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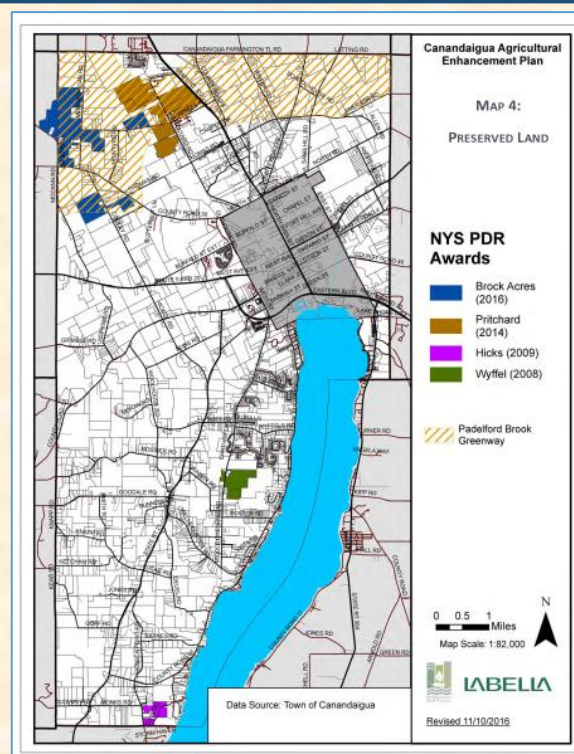
### The Town of Canandaigua, an Agricultural Leader

The Town of Canandaigua continues to be a leader in the State of New York relating to farmland protection and the promotion of Agriculture. Our Town of Canandaigua Agriculture Advisory Committee continues to work to explore new avenues for the promotion of Agriculture as an industry, while also fostering new interest in agriculture through public awareness and education including exploring new opportunities to teach children about the importance of agriculture. The Agriculture Committee continues to implement the goals of the Town's Agriculture Enhancement Plan and continues to pursue opportunities for the protection of

farmland through programs like the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR), Transfer of Development Rights (TDR), Open Space Protection, the Town's Strategic Farmland Protection Area, and the Town's Padelford Brook Greenway.

The Town of Canandaigua is very fortunate to once again be the recipient of PDR awards from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. In each PDR round since 2014, the Town of Canandaigua has received grant awards for protection of Farmland by partnering with the Finger Lakes Land Trust. In late December 2018, Governor Cuomo announced a record \$35 million in farmland protection grants, with the Finger Lakes getting the largest amount of \$10.1 million for eight different projects, totaling 4,089 acres. Two of the eight projects are located in the Town of Canandaigua resulting in the protection of a 601 acre farm (Kim-Mar Farms, LLC) and a 187 acre farm (Pendleton Farms – Purdy).

The Town of Canandaigua received its first ever direct PDR award for Pendleton Farms in this most recent round and is one of only three municipalities in the entire State of New York (as opposed to a Land



Map showing previously awarded PDR projects.

Trust) to receive to receive this award. This demonstrates the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets' acknowledgement of the Town of Canandaigua's strong commitment to agriculture protection.

Previous PDR awards for Farmland Protection in the Town of Canandaigua include Brock Acres Farm (2016), Catalpa Acres (2014), Hicks Farm (2009), and Wyffels Farm (2008); all are shown in the above map. These most recent announcements will bring the total protected farmland in the Town of Canandaigua to more than 2,000 acres free from future development potential, and ensure that agriculture continues to be viable in the Town for generations to come.



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## **Natural Resource Protection News** *From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board*

### **Taking a CLOSER LOOK** **At the OPEN SPACE, CONSERVATION &** **SCENIC VIEWS MASTER PLAN**

In the coming year the Environmental Conservation Board (ECB) begins an exploration of the new Open Space Master Plan. For more than a year, a dedicated Committee of residents undertook the task of updating the previous 2006 Plan. In the late summer of 2018, after participation of residents in many public meetings and an online survey, the Town Board adopted a revised Plan. The Master Plan can be viewed [here](#).

