

# Steuben County Newsletter

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## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK....**

As we all enjoy the summer weather, many of us are beginning preparation of next years' budgets. The coming year will present many challenges for Steuben County, as we will need to account for ever-growing State mandates, specifically dealing with court functions. We've added staff to our District Attorney's Office, Public Defender, County Attorney, and Sheriff's Department, with the need for more hires in 2020. As always, the Legislature will work hard to minimize the impact to our taxpayers, but it won't be an easy task.

Please find some important departmental updates below, and have a safe summer!

Sincerely,

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

Joseph Hauryski  
Chairman  
Steuben County Legislature

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## **Planning Department – Solar Mapping Resource**

A new tool for municipalities has been added to Steuben County Planning Department's online Mapping and Resources web page, designed to help local governments and landowners if and when they are approached by solar energy companies.

The tool, located on the website shows properties in each town that could be developed for sizable solar projects. Unlike residential solar energy, the larger scale projects typically are built on more than five acres and require high-voltage electrical transmission lines.

The app helps municipalities and farmers locate land that can be leased or purchased for large scale solar energy purposes, while maintaining their prime farm land for crops. The low-impact projects are generating more interest across the state as a way to provide clean renewable sources of electrical power and protect the environment, with the Steuben County Public Works department now considering a solar energy project at the county landfill.

For more information on large scale solar energy in Steuben County, call or email Sousa at 607-664-2268 or [planning@steubencountyny.gov](mailto:planning@steubencountyny.gov). The Steuben County Planning and Resources app offers a wide variety of information, including road and bridge construction, election polling places, medication disposal sites, hiking trails and housing for seniors. For more information, go to [www.steubencounty-scnygis.opendata.arcgis.com/](http://www.steubencounty-scnygis.opendata.arcgis.com/)

## **Sheriff's Office- Updates**

As we leave spring and enter the summer season, the Sheriff's Office would like to take a minute and thank all those who attended and participated in the Law Enforcement Memorial Service on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Building, all Memorial Day Parades and ceremonies, and all remembrances for fallen soldiers and public servants. July 2<sup>nd</sup> will soon be upon us, the first anniversary of the murder of Trooper Nick Clark and the attempted murder of Deputy Joshua Day. As the Steuben County community continues to heal from this event, let us all take a moment to reflect on what is truly important in our lives - family, friends and co-workers.

The Sheriff's Office has completed the first round of EMT training and will be contributing to the lifesaving efforts of our EMS partners. Congratulations to all the Deputies, Correction Officers, and Investigators who committed their time and effort to attain this status of service.

The school year over, and for the first time in Steuben County history, every school district and BOCES campus in our County has had a School Resource Officer to provide safety and security. Our thanks go out to the sixteen School Resource Officers and two School Resource Deputies who keep our children safe. Speaking of summer, please remember to say hello to the navigation patrol on Keuka and Waneta lakes. Our Deputies love to have positive interaction with the boating public.

Our Deputies and Correction Officers will continue to be busy all summer, with the Honor Guard ceremonial presentations, jail garden program, work program and K-9 Spirit program. We are moving forward collaboratively to complete the overdose mapping program, crisis intervention program and jail addiction counseling and referral program.

K-9 Twiggy is proceeding well with training and should be certified in the near future. We will soon be adding an additional K-9, Knapp, which will be donated in memoriam of Deputy Pete Knapp. Stay tuned for more information on Knapp!

Please stay safe this summer and enjoy all that Steuben County has to offer.

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## **Public Health**

### *CHA/CHIP*

Steuben County Public Health and its hospital partners: Arnot Health, Guthrie Corning Hospital, and St. James Hospital, are working towards completion of the 2019 Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the 2019-2021 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This CHA and CHIP are due to the New York State Department of Health in December 2019, so progress on the activities and goals outlined in the CHIP will begin in early 2020. Community input is important in determining the biggest health issues facing Steuben County. Surveys were completed by 485 residents in the summer of 2018 and by key health organizations in December 2018 to help guide the process. A Health Priority Setting meeting was held on May 7 at the Steuben County Office Annex Building; over 60 community members and partners attended the meeting to determine the top health areas that need improvement in Steuben County. The resulting health priorities are:

1. Child and adolescent health
2. Tobacco prevention
3. Mental and substance use disorders prevention

To keep up with the work being done in the CHIP, follow along on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/SCNYPublicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/SCNYPublicHealth)) and on the Public Health website

([www.steubencony.org/publichealth](http://www.steubencony.org/publichealth) ). We are also now on Instagram! Follow us there by visiting [www.instagram.com/SteubenPublicHealth](http://www.instagram.com/SteubenPublicHealth) .

The completed CHIP will be posted to the Public Health website on the Community Health page. The current CHIP can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/CHIP1618> . Contact the Public Health Education Coordinator with questions or for more information on the CHA/CHIP by emailing [lwagner@steubencountyny.gov](mailto:lwagner@steubencountyny.gov) or by calling 607-664-2438.

### *Narcan Training*

Steuben County Public Health became a registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program in 2018 which allows for our nurses to train the community and other service providers on how to recognize and respond to overdoses and give Naloxone (Narcan). If you or your organization is interested in receiving Narcan training, contact Public Health by calling 607-664-2438.

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### **Office for the Aging**

The first *Annual Senior Moments Bubbly and Brunch* will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2019 from 11am to 2pm at the Pleasant Valley Winery in Hammondsport. The brunch will feature savory cuisine, wine, entertainment, raffles, and an exclusive patron gathering in support of the mission of the Steuben Senior Services Fund of assisting older persons in Steuben County to age with dignity and independence in the place and manner of their choice. Your attendance will ensure the continuance of vital programs and services that meet the needs of our community on a daily basis. Ticket and registration information is available by calling (607)664-2298.

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### **Public Works - Twisted Branch Trail Run**

The Twisted Branch Trail Run, a 100K (62.14 mile) ultra-marathon on the Finger Lakes Trail System, will take place on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The race starts at Ontario County Park in South Bristol and finishes at Champlin Beach in Hammondsport, passing through the Steuben County townships of Pulteney, Prattsburgh, Wheeler, and Urbana. The running will begin at 4 o'clock in the morning and end at midnight, giving runners a total of 20 hours to complete the route. Over 10,000 feet of elevation change will be encountered along the way.

This will be the fourth running of the Twisted Branch, the first having taken place in 2015. Modest cash prizes are awarded to the top finishers. All profits are donated to local nonprofit organizations that facilitate the event. The run is also a qualifying event for the Ultra-Trail du Mont Blanc (UTMB), an annual ultra-marathon in the Alps that passes through France, Italy, and Switzerland. Additional information about the Twisted Branch Trail Run can be found online at [www.twistedbranchtrail.com](http://www.twistedbranchtrail.com) .