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Legislature report *Minutes Copy 4.9.24*
Q1 Review and Q2 upcoming highlights.

What's happened since we last met:

Master Gardeners: Three Master Your Garden Workshops including; A mushroom journey in February (31), Peony support hoops in March (21), Seed Saving in April (25). Katie Oakes has been able to increase her weekly hours by five through use of some grant funding obtained prior to the pandemic and being spent down with funder permission to support a wide range of STEM education. This will also support the investment in a small greenhouse for the grounds that Master Gardeners and 4-H can use for program.

4-H: Horse clinic in January included learning about barn safety including fire safety. Public Presentations were held throughout February. The annual 4-H Rabbit show was held in March. The cooking club continued their journey around the world with Ireland, Ukraine, and

MFP: Planning sessions for the 2024 class workshops and promotion of classes began.

Nutrition Programming: Stone soup completed another cohort. The voucher program continues to be used through farmers. The addition of Save-a-lot added a large amount of inflow there.

Digital Literacy: See attached "success stories".

Fairgrounds and Fair: Fairgrounds is opening up for the season with several planned projects prior to fair.

Eclipse Event: Event had highs and lows. Camping numbers were below expectations, several reservations but only six check-ins. Fireworks brought out about 100 cars worth of people. Glow Party was attended by 100+. And yesterday about 85 people were at the fairgrounds for part or all the day. Overall, despite some fiscal loss, considering this a win for the community.

What's coming up before our next committee meeting:

Ongoing classes and cohorts: Master your garden workshops on potatoes, tool sharpening, and beneficial bugs. Elderberries, Tech 360, Stone Soup classes will continue. Fair Planning will begin to ramp up. 4-H Fashion Revue is at the end of the month. Horse Show season starts now. Master Food Preservers kick off workshops in May with intro to canning and freezing and dehydrating in June. Big news for MFP is that we can locally offer the training. The group is considering the possibility now.

Statewide Youth Contribution Awards: Thrilled to announce that Orleans County 4-H Senior Council (Celes Paratore) and the Abundant Harvest 4-H Club (Makenzie McGrath) have both received \$200 grants from the Youth Contribution Project program led by the PRYDE Scholars at Cornell University. Both clubs will receive \$200 for community service projects. Senior Council is hosting a picture book drive for local children experiencing trauma and Abundant Harvest continues to work on their project which involves visiting residents at The Willows and sharing special projects with them.

Growing Resources for Tomorrow

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

Ongoing projects, challenges, and other:

Staff personal safety issues: Will need to identify training source for personal safety for staff as a result of some challenges we have been having with programs serving a wider range of people.

WNY Foundation Grower Tour, April 19: The staff and several board members of the WNY Foundation will tour Orleans County on April 19 to meet with a range of growers and get 1st hand information on their struggles as part of the WNY food system, as a producer, and the key issues for them. They will also have lunch at CCE with board members to discuss our participation in iCAP.

NYS Ag and Markets:

- 2018 Infrastructure: Horse Arena is approved initial RFPs with short turn around failed. We will rescope the arena size and rebid in the fall when show season is completed.
- 2019 Infrastructure: Approved. We have started purchases. This covers a wide range of fair equipment.
- 2023 Infrastructure: Will be sending rewritten application to feature bathroom remodel of outdoor baths.

USDA: Meeting scheduled for next week to review status of funding and phased construction plan.

Applied and outstanding grants: Garman Grant – Nutrition Education, Dollar General Literacy – Digital literacy, WNY Foundation iCAP, WNY Health Foundation – Regional Elderberries, Blue Fund, Youth Sports

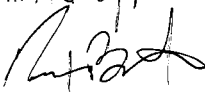
In process grant applications: East Hill Foundation, Mother Cabrini

Facilities in use:

Trolley Kitchen – Iced and Glazed, Weekly Arc cooking group (new)

Trolley Main Room – Monthly Craft Show series, Dog Obedience Training Rental (new)

Other areas: Horse and dog show rentals

Submitted by,

Robert Batt
4-9-24

Meeting: Planning & Development

Date & Time: 4-9-24 9:30 a.m.

Location: Legislature

Attendees: Bill Eick, Ed Morgan, Lynne Johnson, Jack Welch

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
1. County Agricultural District #1 Progress	C. Winters	All 1st attempt letters have been mailed out. Total of 2,507 parcels are enrolled within the District. Currently we have 77% response rate.	Discussion
		1,839 parcels to remain in the District, 67 parcels to be removed. 601 parcels have not replied. Roughly 70 new parcels to be added (~1,500 acres)	
		Sending out 2nd attempt letters to the landowners that we have not heard back from soon. In the meantime we are sending out Confirmation Letters to all landowners who sent in their Letters of Intent back to our office.	
		We are having an open house event at HOAG Library April 15, from 3pm-7pm. We will be available to answer questions the public might have, and they would have the opportunity to turn in their Letter of Intent and receive their confirmation letters in return.	
3. Upcoming Events	C. Winters	We have finalized our yearly NYS In-Person Training Session. Open to Niagara and Orleans County officials. June 11, 2024 at HOAG Library from 5pm-9pm.	Discussion

Respectfully submitted,

Corey D. Winters

4-9-2024

Date

Meeting: Tourism
Date & Time: 4.9.24 @ 9:00am
Location: Legislature

Attendees: Dawn L. Borchert, Bill Eick, Ed Morgan, Jack Welch, Lynne Johnson

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
Marine Park Update	Dawn	* Logan Landscaping/Preston's - Mowing * NYS Park - Pond * Fishing Access under the Parkway Bridge	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn	*Eclipse	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn	* Distribution * Niagara Falls Guide / Rochester Guide * OC Tourism Map	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn	* GNR Regional Tourism Projects	Updated
Tourism Office	Dawn	* Off this week Thurs. to Monday	Updated

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Borchert

4.9.24

Date