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County Executive Neuhaus is pleased to announce the launch of Early Childhood Connections, a free service designed to help families, caregivers, and providers navigate the wide range of early childhood resources available throughout the County.

This initiative was developed through the work of the Orange County Infant and Early Childhood Coalition, in collaboration with the Orange County Health Department, Orange County Department of Mental Health, and the Orange County Youth Bureau. Early Childhood Connections ensure that families with young children can more easily access the services and support they need.

"When families have concerns about their child's development, they deserve clear answers and compassionate support," said Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus. "Early Childhood Connections provides a trusted place to turn, one that helps families understand their options and connect to services that support and strengthen children and families across Orange County."

The phone line provides individualized guidance, resource navigation, and personalized support to families seeking assistance with developmental, behavioral, early learning, or family-support needs. Early Childhood Connections is not a crisis line; rather, it is a navigation and resource support service that helps families understand what services exist, how to access them, and how to connect with the right providers.

Families, caregivers, and early childhood professionals can call 845-615-3613 or email Ecconnections@orangecountygov.com to receive:

- Assistance navigating early childhood programs and community resources
- Support in understanding available developmental, behavioral, and family services

- Help connecting to screenings, early intervention, and early learning supports
- Guidance on next steps when concerns arise about a child's development
- Information for providers seeking resources for the families they serve

Early Childhood Connections was created to ensure that no family feels alone or overwhelmed when trying to access services for their young children. By offering warm, knowledgeable, and personalized support, the program strengthens the network of care for Orange County's youngest residents.

"The Orange County Youth Bureau has over 48 years of expertise in promoting Positive Youth Development. Part of that experience includes providing Resource and Referral assistance for children, youth, and families," shared Orange County Youth Bureau Executive Director Rachel Wilson. "We are especially excited to be a part of this new initiative to better assist families with young children access the information and services they need while providing extra support throughout the process."

For a brochure with additional information about Resources for Children Ages 0-5 and Families/Caregivers please visit <https://www.orangecountygov.com/DocumentCenter/View/31409/Family-Infant-and-Early-Childhood-Brochure?bidId=>.

