

## KEY EVENTS

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### Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/2020 – 11/17/2020	1/1/2019– 11/17/2019	2019 Year End
Ontario County	4	8	8
Sheriff's Office	8	13	13
Cities	9	12	12
Towns & Villages	9	19	22
FLCC	1	2	3
Fishers Fire District	3	3	3
Victor Fire District	0	0	0
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	17	7	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>69</b>



### ONTARIO COUNTY EMPLOYEE BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

3019 County Complex Dr. – Human Resource Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Rooms 204/205

Click [Blood Drive](#) to register

Select *December 17<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive*

Sponsor Keyword:

**OntarioCountyEmployeesCDGA**

### Safety Tips from Sherman

I think everyone will agree the kitchen is the heart of the home especially this time of year. In my home, my wife often starts preparing for this meal many days in advance. On Thanksgiving, it's my job is to move things from here to there and lift, stir and carry whatever needs to be lifted, stirred or carried. Thanksgiving always means food is literally being prepared in every square inch in our kitchen. We have a large family and normally we can become a crowd without trying. This year will be different. I know this has been a very hard year for some, but I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving!

My safety message is fires and injuries in the kitchen are common. In almost every case it will be discovered that many if not most of these problems were avoidable and/or preventable. So, if you're cooking anything on the stove or oven - don't leave it unattended. Also, children need to stay away from an oven or stove especially if you have hot foods or liquids on the stovetop. Something else to watch out for would be extension cords on the floor or other trip hazards. I could offer more tips, but you get the idea. Please don't be complacent; things can and do happen. Enjoy the holidays.

## Board of Supervisors

Congratulations to our Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller for achieving her Master Municipal Clerk designation through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. The IIMC grants the Master Municipal Clerk designation only to those municipal clerks who first complete their CMC designation and then meet the demanding education requirements, which is approximately 120 hours of education at their state Institute. In addition, they must have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state. Kristin is now the 20<sup>th</sup> Master Municipal Clerk in New York State!

## County Administrator

The County Administrator's Office will be welcoming a new County Administrator, Chris DeBolt on December 14. Chris plans to spend his first few weeks meeting one on one with Department Heads to get to know them and learn about the operations in their respective departments. Cindy Abraszek is in the process of scheduling those appointments. Tours of County buildings will also be worked into the schedule.

Interim County Administrator Brian Young will conduct public hearings on the following days and times via Webex to receive input on shared services from the public. Ontario County will be submitting its 2021 Plan to the State by December 31, 2020.

December 2, 2020	4:00pm	<a href="https://ontariocountyny.webex.com">https://ontariocountyny.webex.com</a> Access Code: 179 614 2921 Meeting Password: TBgupJvt345 Alternatively, you can call into the meeting at 1-408-418-9388
December 3, 2020	9:00am	<a href="https://ontariocountyny.webex.com">https://ontariocountyny.webex.com</a> Access Code: 179 009 0055 Meeting Password: fnS3TrwDM62 Alternatively, you can call into the meeting at 1-408-418-9388
December 3, 2020	1:00pm	<a href="https://ontariocountyny.webex.com">https://ontariocountyny.webex.com</a> Access Code: 179 907 9299 Meeting Password: 93A3SnbP5W3 Alternatively, you can call into the meeting at 1-408-418-9388

## Economic Development

In the United States, more than 30,000 human organ transplants occur each year. The logistics of connecting donor organs with recipients in a timely manner is critical to each undertaking. Commercial airlines are not always a reliable or practical option. Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO) will routinely employ private air carriers, which operate everything from smaller single-engine piston aircraft to business jets, as the most dependable and expedient means of transport. Additionally, with over 5,000 general aviation airports in the U.S., there is likely to be one located just minutes from any hospital.

While the Canandaigua Airport is frequently utilized for medical transportation purposes (including organ transport), it recently served as the hub for an extensive life-saving mission. In the middle of the night, surgical teams arrived by jet aircraft with the task of harvesting organs from a local donor, while hundreds of miles away, intended recipients were awaiting immediate transplant.

The entire mission amounted to numerous airport operations which involved 6 pilots flying 4 aircraft, 4 ambulance crews, and 6 surgical personnel. Canandaigua Airport’s Fixed Base Operator (Mercy Flight Aviation Services) was more than capable and effective in servicing each of their needs, ensuring a seamless transition between ground transportation and each aircraft. The successful multi-layered event left a very positive impression with the OPO who will depend on the airport and our medical community for success in future missions.



