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Newsletter – September-October, 2017

Solar Array Now Operational in Ontario



September 20, 2017 – Assemblyman Robert Oaks, Senator Pam Helming, Ontario Chamber members, town officials, representatives from GroSolar, and town residents were all present to help cut the dedication ribbon for Ontario's solar array project. *(story on page 2)*

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Sept. 20, 2017 - Tim Heinle, Vice President groSolar, gave the introduction and welcome remarks to celebrate the dedication and ribbon cutting for the Town of Ontario's solar array, located at 2190 Lake Road, Ontario. GroSolar provided the following overview of the project:

"The 2.0 MW ac / 2.8 MW dc town of Ontario Solar Project is located adjacent to a waste water treatment facility. This dual-use site exemplifies the way solar project design can coexist with established infrastructure to fully utilize commercial and industrial property. The town of Ontario Solar Project is expected to generate approximately 3,500,000 kilowatt-hours of clean renewable energy in its first full year of operation; enough electricity to power more than 250 homes. Additionally, the clean energy produced offsets nearly 2,500 metric tons of carbon dioxide produced by more traditional energy generation sources. The project will also provide power at a fixed price to the town of Ontario for the next 25 years; offering the town substantial savings and insulation from volatile energy prices."

The system was developed, designed, and constructed by groSolar and consists of the following components: Hanwha 330 Wp & 335 Wp modules; Fronius Symo 24 kW Inverters and RBI, fixed-tilt racking system. Mr. Heinle gave a summary how the system will work. Solar panels absorb sunlight, which is converted by the panels into Direct Current (dc). This is then sent to inverters to convert the dc electricity into Alternating Current (ac) that is used by the grid. If more electricity is produced than being used, the excess electricity is sent to the utility company and is used as credit on electricity bills.

Ontario's array consists of 8600 panels. During the construction process the system suffered severe windstorm damage during March, 2016 and 80% of the panels had to be replaced. GroSolar provided upfront capital for the funding of the project. A grant was also obtained from NYSERDA. SunCommon, owned by Kevin Schulte, located at 317 Timothy Lane, Ontario, was the subcontractor who did the ground preparation work and the actual installation of the panels.

Both Assemblyman Robert Oaks and Senator Pam Helming congratulated the Supervisor, John Smith, and the town board for pursuing this project. Assemblyman Oaks noted that last year the amount of energy produced in New York State was 1% solar and 30% nuclear. He felt those numbers will be changing in the near future. Senator Pam Helming said the projected savings to the town is \$40,000 the first year. It also provides a fixed price to the Town for 25 years.

Supervisor John Smith said he does not work alone and thanked all town employees for their support. He emphasized that Ontario is a growing community and noted several projects on the horizon: 300 units of mixed housing being developed; industrial projects such as Intergrow constructing a 55 acre tomato growing greenhouse and Fastener Direct with construction of a 50,000 square foot facility for warehouse distribution. In summary, Supervisor Smith noted that Ontario has wind, solar and nuclear power and is moving forward!



Pictured at left are
the inverters changing
direct current to
alternating current

WELCOME BACK RENEWING CHAMBER MEMBERS!
Thank You For Being So Prompt With Your Dues
Your Continued Support Is Appreciated

Birthright of Ontario, 2003 Ridge Road, Ontario Nora Kraft, Director,
Roger & Cheryl Legg, 7269 Ontario Center Rd., Ontario
J.J. Scofero & Sons Builders, Inc. 252 David Parkway, PO box 443, Webster, NY 14580
Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 931 Holt Rd., Steve Hook, Mgr., Webster, NY 14580
Cam's New York Pizzeria, Jason Benton, 2002 Ridge Road, Ontario, NY 14519
Johus Properties & Development LLC, 2090 Ridge Rd., Suite 101, Webster, NY 14580
Holiday Inn Express & Suite, Francine DiTomaso, Marketing Director, 860 Holt Rd., Webster, NY 14580
Mr. Auto & Parts Plus, Jan Leaty, 1864 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY 14519