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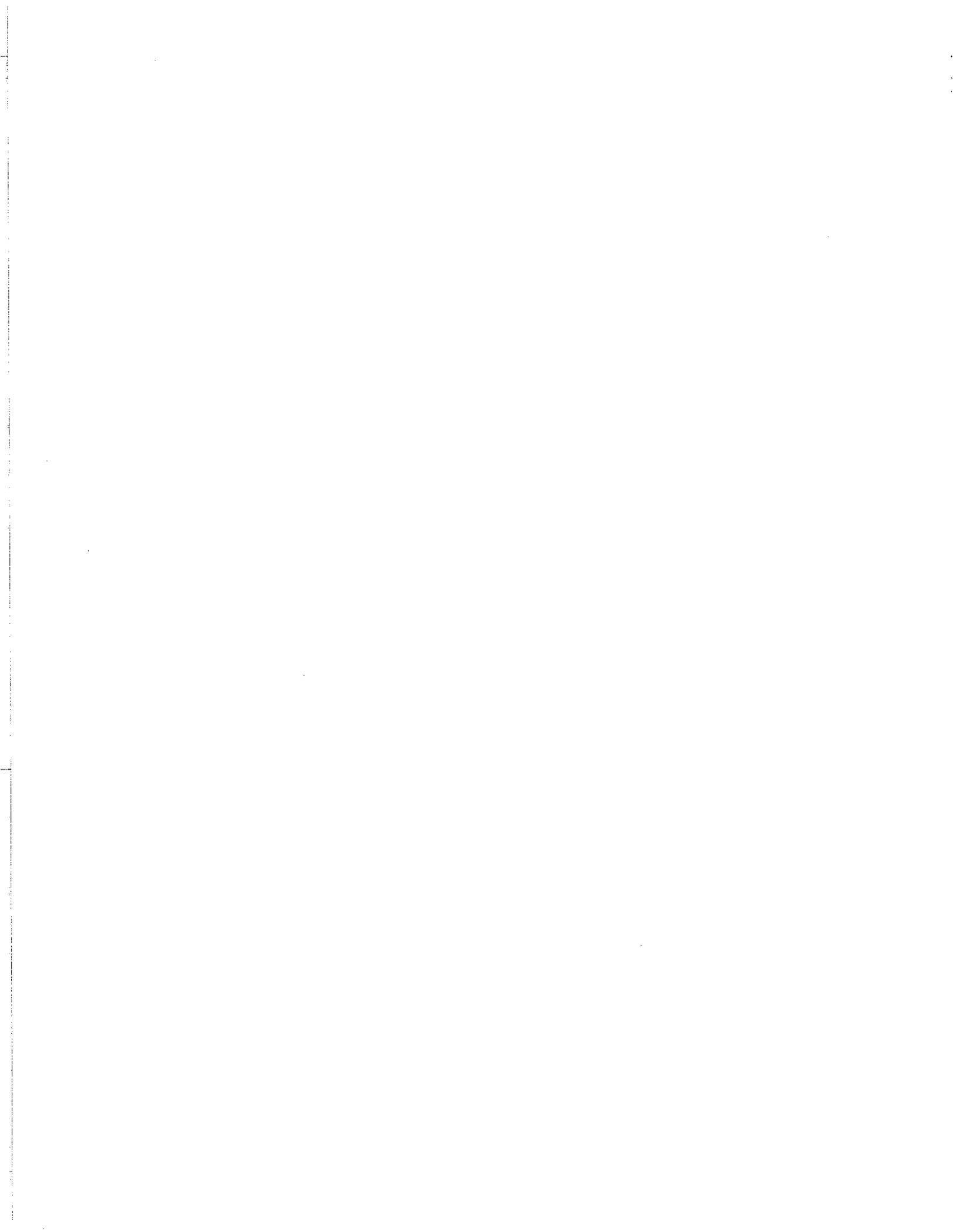
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County Executive Steve Neuhaus Announces Nominations Open for 2026 Senior of the Year and Outstanding Senior Contribution Awards

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County Executive Steve Neuhaus Announces Nominations Open for 2026 Senior of the Year and Outstanding Senior Contribution Awards

Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus along with the Orange County Office for the Aging are now accepting nominations for the 2026 'Senior of the Year' and 'Outstanding Contribution by a Senior' honorees, to be acknowledged by the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) on May 26th in Albany.

"Our seniors are an integral part of the fabric of our communities. They are volunteers, mentors, caregivers, and leaders who give their time, wisdom, and energy to make Orange County a better place for all generations," said Neuhaus. "Recognizing their contributions is more than an honor, it's a way to say thank you for the lasting impact they have had and continue to have in our neighborhoods. These individuals deserve to be celebrated for the dedication and service that strengthen our community every day."

Eligibility Criteria for Nominees:

- Age 60 or older
- Orange County resident
- Services performed should be as an unpaid volunteer

Categories:

Senior Citizen of the Year:

- Demonstrates outstanding dedication to the community
- Provides consistent volunteer service
- Displays leadership abilities

Outstanding Contribution by a Senior:

- Shows unique achievement
- Provides special service to the community that makes a difference
- Volunteers on a consistent basis

Senior Friendly Business

(in conjunction with the Orange County Senior Council):

- Demonstrates outstanding dedication to the community and older adult population
- Provides unique services and assistance to older adults
- Displays a positive, respectful, welcoming atmosphere for Senior Citizens

“Every year, we’re inspired by the remarkable older adults who give back, lead by example, and make a real difference in our communities,” said Danielle Diana-Smith, Director of the Orange County Office for the Aging. “We encourage the public to nominate older adults whose kindness, wisdom, and dedicated service have had a positive impact on our community.”