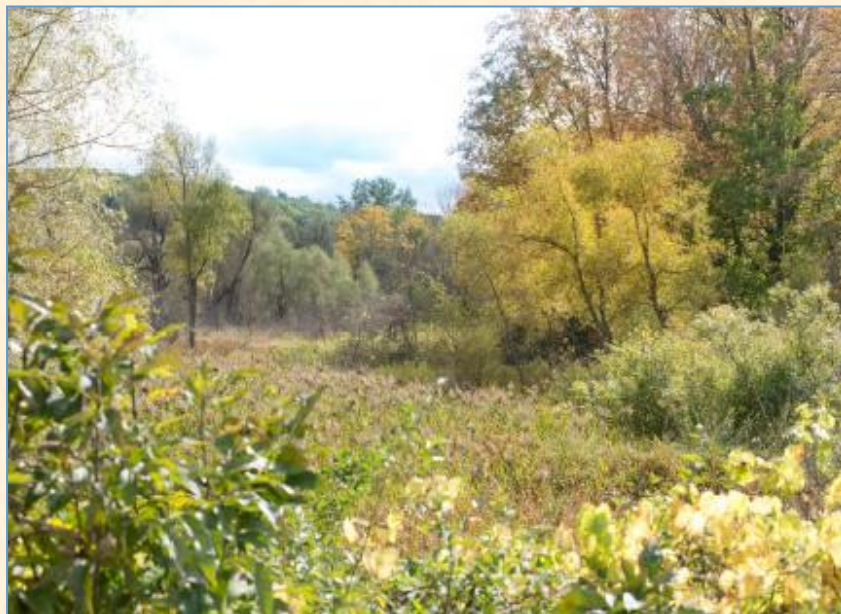
As residents we do enjoy a wonderful quality of life. We value the beauty of Canandaigua Lake and the rural nature of our Town. The Plan articulates this vision and provides tools to achieve it.

"Preserve the Town's open spaces for their health, economic, social and environmental benefits and to maintain a high quality of life for residents of the Town of Canandaigua."

".....the Plan documents the Town's open spaces and identifies those with the highest potential impact as

conservation lands. It describes tools that the Town can use to protect its open space resources. Finally, it presents a detailed implementation strategy and actions steps to ensure the protection of the Town's high priority open spaces and its rural character."

This year the ECB will actively begin to engage in these Strategies and Implementation Action Steps that have been assigned to us in the Plan. And we will discuss these Action Steps in upcoming newsletter articles and relate our progress in 2019. We have chosen five ambitious goals for this year:



**Encourage land stewardship by landowners.** Schedule a forum for landowners to encourage the benefits of the value of trees as a hydrologic feature; develop a land stewardship training for residents; provide information on sources of technical assistance and financial incentives for conserving land.

**Enhance wildlife habitat.**

Reach out to the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District for a possible tree giveaway program; schedule a forum to encourage landowners to plant native species; provide forest management, effective habitat management and technical assistance information; manage Town-owned land to enhance wildlife habitat.

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**Conserve open space through land use regulations.** Review stream corridor, lakeshore, and other regulations pertaining to open space protection; develop recommendations for the Ordinance Committee.

**Acquire land and/or conservation easements for land with exceptional conservation value.** Partner with Finger Lakes Land Trust to develop a list of top priority parcels of conservation value; plan a public workshop for landowner participation in a Conservation Easement Program; provide information on sources of technical assistance and financial incentives for conserving land.

**Increase understanding among government officials and the general public about the benefits of open space.** Conduct periodic workshops and other educational events and programs to celebrate the Town's open space; plan a Bird Habitat presentation at Miller Park in the spring; prepare newsletter articles on open space topics throughout the year.

The ECB looks forward to serving our community in its open space initiatives. Please join us in learning more about natural resource protection and preservation in the coming months.

