs. 97). That means fewer total injuries have been reported so far this year than last but the percentage of more serious or "Recordable" injuries increased. If you recall, last year's numbers were higher than the two previous years, so this is not a good trend. As I read the injury reports, I can see where some of those injured were either distracted or seemed unaware of potential danger in their work environment just prior to their injury. I'd encourage everyone to be focused on the task at hand and to be mindful of their work environment to help avoid becoming a statistic.

Sherman Manchester, Safety Coordinator

County Administrator

The 74 Ontario Street renovation project is nearing completion. We hope to hold a ribbon cutting event early September. The newly renovated building will house the Sheriff's Department and the Board of Elections. A sessions room was designed for the Board of Supervisors Meetings and will also be used for Grand Jury. An additional meeting space was designed for Standing Committee meetings. The 9-1-1 Center remains at 74 Ontario Street and was not part of the renovation.

County Treasurer

The United Way 2020 campaign kicked off on July 20 and ends August 7. All County employees received an email on July 20 from epledge@uwrochester.org. Simply click on the link and enter your email address and temporary password issued in the email. It will immediately ask you to create a new password. Once logged in, you can submit your pledge electronically.

On July 27 at the New York State County Treasurers and Finance Officers Association summer meeting, Senator Pam Helming awarded County Treasurer Gary Baxter with the New York State Senate Commendation Award for his outstanding service to the Association and volunteer efforts within the community. Congratulations Gary!

Economic Development

At their July 14, 2020 Board meeting, the Ontario County Economic Development Corp. approved three projects:

1. A \$25,000 grant to the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection Visit Confidently Resource Bank. The Visit Confidently Resource Bank is a place where small businesses can get personal protective equipment such as face masks, hand sanitizer, thermometers, branded signage for social distancing and face covers, and other resources to help small businesses open safely and provide confidence in our safety to visitors.
2. A \$3,000 deferred payment loan to CyFlare for workforce development. CyFlare is a security operations center (SOC) in Victor. CyFlare will train their employees to help the company start CyFlare University to teach their customers how to use SOC Type 2. Ontario County Workforce Development and WDI also provided matching funding to help CyFlare train their workforce.
3. A \$24,000 deferred payment loan to Finger Lakes Extrusion. Finger Lakes Extrusion recently invested close to \$1 million in new equipment to allow the flexible tubing manufacturer to produce reinforced braided tubing at their Canandaigua facility. OCEDC funds will be used to help train employees on how to use this new equipment.

Human Resources

HR's own Deputy Director, Lindsey Burgess, is the new President of the New York State Association of Self-Insured Counties (NYSASIC). We know she will do a great job leading this organization, which is instrumental in supporting municipalities in the areas of workers' compensation and risk management. Congratulations Lindsey!

Employees, please complete your compliance trainings! The subject line of the email assignment you receive will read: **Thomson Reuters Compliance Learning: Course assignment**

Weekly reminders are also being sent to complete the trainings, which will stop flooding your inbox once you complete them. Thank you!

Completion Rate as of 7/27/20:

HIPAA – 69.93%

HazCom - 68.83%

WPV – 69.07%

Preventing Disc. & Harassment – 69.89%

Office for the Aging

The Ontario County Office for the Aging still has Senior Farmers Market coupon booklets available. The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is intended to give low-income seniors the opportunity to improve their nutritional health by increasing their consumption of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables. Each coupon booklet contains five \$4 coupons for a total value of \$20. The coupons are valid through November 30 at participating Farmers Markets. Due to COVID-19 precautions, OFA can qualify seniors over the phone and coupons will be mailed to the home. Coupon booklets are available to eligible seniors on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. Eligible Ontario County seniors need to be at least 60 years of age, and affirm they are low income based on one or more of the following criteria:

A gross monthly income at or below:

- One-person household \$1,968/month
- Two-person household \$2,658/month
- Three-person household \$3,349/month

Or currently receiving or eligible to receive SSI, public assistance, or a Section 8 housing subsidy.

Office of Sheriff

Congratulations to Deputy Dana Egburtson for being presented with the “Service Above Others” Rotarian Award by the Victor-Farmington Rotary. Deputy Egburtson was recognized for his focus on highway safety and volunteerism to his community.



(Pictured L-R: Undersheriff Frasca, Deputy Egburtson, Rotary President Jim Crane, Sheriff Henderson)
Meet our newest road patrol Deputies who are beginning their field training program.

Deputies from the Office of Sheriff have been assisting the County Clerk’s Office by providing security at the DMV Office in Canandaigua.

