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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings from all of us at Southern Tier West.

Now that we are midway through this beautiful summer, it's hard to think about fall and winter. However, we have begun plans for the Fall Planning and Zoning Conference scheduled on November 13th at the Radisson Hotel in Jamestown. Plans are also underway for an October day-long Public Works and Highway department personnel training program.

There is nothing like the present to consider projects you may want to submit for new funding that will be announced in the fall such as the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grants. CONGRATULATIONS to those who have been awarded funding so far in 2008. Some awards are listed in this Issue.

Meanwhile, enjoy the remainder of the summer. Stop and smell the roses. Beautiful fall color is not far away. ✓



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



### TRAINING SCHEDULE

**Code Enforcement:** You must register online with NYS at [www.dos.state.ny.us/code/edu.thm](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/code/edu.thm). Most classes are held from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 14, 25-0036 Inservice: Soils & Footings at STW BOCES Center

August 26-28, 9F0659 Basic Course: Building Code of NYS at STW BOCES Center

**NYS Archives:** You must register with Jim Tammaro, RAO at 716-847-7903 to attend the following courses:

September 10, Managing Case Files Effectively, Jamestown Central School

September 26, Electronic Document Management System, Cheektowaga Town Hall

October 21, Managing Inactive Records, Ellery Town Hall

October 31, Using Retention Schedules, Southern Tier West Offices

December 9, LGRMIF Grant Application, Randolph Town Hall

### Statewide Training:

September 15-19, City & Village Fall Training School, Lake Placid by NYCOM

September 21-24, Magistrates & Court Clerks Conference, Niagara Falls by NYS

Magistrates Assn & NYS Assn of Magistrates Court Clerks  
<http://nymagassoc.homestead.com/>

October 21-23, Accounting Principles & Procedures, East Aurora. Register with NYS

OSC by email: [localtraining@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:localtraining@osc.state.ny.us)

October 17, Records Management Grant Workshop, Inn at Canandaigua by NYALGRO

[www.nyalgro.org](http://www.nyalgro.org)

October 20-22, Public Works School, Saratoga Springs by NYCOM - [www.nycom.org](http://www.nycom.org) ✓

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## ✓ WATER, SEWER FUNDING WORKSHOPS

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) has announced the schedule for the 2008 New York State Water & Sewer Infrastructure Co-funding Workshop plus Individual Project Consultations. Spearheaded by EFC, this multi-agency event provides detailed information on government funding programs available to municipalities for water and sewer projects.

The 2008 workshop will be held on **October 7, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Buffalo**. The morning program includes an overview of State and Federal funding programs and highlights of new funding options, a presentation on the NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiencies Grant Program and a discussion of sound energy management practices. The afternoon program offers a choice of two tracks. Track one presentations include: Project Development, User Rates and Asset Management. Track Two presentations include: Sustainable Economic Development, Water/Sewer Infrastructure Consolidation, and Water/Sewer Infrastructure and Mainstreet Revitalization. Individual Project Consultations with funding program experts will be held concurrently with the workshop.

The workshops, now in their fourth year, are designed for local officials, municipal planners, drinking water and wastewater operators, economic developers, public agencies and consulting engineers.

Registration is required for both the Workshops and Consultations. To register online visit [www.nycofunding.org](http://www.nycofunding.org), or register by phone at 1-800-882-9721. EFC will contact those registering for a consultation to set up an appointment. Consultation time slots are limited so early registration is highly recommended.

In addition to EFC, other New York State government agencies participating in the event include the: Office of Community Renewal; Departments of Environmental Conservation, Health and State; Office of the State Comptroller; Energy Research and Development Authority; and the US Development Authority Rural Development. ✓



## ✓ AWARDS

### ✓ STW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD

Congratulations to Judy Harrington!

Southern Tier West presents the Local Government Award annually to a person within our region who has dedicated their time and effort towards the improvement and promotion of their municipality. This year's award was presented to Judy Harrington who has just finished 11 years as the Mayor of the Village of Franklinville. Under Mayor Harrington's guidance the Village of Franklinville has rejuvenated the downtown historic district including the brick streets, Pat McGee Park and store fronts. As Mayor, she encouraged the formation of the Chamber of Commerce, helped obtain water and sewer grants and participated in the Randall Arendt study. Congratulations Judy! ✓

### ✓ 2008 NYALGRO AWARDS

Each year the New York Association of Local Government Records Officers selects a recipient of the Guy D. Paquin Award and the Wheeler B. Melius Award.

The **Wheeler B. Melius** Award was formed to honor a person who has demonstrated outstanding service in the field of records management. The Melius Award is the most prestigious honor a NYALGRO Member can receive. The 2008 award went to Sandra Sopak, Chautauqua County Clerk for her work that included organizing, preserving, and protecting county records. The Records Management County Program includes county government records dating back to 1811.

