

Steuben County Newsletter

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK....

County officials and staff remain very busy working on a variety of projects. One of the most important tasks that I would like to highlight is the work of our Ad-Hoc Municipal Coordination Committee, focusing on exploring shared service options for assessing.

As a County, we are at a critical juncture – with a number of appointed Assessors retiring and a very limited pool of qualified personnel to take their place. In addition, we have many different assessment approaches across our municipalities, along with a number that are at very low equalization rates. These factors have lead me to ask the question – what can the County do to help improve assessing operations, assist municipalities in controlling costs, and achieving economies of scale?

The Ad-Hoc Municipal Coordination Committee has taken this charge and is working diligently to advance options for the consideration of the Legislature. Our Real Property Tax Director has surveyed municipalities to determine if they have an Assessor that will be retiring and if they are interested in a potential partnership with the County. In addition, the Committee is looking at ways to more efficiently achieve revaluation projects at a savings to municipalities.

Many of your municipalities have been engaged in this effort, and we greatly appreciate it. Much more information will be shared in the coming months, as we want to have solutions available for consideration this summer. If you have any questions or want to become more involved, please contact the Real Property Tax Service Agency at (607) 664-2373.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hauryski
Chairman
Steuben County Legislature

Public Works - \$1.00 Tire Week

Need to get rid of some tires? During the week of May 13-18, the tire disposal prices will be reduced to \$1.00/tire at all of our facilities, for this week only. Normal pricing is \$2.50/tire. Passenger vehicles and small truck tires only. Be on the lookout for additional details in the coming weeks.

Office for the Aging

The partnership between the Steuben County Office for the Aging and Steuben Senior Services Fund (SSSF) remains strong in 2019. While planning for the future of aging services in our County, we are currently enrolling older persons in the cutting- edge Full Circle America project that uses technology for in home monitoring, volunteer “wellness ambassadors” and new attitudes about quality of life to allow for aging in place and the avoidance costly institutional care.

If you care about someone who wants to remain in their own home as they age, but worry about their needs and safety, Full Circle America may be just the answer to provide the necessary support and peace of mind. This low-cost subscription service is available throughout the county. For a no obligation consultation, call 607-664-2298 to see if Full Circle America is right for you.

Public Health

Home Visitation Program

Nurses at Steuben County Public Health provide educational home visits free of charge for all Steuben County prenatal and new moms. Questions often arise for families both before and after adding a new member to their family, so it is extremely beneficial to meet with a Public Health nurse. The visits are scheduled at the mom's convenience, in the relaxed environment of their own home or other location of their choosing. Parents are encouraged to ask as many questions as they want. The Public Health nurses provide one-on-one, uninterrupted guidance on a variety of topics, including breastfeeding and bottle feeding, car seats, safe sleep, baby proofing, after-delivery care for both mom and baby, and much more. Our nurses are also Certified Lactation Counselors and can answer any questions related to breastfeeding. They can also provide hands-on support for those who are experiencing difficulty with breastfeeding.

These home visits are part of the Southern Tier Kids on Track efforts to make sure all children in Steuben County are ready for kindergarten and reading by third grade. Believe it or not, the information and resources received during these prenatal and newborn home visits have an impact years into the future!

All Steuben County moms delivering at Guthrie Corning Hospital and Arnot Odgen Medical Center are referred for home visits as part of their discharge to make sure the opportunity is given to all. There are no eligibility guidelines, other than expecting or having a new baby. Referrals can be self-made, by your health care provider, or at the hospital. When a referral reaches Public Health, one of our nurses will contact the mom to talk about and schedule a home visit. If you are expecting or have just had a new baby and would like to schedule your home visit, please call 607-664-2438 or text one of our nurses today: Jo-Anne: 607-643-5078; Kat: 607-329-6823

Community Health Assessment (CHA)

Steuben County Public Health and local hospitals are making progress on the Community Health Assessment (CHA) for 2019. Online surveys about the health services available and the health needs in the community have been completed by community members, legislators, health care providers, and local community partners. Focus groups have also been completed with a variety of groups, including high school, GED, and college students, mental health providers, community members, and stakeholders.

A priority setting meeting will be held on May 7th and is open to the public to help us review the data compiled from the assessments and to help choose which health areas should be our focus for the next Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Keep an eye on the Public Health website (www.steubencony.org/publichealth) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/scnypublichealth) for an announcement of more meeting details. To see the current CHA and CHIP visit Steuben County Public Health's Community Health page at <https://steubencony.org/pages.asp?PID=419> .

Safe Medication Disposal Sites

In case you've ever wondered where you can easily dispose of unused medication, here's a list off drop box locations in Steuben County provided by Steuben Council on Addictions. Please note that there is a drop box right outside the main entrance to the County Office Building.

Steuben County medication disposal locations

- **Addison Apothecary**
36 Main Street
- **Bath PD/ Village Hall**
110 Liberty Street
- **Beavers Pharmacy**
7 Main Street, Canisteo
- **Canisteo Village Hall**
8 Green Street
- **Corning PD/City Hall**
Nasser Civic Center Plaza
- **Gerould's Pharmacy**
98 W. Pulteney St., Corning
- **Guthrie Corning Hospital**
1 Guthrie Drive (in Pharmacy)
- **Hammondsport Village Hall**
18 Water Street
- **Hornell Police Dept.**
110 Broadway
- **Market Street Apothecary, LLC**
78 W. Market St., Corning
- **Park Pharmacy of Hammondsport**
27 Shether Street
- **Steuben County Office Bldg.**
3 Pulteney Square
- **Steuben County Sheriffs Office**
7007 Rumsey Street
- **Tops Friendly Market of Bath**
West Morris Street (in Pharmacy)