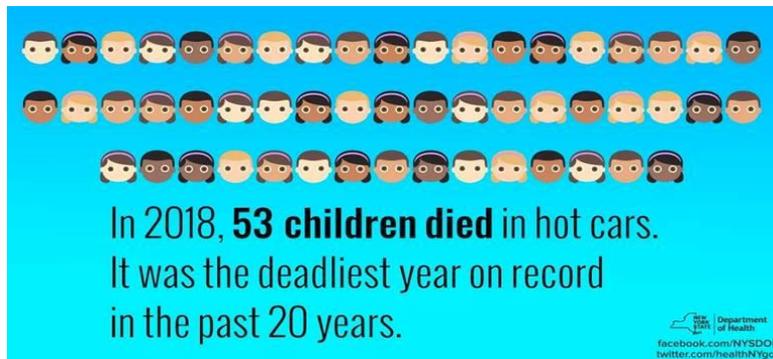
Robert Castor has been promoted to Senior Communications Officer, effective July 26. Congratulations to Supervisor Castor!

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(Pictured L-R: Deputies Smith, Cutri, Middlebrook III, Pennell, Sheriff Henderson, Deputies Sweet, Wilson, Griffin and Giaconia)

Public Health



Look BEFORE You Lock!

Don't leave children unattended in your vehicle. Children have died in hot cars when the temperature outside is as low as 60 degrees. The Ontario County Public Health Department reminds the community to Look Before You Lock your vehicle.

In 2018, 53 U.S. children died from vehicular heat stroke after being left unattended in a car. Over 50% of those deaths were a result of a loving parent unknowingly leaving their child in the vehicle. Factors like a change in routine, lack of sleep, fatigue and distraction all play a role in vehicular heat stroke deaths.

Look Before You Lock! Ontario County Public Health encourages residents to check the back seat for baby every time you get out of your vehicle. Ask your childcare provider to call you if your baby doesn't show up as planned. Always keep cars locked and the keys out of reach of children. If a child is missing – quickly check your car. Lastly, a car is not a babysitter. NEVER leave a child alone inside a vehicle, not even for a minute.

Ontario County Public Health needs your help. Be prepared to save a baby in a hot car. The difference between life or death is minutes in a hot car. If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get involved, call 911 and save a life.

For more information (available in English and Spanish) on vehicular heat stroke visit:

<http://www.kidsandcars.org/how-kids-get-hurt/heat-stroke/>

Public Works

The Honeoye Lake County Sewer District has two main sewer lines running along both sides of Honeoye Lake. At several locations, the sewer lines must bridge over depressions and gullies to maintain grade and function properly. At one particular location, recent storm damage and natural erosion over the years scoured away the soil underneath one of the concrete abutments supporting the sewer main crossing. An emergency contract was prepared to immediately shore up the abutment and provide a new concrete footing. If the sewer line were to collapse at this particular location, raw sewage would have entered the ravine and likely made its way to Honeoye Lake. Fortunately, the repair was made without incident.



Sewer main crossing with temporary shoring of concrete abutment prior to new footing being placed.



Sewer main crossing with repair complete

The roundabout construction at CR 28 and Shortsville Road is beginning to take shape as seen from the aerial drone picture taken by a Farmington resident. This is Ontario County's fifth roundabout with two more in the design phases.



Records and Archives (RAIMS)

The staff at RAIMS has compiled an on-line exhibit that gives insight to four of the epidemics/pandemics that were experienced in the 20th/21st century. As we are struggling with COVID 19 at present, we thought shedding light on what happened in the past may help us understand what is happening currently.

In our research we discovered the many similarities of these events such as the tragic deaths and public reforms brought about by these unfortunate disasters. The steps such as wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands and disinfecting objects ring all too familiar through the decades.

However, what strikes us to the core is that the human spirit rises to face and overcome these epidemics. Everywhere, average citizens volunteered as nurses or as ambulance drivers, donated food and bedding for the ill, took in orphaned children, tended to sick family and friends, and worked in myriad small ways to help their cities, their towns, and their nation get through the crisis. Civil authorities worked with physicians, immigrant groups, newspaper editors and reporters, business leaders, and military officials to disseminate information and protect residents as much as possible while simultaneously working to keep local government functioning. The stories of these epidemics/ pandemics are not merely one of death and tragedy, but also one of community and service.

