

A "CITIZENS FRACKING FORUM"

**7 pm, Thursday, September 29
Seymour Union Ballroom**

Please join US to learn about the method of extracting gas from the shale rock known as "hydro-fracking." The controversial method is currently an issue of great public concern and debate.

While some experts and citizens see this gas drilling technique as a threat to our environment and potential source of water pollution, others feel it is a vital source of energy and way to revitalize our economy.

During the forum two experts with extensive knowledge will offer diverse views on the potential impact of hydro-fracking. A question and answer session will follow at the end of the program.

The Experts:

Dr. Ron Bishop, lecturer in chemistry and biochemistry at SUNY Oneonta, and a nationally certified chemical hygiene officer. Dr. Bishop has presented widely on technical aspects of the natural gas extraction industry, and is author of the report: "Chemical and Biological Risk Assessment for Natural Gas Extraction in New York," available at www.sustainableotsego.org.

Mr. Greg Sovas, an industry expert, worked at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for 33 years until his retirement in 2001. For the last twenty-two years at the NYSDEC, he was the Director of the Division of Mineral Resources overseeing the management and regulation of the oil and gas industry and the mining industry in NY.

