



### Local Information & Announcements

#### SOCCOG 2011 Update

- During the 2010 Annual Meeting the present voting members decided to implement a fee schedule of \$0.05 per resident based on current census data. Participation Vouchers will be sent out to municipal clerks. The fee will support projects and training opportunities.
- SOCCOG has compiled municipal financial information that will be useful during future budget planning. This financial data will be mailed to municipalities and is available online at [www.SOCCOG.org](http://www.SOCCOG.org)
- We will be working on a "Know Your Neighbors" web series featuring projects, information and lessons learned from neighboring municipalities in the SOCCOG area. The first one will be on Town of Marshall's Highway Garage Fire...What you can do to be better prepared.

Contact Caroline Williams at [jcw28@cornell.edu](mailto:jcw28@cornell.edu) or 315-404-6604 with any questions.

### Workshops & Training

New York State Archives Training - The NYS Archives Department has announced its spring workshop and training schedule:

- **Digitizing Your Historical Records** on May 18, 2011 9:00a.m. -noon in Cazenovia
- **Electronic Document Imaging** on May 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - noon in Adams
- **Managing Your Historical Photographs** on June 14, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - noon in Dewitt

There is no charge for workshops. **Pre-registration is required, contact Brittany Turner at [bturner@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:bturner@mail.nysed.gov) or (518) 473-0130.**

Cornell Local Roads Program workshop and training schedule:

- **Asphalt Paving Principles** - online information <http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/2011/2011-S-asphaltpaving.htm>
- **School for Highway Superintendents - June 6-8, 2011** at Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY. The NYS Association of Towns co-sponsors the Highway School, register online at <http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/trainingevents/highwayschool.htm>
- **Statewide conference on local bridges - October 25-27, 2011** Holiday Inn North Syracuse (Liverpool) register online at <http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/trainingevents/bridgeconference.htm>

#### May 11, 2011 - Marcellus Shale Webinar: Agricultural Potential Impacts

Marcellus Shale Webinar: Agricultural Potential Impacts will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 1:00-3:30PM. Presenters: George Frantz, Dept. of City & Regional Planning, Cornell University, Kenneth Smith, Executive Director, CCE Chenango County, Judy Wright, American Farmland Trust. To pre-register for the webinar and attend, click on the following link:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEpFdXFJUVBibVILWjZQMDVKMkZVbEE6MQ>

May 11, 2011 - 18th Annual Southern Tier Local Government Conference will take place from 8am - 4pm at Houghton College, Houghton, NY. **More information online at <http://www.southerntierwest.org/lgcregistration.html>**

#### May 24-26, 2011 - New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Meeting and Training School

This two and a half day training event at the Hilton, Saratoga Springs will focus on maximizing efficiency, controlling expenses, finding alternative sources of revenue, discussing innovative strategies, understanding topics of mutual concern, sharing challenges and solutions with peers. **Register online at <http://www.nycom.org/>** (Save the Date - Fall training school in Saratoga Springs will be held 9/19-9/22)

June 7-9, 2011 State of Upstate New York Conference: Resilience, Partnerships and Innovations at the Doubletree Hotel, Syracuse. **Register online at <http://www.cals.cornell.edu/cals/devsoc/outreach/cardi/calendar-events/state-of-upstate-ny.cfm>**

June 29, 2011 - One for the Road: A Primer on Right-of-Way and Boundary Issues at SUNY IT sponsored by LGEC & Tug Hill Commission. This session will examine current and developing legal issues with a focus on a municipality's responsibility with respect to its highways, including: acquisition, nature and extent of legal interest (title vs. easement), streets by prescription (use), width and bounds, encroachments and obstructions by abutting owners, granting franchises, licenses and work permits, abandonment by non-use and discontinuance, minimum maintenance highways and seasonal limited use roads. **Brochures will be mailed to municipalities in mid-May**

#### July 17-21, 2011 Cornell Municipal Clerks Institute

**Register online <http://devsoc.cals.cornell.edu/cals/devsoc/outreach/cardi/training/cmci/index.cfm>**

## Grants & Funding

### Local Police Departments – Traffic Grants DEADLINE: Sunday, May 15, 2011.

- **NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Selective Traffic Enforcement Program**

The New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), through its Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), is accepting applications from non-profit organizations, local governments and state agencies. STEP grants will provide funding to help enforce laws in New York State against identified dangerous driving behaviors. GTSC oversees New York State’s highway safety program and receives funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to address highway safety-related problems. The goal of the program is to prevent motor-vehicle crashes, save lives and reduce the severity of injuries suffered in crashes on the state’s roadways. Grants are awarded for one-year periods, based on the availability of federal funding and the performance of the grantee.

- **NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee General Highway Safety Program**

The New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), through its General Highway Safety Program, is accepting applications from non-profit organizations, local governments and state agencies. To qualify for funding, a highway safety problem must be documented and quantified. In addition, an innovative solution addressing the problem must be proposed. GTSC oversees New York State’s highway safety program and receives funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to address highway safety-related problems. The goal of the program is to prevent motor-vehicle crashes, save lives and reduce the severity of injuries suffered in crashes on the state’s roadways. Grants are awarded for one-year periods, based on the availability of federal funding and the performance of the grantee.

Call 518-474-5111 or more information online at [www.safeny.com](http://www.safeny.com)

### The Rural Energy for America Program

The Rural Energy for America Program, through USDA-Rural Development, offers grants, guaranteed loans, and combination grant/guaranteed loans to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. Helpful information regarding the Section 9007 program can be found at:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill/index.html>.