## **Parks and Recreation News and Notes**



**From Director of Parks and Recreation,  
Dennis Brewer**

### **Senior Activities**

Our recurring program Thursday mornings at the building at Richard P. Outhouse Park has been well received. Head over to enjoy time visiting, have coffee and snacks, and play games and other activities. The program runs weekly every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

This year we will again offer a few trips with Covered Wagon. Last year we enjoyed a trip to a play in Auburn, a day in the Thousand Islands, and a visit to the Country Museum in Cortland. More information on this year's trips will be coming in early February so stay tuned.

### **Summer Recreation Guide**

The Town will be offering a number of programs for children ages 6 to 14 again this summer. The Town and City will run the very popular six-week Day Camp as well. The guide should be out by the end of February.

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## **Projects**

There are a number of projects planned for Town parks in 2019:

- A kiosk with park information will be added to most parks.
- Many ADA improvements
- More signage, benches and plantings will be added to the parks.
- Improvements to cabins, buildings and trails

- Planning for more trails
- Begin the development of the area west of Richard P. Outhouse Memorial Park. This will include two athletic fields and an accessible playground.
- Interpretive signage will be added to Miller Park
- Adding a flagpole at West Lake Schoolhouse

If you have any questions, please contact Director of Parks and Recreation, Dennis Brewer, at [dbrewer@townofcanandaigua.org](mailto:dbrewer@townofcanandaigua.org)

## **News You Can Use from the Assessor's Office**

**T**here have been additional changes to the STAR program this year. New for 2019, if you're applying or reapplying for the **Enhanced STAR exemption**, you must enroll in the Income Verification Program (IVP). You only need to enroll once, and you'll receive the exemption each year, as long as you're eligible.



### **Additional benefits include:**

- The comfort of knowing you can't miss the renewal deadline—because it doesn't apply to you, and
- Privacy—you'll no longer need to share your income tax returns with the assessor's office.

In the first year, the assessor will verify your eligibility based on the income information you provide. In the following years, the State will verify your income eligibility. You will not need to reapply for the exemption or provide copies of your tax returns to your local assessor.

If you have enrolled in the Senior Program, you will be required to fill out the IVP form this year only. Going forward, the renewal process for the Senior Exemption will be every year, as it has been in the past. All these forms are **due in the Assessor's office by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**, so if we do not hear from you by early February, you can expect a reminder call.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Town Assessor, Chris Lyon, at [clyon@townofcanandaigua.org](mailto:clyon@townofcanandaigua.org) or call 585-394-1120 x2237.

## **Call for Volunteers!**

**The Town is looking for volunteers! See the press release at the end of the newsletter for information on how YOU can have a positive impact on the future of your community. Be involved! Lend a hand! Make a difference!**

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## 2019 Tax Bills

**T**he 2019 Town/County tax bills were mailed on December 31, 2018. If you did not receive your tax bill or would like another copy, property owners can [CLICK HERE](#) and print a copy. You can also contact the Town Clerk's office and a copy can be emailed to you.

Here are some tips to help you pay your tax bill:

- Tax payments will be accepted until close of business on Monday, April 1, 2019. To avoid a late fee, payments should be made by January 31, 2019.
- Your tax payment must be made for the exact amount written on your bill. Any checks written for the wrong amount or not signed will be returned.
- If you are using an online banking service to pay your tax bill(s), please read your agreement, as the bank may not mail your payment to the Town for up to seven days after withdrawing the money from your account, which could cause your tax payment to arrive after January 31<sup>st</sup>, thus incurring a late fee.
- For payments made by mail, the United States Postal Service postmark (not a postage meter mark) is used as the payment date (RPTL §925). If there is no postmark, the date the payment is received will be used as the payment date. You will need to make sure your envelope is postmarked January 31 or before to avoid paying the penalty fee.
- You may pay your tax bill online [HERE](#) using a credit or debit card. If using this method of payment, there will be a processing fee of \$3.95—or 2.45%—for the transaction (i.e. if your tax bill is \$159 or less, the convenience fee will be \$3.95. If your tax bill is \$160 or greater, the convenience fee will be 2.45% of the amount paid).
- From January 1 through January 31, 2019, property owners, when

paying their tax bill in full, can pay their 2019 County / Town tax bill at any Canandaigua National Bank office.