Welcome New Members to the Ontario Chamber

Basement Technologies of Western New York, Inc., located at 476 NYS Rt. 104, Ontario, NY, owned by Kansas and Pat McDonald. Basement Technologies of Western New York focuses on foundation repair, basement waterproofing and retaining wall construction. They are in the process of renovating the property at 476 Route 104, Ontario. Watch for more improvements! They can be contacted at 585-872-9077 or cell 585-507-2264. For more information go to www.basementtechnologieswny.com or email: basementtechnologiesWNY@gmail.com

Lake Country Geothermal, Inc., 4164 Walworth-Ontario Road, Walworth, NY 14568, owned by Steve Cooper and Debbie Smith. Lake Country Geothermal installs geothermal heating for commercial and residential uses. They design, engineer, install, and service customized geothermal and hydronic heating & cooling distribution solutions to the unique set of conditions and needs of each and every client... and guarantee our systems perform as promised. Contact Lake Country Geothermal, Inc. at (585) 802-7924; email: debbie@lcgeo.com; www.lakecountrygeothermal.com

Thank You to Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 931 Holt Rd., Webster, NY

Thank you to Uno Pizzeria & Grill and Ann Kabel for hosting the Ontario Chamber Business After Hours on August 14th. Uno's supplied complementary pizza, mozzarella sticks, and chicken nuggets which were delicious and enjoyed by all. Remember to check out Uno's for your office catering for meetings; parties; or special events. Available for catering events is their legendary pizza plus a variety of delicious salads, sandwiches & entrees. Website: www.unos.com/catering or call 585-872-4760. Happy Hour Specials 3-7 pm and 9 pm – close, Monday through Friday, all day Sunday.

A Special Thank You from the Ontario Chamber to all of the businesses and organizations that donated door prizes for our annual banquet that was held on Sept. 21, 2017. We collected over 50 items! We also held a "bucket raffle" this year which netted \$535.00! This money will be used to help support our Community Scholarship given to the Wayne Central graduate who has achieved the most hours in voluntary community service during his/her high school years. Thank you again for your community support!

Ontario Chamber Holds Annual Banquet and Meeting

Ontario – September 21, 2017. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce held it's annual banquet and meeting at the Ontario Country Club, 2101 Country Club Lane. Senator Pam Helming was in attendance to help present annual awards.

Wilbert's Lakeside, Premium Recycled Parts, 6333 Lakeside Road was recognized as Business of the Year. This is a joint award sponsored by the Ontario Walworth Rotary Club and the Ontario Chamber.

Joe Molino was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Masonic Lodge #416 received the Community Organization Award. Altra Rental & Supply, Inc., 2127 NYS Rt. 104, owned by Jim Pedulla received the Business Improvement Award.

Other recognitions included Ray Cedruly, owner of Furnace Mini Storage and Chamber Community Liaison, for collecting door prizes for the event; John Domm for doing interviews, articles and photographs for the chamber's Business of the Month program; the Sun and Record Wayne County Mail for publishing our Business of the Month articles and photos; and Jon Wordingham and Aileen Hurlimann from Edward Jones for coordinating and delivering our welcome packages to new Ontario residents.

Joellen Simone, owner of Nature's Way Floral and Garden, 7284 Knickerbocker Rd., Ontario, was elected to a three-year term as Board of Director of the Ontario Chamber.



Joe Molino with family and friends and Sen. Pam Helming accepting his Lifetime Achievement Award



Mike Cholach from Masonic Lodge #416 accepting the Community Organization Award from Sen. Pam Helming and Jim Switzer



The Wilbert Family from Wilbert's Lakeside accepting the Business of the Year Award



Jim Pedulla from Altra Rental & Supply accepting his Business Improvement Award



Emily, Jamie, Chuck, Jesse, Aaron, Rene

**Ontario Chamber of
Commerce
September, 2017
Business of the Month
Preston's Garden Center
1640 NYS Rt. 104**

Aaron Preston, owner of Preston's Garden Center, states that he has been in this business for at least thirty years. Preston says "My father did it, my grandfather did it". Preston says I am the third generation and my son Jesse is the fourth generation of landscapers in the Ontario area.

Preston's Garden Center and Aaron Preston Landscaping are companion businesses working out of the same building. Aaron Preston says in our landscaping business "We do sidewalks, patios, retaining walls, new lawn installations."