Please refer to RAIMS website: <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/1853/Outbreaks-Major-Diseases-of-the-20th-and>

Sustainability & Solid Waste Management

The County has launched a Backyard Composting Program to provide County residents the opportunity to increase their waste diversion by composting in their backyard. To receive your composting kit please visit: <http://ontariocountyrecycles.org/158/Organics>



SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Key Events: July 21, 2020: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County

4-H Camp Bristol Hills is currently running a six-week Leadership/Counselor-in-Training Program online for youth 15-16 years of age. Enrolled in the program are 14 youth from near and far, including six participants from Ontario County, five from Monroe, two from Seneca and one from Franklin County. The online experience is focusing on developing workforce skills that will help youth in career endeavors, such as public speaking, conflict resolution, resume writing, interviewing skills, behavior management, and age appropriate interactions with campers. The program is being facilitated by Camp Director Jessica Middleton and Camp Wellness Director Andreas Brooks. The participants are doing well and are eager and enthusiastic to work at camp in the future.

Parenting Skills Workshop Series #98, Hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The September 1, 2020 class will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY. Classes on September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, and 20, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm will be held by Zoom. It takes a lot of skills to be a good parent, but there are some skills that will really make a difference in how well an adult raises their children. The instructors will teach participants five skills that can help parents deal more effectively with difficult parent-child situations. The skills are: Encouragement, Can-

Do, Choices, Self-Control, and Respecting Feelings. Participants will be able to practice their skills during the classes and reinforce the new techniques at home. The Parenting Skills Workshop Series is designed specifically for parents with young children up to age 12. This program is free and offered foremost to Ontario County parents working with the Ontario County Department of Social Services, Child Protective, or Probation Departments and PINS petitions. Other Ontario County resident registrations will be accepted if space permits. For complete registration information call 585-394-3977 x 429 or 435, email alm72@cornell.edu or ask a social work representative or probation officer for a registration form. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by August 25, 2020.

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar Response

On Monday June 15th the first call came in regarding caterpillars eating leaves on trees. In talking with the homeowner, it was determined that this was the gypsy moth caterpillar and information was disseminated to the homeowner. More inquiries came in over the next two days mostly from the Bristol Mountain area with a few inquiries coming from other areas of the County, mainly Victor. By Friday the calls and emails seemed non-stop. While preparing a press release on this situation an email was received from Julie Sherwood from the Daily Messenger asking if we could shed some light on the situation. The Daily Messenger printed an article on the subject, Spectrum News did an interview with Russell Welsler, Sr. Resource Educator Cornell Cooperative Extension Ontario County, the Democrat & Chronicle ran an article and the Finger Lakes Times put out an article supplied by CCE. With the story out, it generated more calls from homeowners. Information was placed on our CCE web site and a fact sheet was included in the July gardening newsletter, *Inside Dirt*. After three weeks, the calls and emails subsided. Cornell Cooperative Extension had received over 135 calls/emails from residents regarding the gypsy moth caterpillar.

EnoCert 101: Intro to Viticulture & Enology, August 18 & 19, 2020. This course will feature synchronous sessions from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. There will also be pre-recorded lectures that can be viewed on your own time. This course will cover the basics of grape growing from the ground up. Through live interactive lectures, participants will understand how vineyard site, climate, and trellising systems impact grape production and quality. Participants will also expand their understanding of production steps for specific wine types. Upon completing this course, attendees will learn how different wine types (white, red, sparkling) are produced and the key decisions that need to be made to influence wine style.

Register at <https://grapesandwine.cals.cornell.edu/extension/enocert/registration-0/>

SNAP ED Recipe Bank: Fruit Pizza Looking for something fun to make with the kids that uses delicious and nutritious local produce? This sweet treat is quick and easy to make with simple ingredients you may already have around! For variety, try using any combination of colorful fruits. Find the recipe and video at <https://www.snapedny.org/2020/06/fruit-pizza/>

Guidelines for U-Pick Changes Due to COVID-19: Many growers who allow customers to come and pick their own vegetables and fruits have been concerned about how that will work in this time of social distancing and closed businesses. At this time, the state has not prohibited U-Pick or on-farm sales. Cornell University has just released a document outlining best practices and ideas for growers who choose to allow the public on their farms. Find these resources at: <https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/resources/farm-resilience/best-management-practices-for-u-pick-farms-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

In our commitment to safe travel, we are updating our sanitation bank to now be the #VisitConfidently Resource Center. If you need help locating PPE equipment, disinfecting supplies, or are looking for creative signage to encourage masks and social distancing, we are your one-stop shop! Contact Julie in our office with questions or to place an order!