All nominations are due by March 2nd. Nomination forms can be found on the Orange County Government website: <https://www.orangecountygov.com/151/Aging>

For more information regarding these nominations, contact Melanie Tanner in the Orange County Office for the Aging office at mtanner@orangecountygov.com or 845-615-3700.

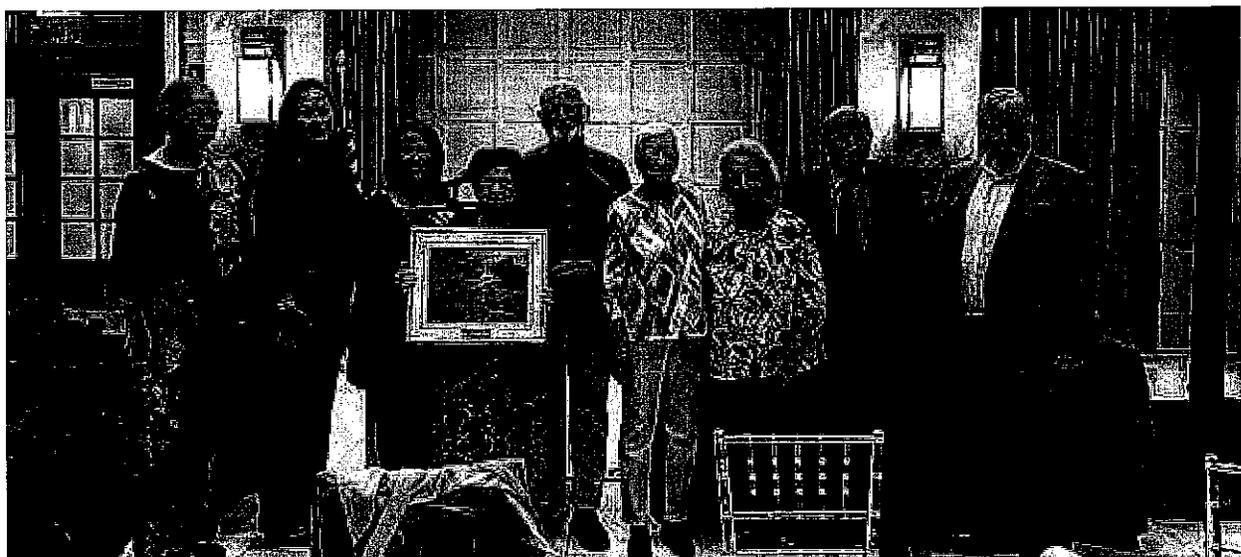
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2025 Senior of the Year Award Winners.

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DATE UPDATED: Freedom Fest 250 set for July 18th, 2026

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DATE UPDATED: Freedom Fest 250

Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus announces this year’s Freedom Fest 250, one of Orange County’s most anticipated summer traditions, **set for Saturday, July 18, 2026**, at Thomas Bull Memorial Park in Hamptonburgh.

“As we honor the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, we invite residents and visitors to come together for a truly special day in Orange County,” said Neuhaus. Freedom Fest 250 will feature live music, kids’ activities, a spectacular fireworks display, an exciting drone show, and more.

Rain date: Saturday, July 25, 2026

Follow Orange County Government on social media and visit orangecountygov.com for the latest announcements and event details as they’re released.

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Freedom Fest

A SPECIAL
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THE REV 250!



Steven M. Neuhaus
County Executive

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH
THOMAS BULL MEMORIAL PARK

Extended Hours
Gates Open at 2 p.m.



Everything you've come to expect at **Freedom Fest...**
just **bigger** and **better!** *More details to come.*

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Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus announced that Orange County Government awarded 27 Municipal Tourism Grants in 2025, supporting local events, celebrations, and innovative tourism initiatives that strengthen communities and drive economic activity throughout the County. The Municipal Tourism Grant Program funds help municipalities attract visitors to events and programs, encourage local spending, and showcase the unique character of Orange County.

