A sure sign of spring ---

Sunday, March 8, Daylight Saving Time begins. Remember to set your clock forward one hour as we spring forward!

And here’s hoping that Mother Nature is "on board" and it actually starts to feel more spring-like here in western NY!

This is a great time to:

- Change your batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check your emergency supply kits (both in the home and vehicles) to make sure they’re fully stocked. If not, make a quick list of what you’ll need to do to get them ready.
- Make sure your Family Communications Plan Information (phone numbers, contacts, etc) is still valid.

SMART Training/Meeting Calendar - March 2015

The following information has been provided by Pati Aine Guzinski and if you are interested in attending any of these upcoming sessions, please contact Pati Aine as listed below:

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Dates may change due to participation in community events / drills/ exercises. All classes will be held at the Erie County Fire Training Academy 3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. In an effort to facilitate an optimum training environment and experience, class size may be limited. Pre-registration is required for all sessions.

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On February 7th, Border Community SERVICE held its 5th annual Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Scouts. Once again, the event proved to be a great, informative event with 98 attendees from local Boy and Girl Scout troops from around our region. We even had the opportunity host a Boy Scout troop from the Finger Lakes region!

A very special thank you goes out to Howard Morgan, Associate Director for Alumni and Volunteer Engagement at Niagara University, as well as a dedicated scout leader. Mr. Morgan designed the workshop curriculum based on the requirements for the Boy Scout Blue Card in Emergency Preparedness and ensures that each scout leaves with a good understanding of emergency preparedness and response.

Another very special thank you goes out to The Home Depot, Store #1287 in Niagara Falls, for helping to support the Scout Workshop this year. As funding cuts have decreased capacity in many aspects of emergency preparedness training, The Home Depot reached out to us to offer financial assistance for the program, as well as a small flash light for scout and leader packs. This assistance allowed Border Community SERVICE to increase enrollment capacity for the workshop this year.

Again, many thanks to the Scouts and Leaders that joined us, Howard Morgan, and The Home Depot for helping to make the day a huge success!
If you have hope for a cure and the resolve to help, channel your passion to beat cancer by volunteering at The Ride For Roswell. The Ride For Roswell counts on over 2,000 dedicated volunteers to support 8,000 cyclists to ensure a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all. Their passion and commitment are what makes Ride Weekend a success!

2015 marks the 20th anniversary of The Ride For Roswell, presented by West Herr Automotive Group! The Opening Ceremony will kick off Ride Weekend at the University at Buffalo’s North Campus on Friday, June 26, 2015. The Ride will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

**Volunteer Communications Officers:**

**Date:** Saturday, June 27, 2015

**Location:** Amherst Police Department
500 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY 14228

**Shifts:**
5:30 am – 8:30 am  
8:15 am – 10:30 am  
10:15 am – 1:30 pm  
1:15 pm – 3:30 pm

**Duties:** Work with Erie County Amateur radio Emergency Services, Law Enforcement and Town Dispatchers, and Ride Staff to manage rider support and emergency telephone calls, and vehicle dispatch.

**Environment:** Indoor, air conditioned call center, second floor, ADA accessible, food and beverages provided.

**Sign up for one or more shifts.**

**For more information contact:**
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