

KEY EVENTS

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Employee Safety & Wellness

Recordable Injury / Illness

Municipality	1/1/21 – 3/16/2021	1/1/20 – 3/16/20	2020 Year End
Ontario County	2	1	7
Sheriff's Office	6	4	10
Cities	3	1	10
Towns & Villages	2	2	9
FLCC	0	1	2
Fishers Fire District	0	1	3
Victor Fire District	0	0	0
Soil & Water District	0	0	0
Volunteers	2	8	18
TOTAL	10	18	59

Board of Elections

The Board of Elections is currently processing petitions for just over 200 candidates seeking election to public office on November 2. The potential for Primary Elections exists in the Towns of Phelps, Gorham, and Canandaigua. The Primary Election, if needed, will be held on June 22 from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm, with Early Voting commencing on Saturday June 12 at our office located at 74 Ontario St. Preparations are also underway to assist five of our nine school districts with their elections and budget votes in May. In a few weeks, we will be mailing out approximately 72,000 mandated "Mail-Check" cards to voters for address confirmation and polling place information. Anyone wishing to make inquiries regarding their voting status is encouraged to use our "Polling Place Look-up" link on our website or directly at:

<https://vic2.ntsdata.net/ontarioboe/pollingplacelookup.aspx>

Our site does not require the use of a voters' name, making it a bit more private than the NYS BOE website or other third-party services. At the time of publication, there are 76,649 Active Voters in Ontario County. We had 69,416 Active Voters this same time last year.

County Administrator

The County's vaccine clinics at the County Highway Garage have been receiving many positive compliments of how well organized they are. Ontario County is very fortunate to have so many staff and volunteers step in to assist with the clinics, especially on the days the weather is less than pleasant. Many thanks to all involved.

Economic Development

The NYS Authorities Budget Office requires economic development organizations to produce an annual report and post it on their websites. Despite the pandemic, we were able to produce an annual report, one of which we can be very proud of. Here is a link to the report on the County's website:

<https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/DocumentCenter/View/28115/2020-Annual-Report>

Human Resources

If you are looking for a job, or know someone who is, check out our Employment Page on the County website <https://ontario-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>. There are numerous vacancies for full and part-time positions with the school districts, Ontario County, some towns, and Wayne-Finger-Lakes BOCES that are available and need to be filled. Seasonal positions for Lifeguards, Laborers, Recreation positions, and Motor Equipment Operators are also available. Applying is easy with the electronic application! Civil Service exams are also being held again and are being conducted with safety protocols in place to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Check it all out!!

Office of Sheriff

Corrections Deputy Adam Broadwell was named Correction Officer of the Month for March for his de-escalation of an angry customer on March 12, 2021 at the DMV while working in the capacity of Security Officer. The customer was so impressed with the Officer's actions and demeanor during the situation he called the Ontario County Sheriff's Office to apologize for his "temper tantrum" he threw at the DMV. He noted his "irate" behavior and appreciated the professionalism and patience Deputy Broadwell exhibited while dealing with him. A thank you goes out to Deputy Broadwell for keeping himself, the public, and the situation under control.

The corrections division just received the Tek 84 full body scanner at the jail. This scanner allows for an inmate to be x-rayed using low dose radiation and can detect any foreign object or weapons on a person. The scanner was purchased using asset seizure money from drug arrests. This device enhances the safety of the jail as well as the staff, and the Sheriff's Office is only the second to have this device in western New York.



K-9 Sandy, shown with his handler Deputy Ian Hall, is our newest dual-purpose patrol dog, and was recently purchased from Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania. K-9 Sandy came from Hungary and is a 14-month old German Shepard. Both Deputy Hall and Sandy just started a 10-week K-9 school at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, where Sandy will be trained in Tracking, Handler Protection and Obedience. Deputy Hall and Sandy will then attend a 6-week Narcotic detection school in the fall to be certified as a narcotics dog as well. K-9 Sandy's purchase was made possible by a generous donation from the Sands Family Foundation, Constellation Brands.



Public Health

COVID-19 CLINIC VOLUNTEERS, EMPLOYEES AND PARTICIPANTS.....

THANK YOU!

Ontario County Public Health

VACCINATED ONTARIO COUNTY RESIDENTS:
(AS OF 3/23/2021, TOTAL NUMBER OF VACCINATED RESIDENTS- ALL VENUES)

1st Dose	33,541
- % over 18 y/o	38%
2nd Dose	15,545
- % over 18 y/o	18.7%

Public Works

Congratulations to Steve Vanderbook! On March 23, 2021 Steve was presented with the Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Facilities and Grounds Category from the Genesee Valley Branch of the American Public Works Association. The award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of facilities and/or grounds management professionals. The primary focus of the award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management in the field of facilities and/or grounds.

