

East Hill Notes: Cornell offers government resource sharing event

Government officials and the public at large are invited to access more than 20 Cornell University programs at a first-time, resource-sharing event from 9 a.m. to noon April 20 in the New York State Armory, 1765 Hanshaw Road.

Representatives from several Cornell departments and outreach offices will provide information on programs and resources related to infrastructure, sustainability, planning, community and economic development, student engagement, energy and management.

Among the many Cornell units presenting information that could benefit local counties and municipalities: Public Service Center, Water Resources Institute, Center for Materials Research, Local Roads Program, Energy Materials Center, Applied Demographics, Waste Management Institute, Cooperative Extension, and the Sustainability Office. This will be a come-and-go, informal, and free event with lots of parking. Registration isn't required and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, access www.cardi.cornell.edu.

Safe youth

Student safety, and the 2011 Good Samaritan Law will be the focus of the Campus-Community Coalition meeting, 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 23 at Ithaca High School cafeteria. Staff and students from Cornell University, Ithaca City School District, Ithaca College and Tompkins Cortland Community College will discuss the importance of someone calling for medical assistance when an individual experiences severe intoxication or a serious injury after consuming alcohol.

News of notes

With support from an Ithaca Public Education Initiative Teacher Grant, DeWitt Middle School Orchestra Director Aaron Buck is collaborating with CU Musicology Professor Neal Zaslaw to teach students about the Baroque period through performance and art.

An orchestra comprised of DeWitt and high

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school students, plus professional string performers, will perform Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" at CU's Barnes Hall, 8 p.m., May 9. To accompany the piece, staff from the Johnson Museum of Art and DeWitt art classes will create slides depicting various artwork and literature from the period. For more information about the IPEI, access www.ipei.org. Details on CU outreach opportunities are available at www.cornell.edu/outreach.

This weekend

» The students, faculty, and staff of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine invite everyone to their 46th annual open house, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, a free and open-to-all event that provides area residents of all ages a closer look at the world of veterinary medicine.

» "Archaeology: The 1935 Flood and the CCC at Robert H. Treman State Park" will be the focus of a lecture by CU archaeology professor Sherene Boulanger at 2 p.m., Sunday in the Borg Warner Room at the Tompkins County Public Library, free and open to the public.

» The Cornell Contemporary Chamber Players will feature the Talea Ensemble performing premieres by graduate composers at 3 p.m. Sunday in Barnes Hall, free and open to the public.

Special needs

» Parents of Special Needs Children will meet 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Groton Elementary School cafeteria, 516

Elm St., free and open to the public. This is an opportunity for parents to make connections, and learn about local resources, and childcare is available. Contact Elizabeth Wolf at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County at 272-2292 or e-mail ebw52@cornell.edu for more information.

Campus info

» Campus advisories and updates -- including crime alerts, street closures and operating status -- are continually logged at cuinfo.cornell.edu.

» A listing of diverse campus events, most of them free and open to the public, are accessible at <http://events.cornell.edu>.

Question for Cornell

Today, a common question, even among some on campus: "What exactly is a contract college?"

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Of the total facilities owned and funded by New York State at Cornell, about 100 major facilities support the land grant mission of instruction, research and outreach, and all four colleges rank among the best in their fields nationally. Tuition for resident New York State students at these colleges is subsidized by state appropriations.

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