

FONDA

Fulmont announces on-site assessment results

A comprehensive on-site assessment of Fulmont Community Action Agency, Inc. was carried out by the NYS Department of State, Division of Community Services on March 12-14, and March 19-21.

The Triennial Review for Accountability and Compliance with Standards (TRACS) was designed by the NYS Department of State, Division of Community Services to comply with federal legislation which requires each state to conduct a full on-site review once every three years to assess compliance with the organizational standards put forth by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

In their final report dated May 22,

the Department of State found that Fulmont met 58 of 58 National Organizational Standards (100%) and 196 of 196 applicable indicators of excellence (100%) established by the Department of State for an aggregate total of 100% compliance. At that time, it was determined that there were no findings or deficiencies.

The TRACS was composed of different sections or 'Standards' meant to analyze every facet of the Agency: The Agency demonstrates its ability to use consumer input and involvement in all phases of planning and implementing programs and services. The Agency partners with other similar organizations within the community to share resources and ideas. A Community

Needs Assessment is conducted every three years and contains demographic data, various community characteristics, and key issues. The Board of Directors and senior managers are thoroughly trained and skilled at maintaining the highest standards for the Agency, including having appropriate plans in place, meeting all requirements of the Community Services Block Grant Act, and updating all policies and procedures to ensure continuous compliance. Reviewers also assessed the Agency's human resources management and financial operations.

Christian Manns, Fulmont Board of Directors Chairman, said "I am so very proud of FCAA — year after

year the agency receives perfect scores from its supervising authorities, and this is again no exception to that flawless record. This is a tribute to the excellence and professionalism of our Executive Team lead by Denis Wilson, our highly engaged and well trained Board of Directors, and the unwavering loyalty and dedication of our employees. It is an honor to serve as the Board Chairman of an organization that serves its clients and the community so effectively".

Executive Director Denis E. Wilson, Sr. commented that he is equally pleased and proud of the results which are a reflection of Agency operations, including providing services to consumers, record keeping, financial

operations, planning, and community partners, as well as relationships with all funding sources, particularly the NYS Department of State, Division of Community Services. Wilson stated, "Gathering all of the documentation in preparation for this review was an exhaustive process, and I want to thank all staff involved. The bottom line is that a high ranking score of this nature is a testament to the hard work and dedication that all Fulmont employees bring to their jobs on a daily basis, as well as a reflection of the excellent performance of our Board of Directors, and an indicator that Fulmont is effectively and efficiently utilizing Federal funds granted in order to achieve its mission".

AMSTERDAM

Liberty Foundation appoints new member to Board of Directors

Liberty Foundation recently announced the appointment of Tammy Krisher to its Board of Directors.

Krisher is retired and previously served as the President of Pattersonville Telephone Company. She was also a principal of A Calculated Solution, a Quickbooks consulting and bookkeeping firm.

Krisher was also appointed to the Liberty ARC Board of Directors in May.

Prior to serving on the two boards, Krisher served as a vice president and president of the Schenectady ARC Board of Directors. She is also a board member of the Wild Ones Capital Region Chapter, and previously served on the boards of Schenectady Business and

Professional Women's Club, Inc. and the New York State Telecommunications Association.

"I look forward to my time serving on the Liberty Foundation Board," Krisher said in a news release. "In 1993, Liberty Foundation was founded to further improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families by funding vital supports and services that would otherwise not receive funding. The foundation's mission holds a special place in my heart as I am a mother to a daughter with disabilities who receives services in Schenectady County. I am proud to contribute to a wonderful organization and work with those serving on the board."



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Backpack program pickup



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Broadalbin-Perth Lion Mike Aurrichio picks up his Club's share of food from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The Lions delivered the food to Mayfield Central School in support of that school's Backpack Program which provides food to less fortunate students. Aurrichio and Ed Balaban met the delivery truck from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York in Amsterdam.

BROADALBIN & PERTH

B-P Lions work hard at having fun at Home Show

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions made their presence felt at the Fulton-Montgomery County Home Show and Craft Fair at the Broadalbin-Perth High School.

