

# KEY EVENTS

## Office of the County Administrator

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County Administrator

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## County Administrator

Chris and Alissa attended the annual New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Fall Seminar September 8-10. Niagara County hosted this year at the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

Two County Departments have temporarily relocated due to building renovations.

- The Conflict Defender's Office is at 3019 County Complex Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.
- The Department of Sustainability and Solid Waste is at 20 Ontario Street in the back offices of the County Clerk's Office.

## DMV

The DMV business hours have returned back to normal.

**DMV Hours:** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Class D & M Testing:** Monday- Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**CDL Testing:** Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm **NO TESTING ON FRIDAY!**

**Dealer Hours:** Monday – Thursday 8:30 am-11:00 am & 2:00 pm-3:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am – 11:00 am

Did you know there are many DMV transactions that can be completed online? Visit the NYS DMV website for more information: <https://dmv.ny.gov/transactions/all-online-transactions>



## Planning

In June, Linda and Kyle from the Planning Department attended three days of training about clean energy planning, regulation, and hosting. Code staff, elected officials from Ontario County, the Finger Lakes Region, and beyond were also in attendance. The training provided opportunities to hear specialists from Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Energy Safety Response Group, other organizations and host communities regarding best practices for siting, co-location with agricultural uses (agrivoltaics), taxation, regulation, battery energy storage safety, and host community benefits. Participants were able to visit a wind facility operations center and solar arrays using sheep for management of vegetation. The training was organized by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Pace University Land Use Law Center.



## Public Health

Director of Public Health Ott attended the ribbon cutting of Rochester Regional Health's new Geneva Medical Campus, located at 833 Canandaigua Road. Located on a formerly vacant lot that had sat unused for more than two decades, the new campus brings renewed vitality to a key corridor in Geneva. The building has nearly 100 exam rooms serving a broad range of specialties starting Sept. 15, including adult primary care, pediatrics and cardiology.



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## Public Works

The Ontario Wayne Stormwater Coalition, of which Ontario County DPW is a member, is hosting their annual stormwater conference on Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Canandaigua. Speakers will cover topics ranging from stormwater permitting, green infrastructure technologies, new wetland regulations and GIS mapping. This event will run all day and will include up to 4 continuing education credits along with the opportunity to interact with a wide range of vendors. Registration will be \$100 with lunch provided. For more information and to register, check back at [www.owsc.org](http://www.owsc.org). We will be updating our website with more information as we get closer to the event. We hope to see you there!



## Records and Archives

Please Join us  
RAIMS Open House and New Exhibit  
*Building the Erie Canal: Ontario County's Connections*  
Thursday, October 16, 2025 11:00am- 2:30pm  
3051 County Complex Dr. Canandaigua, NY 14424  
Dr. Preston Pierce, County Historian will present a short lecture at 12:30pm  
Behind the scene tours and Refreshments will be available  
October is Archives' Month

The poster features a blue and white watercolor-style background. It includes text about an open house, a historical exhibit on the Erie Canal, a lecture by a county historian, tours, refreshments, and the fact that October is Archives' Month. There is also a small image of a boat on the water.

## Sheriff's Office

**Swearing In & Promotions:** On August 14th, a swearing in ceremony was held to celebrate several exciting staff changes. Congratulations to Sr. Communication Officer Speers on his well-earned promotion from Communication Officer! We're also excited to welcome our newest team members: Communication Officer Rodriguez, Communication Officer Simmons, Communication Officer Castiglia, and Part-Time County Police Officer Penkitis. We commend each of these professionals for their dedication to public service and their commitment to the mission of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office. Congratulations, team!



**Badge Pinning:** On August 20th, three Ontario County Sheriff's Deputies — Avanzato, Lefebvre, and Rychlicki took part in their pinning ceremony after successfully completing Basic School at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy. This marks the beginning of their field training, with each recruit paired with a Field Training Officer. Please join us in congratulating our newest recruits as they start their careers serving Ontario County!



**Kiwanis Award:** On August 20th, the Farmington Victor Kiwanis Club proudly honored Deputy Herlehy for her outstanding dedication to public safety and service. From responding to over 1,400 calls in the past year to representing Ontario County at national memorial events, Deputy Herlehy exemplifies what it means to protect and serve. Deputy Herlehy, thank you for your commitment to our community, and thank you to the Kiwanis Club for this recognition.



**Corrections Emergency Response Team:** On August 25th, our Corrections Emergency Response Team at the Ontario County Jail held a training and also welcomed corrections officers from Oswego County to show them how our facility operates. Great work, team!



The Sheriff's Office held a press conference on September 4 to address the warehouse fire that occurred in the Town of Gorham on Saturday, August 30. The warehouse and grounds were filled with hundreds of pallets of expired, highly flammable hand sanitizer. Thank you to the dozens of fire departments and firefighters who fought the fire and kept it contained within the property. The town continues to work with the DEC, EPA, state fire, and the Sheriff's Office.