Funded projects in 2025 include:

- Village of Warwick's Visit Widget App
- Village of Maybrook's 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Promotion of New Windsor Community Day
- Fuller Moon Arts Festival in the Town of Warwick, among many others.

"These grants are about investing in our local communities and supporting their economic development efforts," said Neuhaus. "From milestone anniversaries to arts and UFO festivals, and everything in between, these projects and events not only celebrate what makes Orange County a great place to visit, live, and do business, they also enhance the experiences of residents and visitors alike. Tourism is a powerful economic driver, and this program helps to provide municipalities with the resources they need to succeed."

The grants are administered by the Orange County Tourism and Film Office in collaboration with the Orange County Legislature, reinforcing the County's commitment to partnership-driven economic development.

"We're proud to collaborate once again with County Executive Neuhaus, our municipalities, and the Orange County Legislature to highlight the outstanding events that make Orange County so special," said Amanda Dana, Director of Orange County's Tourism and Film Office. "These events attract visitors from near and far and provide meaningful economic benefits to communities throughout the County."

The Municipal Tourism Grant Program continues to play a vital role in expanding Orange County's tourism footprint while supporting locally driven initiatives that reflect the County's diversity, history, and creativity.

Grants of up to \$4,999 will be awarded based on need and application approval. Applications have been distributed to Orange County's municipal leaders and will be accepted until July 31, 2026. Eligible municipalities can use the funds for various purposes, including advertising and promotion expenses associated with an event, enhanced signage and marketing, or website upgrades to make them more user-friendly. Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of economic development and tourism professionals from Orange County.

For more information about the grants, contact Lisa Santiago in the Orange County Tourism and Film Office at lsantiago@orangecountygov.com or 845-615-3862.

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Fuller Moon Festival in Warwick, NY.

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The Orange County Department of Motor Vehicle offices will be closed beginning Thursday, February 12th, 2026

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Orange County Clerk, Kelly A. Eskew, announces all Orange County DMV's will be temporarily closed for the new State licensing modernization program.

The Orange County Department of Motor Vehicle offices will be closed beginning Thursday, February 12th, 2026 (President's Holiday) and is tentatively scheduled to reopen on Wednesday February 18, 2026, at 9:00am.

County Clerk Kelly A. Eskew encourages residents to make necessary arrangements in advance due to the upcoming New York Statewide DMV closure, beginning on Friday February 13, 2026. The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles will be implementing the new Licensing DRIVES application. During this time all DMV transactions, including in-person, online and telephone services, will be temporarily unavailable while the large-scale system upgrade is completed. The office will reopen to the public as soon as the State confirms system readiness and we will communicate any changes to the reopening schedule.

During the initial weeks following reopening, please allow extra time for your transactions to be completed as staff and customers adjust to the new system. Your patience and understanding during this transition are greatly appreciated.

Please note: This DMV closure will not affect the other operations of the Orange County Clerk's Office, which will remain open for all non-DMV services.

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To: clerk@villageofgreenwoodlake.org

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 12:02 PM EST

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To: aeirand@greenwoodlakepd.org <aeirand@greenwoodlakepd.org>
Subject: credit to sargent grayley

attention: Cheif Adam Eirand,
i just want to give a compliment towards your police staff for treating me with utmost respect and compassion by letting me stay at senior center and sargent grayley made sure to put me in a hotel over the weekend and i have been sleeping in my car for a year and it not only saved me from the cold but the 3-4 days helped me with my mental health as well. so i have followed the sargents instructions to go to 18 steward st but they denied me services again so i am back to square one back to having to sleep in my car again tonight. but in any case the officers that checked on me while i was sleeping and sarfeant grayley putting me hotel i just wanted you to know the acted of kindness and supporry was wonderful and i want to say thank you. i wish you all the best warm wishes for you your family and police. department.
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