Part of the recently completed 74 Ontario renovation project involved the creation of a meeting space for the Board of Supervisors. Eric Marcano and Bob Palermo from Building and Grounds were requested to provide the

space with 15 custom built desks and 2 podiums to help furnish the room. Eric and Bob worked with the project's architect to create several prototypes before settling on the final version of the desks seen in the photographs below. Eric and Bob's involvement not only provided the attractive desks but also helped to save project costs.



On a similar project, Eric, Bob, and Gary Garver worked with the Sherriff's staff to design and build 8 replacement workstations for the jail facility pictured below. The workstations are used by correction officers to help manage each jail pod. The workstations needed to be constructed from very durable materials and involved integrating complex power and communication equipment to satisfy the demanding environment. The team's work not only provided an excellent product but also served as a cost saving measure to the County.



Records and Archives

RAIMS has been very busy receiving record boxes from departments. Since January, we received files from the Office of Sheriff, District Attorney, County Clerk, Board of Supervisors, Finance, Public Defender, Treasurers, Social Services, and Planning.

Although the COVID pandemic slowed the workflow of our NYS Archives grant project we were able to have 1,200 boxes of records scanned, indexed, and uploaded into OnBase.

County Historian Dr. Preston Pierce assisted municipal historians in Wayne, Yates, and Livingston Counties as they gear up for their bicentennials. Brook Morse and Dr. Pierce researched to find and upload the legislation that created Ontario County towns that eventually became part of neighboring counties. The publication has been posted to the RAIMS website: <http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/1903/Division-of-Ontario-County-Into-Towns>.

Dr. Pierce is working on a major publication about the "Peanut Line" railroad branch that traveled through western Ontario County. He has started a major editing and revision of the old (1976) Ontario County historical driving tour that followed a circuit around the entire county.

Sustainability & Solid Waste Management

The 2021 Special Collection Event Calendar is available on the Ontario County Recycling website. Visit <https://ontariocountyrecycles.org/150/Events> to find out when the next upcoming event is.

Confidential Paper Shred Event

April 16 from 10:30am – 1:30pm
County Transportation Center (CR 48)
No registration required

Household Hazardous Waste

April 24 from 7:00am – 3:00pm
Registration required - please call
Cornell Cooperative Extension at
(585) 394-3977 x427

Workforce Development

Workforce Development, in partnership with the Wood Library (<https://woodlibrary.org/>) and ONYA (<https://www.onya-ny.org/>), will be leading live, interactive, zoom classes on a variety of job readiness topics, including Resume Writing, Interviewing, Online Job Search, Intro to Microsoft and Intro to SkillUp, for the next several months. Females, over the age of 18 and unemployed/underemployed, are invited to attend. A complete list of classes with descriptions and dates and times are available to view at <http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/DocumentCenter/View/28111/ONYA-Computer-Classes->

OUR TEAM AGENCIES

Cornell Cooperative Extension

4-H Camp Bristol Hills is excited to be planning another summer of fun in 2021! With nearly 400 campers already registered, our limited capacity will be filling earlier than ever, so if you're interested, please visit the camp website at www.4-hcampbristolhills.org

Camp is a great place to WORK! If you, or someone you know, would be a great camp staffer, we encourage you to apply today! We are still looking for counselors, waterfront staff, nurses, food service, and maintenance assistants. Apply for staff positions today at <http://cceontario.org/4-h-camp-bristol-hills/summer-camp-jobs>

Finger Lakes Community College

Share a private tasting while supporting tomorrow's winemakers

The Finger Lakes Community College Foundation will take its annual Vintners & Valentines fundraiser virtual on Friday, April 30, at 6 p.m. Participants will enjoy an online wine tasting and conversation with those on the front lines of raising the Finger Lakes' profile as an international wine region. Wine will be shipped or available for pickup, along with a copy of a cookbook, "Julia for Four," created by culinary arts students. A meal from the cookbook has been selected for participants to prepare. Or, participants can order out. The event begins with remarks from President Robert Nye and FLCC faculty and students; participants spend the rest of the time in online breakout rooms with winemakers who take them through the tasting. The cost is \$100 per person, including 2 bottles of wine, or \$160 per couple, including 3 bottles of wine. Sponsorships are also available and greatly appreciated. All proceeds support the viticulture and wine technology and hospitality programs. Click here to order tickets: <https://events.idonate.com/flccv> The deadline to order is April 15.