The **Guy D. Paquin** Award was developed by NYALGRO to honor a person or organization who has made noteworthy achievements and has shown exceptional support and involvement in the records profession. The 2008 Award was given to Southern Tier West. Southern Tier West began working with records management in 1990 as a coordinator and grant writer for cooperative NYS Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant applications within Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties. Funds totaling over \$850,000 have helped 140 local governments, fire districts and school districts organize, dispose, preserve, microfilm or image local government records. The largest funded grant application was for 1991-92 Inventory and Disposition of Records with 41 municipalities participating in the amount of \$99,815. ✓



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## Southern Tier West Homepage

Southern Tier West's homepage is [www.southerntierwest.org](http://www.southerntierwest.org). The page describes Southern Tier West's organization, programs, activities, and events and will contain data and links to other useful and interesting sites. We encourage you to visit our homepage and make suggestions for improving the page so that we can make it more useful to you in the future.

### 2008 SMSI AWARDS

Congratulations to the municipalities awarded funds through the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Shared Municipal Services Incentive grant. Announcement of the next round of applications and due dates will be made this fall.

#### **Village of Silver Creek – \$96,600.00**

The Village of Silver Creek and Silver Creek Central School District will enter into an agreement for clearing snow and applying deicing materials to roadways, access roads, and parking facilities located within the Village. The Village will oversee the construction of a pre-engineered facility on Village property suitable for the proper storage of highways deicing materials (road salt, sand, etc.)

#### **Chautauqua County – \$173,880.00**

All municipalities in Chautauqua County along with the County of Chautauqua have agreed to pursue a comprehensive review of all County, Town, City and Village roads throughout the County. The desire is to determine how the existing highways are maintained, cleared of snow and ice, repaired or replaced and what model would accomplish this work in the most effective manner possible. With the push for consolidation, a professional analysis of this critical service is mandatory before any discussion is possible for the future of consolidation, regionalism or merger can be accomplished.


#### **Town of Cuba – \$234,781.19**

The Town of Cuba, the Village of Cuba and the County of Allegany, propose the construction of a shared salt storage facility which will adequately house the de-icing materials necessary to treat Town, County and Village roads in Cuba. Public safety and environmental benefits will be seen by the curtailment of delays in de-icing operations and diminished contamination due to runoff from the Town and Village uncovered salt/sand stockpiles.

#### **Town of New Albion – \$242,132.73**

The Town of New Albion and Village of Cattaraugus will share a salt/sand storage facility.

#### **Town of Sherman – \$288,206.10**

The Town and Village of Sherman would like to build a new highway building to be shared by both municipalities. A new shared facility has the potential of eliminating the use of 2 structurally questionable buildings, another smaller garage, and two offices located in two separate buildings, while reducing operating costs and lending further to ongoing efforts of shared services. 



## OTHER ARTICLES

### ✓ ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION ANNOUNCES \$1.65 MILLION FOR BELFAST WATER PROJECT

#### Interest-free, Long-term financing will save community \$1.3 million

New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Acting President Matthew J. Millea today announced a \$1.65 million interest-free loan for an important water project in the Town of Belfast in Allegany County. Provided via the New York Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), which is administered by EFC and the State Department of Health (DOH), the financing will save the County an estimated \$1.3 million in interest expense over the term of the financing.

“Providing adequate funding for New York’s urgent water infrastructure improvements is a significant challenge and one of Governor David Paterson’s top environmental priorities,” said Mr. Millea. “Through the funding provided today by the Drinking Water SRF, we continue to make progress in our efforts to help communities throughout the State provide safe and reliable drinking water to their residents.”

Congressman Randy Kuhl said: “Due to the high levels of arsenic, iron and manganese, the water treatment facility could not produce water for Belfast and the surrounding communities that met the mandates for water quality. This loan will be used to finance two new ground water sources and improved water quality. I sincerely thank the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for sending us these funds.”


Senator Catherine M. Young said: “Ensuring safe drinking water for the residents of Belfast is as important as it gets. This interest-free loan will help Belfast with infrastructure upgrades while also protecting taxpayers from

additional tax hikes at a time when they cannot afford a penny more.”

Assemblyman Joseph M. Giglio said: “I’m pleased that the Town of Belfast will be receiving financial assistance for their water project. This project has allowed the Town to improve water quality and bring the system into compliance with the drinking water regulations. This source of funding will save the Town taxpayers a great deal of money in interest and fees. It’s certainly a win-win situation for everyone.”

