

March Environmental

3/2/18-WHERE ARE THE BEARS? THAT'S A QUESTION THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION WANTS HELP ANSWERING. THEY'RE ASKING HIKERS, HUNTERS, AND SNOWMOBILERS TO HELP LOCATE BEAR DENS SO THEY CAN TRACK THE STATE'S BRUIN POPULATION. ANYONE WHO COMES ACROSS ONE IS BEING ASKED TO CONTACT D-E-C WITH THE G-P-S COORDINATES OF THE DEN SO THEY CAN MONITOR THE ANIMALS OVER AN ENTIRE HIBERNATION CYCLE. MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT D-E-C-DOT-N-Y-DOT-GOV.

3/8/18-IT'S TIME TO KEEP FOREIGN INVADERS OUT OF THE ADIRONDACKS. THAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR CUOMO'S OFFICE. OFFICIALS ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH A PLAN TO ESTABLISH VOLUNTARY INSPECTIONS AND CLEANING STATIONS AT BOAT LAUNCHES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THE LAKES AND WATERWAYS OF THE ADIRONDACKS. THOSE ATTRACTIONS GENERATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TOURISM REVENUE FOR HERKIMER AND ONEIDA COUNTIES.

3/16/18-AUTHORITIES SAY A FOX THAT ATTACKED A RESIDENT OF FAIRFIELD HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR RABIES. THAT MEANS THE VICTIM WILL HAVE TO UNDERGO THE PAINFUL RABIES VACCINATION PROCESS. IN RESPONSE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES ARE ONCE AGAIN REMINDING AREA RESIDENTS TO MAKE SURE THEIR PETS ARE VACCINATED AGAINST THE DEADLY DISEASE, AND TO ASSUME ANY WILD ANIMAL ACTING STRANGELY IS INFECTED. VACCINATIONS FOR ANIMALS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR VETERINARIAN OR THROUGH CLINICS SPONSORED BY YOUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

3/21/18-MAPLE SYRUP ONE OF NEW YORK'S BIGGEST NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THIS WEEKEND YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE IT BEING HARVESTED. THIS IS THE SECOND OF TWO MAPLE WEEKENDS ACROSS THE STATE MARKING THE SUGARING OFF SEASON. SUGAR MAPLE TREES START PRODUCING SAP WHEN THE TEMPERATURE CLIMBS ABOVE FREEZING, AND THAT SWEET LIQUID IS TURNED INTO SYRUP, MAPLE SUGAR, AND AN INCREASINGLY ECLECTIC VARIETY OF MAPLE PRODUCTS. YOU CAN FIND A FULL LIST OF SUGAR SHACKS TAKING PART IN THE EVENT AT N-Y-S-MAPLE-DOT-COM.

3/30/18-THE COMBINATION OF WARMER TEMPERATURES AND RAIN COULD BRING ANOTHER WAVE OF FLOODING TO THE AREA. FORECASTERS SAY RAINFALL THROUGH THE WEEKEND WON'T BE SIGNIFICANT, BUT IN COMBINATION WITH TEMPERATURES SOARING UP INTO THE FIFTIES WE COULD SEE SIGNIFICANT MELTING OF THE WINTER SNOWPACK. ONE AREA OFFICIALS ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON IS LITTLE FALLS. THE MOHAWK RIVER IS EXPECTED TO CREST SIX INCHES ABOVE FLOOD STAGE SOMETIME TONIGHT AND INTO EARLY SATURDAY.