- Property owners have the option to pay their 2019 County / Town tax bill in two installments. The first installment must be paid by Thursday, January 31, 2019. The second installment can be paid during the month of February with a 1% penalty or during the month of March with a 2% penalty. The installment payments can be made online with a credit/debit card, mailed with a check payable to the Canandaigua Tax Receiver, or in person at the Town Clerk's office.
- The Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and every Wednesday until 7:00 pm (except legal holidays).

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Chrisman, Town Clerk / Receiver of Taxes, (585) 394-1120 ext 2225 or email her at [jchrisman@townofcanandaigua.org](mailto:jchrisman@townofcanandaigua.org).

**C**ome join us at Outhouse Park Lodge every Thursday morning from 9:30 am – 11:30 am for cards, coffee and snacks. The Town and City are working together to offer seniors in the Canandaigua area with a spot to gather and socialize. No registration is required and there are no residency restrictions. See flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.





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## Local History Notes

### Wanted: Your Old Photos

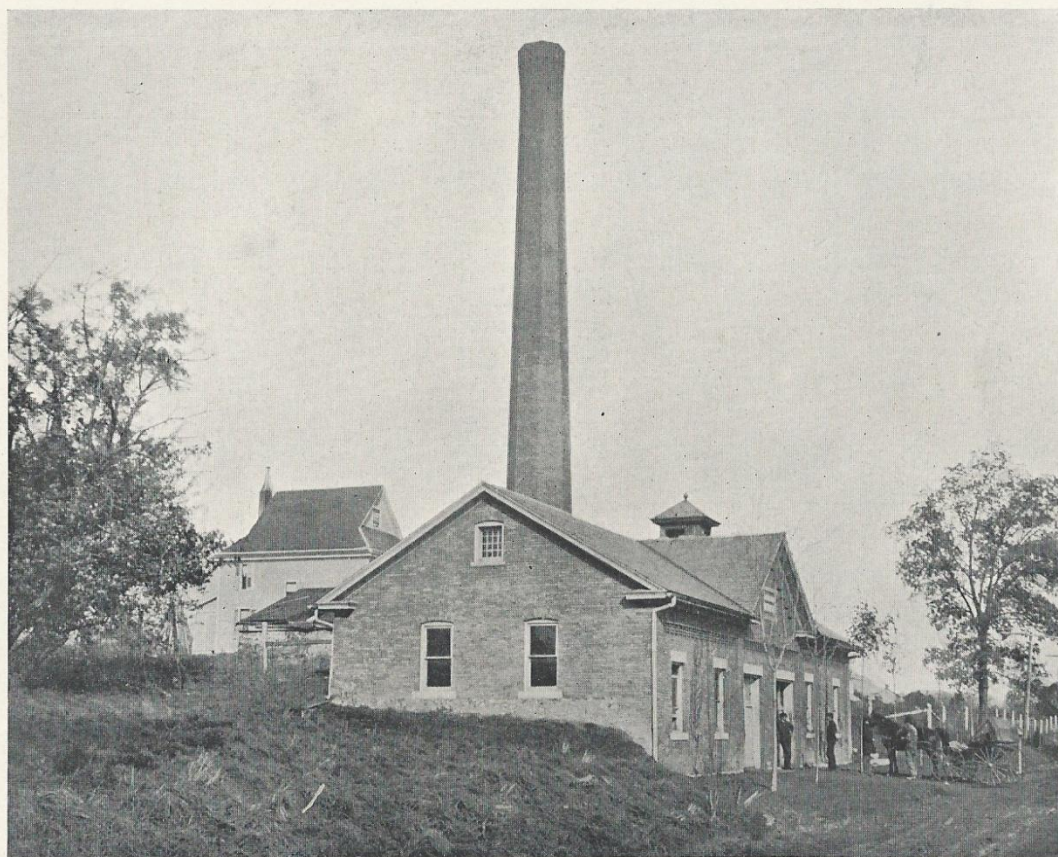
**T**he Town's Local History Team is charged with preserving our historic sites and resources, and encouraging public awareness of our distinguished