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

Valerie Knoblauch has been appointed by Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay to serve on the New York State Tourism Advisory Council. This group is established under the economic development laws of New York State. The purpose of the 18-member council is to advise the commissioner concerning tourism and to serve as liaison between the state's tourism-related industries and the commissioner with respect to the design and implementation of the state's tourism policies and programs. Valerie joins long time member, Dan Fuller of Bristol Mountain. Valerie, who has served in her position at Ontario County Tourism since its inception in 1984, has previously served on the U.S. Travel Association Board of Directors and the New York State Travel Industry Association Board of Directors. She's eager to engage with the group's important work on the recovery of the New York State tourism industry after the impacts of Covid-19.

Tracey Burkey participated in the Empire State Society of Association Executives (ESSAE) Meetings, Membership, and Marketing Virtual Institute & Roundtables event which included education sessions as well as networking with NYS association executives and meeting planners from the Albany area. Part of the recovery of our county and region will depend on bringing meeting and groups business to the area, and Tracey is on the case!

Our County has worked tirelessly over the last year+ in educating the public, testing, and now vaccination rollout, and the future is finally looking bright! While there is forward momentum, and (continuing to follow safety protocols) businesses and life start to reopen, the effects on the travel and tourism industry are still very much impacted by the closure of the Canadian border. The U.S. Travel Association estimates that if the international travel bans are not lifted "a total of 1.1 million American jobs will not be restored and \$262 billion in export spending will be lost by the end of 2021." While this is a national estimation, the effects are very real locally. We've seen our occupancy drop as a result of the loss of Canadian skiers, who also spend money shopping and eating during their stays. Until our neighbors can return, we'll keep doing all we can in other areas. Including providing businesses and organizations with their PPE and signage needs through our sanitation bank on [VisitFingerLakes.com/reopen](https://www.visitfingerlakes.com/reopen).

Soil & Water Conservation District

Order Your Bluebird Boxes

Now is a great time to purchase our bluebird nest boxes. They are \$15. If you are interested, please call us at (585)396-1450 or email info@ontswcd.com. The boxes have a new design for 2021 featuring durable larch wood. The Eastern bluebird is the New York State bird! To find out more, go to: <https://www.ontswcd.com/bluebird-nest-boxes>.



District II Merit Award



Congratulations to Alaina Robarge on receiving the NYS Conservation District Employees Association (CDEA) Division II Merit Award! This award recognizes current District employees who have shown outstanding effort in promoting the District and its activities.

Alaina Robarge is the Conservation District Educator for Ontario County SWCD. Since Alaina's hiring, she has worked tirelessly to enhance our District's outreach and educational programs. She has vastly improved our on-line presence through a new visually appealing and user-friendly website and social media platforms: <https://www.ontswcd.com/>. She has conducted countless outreach programs in schools and community reaching thousands of residents per year. Alaina represents the District with professionalism, enthusiasm and a deep knowledge and passion for conservation. She is endlessly looking for ways to educate herself and others on new environmental topics.

Alaina not only creates material for our District, she also serves as an amazing resource for other Districts and watershed groups. She helps coordinate our regional Envirothon event, participates on the State Fair Committee, and is working to update materials for Empire Farm Days. Alaina created and manages websites for the Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force. (HLWTF) <https://www.honeoyelakewatershed.org/> and the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition <https://www.owsc.org/>, covering two counties. She also is the editor for various newsletters for watershed groups such as the HLWTF and the Seneca-Keuka Watershed Partnership which covers 6 counties: <https://senecawatershedio.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/seneca-keuka-watershed-partnership-december-newsletter.pdf>

With all this work, Alaina met challenges with a positive attitude that serves to motivate our whole team. Anyone who has worked with Alaina will comment on her buoyant spirit and bright smile. We are so fortunate to have Alaina as a District employee, championing for conservation not only in our County, but in our State. Alaina received the award at this year's virtual NYCDEA Annual Meeting.

The Partnership for Ontario County

The **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Ontario County**, the Ontario County Sheriff's Office and Wegmans are gearing up for the next Medication Drive Through and Drop off! Join us on Saturday, April 24th at the Canandaigua Wegmans where our volunteers will be collecting your unwanted, outdated and unusable medications. This event is contactless and face coverings will be worn. Bring your meds in a box, a bag, or a tote - any and all containers are welcome! Please be sure to put your liquids and sharps in a puncture proof container. For questions or to volunteer, contact Jacquelyn at Jacquelyn@partnershipoc.org. Hope to see you there!

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

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