

# ONEIDA ADVISOR

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## ONEIDA TOWNSHIP SAYS SO LONG TO AN OLD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

Mr. Edson "Ned" Crafts retired this past summer. He has been the Oneida Township Solicitor for almost 40 years. At his last Supervisors' meeting in June he said how he was "proud to have represented the engaging succession of very good supervisors throughout the years." He also spoke about the residents of the township: "They respect others and they respect their properties and I say kudos to the people of this township." Not only is Mr. Crafts well versed in township law, but he knows more of the history of the area than many who live here. That will certainly be missed. Mr. Crafts came to Huntingdon from Napierville, Illinois after graduating from the University of Toledo in 1972. On February 11, 1974 he was admitted to the Huntingdon County Bar Association. At different times, he wore many hats, including assistant district attorney and both secretary and president of the County Bar Association. He has served as a commissioner of the State Game Commission and has served as solicitor for other townships as well as Oneida. Everyone in the Township office will not only miss his presence at each meeting, but his dry sense of humor. We wish him all the best.

## ONEIDA TOWNSHIP WELCOMES ITS FIRST NEW SOLICITOR IN MANY YEARS



Oneida Township welcomes solicitor Nicholas Newfield to the Township. He hails from Portage in Cambria County, did his undergraduate work at Penn State University, a Master's in Business Administration and also one in Resource Management both at St. Francis University and went to St. Thomas School of Law for his law degree. He is currently a member of the Huntingdon County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association as well as a member of the local Rotary Club. Mr. Newfield's primary focus is in Civil litigation and Criminal Law. He has been Assistant Deputy Public Defender for Huntingdon County since 2010. Besides Oneida Township he is also represents Walker, Logan and Shirley Townships and is solicitor for the Juniata Valley School District. In what spare time he has he can be found on the golf course as well as doing other outdoor activities.

**VOTE**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

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Nicholas Newfield, Solicitor  
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### WATCH OUT FOR INVASIVE PLANTS WHEN DOING FALL GARDENING

Fall is a great time for wildlife watching and spending time outdoors as the heat of summer fades and the leaves turn their beautiful colors. If watching butterflies, birds, turkeys, and deer is a hobby that you or your family enjoys, then fall is also a great time to plan some improvements to your property that will benefit wildlife. Now is a great time to take a look outside for possible invasive species on your property. Common invasives like autumn olive are easy to identify right now, as this shrub has speckled red berries and a silvery oval leaf in alternate arrangement. Another shrub, Japanese barberry, has small oval leaves and spiny stems, and can form dense stands in hardwood understories. According to the Connecticut Agriculture and Experiment Station (CAES), eliminating stands of Japanese barberry from forested areas can reduce the number of Lyme disease-infected ticks on the property by 80%. Invasive species may not seem like a big problem at first, but they often provide little value to wildlife, crowd out other plants, and reduce forest diversity. They can take over your property, making it less enjoyable for you!

Fall is a great time for planting new trees, shrubs, and plants due to the cool weather and return of rain. Choosing native species will provide more food and cover for wildlife, increasing the birds, butterflies, deer, and turkeys that you may see outside your window. Native dogwood trees are known for their spring blooms, but their fall berries are also a great food source for deer and turkeys. Milkweed pods are releasing seeds and are the host to Monarch butterflies, which are right now preparing to migrate 3,400 miles from the US and Canada to Mexico for winter. Native shrubs and flowers, like common ninebark, cardinal flower, purple coneflower, and bee balm to name a few, are beautiful and beneficial additions to your property.

Celina Seftas, District Manager

Huntingdon County Conservation District



**Ninebark**

**Autumn  
Olive**



**Japanese  
barberry**