history. One of our best tools for evoking local history is old pictures, like the one at right of the Water Plant on West Lake Road, soon after its construction around 1900. The smokestack, the operator and the visiting horse and buggy are gone, but the original brick masonry building and the operator's house behind remain over a century later as familiar landmarks along the west side of the lake.

Published professional photos like this one are wonderful, but some of the best evidence of the Town's history can be found

in the family photo albums of long-time residents and seasonal visitors. If you have photos showing what life was like in your corner of the Town of Canandaigua 50 years ago or more, the Team would love to see them and, with your permission, make scans for our use in Local History programs and activities (and for your own use as well). Views of Canandaigua homes, schools, places of work, recreational

activities, scenic views, and townspeople are all welcome, and we can work with original negatives or glass plates as well as photo prints. At the moment we're especially looking for lake steamboat images. Contact us at the Town Historian's Office for more information:



Power House.

Source: Canandaigua, New York, publication of Canandaigua Board of Trade, 1907

[rhenny@townofcanandaigua.org](mailto:rhenny@townofcanandaigua.org) or 585-394-1120 x2249.

We also need more local history enthusiasts on our Team, so please let us know if you are interested in joining us!

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## Winter Weather Safety



The Town of Canandaigua Highway Department would like to thank all Town residents for following these safety tips during the winter. Your cooperation improves our efficiency and safety, and is very much appreciated.

1. There is a no parking ban on all roads in the Town of Canandaigua from November 1st to April 1st. Please keep parked cars off the roads. If a vehicle impedes traffic or obstructs our snow plowing operations it will be towed at the owner's expense.
2. Please refrain from plowing snow from private property onto or across public roads. This presents a hazard to drivers and is, in fact, illegal. It is also best to plow snow to the right side of your driveway (if looking toward the road) in order to avoid having the plow push snow that has been cleared back into your driveway.
3. Please keep a safe distance behind Town trucks, plows, or any large vehicles. Trucks frequently back up at intersections; please give them extra space.
4. Never let children play in snow drifts or banks near the road. This is very dangerous as it is very difficult for plow operators to see them.
5. Keep your house numbers clear and visible in case of emergency. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, consider shoveling out around it.

### February Meeting Dates

- 4 – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am
- 5 – CIC, 9:00 am
- 5 – Economic Development Committee, 12:00 pm
- 7 – Local History Team, 8:30 am
- 7 – Planning Committee, 10:00 am
- 7 – Environmental Conservation Board, 4:30 pm
- 7 – Agricultural Advisory Committee, 6:00 pm
- 11 – Planning Review Committee, 9:00 am
- 11 – Town Board, 6:00 pm
- 12 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 12 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 13 – Board Training Workshop, all day
- 14 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 14 – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am
- 19 – CIC, 9:00 am
- 19 – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:00 pm
- 21 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am
- 26 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am
- 26 – Planning Board, 6:00 pm
- 27 – Environmental Committee, 4:30 pm
- 27 – Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 pm

Town of  
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5440 Routes 5 & 20 West  
Canandaigua, NY 14424  
Phone: (585) 394-1120  
Fax: (585) 394-9476

#### Email

[Info@TownofCanandaigua.org](mailto:Info@TownofCanandaigua.org)

#### Town Hall Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### Town Clerk's Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wed- Open until 7:00 pm

#### Court Clerk's Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed,  
and Fri 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Thu 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