Aaron Preston says "About three years ago I put an offer on this place and it was accepted. I intended to just keep the business here." Jesse Preston suggested that we start selling mulch. Aaron says "We started selling bulk products and then my father came by with some plants and Dad says, " By the way, I know a guy that grows flowers." The next thing you know, we have all this stuff and that is truly how it happened. Our inventory keeps changing. We will try different products and if they do not work out we will stop selling them. We have been here three years now and it is going OK."

"We operate the greenhouses from February until early May. This gives us a nice head start on the flowers we grow" says Aaron. Preston's Garden Center does sell all of the garden and pool supplies that anyone could want.

Aaron says "The sheds help us to provide even more items for sale to clients. The sheds are built by Mennonites and brought here. We just get a small commission from the sale of a shed. If you purchase a shed from us, you will make the check out to the Mennonites."

Aaron states, "In the future we will expand to contractor supplies and gift items. We already have a good relationship with many local landscapers. The community is a great resource for us in terms of what items we should stock. We also keep a list of items folks want but we do not have on hand. We will try to grow the items and if we cannot grow them, we will get it in one way or another." Jesse wants to "thank the people of the town for coming in and buying things. We really appreciated their business." Renee says "We are your home town garden store. The people in the community have really embraced this store. That has been really rewarding for us. People like to come here to look around." Speaking of looking around, you should because there is a great deal to see.

Preston's Garden Center has three full time and four part time employees. Aaron Preston Landscaping has six full time employees.

Preston's Garden Center hours of operation are:

Monday through Saturday 7 am to 7 pm and Sunday 9 am to 4 pm

Preston's Garden Center can be reached by phone at: 315-524-2200

E-Mail: Info@PrestonsGardenCenter.com

On the web: <http://aaronprestonlandscaping.com/>

Congratulations to Preston's Garden Center as Business of the Month for September.

Ontario Chamber of Commerce is pleased to salute this Ontario Business as the "Business of the Month." The customized "Business of the Month" announcement sign is posted at their business. They are also featured in The Sun & Record The Wayne County Mail and on the chamber's website:

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**Ontario Chamber of Commerce
October, 2017
Business of the Month
Green Team 100
6318 Furnace Road
Ontario, NY 14519**

Robert (Bob) Billett

Robert Billett is the owner of Green Team 100 which is an exterior cleaning company. As a former roofer, Billett is very familiar with roofing problems. One of the big problems is the growth of moss or mold on roof tops. The traditional solution to this growth was to bleach the roof or replace it. Billett wanted to come up with a better solution. Billett did some research and started testing different products before he came up with a hydrogen peroxide based solution that met his requirements. Billett states that the hydrogen peroxide solutions are environmentally safe. The hydrogen peroxide solutions do not kill the plant growth but cause the plants' root systems to release from the roof. Once the roots have been released from the roof Billett will rinse the roof with a pressure washer that has roof cleaning tips attached. In addition to cleaning your roof, Green Team 100 will repair any damage to your roof and minor damage to siding. "I just replaced a window on a house last week." Earlier this year, just after the wind storm, Billett could not keep up with roof damage calls.

"We do most of our work in the Ontario / Webster area. However I will travel just about anywhere as long as I can cover my expenses and make a small profit. Real-estate companies like to have me come out before an open house." Green Team 100 will service residential and commercial structures. Billett says "I just washed and sealed a 28,000 square foot roof."

This is not easy work and can be dangerous at times. Think about working on a roof that you just sprayed with soap. Therefore, there are not many companies that do this kind of work.

Billett named the company Green Team because it helps to identify the company as one that is concerned about the environment and because he is a Packers fan.

Green Team 100 has been in existence for six years. Prior to 2011 Billett worked for local construction companies.

Green Team 100 is a one man operation that can call on three employees as needed.

Billett moved to Ontario in 1985 and is a Wayne Central Graduate.

Green Team 100 can be reached by phone @: (585)-360-3698

E-Mail: Bobbillett@greenteam100.com

On the web @: <http://www.greenteam100.com/index.htm>

On Facebook @: [facebook.com/exteriorcleaningcompany](https://www.facebook.com/exteriorcleaningcompany)

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