A HUGE thank you to our partners in this endeavor:

- Cindy Harris of Harris Studios for her design expertise.
- Kathy Rayburn, Victor Local Development Corporation, and Denise Chaapel, Canandaigua BID, for their assistance in spreading the word about the resources available.
- Zoetek and Hillyard in Victor, Global Point Technology in Farmington, Hollerhorn Distilling in Naples, Rootstock Cider & Spirits in Williamson, and Black Button Distilling and Exiscan in Rochester for sourcing the products with us.

So many local businesses are coming into our office to access the #VisitConfidently Resource Center, and it has been a wonderful opportunity to connect with all of you and be as beneficial a resource to you as possible. Still looking for PPE or signage? Contact Julie in our office at (585) 394-3915 or julie@visitfingerlakes.com.

Humane Society

The Ontario County Humane Society has been busy with dogs left in cars on hot days, seeing an increase in the number of dog/cat bites due to animals being outside more plus being uncomfortable with the high temperatures. Please remember to keep your pets home and more comfortable with air conditioning, a fan or outside in the shade where they can catch a breeze plus give them lots of water with or without ice. Sometimes they will enjoy the ice as a treat which keeps their minds off the heat and engages them in some low-key activity. This will assist in keeping them comfortable while wearing a fur coat in 90+ degree weather.

Many may have seen the Humane Society out and about putting tags on doors. Those are just reminders to get your dog(s) licensed with your town/city clerk at your earliest convenience. We periodically receive updated lists from the Clerks so please remember to take care of the licensing annually and make sure that your dog's rabies vaccine is updated as needed. Having your dog neutered/spayed assists with keeping the stray community population lower plus it allows for a smaller licensing fee.

Come one, come all to the Ontario County Humane Society's virtual dog walk on August 1st. For a \$50 donation to the Shelter you will receive a commemorative T-shirt, a dog bandana plus a treat for your dog to have at the end of your walk. Basically, sometime on August 1st, put on the T-shirt and put the bandana on your pup, walk in your favorite place for a few minutes or more and snap a pic of you having fun with your dog to submit to the Humane Society's Facebook page. This will be a fun short adventure for the two of you while you support the pups and kitties that are still looking for their furever homes. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Soil & Water Conservation District

July Newsletter

[Click here](#) to read the Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District July Newsletter.



Virtual Rain Barrel Workshop: August 19, 2020

The Ontario County SWCD is partnering with the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association to hold a virtual Rain Barrel Workshop! The pre-built barrel costs \$50. Register today by emailing alaina.robarge@ontswcd.com or call (585)396-1450. The pick-up location is to-be-determined. On August 19th, you will be invited to watch a virtual presentation on SLPWA's Lake Friendly Lawn Program and learn about setting up and maintaining your rain barrel. Sign up today!

Grazing Workshop

The Ontario County SWCD is holding 2 separate grazing workshop sessions on August 25, 2020. The first session will be from 2:00-4:00pm at Leon Brubacher's organic grazing dairy farm (1080 Sprout Hill Road, Himrod, NY in Yates County). The second session will be from 6:00-8:00pm at an Ontario County farm to-be-determined in the Gorham area. Each session will be limited to 40 people. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. There will be no restroom facilities. The event will be held entirely outside and will involve a pasture walk to learn more about organic dairy grazing operations. Our partners for this event include Yates County SWCD and the Ontario County Ag Enhancement Board. Our speakers include Fay Benson with his Soil Health Trailer and Troy Bishop, the "Grass Whisperer". If necessary, we have planned a rain date for August 26, 2020. This is a free event. To register, please email alaina.robarge@ontswcd.com or call (585) 465-0782.



The Partnership for Ontario County

The Community Support Center (CSC), an initiative under the umbrella of the Partnership for Ontario County, continues to thrive and provide support to the community during this unprecedented time. Woodard Rentals at Kershaw Beach has graciously donated weekly kayak time to the CSC. Sessions are free to the public and generally in the evenings. Please look to our Facebook page, @thecommunitysupportcenter for event date and time announcements.



At the CSC, we believe that mental wellness is just as important as physical wellness. To further our goal of a strong, healthy community, we offer free Solution-Focused Brief Therapy to residents of Ontario County. Therapy can be a safe space for anyone to process thoughts and emotions in a non-judgmental, comforting environment. Our one-hour sessions are currently held virtually, with plans for in-person to begin soon. If you

have a need, please reach out to Shawna Bonshak, CSC Coordinator, at shawna@partnershipoc.org. All therapy requests are confidential.

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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