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Ulysses Updates for 7/21/23

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Hello Ulysses,
See updates for this week below and hope you enjoy your weekend!

IN THIS WEEK'S ULYSSES NEWSLETTER:

- Update from Supervisor Olson
- Public Hearings- Planning Board & BZA
- Spamalot Theatre Production
- Fall Tourism Grants
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UPDATE FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR KATELIN OLSON

As I write this from my front porch, I'm watching bikers, walkers, joggers stream in and out of Taughannock State Park, both local and visitors alike enjoying the gloriousness of Ulysses. The beauty of our locale is undeniable!

This weekend we're also welcoming thousands to the GrassRoots Festival, and I know many of our residents will be celebrating in grand style. Stay safe and stay hydrated!

Giving a shout out to Ulysses Code Officer Mark Washburn who oversees local regulations and who will be patrolling throughout the festival to ensure that sites are safe for the public. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, and we especially appreciate the Trumansburg Fire Department, Trumansburg EMS, Tompkins County Sheriff's Department, and Tompkins County Whole Health Department Officials serving. A hearty "thank you!" to all!

I'm also very pleased to share that the Town received a \$1.5 million grant from Bridge NY in order to replace the Curry Road culvert (which all of us think of as a bridge!). Special thanks to Second Deputy Supervisor Michelle E. Wright for championing this project through multiple grant cycles and overseeing the development of the application. This culvert/bridge is heavily used by our farming community and we are grateful that New York (finally) recognized its value!

Finally, a special note of thanks to John Wertis (the elder), who has ably served the Town as our Town Historian. We are grateful for his leadership in public history, his interesting newsletter articles, and attention to our local history. Thank you, John!

As always, I encourage you to attend (in person or remotely) or watch after-the-fact our upcoming, regular Town Board meeting on Tuesday, July 25. Meeting information is available [here](#).

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS:

The Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, August 1st starting at 7:00 PM, please [see the agenda](#) for more information.

The public may join in person at Town Hall (10 Elm St., Trumansburg) or via Zoom at:

<https://zoom.us/j/96593175470>

Meeting ID: 965 9317 5470

SPAMALOT:

Encore Players Community Theatre of Trumansburg proudly presents Monty Python's SPAMALOT! Book and Lyrics by Eric Idle, music by John Du Prez & Eric Idle.

This zany musical adaptation of Monty Python and the Holy Grail is sure to tickle all your funny bones! Come see your friends and neighbors sing, dance and act in this one of a kind musical comedy:

July 27, 28, 29 at 7pm, July 30 at 3pm

August 3, 4, 5 at 7pm, August 6 at 3pm

At the Arena Theatre at Loch Ridge Farm, 9706 Congress Street Extension, Trumansburg, NY

Tickets- \$23.00, available at: encoreplayers.org or eventbrite.com (search for Encore Players)

TOMPKINS COUNTY FALL 2023 TOURISM GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Tompkins County Tourism Program is offering three grant programs for the fall of 2023: Community Celebrations, Tourism Advancement, and Tourism Capital grants.

Community Celebrations Grant: This grant is for up to \$2,500 to support community events that showcase the culture, history, and diversity of Tompkins County.

Tourism Advancement Grant: This grant is for up to \$15,000 to support projects that promote Tompkins County as a tourist destination.

Tourism Capital Grant: This grant is for up to \$100,000 to support major investments in visitor-generating projects.

Applications for all three grant programs are due by August 31, 2023. For more information, visit www.tompkinscountyny.gov/tourism/grants.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT 2023

The Tompkins County Environmental Management Council is proud to host the 2023 New York State Association of Conservation Councils (NYSACC) annual meeting September 20-22, with a mix of in-person and virtual events, and a ton of special field trips! Registration is now open! [Details](#). Questions? Email conference@nysacc.org.

DOG CENSUS- STILL TIME TO LICENSE YOUR DOG:

The town is conducting a town-wide dog census and needs your help...

- **If you DO NOT have a dog**, please respond at <https://forms.gle/PmQ49SPsvESGZind9> so that we can eliminate you from our mailing list.
- **If you DO have a dog that does not yet have a license**, complete the form at <https://townofulyssesny.gov/cms/docs/Dog-license-form-2022.pdf> and return along with rabies/spay information.

Any dogs found to be unlicensed after the census period will be assessed **a \$25 fee** in addition to the

usual licensing fees. For information, contact the clerk's office at ulysses.clerk@gmail.com or call (607)387-5767 ext. 221.

Thanks for your help!

NYS DEC UPDATES:

Request For Game Camera Photos To Identify Wildlife Scavengers of Deer

When lead-based ammunition is used to hunt white-tailed deer, lead fragments can remain in the meat, carcass, and gut piles, which can expose people and wildlife scavengers to this harmful substance.

We are looking for game camera photos of a deer carcass or gut pile with at least one wildlife scavenger in frame, even if they are not actively feeding. [If you have collected such photos in recent years and are willing to share a few suitable images, please take our short survey.](#) We are **accepting photos until August 13.**

Estimating Bobcat Diversity

Once restricted to mountainous regions in eastern NY, bobcat populations have increased and expanded throughout central and western NY in recent decades. To effectively manage this elusive species, there is a need for better estimates of bobcat populations. DEC is currently using trail camera arrays to detect bobcats in several areas of interest throughout New York. Results from these camera surveys will be paired with a mark-resight analysis of ear-tagged and collared bobcats next year to estimate bobcat densities. If you happen to be out and about and **come across a camera station, please do not disturb it.**

AFTER WORDS – “RESIGNED” BY JOHN WERTIS, ULYSSES TOWN HISTORIAN

I have come to recognize that my hearing deficits interfere with doing the job of the Town Historian. A considerable portion of this position demands conversant interactions with both colleagues working in the field and the general public. I'm just not hearing enough these days to be effective in the job.

It has been both an honor and a pleasure to be the Historian for the Town of Ulysses for the past ten years. Besides responding to the numerous requests for historical information about the Town of Ulysses, we have been proactive in bringing historical information to our local citizens by way of securing and installing historical markers, by cooperating with Historic Ithaca to lead well attended "Walk-and-Talks" at Grove Cemetery, the County Poor House, and other venues.

We have instituted cooperative ventures with the Encore Players where we have combined history with theater... celebrating Halloween macabre and Memorial Day patriotism at Grove Cemetery. Much local history has been brought to the public's attention by way of articles in the Ithaca Journal, the Free Press, the Ulysses Historical Society Newsletter, and of course here... in the "After Words" section of the town's newsletter.

I use the pronoun "we" here because these accomplishments would not have been possible without the continuing support of Town of Ulysses staff...particularly the Town Supervisors, the Town Clerk's Office, and the Highway Department.

So, here, midway in 2023, I have asked Supervisor Olson to relieve me of the responsibilities of this position. Now, the town's search begins. Is it one of you, dear readers, who feels up to taking on the job?

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Best,

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