#### Town Supervisor

Cathy Menikotz

#### Town Board

Gary Davis  
Linda Dworaczyk  
Terry Fennelly  
Kevin Reynolds

#### Town Manager

Doug Finch

#### Deputy Town Supervisor

Tina Bloom

#### Highway and Water Superintendent

James Fletcher

#### Town Assessor

Christopher Lyon, IAO

#### Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

Chris Jensen, P.E., MCP, CFM

#### Director of Parks and Recreation

Dennis Brewer

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Date: January 23, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Sarah Reynolds

Email: [sreynolds@townofcanandaigua.org](mailto:sreynolds@townofcanandaigua.org)

Phone: (585)394-1120

### **TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA SEEKS RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON SEVERAL TOWN COMMITTEES**

(Canandaigua, NY) – The Town of Canandaigua is seeking community members interested in volunteering on any of several Town committees or project teams for which upcoming vacancies are expected. Are you passionate about protecting the Lake and our open spaces or have an interest in environmental sustainability? Are you interested in farming or agriculture? Does local history spark your interest? Are you interested in improving the Town's parks and recreation programs or do you like event planning and community organizing? Do you have another skill or experience you think could benefit the Town and the greater Canandaigua Community? We are also interested in youth members – do you know a high school student whose interests fall into any of these categories? If you can say "Yes" to any of these questions, then the following Town Committees would like to hear from you:

#### **Agricultural Advisory Committee**

This committee has worked towards furthering the protection and promotion of agriculture in the Town and greater Canandaigua community for over two years. Supporting farming families, promotion of agribusiness, participation in the County Fair and other Ag events, and agricultural education in the schools are all topics covered at Committee meetings. They meet once monthly on Thursday evenings.

#### **Citizens' Implementation Committee**

The CIC is a dedicated group of former board members and residents that started in 2014 with the goal to fully implement the 20 goals identified in the Town of Canandaigua's Comprehensive Plan. For the past four years, the CIC has prioritized goals each year and in 2019 they will be preparing an update to the Comprehensive Plan; this will include developing revised goals and new action steps. This Committee meets twice monthly on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am.



### **Environmental Committee**

This Committee has been focusing its efforts on public outreach and education relating to waste reduction and increasing resident participation in recycling. The goal is to help our community become more sustainable and to prepare for the closing of the Ontario County landfill in 2028. If you share a passion for sustainability and recycling and want to help get the word out, please consider joining this group. Currently, the Environmental Committee meets once a month on Wednesday afternoons.

### **Local History Team**

This group began in early 2018 and has been very active in protecting and promoting local history. Projects have included applying for (and receiving) a grant to research the history of the town including an inventory of all buildings over 50 years old; they created a page on the Town's website featuring historic maps of the town; and the most recent project has been the education of visitors to the Town hall on the historic Canandaigua Lake steamboats – each conference room is named for a different ship. If you're a fellow history buff or want to learn more, let us know and join the team. They meet once a month on Thursday mornings.

### **Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee**

If you love your parks and want to help with planning new recreation programs, including both youth and adult programs, ideas for park or trail improvements, and to help the Town plan for the future of our town parks, then consider attending or becoming a member of this committee. They meet once monthly in the evenings; with meeting locations rotating between the various parks.

### **Special Events Committee**

The Special Events Committee is looking for creative, dedicated individuals interested in events and party planning. In the past three years they have built floats for the 4th of July Parade, winning a trophy each year; exhibited at the Ontario County Fair and at the Historical Society; planned and held the first Town Open House at the new Highway Facility; and have become famous for the annual Halloween @ Onanda Park, attended by hundreds of families, rain or shine. They would love for you to join them. The Events Committee meets as needed; sometimes meeting more than once a month in the time leading up to an event.

All of these opportunities are volunteer positions. Members of these groups meet regularly, most of them monthly, to work towards goals set early in the year. If you have questions about any of these groups, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Reynolds at [sreynolds@townofcanandaigua.org](mailto:sreynolds@townofcanandaigua.org) or (585) 394-1120 x2232.