The Drinking Water SRF interest-free 30-year loan will finance the Town of Belfast’s two new groundwater sources, upgraded water treatment facilities, a new raw water transmission main, and water main extension. The project was necessary to improve water quality and bring the system into compliance with the State Sanitary Code. The Town also received a \$400,000 grant from the New York State Office for Community Renewal for this project.

“It has been a long process, but it has finally come to an end; EFC worked easily with our Water Superintendent, David Jennings, to make sure all the paperwork was accomplished in a timely manner,” said Town of Belfast Supervisor Jason Hamer. “Without the bond loan from EFC, Belfast would not have been able to afford the state of the art water plant that is now supplying our community with water.”

For additional information on the Drinking Water SRF programs, please visit [www.NYSEFC.org](http://www.NYSEFC.org). 

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## Data Center Affiliate

The New York State Data Center is New York's primary repository of economic and demographic data. The New York State Data Center operates through about 50 state, local, and university coordinating and affiliate organizations around the state. These affiliates maintain Census and related economic and demographic data and provide local information services to local government, business and the public. Southern Tier West is one of these data center affiliates providing data resources for Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties. If you're having difficulty locating data or have questions about the program in general, contact John Buzzard (jbuzzard@southern-tierwest.org) or call us at 716-945-5301 ext. 208.

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## DATA TABLES



### POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

County	Population <sup>1</sup>		Change from 2000 to 2006 Percent	Rank <sup>2</sup>	Land Area <sup>3</sup> (square miles)	Density <sup>4</sup>
	April 1, 2000	July 1, 2006				
New York State	18,976,457	19,306,183	1.74%	X	47,212	406.4
Allegany	49,927	50,267	0.68	31	1,030	48.8
Cattaraugus	83,955	81,534	-2.88	59	1,310	62.2
Chautauqua	139,750	135,357	-3.14	61	1,062	127.5
STW TOTALS	273,632	267,158	-5		3,402	238

NOTE: Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

X Not applicable.

1 Revised Decennial Census counts include changes made subsequent to the original Census release.

2 Rank based on 2000 to 2006 percent change.

3 Includes dry land and land temporarily or partially covered by water; for example: marshland and swamps; streams and canals less than 1/8 mile wide; and lakes, reservoirs, and ponds less than 40 acres in area.

4 April 1, 2000, population per square mile.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing and current population estimates for states. Material compiled by Empire State Development, State Data Center.



## ✓ PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM STATISTICS

### Crimes Reported/Known to Police by Type of Crime New York State by County — 2006(a)

County	Index Crimes								All Index Crimes <sup>1</sup>
	Negligent Manslaughter	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	
New York State	NA	922	3,157	34,349	45,212	68,158	291,821	32,022	475,641
Allegany	7	2	13	3	101	149	555	16 <sup>✓</sup>	839
Cattaraugus	4	—	21	16	127	441	1,582	49	2,236
Chautauqua	2	2	45	60	224	757	2,454	105 <sup>✓</sup>	3,647
STW Totals	13	4	79	79	452	1,347	4,591	170	6,722

— Represents zero.

NA Not Available.

a Data as of May 10, 2007.

<sup>1</sup> Includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Excludes negligent manslaughter.

SOURCE: New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Uniform Crime Reporting System.



## ✓ AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

### Milk by Number of Cows and Production New York State by County — 2004 and 2005

County	Annual Average Milk Cows		Average Production per Cow (pounds)		Total Milk Production (1,000 pounds)	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	New York State	655,000	648,000	17,786	18,639	11,650,000
Allegany	11,600	11,500	13,500	14,000	157,000	161,000
Cattaraugus	16,100	16,000	18,000	20,400	290,500	326,500
Chautauqua	22,600	22,600	15,800	16,400	357,500	371,000
STW Totals	50,300	50,100	47,300	50,800	805,000	858,500

a Included in Other Counties.

SOURCE: New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Agricultural Statistics Service, *2005-2006 Annual Report*; [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/New\\_York/Publications/Annual\\_Statistical\\_Bulletin/2006/Annp087-06MILK.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_York/Publications/Annual_Statistical_Bulletin/2006/Annp087-06MILK.pdf) (last viewed April 3, 2007).



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### ✓ **DISASTER PREPEREDNESS CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN WNY**

There will be a disaster preparedness conference entitled, "Before Disaster Strikes...Protecting our Business, Industrial, Educational and Governmental Infrastructures" held on August 19th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the University at Buffalo's Center for the Arts located in the Town of Amherst, Erie County. There is no cost to attend the conference.

For more information and to register go to: <http://www.ubevents.org/event/beingprepared>.

The conference is being sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office, Western District of New York; the New York State Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination; the United States Secret Service; NYS Office of Homeland Security; Federal Bureau of Investigation; NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; NYS Office of the Attorney General, NYS Intelligence Center and the US Department of Homeland Security. 