One surgical team taking a minute prior to departure to visit with Fergus, Canandaigua Airport’s Wildlife Specialist.

## Office for the Aging

### COMMUNITY-WIDE “DRIVE THRU” CORONAVIRUS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### ONTARIO COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

Each household will receive a box of groceries containing dairy, cooked meat and produce

No Registration Necessary – First Come First Serve - Until Supplies Last

- **Clifton Springs** – Wellspring Food Distribution Center, 22 Teft Ave, Clifton Springs, NY 14432  
Monday, December 7 at 5:30 pm
- **Geneva** – Boys & Girls Club, 160 Carter Rd, Geneva NY 14456  
Monday, December 14 at 11:00 am

## Public Health



Ontario County Public Health is thankful for all of those that have helped during the COVID-19 epidemic. Whether you are from our fellow Ontario County departments or our hospitals, schools, colleges, nursing and assisted living centers, THANK YOU! To our community members that have sacrificed time with their families, diligently worn or even sewn masks, grocery shopped for sick or elderly neighbors, quarantined or isolated upon our request.....THANK YOU!

While we know we are in another COVID-19 spike, we wanted to count our blessings. Please remember this holiday season to use social media and technology to “visit” with friends and family. While the holidays may look a little different, the sentiment will remain the same; peace on earth and good will to all.

## Records and Archives (RAIMS)

County Historian Dr. Preston Pierce presented a lecture to the Canandaigua Rotary Club last Thursday, November 19. The topic was the annual National History Day Program. This event grew from a small contest and is now a national occurrence. The program is organized around the school year and the theme of 2021 is "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding". Students are divided into age groups, Junior Division (Grades 6-8) and Senior Division (Grades 9-12). The NHP is an opportunity for local focus. It gives students an opportunity to see their local world in context, stimulates interest and motivation and provides a community service. Our area is rich in history and a few topic suggestions: Frederick Douglass; James D. Bemis; Susan B. Anthony and the Morgan Kidnapping. Students can enter on a regional or state level. Dr. Pierce has worked and promoted this valuable program for the last 35 years and offers his guidance to any students interested in participating in the 2021 History Day Program. You can contact him at [preston.pierce@ontariocountyny.gov](mailto:preston.pierce@ontariocountyny.gov).

## Office of Sheriff

Donations accepted through December 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Social Services

DSS contracts with Child and Family Resources to provide the Healthy Families (HF) program. This evidence-based program matches Parent Educators with pregnant moms and parents of infants to provide support and resources that help get the child off to a good start. Healthy Families has undergone randomized controlled trials that indicate that HF reduces the chance for low-birth weight babies, promotes success in school and prevents child abuse and neglect. Child and Family Resources was recently awarded an additional \$60,000 in funding from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services due to its record of success with families in their program. DSS provides a 10% match for the program and we consider it money well-spent. Congratulations Child and Family Resources!

Ontario County was awarded \$464,000 in CARES Act funding to provide eviction prevention and rapid rehousing to individuals who are in jeopardy of losing their housing due to the coronavirus. The funding has been divided between FLACRA, Legal Assistance of Western New York, Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes and Family Promise of Ontario County. It is considered “last resort funding,” meaning applicants will have to apply at DSS for assistance before the agencies can tap into the federal funds. Within existing regulations, DSS can provide rent arrears, security agreements and cover moving expenses. These federal funds will assist individuals once the DSS options have been exhausted. The agencies are meeting monthly to work out the processes, procedures and paperwork that will cause the funding to flow. We won’t really know the extent of the problem until the eviction moratorium ends. Fortunately, this allocation is the first installment of a 2-year program.

In response to the growing employment and financial worries associated with the pandemic, the state has developed a new “[Find Services](#)” app to assist New Yorkers in locating appropriate services with one streamlined web application. According to a [press release](#), the state plans on using “analytics data to understand where residents need help getting connected with vital government services and refine the application over time to best serve the needs of New Yorkers.” In addition to the Find Services app, the state also [announced](#) the availability of free online courses through Coursera by launching a platform for New Yorkers to help them “learn new skills, earn certificates, and advance their careers at no cost.” According to the state, roughly 4,000 courses would be made available—with a focus on advanced manufacturing, technology, and health care.

