

Steuben County Newsletter

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK....

Spring has arrived, and in typical fashion, it has brought many surprises from Albany with the passage of the state budget. The Governor and State Legislature did very little to benefit counties or municipalities, and instead placed additional requirements upon us. Most notably is the Share Services Plan, which is discussed in more detail below. While onerous, the county will work with our partner municipalities to develop this plan, and most importantly, document the great work we already do in the realm of shared services.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Hauryski".

Joseph Hauryski
Chairman
Steuben County Legislature

Shared Services Plan

The state-mandated Shared Services Panel will begin meeting in May to develop the plan, as prescribed by state law. The Panel must consist of the chief executive officers of each municipality, and school districts will also be invited to join. Input will be received from labor unions and the public via a minimum of three public hearings. By the end of July, the draft plan must be presented to the County Legislature for review and comment. The Panel must then vote to approve or disapprove of the plan by September 15th.

While we cynics may view this as nothing more than a politically-driven show for the state, we will use this opportunity to highlight to the state and to the public how strong our efforts are in shared services. We will discuss the potential for new initiatives while documenting the great work we already do. We look forward to the participation of all municipalities.

Annual Tax Foreclosure Sale

The annual county sale of tax-foreclosure properties will be held at the Campbell-Savona High School Auditorium, 8455 County Route 125 in Campbell on Friday, July 14th. The sale will feature approximately 125 parcels, to be sold in alphabetic-township order. The sale has traditionally been held in Bath, but due to extensive renovations at the Bath school, the sale was moved to Campbell for 2017 and possibly 2018. Catalogs should be available in early-June, and the available properties will be featured on the County's web-site www.steubencony.org at the same time.

Board of Elections

Designating petition packets are now available for pick-up in our office. The first day to circulate designating petitions for signatures is Tuesday, June 6th. Filing of designating petitions will be Monday, July 10, through Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 9am – 5pm.

There is a Campaign Finance Seminar scheduled for May 16, 2017, from 6pm - 9pm, at the Steuben County Civil Defense building. We highly recommend anyone running for a county, city, town, or village office, or anyone already a treasurer for a candidate, attend this seminar.

Did you know: that anyone with a NYS Driver's License, or Permit, can also register to vote, change their name, update their address, or change their party affiliation online at <https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter/>

You can find a list of offices up in Steuben County for the 2017 Election on the Board of Election's website www.steubencony.org/boe . If you have any additional questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact our office at (607) 664-2260.

Emergency Services – Hazard Mitigation Plan

Steuben County continues to work on our Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This update, as required by FEMA, is done every five years. In order for municipalities to be eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds, they must participate in the planning and development of the Multi-Jurisdictional Plan. The county and our contractor, Barton and Loguidice, have been meeting with many of the municipalities over the past several months. Each municipality is being asked to provide specific details about their jurisdictions hazards, resources, capabilities and action items. If your jurisdiction has yet to complete their data request forms and return them to the Emergency Services Office or to B&L directly, time is running out! All data request forms need to be completed by the end of May so that our consultants have time to finish drafting the plan and submitting it to the State and FEMA for review. The plan is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2017. If you would like more details on this plan or would like to make sure your municipality is represented, please contact Tim Marshall, Director of Emergency Services at 607-664-2910.

Public Works Update

Steuben County continues to promote its Adopt A County Highway program, to help keep our county beautiful. There are currently 26 organizations in Steuben that have adopted 122 miles of county roads. For info on how organizations in your area can get involved, contact Jim Risley at the Steuben County DPW (607) 664-2467.

As a reminder, Steuben also makes our road grinder available for rental by municipalities. The cost is \$4,000/day with an operator and ground person included. This is a great shared service that could potentially save your municipality significant funds. Contact Public Works at (607) 664-2460 for more information.

Finally, the county will again host Town Roadside Cleanup Days in 2018. Towns may choose any two weeks during the year, and there is no charge for up to 20 tons of garbage and/or 10 tons of tires. This is for roadside debris only, not residential garbage. For more details, contact John Emo, (607) 346-5176.

Public Health – Car Seat Information

Have you ever wondered if your child is riding in the right car seat? Three out of four car seats are not installed properly. Make sure your car seat is installed correctly and that your child is riding safely by coming to one of the FREE car seat check events held throughout the county in April through September.

Ardent Solutions is hosting car seat checks from 10 am – 2 pm at the following WIC clinic locations: May 2: Addison; June 12: Hornell; June 15: Campbell; July 13: Bath; August 24: Canisteo; September 12: Wayland

For more information on the above check events, contact Becky Nelson at Ardent Solutions by calling 585-593-5223. All car seat check events are open to the public and there are no eligibility requirements. All children will leave in safe seats. Additionally, there will be car seat check events scheduled throughout the summer. Check the Public Health Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SCNYPublicHealth for upcoming events.

Car seats can be checked for free by appointment through the Sheriff's Office, Public Health, Healthy Families, and some local police departments as well. Also, the Play it Safe Program through the Sheriff's Office has car seats available for income eligible families. For more information and an application for a car seat, visit <http://www.steubencony.org/pages.asp?PID=4850>.

Full Circle America

You may be seeing local ads about a new service that uses technology to connect you with your physician, but did you know that this same technology can be used to keep you or your loved ones safe at home?

The Full Circle America project of Steuben Senior Services Fund, Inc., in partnership with the Office for the Aging, is transforming home based eldercare in Steuben County. By combining simple technology with traditional senior services, Steuben's older residents can often remain in their own homes and communities and avoid more costly care settings.

For more information on this innovative service, please call SSSF at 607-664-2298 or by email at info@steubenseniorservicesfund.org.

Sheriff's Department Updates

- The Law Enforcement Memorial Service will be held on May 20 at 11:00 am at the Public Safety Building. It is to remember and honor those that have given the ultimate sacrifice.
- Construction on the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Memorial Park at the Public Safety Building continues to make progress. Pavers that have been purchased will be installed and able to view. The purpose of this park is to honor all those fallen police and peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Donations and/or purchase of pavers can be made by calling 622-3930.
- The Sheriff's Office continues to hold the Pistol Permit Safety Courses every month. This course is a prerequisite for applying for a Pistol Permit. The response has been overwhelming, and the classes are full. If you wish to get on the waiting list, please call 622-3930 to do so. There will not be a class in May due to the Law Enforcement Memorial Service.
- The Kelley E. Clayton Homicide Investigation/Trial is over. The Chemung County District Attorney's Office, New York State Police and the Steuben County Sheriff's Office did an outstanding job of working together to conduct this investigation and taking it through to the end result of all three suspects being convicted. Sheriff Allard thanks all members involved who performed beyond expectation for the citizens of Steuben County.
- If you have a loved one with Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome or other disorder that causes them to wander from home or care, the Project Lifesaver Program may offer you peace of mind. The at-risk person is fitted with a transmitter that will aid the Sheriff's Office in locating them when they are unaccounted for. For more information, please contact Sergeant Daniel Brown at 607-664-2457 or brownda@co.steuben.ny.us.