As in years past, the B-P Lions operated the primary food concession, offering chili, pizza, hot dogs, candy, fruit/vegetable cups, coffee, and a variety of soft drinks. The weekend's indecisive and windy weather seemed to increase the event's attendance thereby keeping the Lions busy in meeting the

crowd's appetite.

B-P High School student volunteers took food orders from vendors and shuttled meals between the concession and exhibits during the course of the event. B-P Lions Club Vice President Ed Balaban said, "we welcome the student involvement because it provides an opportunity for our young people to get involved in community service as well as foster leadership skills."

The Broadalbin-Perth Lions

Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe.

Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and extend their service impact through the generous support of Lions Clubs International Foundation. Lions are focused

on supporting vision, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity. All funds generated by the Broadalbin-Perth Lions Club are used to support these global causes at the local level throughout the greater Broadalbin-Perth-May-



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Members of the Broadalbin-Perth Lions, from left, Jean Barnnoski, Debbie Murphy, Mary Balaban, BPHS student and Lions representative Hannah Nolett, and Mike Auricchio sold and served food during the Fulton-Montgomery County Home Show and Craft Fair held at Broadalbin-Perth High School. Several other Lions participated during the two-day event.

The Library Connection



Amsterdam Free Library

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June 2024

The Amsterdam Free Library is pleased to welcome our new Assistant Director, Leah Fitzgerald. Leah comes to us from SUNY Canton, where she worked as an Instruction and Outreach Librarian. She earned her Masters of Library and Information Science from Texas Woman's University and has been working in libraries since 2017. Leah is very excited to help the Amsterdam Free Library grow with our upcoming renovations and expansion. Stop by the library to meet her today!

Did you know the Amsterdam Free Library has a variety of weekly programs- you're sure to find something for everyone! Preschool Story Hour (on Mondays) and Learning Hour (on Thursdays) continue to be offered weekly at 10:30am. Join us for stories, crafts, activities, basic STEM, and preschool preparation- no registration needed!

Fiber artists are invited to the Knit and Crochet social group on Wednesday afternoons. Bring your current project, share tips and tricks, and chat with other crafters. Please be advised, this is not an instructional group.

Join us every Thursday evening from 4:30-8 and Saturday morning from 10:30-12:30 for the game of kings with Chess Club. Players of all ages and abilities are invited to play.

Preregistration is requested.

Interested in software design? Web Development program with John Tirelli- learn the basics of software engineering with the self-paced course that will teach the basics of HTML, CSS, and JavaScript on Thursdays from 6-7:30, call to register.

AIK Property Group, LLC will be offering two First Time Home Buyer seminars on Thursday June 13th at 6pm, and Saturday June 15th at 10:30am. More information and registration are available on our website.

We're gearing up for summer! This summer, "Adventure Begins at Your Library" with our 2024 Summer Reading Program. This year's program will be bigger and better than ever, so keep an eye on our website and social media for more information about these upcoming 6 weeks of free family fun, featuring a variety of programs, performers, and events. From STEM enthusiasts to World Travelers to nature and wildlife lovers, this summer is sure to be an adventure for everyone.

Summer Bird Walks with naturalist George Steele have returned! Mr. Steele will lead birders of all levels on a walk along the Mohawk River to observe local birds and waterfowl. Walks are scheduled for 7/06, 8/03, and 9/01, and will last approximately 2 hours. Participants should meet at the Southside Boat Launch (15 Erie Terrace) prior to 7am. Please wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear.

The Sunday Book Club will meet June 30 at 2pm for a Poetry Reading. Bring your favorite poem or one of your own to share with the group.

Nominate your favorite book for the 2025 Amsterdam READS season! Stop by the library or visit our website to learn how to take part in community nominations. The book with the most nominations will be selected for the 2025 Book of the Year.

Please be advised- the library will be closing at 3pm on Friday June 21st, closed Wednesday, June 19th, and Thursday July 4th.

As always, stop by the library to check out these great events and more, including our wide collection of materials and services, including books, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines, movies, games, internet, computer access, printing and faxing. Using the Libby app, you can also access a collection of free online e-materials right from your phone or other smart device.

Questions, program ideas, or just looking for more information? Call us (518-842-1080) or check out our website (amsterdamlibrary.com)

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