## Sustainability & Solid Waste Management

Registration is open for our next special collection event. Please see the details below.

### Household Hazardous Waste Event- Town of Farmington Highway Facility September 20

- Registration required- open through September 18, **or until full.**
- Open and free to all Ontario County residents.
- For full details and accepted materials, see the [event flyer](#).
- Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at (585) 394-3977 x427 to register.

The County is updating their 10 year Local Solid Waste Management Plan. We have created a website to engage the public and get residential input. If you have time, please consider completing the survey located here:  
<https://bandl.mysocialpinpoint.com/ontario-county-lswmp>

## WE'RE DEVELOPING A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Local Solid Waste Management Plan provides Ontario County and its constituents with policy and program recommendations to comprehensively manage solid waste for the next decade.

**The Plan aims to:**

- Serve as a countywide framework for the coordination of solid waste management
- Establish countywide solid waste goals and objectives, including an overall waste reduction goal and a plan to monitor progress toward the goals
- Satisfy state law requiring the development of a waste reduction plan for the County



To provide your feedback via a short survey and general comments during the planning process, visit [bit.ly/OCLSWMP](https://bit.ly/OCLSWMP) or scan the QR code.



**Ontario County**  
Department of Sustainability  
and Solid Waste Management

For more information visit the Local Solid Waste Management Plan [website](https://bandl.mysocialpinpoint.com/ontario-county-lswmp).

## OUR TEAM AGENCIES

### Cornell Cooperative Extension

Join us for our **3rd Annual Fall Festival & 4-H Open House, Saturday September 13, 2025, 10:00 am-1:00 pm at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills!** Something for the whole family; Crafts, Autumn Activities, Petting Zoo, Concessions and much more! A showcase of 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, Ontario County 4-H, Master Gardeners, Ag in the Classroom & Shooting Sports. Come see all that CCE has to offer!



**Centennial Gala:** You are cordially invited to the Gala, October 4, 2025 at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, 4437 Kear Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Cocktails at 6pm, a delicious catered dinner at 7pm, program and silent auction at 8pm. Camp is celebrating 100 years of terrific camping opportunities for many children and staff. The funds raised will be used to build a new pool for campers to learn to swim and enjoy while at camp. To register: [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2025\\_CentennialGala\\_232](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2025_CentennialGala_232)

Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you or your organization would like to provide a gift/basket for the silent auction, please contact Michele at [mla226@cornell.edu](mailto:mla226@cornell.edu)

**Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale: October 4, 2025, 9:00 am – 11:00 am.** Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY. Fall is an ideal time for planting many of our perennial flowers, trees and shrubs. If you are looking to add some perennials to your flower garden or shrubs to your landscape, come to check out this fall sale. The plants for sale come from the home gardens of our Master Gardeners. A variety of perennials, bulbs, shrubs, and even house plants will be available. Some of the plants for sale: white anemone, several hosta varieties, siberian iris, peonies, cone flowers, hardy geraniums, plumbago, rose of sharon, guara, russian sage, turtle head, mountain mint and much more. Master Gardeners will be there to answer any of your plant related questions.

**Ontario County Youth Shine at NYS Fair Animal Science Knowledge Contests:** As the dust settles and fall starts to set in, it's time to share the success of our Ontario County 4-H Youth. Twenty youth from Ontario County participated in knowledge contests. 4-H knowledge contests are competitive events where youth demonstrate their skills and knowledge in various project areas, from animal science to public speaking and healthy living. These contests provide hands-on learning experiences and opportunities. Congratulations to:

**Avian Bowl:** Mackenzie Michaelsen

**Poultry Science Contest:** Mackenzie Michaelsen, Simon Czadzeck, MaryLou Scheckler

**Dairy Challenge:** Sam Smithling, Zoey Richwalder, Catherine Worden, Emmett Smithling, Mary Lou Scheckler

**Dairy Judging:** Samantha Smithling, Zoey Richwalder, Catherine Worden, Emmett Smithling

**Goat Bowl:** Olivia Maslyn, Wyatt Wadams

**Rabbit Decathlon:** Wyatt Boyea, Mackenzie Michaelsen

**Livestock Skillathon:** Laramie Pyra, Addy Snyder, Kaelynn Hangii, Addy Snyder, Mackenzie Michaelsen, Elena Soberon, Grant Pyra and Lexah Ciardi. Also competing from Ontario County was Deacon, Matt, Kaylee and Micah!

**Livestock Judging:** Laramie Pyra, Kaelynn Hanggi, Deacon Wickham, Kaylee Hey, Micah Joseph, Lexah, Matthew Murphy

## Finger Lakes Visitors Connection

### Canandaigua Shines in National Travel Feature

Travel writer Kaitlyn Rosati recently included Canandaigua in her Cool Material article, "[Soak Up the Sun in the USA's Best Lake Towns](#)," inspired by her appreciation for the destination. The piece highlights Canandaigua, the Canandaigua Lake Wine Trail, and The Lake House on Canandaigua, reaching an audience of over 305,000 readers.

