

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2025

As hunting season continues, please be aware that hunting is permitted on county land, but motorized vehicles are not allowed on closed trails. This restriction helps protect both the trails and the safety of all trail users. Vehicle use in the fall can cause environmental and maintenance issues.

If you're planning to hunt, hike or bike, we strongly encourage you to:

- Wear bright or high-visibility clothing to ensure you're easily seen by others, especially hunters.
- Use designated parking areas and walk to your intended trail or location.
- Respect all posted signage regarding trail closures and access limitations.

These guidelines are in place to keep everyone safe and to maintain the integrity of our trail system. Thank you for doing your part!



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# HAPPY Holidays!

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

December is the time for the holidays, a time for family and friends, for that reason we have cancelled the December round table meeting. A quick break before we gearing up for the OHV Season.

A time to refresh and restart because things never seem to slow down in our office. We will be working on next years map, the areas for Community Connections while connecting to new landowners. Continued growth and making the OHV experience even better is constantly on our minds, even in the off season. It is a time to establish goals for the year.

Our goals for 2026 will include widening the trails to make it easier to maintain and to make it safer for the users. The sign initiative will include naming trails, installing new kiosks, and potentially trail “sponsorship”.

I welcome everyone to attend our OHV Round table meeting, it helps when you stay involved and help direct us to where you would like to see us go and grow. By working together we can make our trails even better! Happy Holidays!

*Jackie Mahoney*



The **NORTHERN ONEIDA COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS** and the **NYS TUG HILL COMMISSION** present:

# ATV RECREATION: CONSIDERATIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11  
7:00PM**

**BOONVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICES**  
13149 STATEROUTE 12, BOONVILLE, NY 13309

The Tug Hill Commission recently published *ATV Recreation: Considerations for Municipalities*. Taylor McKinney, project specialist at the Tug Hill Commission and primary author of the issue paper, will walk attendees through the content, including the impetus for writing the document, the approach taken to research local laws and relevant court cases, and best practices municipalities may want to consider when opening roads for ATV recreation in their town or village. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. The paper can be downloaded from the commission's website at [tughill.org/publications/technical-issue-papers/](http://tughill.org/publications/technical-issue-papers/), or by contacting either your municipal advisor or the Tug Hill Commission for a hard copy.



**Register by  
December 8**

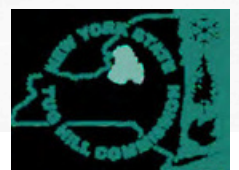


Taylor McKinney, *Project Specialist* NYS Tug Hill Commission



**For more information, or to register, contact:  
John Healt, [jhealt@tughill.org](mailto:jhealt@tughill.org) or 315-941-2818**

**THERE IS NO COST TO  
ATTEND & REFRESHMENTS  
WILL BE PROVIDED**



## WINTER TRAIL UPDATES

As the snow begins to fall, the Recreation, Forestry and Parks team is hard at work laying the groundwork for an exciting year ahead on our community trails. This winter, our focus is on several key initiatives that will enhance access, safety, and community involvement:

- 🖋️ Finalizing landowner contracts for new trail segments to expand our network and improve connectivity.
- 🚩 Standardizing signage across the entire trail system to ensure consistency and ease of navigation for all users.
- 📣 Launching public engagement tools, including surveys and a dedicated trail project website, to gather community input and keep residents informed.
- 🛠️ Preparing for phased construction based on community priorities and available funding, ensuring that development aligns with what matters most to our residents.

These efforts are part of our long-term commitment to creating a trail system that is safe, accessible, and reflective of community needs. Stay tuned for more updates – and opportunities to get involved!



### SOMETHING FUN IS COMING TO THE TRAILS!

As we gear up for a new year of outdoor adventure, we're excited to share that a fun Facebook contest is on the horizon! 🎉

In January, we'll be launching a community-driven contest to help shape the future of our ATV trail system – and we want **YOU** to be part of it. Whether you're a trail enthusiast, a creative thinker, or just love a good challenge, this is your chance to get involved in a unique and engaging way.

Be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks. You won't want to miss this opportunity to leave your mark on the trails!

# TRAIL PERMITS

Permits for the 2026 season are available and can be purchased online for your convenience. The receipt can be used for two weeks to allow time for your permit stickers to arrive! 3-day-passes are also available by visiting our website!

■ Scan the QR code below to buy your permit online instantly  
Or visit one of these local businesses to purchase in person:

- Brantingham Station
- Edge Hotel
- Kovach Repair
- Osceola Hotel
- Recreation, Forestry & Parks Office
- Terry Groff Auto Repair & Rides 4 Less
- Timberview Resort/Adventures
- Waite Motorsports
- Flat Rock Inn



**Having a valid permit is required to ride the trails — make sure you're ready before you roll!**

## 2025 Sponsorship

**We would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support. Your contributions help us continue to grow and improve the trail system.**

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