By: Sarah Reynolds, Administrative Coordinator

# Want Some Fun?

## Join the Town's Events Team!!!

We need YOU...your creativity...your building skills...working together with the Events Team...organizing fun events for the community!

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Join us...we need more people to share the fun...and of course...the fun work!

Please send a letter of interest to Sarah Reynolds at [sreynolds@townofcanandaigua.org](mailto:sreynolds@townofcanandaigua.org), or just give her a call...585-394-1120 x2232



# Spotlight on Sustainability

## From Your Ontario County Eco-Heroes

### Don't Forget!

Your Eco-Heroes are here to answer any questions or concerns you might have about sustainability or waste diversion. They will also provide you friendly tips and reminders to keep the County doing its best in these efforts.

**Becky Packard** – 3019 (396-4343)

**Ide Marshall** – 3019 (396-4249)

**Joe Gorall** – 3010 (396-4020)

**Brooke Morse** – RAIMS (393-2910)

**David Barnard** – Jail (393-4532)

**Roy Maggioli** – 70/74 Ontario (396-4505)

**Steve Vanderbrook** – Public Works (396-4001)

**Deb Trickey** – STF (396-4310)

**Alissa Knorr** – 83 Seneca St. Geneva (315-789-1767)

**Regina Sousa** – 20 Ontario (396-4453)

**Jenifer Langer** – 20 Ontario (396-4444)

**Phyllis Ertel** – Courthouse (412-5266)



### Did You Know?

The County has a new department!  
**Department of Sustainability & Solid Waste Management**

The Department will focus on the County's efforts to increase sustainable practices and waste diversion by employees and residents. The department implements the County's Local Solid Waste Management Plan, by working with municipalities, businesses and organizations to ensure the sustainability of our local environment.



### Make your New Year's Resolutions Green

Make any New Year's Resolutions for 2019? Still adhering to them? There are the usual: lose weight, exercise more, keep in contact with friends and family more, stay more organized...Almost always, they focus on self-improvement.

Why not try some Green Resolutions? They're easily made and can benefit everybody – even other species. Here are a few to get you started.

- Learn what can and cannot be put in your recycling bin
- Promote the growth of indigenous species
- Drive less, walk a little more
- Check out all the County parks
- Cook at home more often
- Skip the plastic straw
- Try winter hiking
- Plant more trees



### Tips to Reduce Your Heating Costs and Still Keep You Warm This Winter.

Looking to live more sustainably and efficient this winter. One of the biggest concerns this time of year is heat. Those heating bills seem to keep going up as the winter progresses. Here are a few tips to keep your home heating system more efficient as well as help you in the pocket book.

- Layer Up! Learn to love those fluffy socks, big sweaters, and cute slippers.
- Decorate your house with warmth in mind. Use flannel sheets, have blankets on hand, draw the blinds and pull the curtains shut to trap warm air.
- Minimize use of duct fans. They not only suck away unwanted odors, but also hot air.
- Keep your heating system tuned up. Change out old filters and have it checked regularly to make sure it is running as efficiently as it can. Even consider getting a new unit if yours is older and costing you money in service calls.
- Turn down the thermostat when sleeping or out of the house. Even consider dropping the temp. a few degrees. The difference is not as noticeable as you might think.
- Consider having an energy audit/assessment done at your home, to find out where additional insulation or other energy efficient measures can be utilized.
- Move obstructions from over top and in front of your vents to ensure unobstructed air flow.
- Heat with a wood stove? Keep that damper closed when away to ensure that hot air isn't going to waste.



# Cabin Fever Reliever



For Seniors in the  
City and Town of Canandaigua  
to Gather and Socialize!

**FREE!**

**Outhouse Park Lodge**

2550 Outhouse Road

**Every Thursday**

**9:30am-11:30am**

**Cards, Coffee, & Cookies provided!**

Begins 11/8/18. No registration required!



585-396-5080



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