Following the article's publication, the Finger Lakes Regional Tourism Council facilitated a connection between Kaitlyn and FLVC, allowing us to host her for a wine tasting experience at Acquilano Wine Cellars after a weekend stay she had at The Lake House. We look forward to sharing her next article, which will feature more of the region, in the coming weeks.



### FLVC Invites You to Tourism Tuesday, Sept. 16

Connect with the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection team at the next Tourism Tuesday on Sept. 16 at Brew & Brats at Arbor Hill, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we welcome our new president and CEO, Alicia Quinn, to the region while closing out summer and transitioning into fall and our new fiscal year. Network with the FLVC team, board members, and industry colleagues. Appetizers will be provided, and your RSVP includes a drink ticket; a cash bar will also be available.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 10, to [chloe@visitfingerlakes.com](mailto:chloe@visitfingerlakes.com). We look forward to seeing you there and learning from one another!



## FLVC Launches Fall Web Page to Promote Seasonal Tourism

As part of FLVC's ongoing efforts to promote Ontario County as a year-round destination, our team has been actively developing a marketing strategy for the fall season. With autumn being one of the most scenic and activity-filled times of the year in the Finger Lakes, we saw a clear opportunity to create a resource for both visitors and locals.

Our newly launched [Fall Colors page](#) brings together events, seasonal activities and more to help travelers plan ahead—and to support our local businesses and attractions throughout the season.



# Fall Foliage in The Finger Lakes

Fall is a beautiful time in the Finger Lakes. Warm days and cool nights, farmers markets, and so many outdoor activities to enjoy. Undoubtedly, the magical part of fall is the vibrant colors of orange, yellow, red, and purple that adorn our landscape. Enjoy a hike, take a drive, or relax with a glass of wine as you soak in the rich colors of our picturesque region. Whether you're with friends, kids, family, or on your own, these fall activities in Ontario County will help you create golden core memories all season long!

*For an up-to-date New York Fall Foliage Report, click [here](#)!*



The Ultimate Finger Lakes Fall Fun Guide



U-Pick Farms in the Finger Lakes



Fall Events & Festivals



September Events in the Finger Lakes

# The Partnership

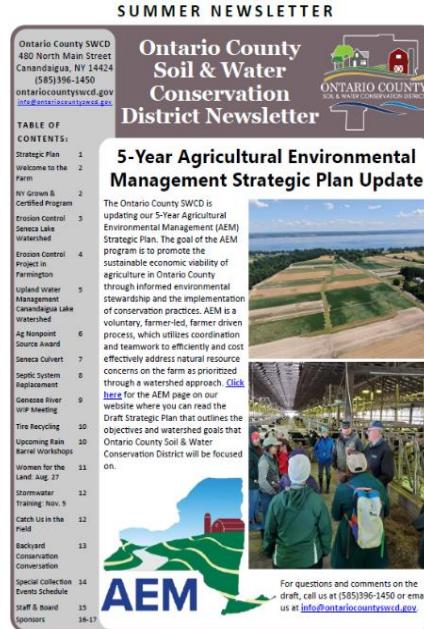
**September 22: Ontario Cares Pop-Up Food Pantry**, Town of Canandaigua Highway Department Barn Routes 5&20 (enter on Buffalo Street), 10 a.m. (open to the public).

**September 11, 18, 25: Ontario Cares: Letters and Lattes**, ArtSpace36, 36 South Main St., Canandaigua, 6:30-8 p.m. This inclusive and supportive creative teen and young adult group (ages 15-22) is a collaborative program of The Partnership for Ontario County and FLCC.

## Soil & Water Conservation District

### Summer Newsletter

The Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District [Summer Newsletter](#) is out! Stay up to date on all of our recent projects, upcoming events, and program updates.



### Rain Barrel Workshops

This summer we held three rain barrel workshops! The two most recent workshops were held at Birdhouse Brewing Co. on August 19 in partnership with the Honeoye Valley Association, and at Wood Library on August 25 in their new reading garden. Both events were well attended and over 60 barrels were sold.



## Women for the Land Event at Tamberlane Farm

On August 27, Tamberlane Farm hosted the Women for the Land Learning Circle event, focusing on adaptive pasture management and livestock reproductive care. We coordinated this event in partnership with American Farmland Trust. We heard from Karen Hoffman, the State Animal Husbandry and Grazing Specialist with NRCS, who provided practical advice on adaptive grazing management and pasture systems. We also heard from Nancy Glazier, the Small Farms and Livestock Specialist at Cornell Cooperative Extension NWNY, who shared strategies for improving nutrition and reproductive health in pasture-based livestock systems. We had 23 attendees and had a beautiful evening spent out on the farm. Thank you, Tamberlane Farm, for hosting the workshop and allowing the group to spend time learning at your farm!



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

Chris, Alissa & Cindy