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Twelve City Projects Look To Make An Impact

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The local plan to use \$10 million to transform downtown Jamestown has been completed.

The Jamestown Downtown Revitalization Initiative Local Planning Committee last week finished five months of work by selecting 12 projects that best fit the state's DRI program to assist communities with transformative housing, economic development, transportation and community projects to attract and retain residents, visitors and businesses. In August 2016, Jamestown was announced as one of 10 municipalities, one from each state Regional Economic Development Council, to receive \$10 million for the DRI program.

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Evelyn Sundholm, a resident of Edgewood Communities in Jamestown, will be turning 100 years old Wednesday. Sundholm is an avid reader and frequent patron of the Falconer Public Library. In less than four years, she has read over 700 books. P-J photo by A.J. Rao

County To Bring In Independent Auditor For Risk Assessment

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MAYVILLE — Chautauqua County officials are looking to have an independent auditor examine internal financial controls.

County Executive Vince Horrigan and Kitty Crow, finance director, came before the Audit and Control Committee recently to discuss plans to bring in an auditor to conduct a risk assessment.

Crow told legislators the assessment is a one-time review of current process and procedures. Crow said it would identify potential risks.

"It would also give us a format to use going forward to provide the internal audit of our various functions," Crow said. "It would give us a roadmap going forward."

Plans for a risk assessment come amid a change in the County Charter last year, which gave the Audit and Control Committee control over internal auditing functions. It also called for the development of a risk assessment along with periodic review and updates.

"The County Charter has said for years that the county was to do a risk assessment periodically as well as internal audits," said chairman Pierre Chagnon, R-Bemus Point. "Nobody could remember the last time a risk assessment was done. When it became Audit and Control's duty, I said it's our responsibility that we have to do it."

Three firms submitted proposals to conduct the assessment. County officials are looking to go with Freed Maxick, a Buffalo-based firm that advises public and private companies in the region.

"We hope from that risk assessment it'll give us a baseline blueprint of where we are," Horrigan said. "We need to have good risk assessment and we need strong internal auditing."

Horrigan said the cost for the risk assessment is \$20,000, and it will stay within budget.

Chagnon said Freed Maxick has the most experience and the best understanding of the county's needs.

"My view of this is the risk assessment is something that's timely and needed," he said. "Once we get the results, that will lead to further discussions."

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100-Year-Old Jamestown Resident Shows Value Of Reading

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In less than four years, Evelyn Sundholm has read over 700 books — a drop in the ocean really, considering her passion for reading stretches across a century.

On Wednesday, Sundholm, a resident of Edgewood Communities, a senior living community located at 737 Falconer St. in Jamestown, will turn 100 years old.

In spite of her age, Sundholm is hardly someone "put out to pasture," remaining defiantly sharp, lucid and lively — a benefit, she believes, of frequent social interaction and, of course, reading.

"Reading is the most relaxing thing I do," she said. "More importantly, I learn something. If I don't learn something every day, my day is wasted."

A Jamestown native and 1936 graduate of Jamestown High School, Sundholm's passion for books started early,

no doubt kick-started by a family full of voracious readers.

"We always had books around because we had no other entertainment," Sundholm said. "We didn't have a television, so we would look at all kinds of magazines and especially catalogs, because that was the only way to see things you could order like clothes and furniture."

Sundholm was also a frequent visitor of the library — a routine that has yet to stop.

After moving into Edgewood Communities in 1986 and organizing social events as part of the nursing home's "Birthday Club" for 13 years, Sundholm began to spend more time at the Falconer Public Library.

"I picked out a book and one thing led to another ... and now it's nothing for me to take 10 books home," she said. "I support the library and I've become very good friends with Sue (Seamans, Falconer Public Library director)."

Sundholm, who remains a strong

advocate for reading, said she regularly shares her books with friends, family members and even people who just need new books to read. Seeing children reading at the Falconer Public Library, she said, is particularly inspiring.

"Parents don't read to their children anymore — they just watch television all the time," she said. "It's important they acquire a love for reading and it's important they learn something every day."

Indeed, Sundholm has enjoyed both fiction and nonfiction over the years, from mysteries to historical books on the American presidents and the settling of the country.

Her favorite book is a 2013 historical novel entitled "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker," by Jennifer Chiaverini. The book, she said, was able to turn something historical into a compelling, readable story.

Sundholm is also a frequent reader of periodicals, delving into Time magazines and even subscribing to The Post-Journal for 78 years.

New York Attorney General Bids To Become Trump's No. 1 Enemy

NEW YORK (AP) — More than most, Eric Schneiderman understands the risks of taking on Donald Trump.

New York's attorney general was a target of Trump's Twitter feed years before the president's assaults on "Little Marco" Rubio or "Lyn' Ted" Cruz.

He was once depicted as a deranged Clockwork Orange character on the cover of a newspaper owned by Trump's son-in-law. And he faced intense anti-Semitic attacks from Trump loyalists on social media that continue even today.

"It's really vile stuff. It's a picture of your face going into a gas chamber, your face on a lampshade," Schneiderman told The Associated Press in an interview, acknowledging a new rash of anti-Semitism in recent weeks as he fought the new

president's travel ban. Even his daughter was targeted in one social media post.

"If there's something that they take seriously as a threat, they tell me. I don't pay attention to it," Schneiderman said. He later added, "I have a responsibility to fight."

Indeed, this 62-year-old Democrat with little national profile is maneuvering to be a key player in the broader Trump resistance. Backed by one of the nation's largest public law firms, he is positioned to challenge Trump's agenda in ways his Democratic allies in Washington cannot — even as critics question whether he has the fortitude to effectively challenge the brash billionaire's aggressive agenda.

Trump called Schneiderman a "lightweight" on Twitter back in 2013 when the attorney general was investi-

gating Trump University.

Schneiderman is quick to point out that he has already beaten Trump.

The ambitious attorney led a lawsuit against Trump University alleging fraud, ultimately helping to secure a \$25 million settlement after the election. Trump had vowed never to settle.

Schneiderman also investigated Trump's family foundation, and he played a role recently in organizing legal opposition by Democratic attorneys general to Trump's travel ban.

"Eric, who leads a very large public law firm, he brings significant resources to bear," said Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

But others note he has struggled to build the same national profile as recent New York attorneys general

like Eliot Spitzer and Andrew Cuomo, both hard-charging Democrats who took on Wall Street and eventually became governor.

Schneiderman insists he's planning to run for re-election in 2018, dismissing speculation he may run challenge Cuomo instead. He has more than \$6 million in his campaign account, a haul dwarfed by Cuomo's \$22 million.

In the meantime, Schneiderman and his legal team of nearly 700 attorneys are focused on the Republican president. Targeting the new administration is also good politics in a state Trump lost by 22 percentage points.

"All these things Trump is trying to do are very unpopular in the state of New York," New York Democratic consultant Bruce Gyory said.

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— Spanish proverb

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