## **Sustainability & Solid Waste Management**

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

St. Pauly Textile Inc. is the company that services the County’s clothing collection shed, located between 3010 and RAIMS? The shed is available to County employees to donate their used textiles, shoes, purses, linens, blankets, etc. And of the approximately 1,400 sheds St. Pauly has across the northeast, our local shed located at the Canandaigua American Legion in Ontario County has the second highest intake of textiles by volume!

### **BACKYARD COMPOSTING PROGRAM UPDATE:**

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the launch of our backyard composting program. We distributed 500 composting units to residents across the county! We look forward to continuing the program next spring.

## **Workforce Development**

Ontario County Workforce Development in partnership with Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board successfully launched the first Virtual Career Navigator workshop an intensive training program for job search & success. Attendees were able to jump start their job search with this on-line, 5-day interactive, strategic approach to proactively managing their careers and future. Ontario County Workforce Development was able to sponsor 7 candidates to attend this training for free using grant funding to cover the \$200 fee for each job seeker. To attend future classes or view our services, visit us at <https://ontariocountyny.gov/93/Workforce-Development>

## **Youth Bureau**

Marsha Foote and the members of the Youth Bureau Board would like to congratulate Dianna Paige and Kim Brewer for accepting and being approved for another 3-year term with the board. They both bring tremendous passion and expertise. Dianna Paige represents Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes and Kim Brewer is a community member from Bloomfield and provides expertise in finance. Congratulations Dianna and Kim! Thank you for your dedication and investment in our young.

We would also like to thank and wish well Kristan Coryell and Aidan Russell who proudly served the Youth Board. They will both be missed.

Public Awareness about Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking! Please keep an eye out for RTS buses displaying our **#STAMP IT OUT** logo!



## SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR TEAM AGENCIES

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension**

**4-H Harvest Food Fest was Saturday, November 7, 2020.** 24 youth participated in silent food demonstrations at the CCE building. Twenty-three youth participated in person and one participated virtually. This year's event followed strict COVID-19 safety measures. 4-H'ers rotated through the Cornell Cooperative Extension auditorium with three youth presenting every half hour. This gave plenty of time for youth to present to one of the three volunteer evaluators, conference with the assigned evaluator for questions and feedback, and gave educators time to sanitize in between groups. Harvest Food Fest is an important event because it gives youth a space to practice and learn safe and effective food preparation practices as well as become more comfortable presenting in front of people. Another noteworthy aspect of this event is that youth are required to use at least one cup of local Finger Lakes grown product in their recipes, promoting awareness of local agriculture. Each youth was given a cookbook containing a collection of the recipes that were prepared on that day, in addition to essential skills and fun memories.

**4-H Activity Night was held on November 11, 2020:** Two volunteer leaders led ten 4-H youth ages 6-11 in a tie dying workshop and much fun was had by all. The youth enjoyed the opportunity to interact in a safe manner and participate in a fun activity that challenged their creativity. The Ontario County 4-H program is planning on holding monthly activity nights for younger members so that they can explore a variety of project areas and build friendships with other youth.

**4-H Teen Bowling Night was held at Roseland Bowl on November 14, 2020:** The Ontario County 4-H program has started a new teen club. The club's focus is teen leadership, team building, and community service. The group gathered for a fun night of getting to know each other. Two of the teens will be leading a holiday fun day for younger members in December. The club's next business meeting will be January 13, 2021.

**For more information on the Ontario County 4-H Program and activities, contact Sarah at [sab423@cornell.edu](mailto:sab423@cornell.edu)**

## News from the Regional Teams:

### **Critical Calf Care: Decision Making for Dairy Calf Health starting January 5, 2021, every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.**

This is a seven-week virtual series on critical calf care topics. **Topics to include:** Recognizing and Diagnosing Disease; Record Keeping & Economics of Disease; Hydration Status & Electrolytes; Scours & Nutrition; and “911 My Calf Needs Help”. The last session will be a live panel discussion with several calf experts. Thanks to generous sponsors, this series is free of charge. Register online at:

[https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hrH1AnkKR8S0ocuPOJuyhg](https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hrH1AnkKR8S0ocuPOJuyhg)

