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Updates from the Town of Ulysses

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Happy Thursday, Ulysses!

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TOWN OF ULYSSES NEWS:

WELCOME NEW TOWN PLANNER, JOHN ZEPKO

From the Supervisor:

Many of you worked with Darby Kiley over the years either in her role as the Town Planner, Zoning Officer, Stormwater Officer, or as a liaison to many groups throughout the town and county. Darby has now moved to County Planning and the Town has hired her replacement. I'd like to wish a warm welcome to John Zepko who will now be the person at Town Hall wearing those many hats.

John has loads of experience in the planning process and will provide a fresh set of eyes on the zoning update as it slowly moves forward. He already has ideas to make accessing and understanding the planning and zoning processes as easy as possible for residents, realtors, and developers.

Not only is John extremely knowledgeable, but I think you'll find his straight forward and respectful communication style easy to follow. Plus, he's really nice!

Feel free to stop by and meet John. His office hours will be posted to the web sometime soon. You can also reach him at zepko@ulysses.ny.us or 387-5767 ext. 222.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses will hold a Public Hearing at 7pm on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Ulysses Town Hall, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, New York.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on a Proposed Local Law to override the NYS tax levy limit as allowed by General Municipal Law §3-C.

To review the full text of the proposed Local Law, please visit <http://www.ulysses.ny.us/calendar/?cmd=view&event=2892&category=Government>.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the aforementioned time and place, all interested residents will be afforded an opportunity to submit written and oral comments in person or as represented by an agent.

TOMPKINS COUNTY:

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) RIDE AND DRIVE EVENT

Curious about electric vehicles? EV Tompkins, a joint public/private partnership, will host an event on August 2, from 3-7pm at the Shops at Ithaca. Learn more about EVs, their affordability, and experience the fun of driving electric.

Visit the EV Tompkins Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/212157412779844/> for the most

updated information. See other information on their website at <http://www.getyourgreenbacktompkins.org/ev-tompkins/>.

CHANGES TO RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Due to economic changes and fewer options for selling recycled materials, Tompkins County is accepting less recyclables. Unfortunately, this means that more items will go into the landfill.

For more information, read an open letter by Barbara Eckstrom, Director, and Geoff Dunn, Communications and Administrative Coordinator, of Tompkins County Department of Recycling and Materials Management here: <https://recyclecomptkins.org/open-letter-regarding-recycling-changes/>.

Download the updated recycling guidelines to see exactly what is accepted: https://recyclecomptkins.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/455_2018_Guidelines_Rotated.pdf, or pick up a brochure at town hall.

PADDLEFEST

A new coalition of Cayuga Lake paddling and environmental groups is hosting the first annual Cayuga Lake PaddleFest from Friday, July 27 through Sunday, July 29, at Taughannock Falls State Park in Trumansburg.

The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, Paddle 'n More, Cayuga Outrigger Canoe Club, and Stand-Up Paddle Board (SUP) Club invite all ages to experience the wonder of lake life up front and personal. Children 12 and under are free, and there is a youth discount for participation.

Starting at 4 pm on Friday, everyone is welcome to try out a kayak, canoe and/or paddle board, get a SUP Yoga lesson, and join in a Full Moon paddle on the lake for free. A modest fee for Saturday SUP Yoga, paddle craft clinics and rentals covers t-shirts, a BBQ dinner, insurance and safety guides. The Cayuga Outrigger Canoe Club relay will provide excitement. Area watershed and lake organizations will be on hand with information, and families can enjoy nature art, a children's activities tent, and guided Gorge Walk.

Saturday afternoon Nick Helmholdt, new director of the Tompkins County Tourism Board, will be on hand for a conversation about the County's recently-released Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan. He will also introduce exciting plans for a Cayuga Lake Blue Way Trail, part of the National Park Service's initiative to build support for the nation's waterways by creating up front and personal ways for everyone to experience the beauty, power and abundance of our rivers and lakes.

Sunrise Yoga will greet Sunday morning. At 10 am everyone is invited to bring their own paddle crafts or rent one at a discounted rate from Paddle 'n More, for an all-craft flotilla to celebrate commitment to protecting Cayuga Lake for generations to come.

For information and registration, visit paddlenmore.com. Questions are welcome at cayugawatersport@gmail.com.

NEW YORK STATE: FROM THE NYS DEC

HABs in Cayuga Lake

Harmful algal blooms have been found in Cayuga Lake but they can come and go quickly. Most guidelines suggest that if you see a bloom, stay out of the water for 24 hours, and especially do not let pets drink from the water during this time.

The Town of Ulysses is proud to support two affiliates: the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network and the Community Science Institute, two amazing non-profit organizations partnering to provide the most up to date information on most recent blooms. See their data here: <http://www.communityscience.org/cayuga-lake-2018-harmful-algal-blooms-results/>

Link here to view more information: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html>

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS: (All are open to the public and meet at the Town Hall)

Democracy depends on citizen involvement! Grab a friend and drop in to a meeting to see what's happening, or listen to the meetings on-line. Don't have time? Minutes are also on the website.

All town meetings are held at the town hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg, unless noted otherwise.

For agendas and other meeting information, click on the event on the calendar here: <http://ulysses.ny.us/calendar/?category=Government>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Check the community calendar at <http://www.ulysses.ny.us/calendar/>. You can also submit your own events.

Forward this message to anyone else that you think would be interested. We'd love to connect with more residents. To send questions or comments, or be removed from this list, please e-mail clerk@ulysses.ny.us.

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Best,

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