

# Steuben County Newsletter

March / April 2017



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

As spring approaches, the County, like all other municipalities, is keeping a close eye on the State budget process. We remain highly concerned with many of the Governor's proposals, specifically the unwillingness to fully address the indigent defense mandates and the threats of withholding revenue if his shared services proposal is not adopted.

The municipalities in Steuben have a long history of sharing services and finding efficiencies; however, the Governor's push to force consolidation of services where they don't make sense locally is highly flawed. We will continue to partner with municipalities, and will advocate against State initiatives that seek to strip away local control.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Hauryski".

Joseph Hauryski  
Chairman  
Steuben County Legislature

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## **Board of Elections**

The 2017 Election Season will soon be upon us. This year is a local election year, when most of our Town Supervisors, Town Clerks, Councilmen, and Highway Superintendents will be up for election, or re-election. In addition to town offices up this year, there are also two County Judges, two County Coroners and eight County Legislators up for election, or re-election.

Petition packets will be available for pick-up in our office beginning the week of May 2, 2017. The first day to circulate designating petitions for signatures is Tuesday, June 6th. Filing of these petitions will be Monday, July 10, through Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 9am - 5pm.

There is also a Campaign Finance Seminar scheduled for May 16, 2017, from 6pm - 8pm, 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.

If you would like a supply of voter registration forms, please contact our office. Also, just a reminder, 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/>

The Board of Election's website is [www.steubencony.org/boe](http://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.

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## **Public Health**

Steuben County Public Health is holding the spring rabies clinics on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the County Highway Barn in Bath, the Town of Corning Water Building, and the Hornell Fire Department. Please bring pets on leashes or in cages, and clean up after pets. A voluntary \$5

donation per pet is requested (but not required) to help with vaccine and supply costs. Bring proof of prior rabies vaccination to receive a rabies vaccination certificate that is valid for 3 years. Call Public Health at 607-664-2438 with questions. All scheduled rabies clinics throughout Steuben County can be found on the Public Health website on the Rabies Information page at [www.steubencony.org/publichealth](http://www.steubencony.org/publichealth).

Each year, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ranks counties in each state across the nation. Rankings are based on health outcomes, which include length and quality of life measurements, and health factors, which include health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment. In 2016, Steuben County was ranked 31 out of the 62 New York State counties, an upward trend from 2015 (ranked 34) and 2014 (ranked 40). The 2017 county health rankings will be released on March 29. Check Steuben County Public Health's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SCNYPublicHealth](http://www.facebook.com/SCNYPublicHealth) or [www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org) for more information.

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### **Steuben County Hall of Fame Luncheon**

The Steuben County Hall of Fame luncheon will be held April 22, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church in Bath at noon. New inductees are: Betty and Patrick Monahan of Bath, Dr. Roy Robinson of Wayland, and Hannah Spencer of Jasper. Please send your reservation check of \$20.00 to County Historian, 3 E. Pulteney Sq., Bath, New York before April 12th. Checks should be made payable to the Steuben County. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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### **Planning Department**

#### ***NYS Property Maintenance Code – New Regulations for Motor Vehicles***

As a reminder, New York State has added the following language to the New York State Property Maintenance Code:

##### ***302.8 Motor Vehicles.***

*Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at anytime be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being striped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted in an approved spray booth.*

*Exception: A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is preformed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.*

The new regulation went into effect **October 3, 2016** and may now be enforced. Citizens are encouraged to store inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles within a structure prior to October 3, 2016.

New York State Department of State is in the process of printing new code books that will include definitions of terms used in the regulations.

19NYCRR Part 1203 establishes minimum standards for administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code. All towns, villages, counties, or state agencies that are responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code must comply with Part 1203, including a new section, 1203.5, adopted on January 12, 2015.

Section 1203.5 requires that an Order to Remedy a condition in violation of the Uniform Code must state that full compliance with the Order is required within 30 days after the date of the Order. Section 1203.5 specifies a statement that must be included in each Order to Remedy. All Orders to Remedy must be served personally or by certified mail. Section 1203.5 also specifies that a person or entity not

complying with an Order to Remedy may be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

Governments enforcing the Uniform Code should consult New York State Department of State's Technical Bulletin that addresses 19 NYCRR 1203.5 for further information:

[http://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/pdf/TB\\_OrderRemedy\\_01122015.pdf](http://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/pdf/TB_OrderRemedy_01122015.pdf)

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### **Office of Emergency Services - Ready Steuben App**

Steuben County is in the process of developing a specialized Mobile Application that is to be a tool that the Office of Emergency Services can use to educate, inform, prepare, and alert the public of disaster and emergency-related information. This customized application will be available in both Android and iPhone formats for Tablets and Smartphones. Once downloaded, users of the application will find useful emergency preparedness information such as items to stock disaster supply kits, develop an emergency contact list, and review helpful emergency preparedness information on all types of hazards.

By empowering residents through the use of technology, the Office of Emergency Services can aid in citizen preparedness by sharing preparedness tips and prevention measures. The app can also push data and alerts to users from various sources such as the National Weather Service, Amber Alerts and County Social Media Accounts. There will be helpful links in the application as well as putting consolidating emergency information all in one place. Users will also be able to send information back to the County such as damage reports as well as photos for immediate situational updates. Look for more information in the following months as we begin to prepare the launch of this important communication tool.

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### **Office for the Aging**

April 4, 2017 is Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service. Across the nation and here in Steuben County, government officials have an opportunity to reflect on the impact of Senior Corps and AmeriCorps programs, and to thank the volunteers who serve to make our communities better places to live.

In Steuben County, we are fortunate to have the contributions of Senior Corps volunteers in RSVP and Foster Grandparents programs making a resounding impact. Sponsored by the Office for the Aging, RSVP volunteers serve in variety of assignments including delivering meals to the homebound, responding to disasters, serving our veterans and military, families, helping in food pantries, leading health and wellness activities, assisting in education and school readiness for our children, and much, much more.

In 2016, 395 Steuben County RSVP volunteers served nearly 64,600 hours in over 160 different assignments. This equates to over \$1.5 million in cost savings at 62 agencies where they serve. These older adults are using the skills, knowledge and experience they have gained over a lifetime to solve real issues in Steuben.

RSVP would like to encourage all our elected officials to join County Manager, Jack Wheeler in showing support of our national service volunteers by registering at <https://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/mayor-and-county-recognition-day>. For more information about RSVP and how they are serving your specific community, please call 607-664-2298.