

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Volunteer emergency services personnel provide critical services to our communities and save taxpayers billions of dollars per year statewide. I have often said our volunteer emergency workers are the backbone of our rural communities. As part of National Volunteer Week, many fire departments will open their doors for the annual recruitment-based open house event, **RecruitNY**. Those interested in learning more should contact their local fire department to see if it is participating in this year's drive.

WHAT: RecruitNY

WHERE: Your local fire department.

WHEN: April 28 and 29

To find your local fire department, contact your local county's Emergency Management Office.

CHEMUNG Co. 607-737-2096

SCHUYLER Co. 607-535-8200

SENECA Co. 315-539-1756

STEBEN Co. 607-664-2910 ext. 2901

YATES Co. 315-536-3000



Assemblyman Palmesano with members of the Forest View Gang Mills Fire Department celebrating their 75th Anniversary at their annual banquet. Congratulations and thank you!

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WE NEED YOU!**

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Dear Neighbor,

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Sacrifice and spirit are the hallmarks of volunteerism, an important value you see in every vibrant community. We're at our best when we devote our time, talent and energy to making life a little better, a little easier, and a little brighter for our neighbors.

Some of the bravest people in our communities are volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service workers. They put their lives on the line to save us from the most dangerous situations imaginable. Like I've always said, they are the backbone of our local rural communities. They save families, seniors, small businesses and manufacturers in our communities over \$3 billion in property taxes.

April 28th and 29th is RecruitNY weekend, a great opportunity to learn about some of the tax and educational benefits available to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service workers. The inside of this brochure contains more information about this program.

There are many other ways to get involved. There are special programs that connect our brave veterans and treasured seniors to volunteer opportunities, and this mailing has more information about them. I am also encouraging young people to get involved through their local youth bureau. Contact information for those organizations is also provided.

There isn't a better time to get involved. **April is National Volunteer Month.** Spring is here. There are plenty of programs that need motivated people just like you. Get out there and show how much you value your community and the friends and neighbors you share it with.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Phil Palmesano

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BE A VOLUNTEER

Young People:

Volunteerism is a great way for young people to give back to their communities. Volunteer opportunities can also be great for college applications and valuable career experience. For information on how young people can get involved in their community, contact the organization nearest you.

CHEMUNG COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU.....607-737-2907
 STEUBEN COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU.....607-664-2199
 YATES COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU.....315-531-3451
 SENECA COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU.....315-539-1790
 SCHUYLER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU.....607-535-6236

SENIORS:

If you are a senior citizen looking for a volunteer opportunity in your local community, please contact your local Office for the Aging or one of the other agencies below:

CHEMUNG COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING.....607-737-5520
 SCHUYLER COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING.....607-535-7108
 SENECA COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING.....315-539-1765
 STEUBEN COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING.....607-664-2298
 YATES COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING.....315-536-5515

AARP.....888-687-2277
 SENIOR CORPS1-800-942-2677
 ASSOCIATION OF MATURE AMERICAN CITIZENS...888-262-2006



Assemblyman Palmesano, Assemblyman Friend, Sen. O'Mara, and local Office for the Aging officials honor area senior volunteers of the year at an event in the Capital.

Helping Our Veterans & Military:

As we all know, our veterans and active duty personnel have sacrificed and given us so much. Volunteering to help these heroes is a small way to say thank you. If you want to volunteer to help veterans or active duty servicemen and women, contact your local county's Veterans' Affairs Office or one of the other agencies listed below:

CHEMUNG COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY607-737-5445
 SCHUYLER COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY607-535-2091
 SENECA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY315-539-1651
 STEUBEN COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY607-664-2527
 YATES COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY315-536-5196
 BATH VA.....607-664-4000
 CANANDAIGUA VA.....585-394-2000
 AMERICAN RED CROSS SERVICES TO ARMED FORCES585-241-4418
 NYS DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS888-838-7697

General Volunteer Opportunities:

Join your friends, family or co-workers and get engaged with your community! In our fast-paced society, it can be hard to find time to give back, but truly improving the quality of life for your friends and neighbors is one of the most powerful things you can do. The United Way offers great opportunities for businesses to set up team volunteering opportunities for their employees. It is great team building!

INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES, INC.
607-776-9467

CHEMUNG VOLUNTEER ACTION CORPS
607-734-4161

FOOD LINK (SENECA/YATES)
585-413-4097

FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER (CHEMUNG, SCHUYLER, STEUBEN)
607-796-6061

UNITED WAY OF THE SOUTHERN TIER
607-936-3753
msmith@uwst.org

UNITED WAY OF SENECA COUNTY
315-539-1135
uwseneca@rochester.rr.com

UNITED WAY OF SCHUYLER COUNTY
607-546-8268
info@unitedwayofschuylerscounty.org

UNITED WAY OF YATES COUNTY
315-536-2448

Long-Term Care Volunteers Needed Through Ombudsman Program

Want to advocate for residents in nursing homes, assisted living, or board and care homes? After a 36-hour training, become a New York State certified Long Term Care Ombudsman to help aging residents and families understand and exercise their rights and address concerns about health, safety, and quality of life. Work with a dedicated team for support and on-going training. Visit <https://ltombudsman.ny.gov/> for more information.

FOR SENECA AND YATES COUNTIES:
Contact Lifespan at 585-244-8400, ext. 114.

FOR CHEMUNG AND SCHUYLER COUNTIES:
Contact Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 607-274-5498.

FOR STEUBEN COUNTY:
Contact AIM Independent Living Center at 607-962-8225 ext. 112.

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CareFirst and other Hospice programs have a variety of different volunteer opportunities. Their volunteers provide assistance with patient companionship, family respite, grief support, administrative tasks, running errands for patients and their families, and assisting with special events. They are also looking for volunteers with special skills including barbers and beauticians and a range of therapists.

CAREFIRST SERVES CHEMUNG, SCHUYLER AND STEUBEN COUNTIES:
Contact: 607-962-3100

YATES COUNTY:
Hospice and Palliative Care of Ontario and Yates County
Contact: 315-759-8225

SENECA COUNTY:
Lifetime Care Hospice of Rochester, Contact: 585-214-1444