### **Spotted Lantern Fly (SLF) Found in Ithaca**

It has been learned several live and adult SLF were found recently in the Ithaca area, along with several egg masses. While freezing temperatures will kill the adults, it does not kill the eggs. SLF can have a significant negative impact on vineyards and orchards. A YouTube video from the Integrated Pest Management Program (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpJ1y7aAvtA&feature=youtu.be>) provides good basic information about what to look for and lots of pictures of what egg masses look like. If you find what you suspect to be a SLF insect or egg mass, take a photo of the mass next to a coin to show scale, note location and email the information to [spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov)

## **Finger Lakes Visitors Connection**

Director of Sales Tracey Burkey was a panelist earlier this month during the New York State Tourism Industry Association (NYSTIA) conference sharing her specialty on meetings and meeting planning. Congratulations, Tracey! Someday in-person meetings will be back, and we are asking all County employees to become advocates for bringing any meeting you are part of back here to Ontario County! If you want help in the pitch, [let Tracey know](#), and she can work with you to win the piece of business, which is so vital for the recovery of our County and region.

We will be adding on a continuous basis all community events seeking to promote good old-fashioned holiday experiences. While large-scale events are not occurring this season, we are helping to promote and encourage enjoying what’s local and supporting your neighbors and small-town businesses. Find current Ontario County offerings on [our Events & Festivals page](#).

Do not forget about our [#VisitConfidently Resource Center](#)! Julie still has socially distanced signage and PPE equipment available and can also order any items you might need during the upcoming winter season. [Contact her with any questions or to place an order!](#)

## **Historical Society**

### **All Aboard! *Holiday Rails at Imagination Station***

You can always travel in your imagination. Once again, OCHS will host Preston Pierce’s fun, informative, and charming model railroad exhibit through little villages and snowbound “countryside” – with lots of hidden surprises. But wait! There’s more!

**Make your reservation (*it’s free!*) for Saturday, December 5, 12 or 19. We’ll be here to welcome you and your family 10am – 2pm. **\*\*Each family reservation will have 20 private minutes** “aboard” the Holiday Rails and a special visit with Mrs. Claus in our Pioneer Kitchen. One family at a time will come through. *You can safely socially distance – and of course, masks are required.* \*\***

This year, we're bringing more holiday magic with a special Christmas tree full of antique decorations, courtesy of a recent accession to our collections, in the North Gallery. It will be surrounded by art in the Ontario County Arts Council's *Hidden Treasures* exhibit. (Don't forget to browse the little gift shop, too.)

After you've enjoyed the trains, make your way downstairs to the Pioneer Kitchen to visit with Mrs. Claus for a story and cookies. Although Santa is at the North Pole making special masks for the reindeer, Mrs. Claus can't wait to visit and talk about Christmases long ago.

Reserve your "ticket" by calling 585-394-4975 or fill out a ticket at [www.ochs.org](http://www.ochs.org). But hurry! Reservations will fill up fast!

## **Soil & Water Conservation District 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District is celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The District was established in December of 1940. District staff and Board of Directors members are committed to providing technical assistance and education to the residents of Ontario County to ensure the wise use of soil, water, and other natural resources. It is the duty and privilege of the Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District to preserve and protect these resources while helping to maintain farming as a viable, profitable and environmentally sound enterprise. On November 16, 2020, the District Staff and Board joined together for a photo and cupcakes to celebrate all that the Ontario County SWCD has accomplished over 80 years serving Ontario County.



Top Row from Left to Right: Tucker Kautz (Senior Conservation District Technician), Sam Casella (Board of Directors- Chairperson), Edward Jackson (Board of Directors- Member at Large), Richard Russell (Board of Directors- Legislative Representative), Diana Thorn (Treasurer/Secretary to the Board), Amanda Button (Board of Directors- Practical Farmer), and Kenneth Livermore (Board of Directors- Vice-chair and Grange Representative).

Bottom Row from Left to Right: Jim Peck (Board of Directors- Farm Bureau Representative), Alaina Robarge (Conservation District Educator), Mark Venuti (Board of Directors- Legislative Representative), Megan Webster (District Manager), Tad Gerace (Conservation District Technician), and Katie Lafler (Water Resource Technician, holding her son Bennett).

Missing from Photo: Jamie Noga (Administrative Assistant to Watershed Inspector) and Tyler Ohle (Canandaigua Lake Watershed Inspector).



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  
Interim County Administrator  
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