

**Township of West Milford**  
Passaic County, New Jersey

**~ Ordinance 2026 – 007 ~**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 500 ZONING TO ADD SECTION 500-23.1 MANDATORY SET-ASIDE ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW JERSEY FAIR HOUSING ACT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council endorsed a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated June 5, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council submitted the approved Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to the New Jersey Dispute Resolution Program for judicial review under the Fair Housing Act for Round 4 Affordable Housing Obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, no challenges to the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan were filed with Dispute Resolution Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Housing Act requires all implementing ordinances and associated documents be adopted by March 15, 2026;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 500 "Zoning" Section 500-23.1 Mandatory Set-Aside Ordinance is added as follows:

**§500-23.1 - MANDATORY SET-ASIDE ORDINANCE**

- A. If the Township or Township Planning & Zoning Board permits the construction of multi-family or single-family attached residential development that is "approvable" and "developable," as defined at N.J.A.C. 5:93-1.3, the Township or the Township's Planning & Zoning Board shall require that a percentage of the residential units be set aside for low- and moderate-income households.
- B. This requirement shall apply beginning with the effective date of this Ordinance to any multi-family or single-family attached residential development, including the residential portion of a mixed-use project, which consists of five (5) or more new residential units at a density of six (6) units to the acre or more, whether permitted by a zoning amendment, a variance granted by the Township's Planning & Zoning Board, or adoption of a Redevelopment Plan or amended Redevelopment Plan in areas in need of redevelopment or rehabilitation.
- C. For any such development for which the Township's land use ordinances (e.g., zoning or an adopted Redevelopment Plan) already permitted residential development as of the effective date of this Ordinance, this requirement shall only apply if the Township permits an increase in approvable and developable gross residential density to at least twice the permitted approvable and developable gross residential density as of the effective date of this Ordinance.
- D. Nothing in this paragraph precludes the Township or the Township's Planning & Zoning Board from imposing an affordable housing set-aside in a development not required to have a set-aside pursuant to this paragraph consistent with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311(h) and other applicable law.
- E. For all inclusionary projects, with the low- and moderate-income units, the minimum set-aside is twenty (20) percent, regardless of tenure.
- F. This requirement does not create any entitlement for a property owner or applicant for a zoning amendment, variance, or adoption of a Redevelopment Plan or amended Redevelopment Plan in areas in need of redevelopment or rehabilitation, or for approval of any particular proposed project.



G. Furthermore, this section shall not apply to developments containing four (4) or less dwelling units. All subdivision and site plan approvals of qualifying residential developments shall be conditioned upon compliance with the provisions of this section. Where a developer demolishes existing dwelling units and builds new dwelling units on the same site, the provisions of this section shall apply only if the net number of dwelling units is five (5) or more.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Township of West Milford, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Introduced: February 11, 2026  
Adopted: March 4, 2026  
Effective Date: March 24, 2026

ATTEST:



William Senande, Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD  
COUNTY OF PASSAIC  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

By:   
Michele Dale, Mayor



## UPDATED INFORMATION - 2.13.26 - County Executive Neuhaus Unveils Early Childhood Connections to Guide Families Through Early Childhood Services

From: Sheehan, Rebecca (rsheehan@orangecountygov.com)

Date: Friday, February 13, 2026 at 12:28 PM EST



Orange County Government  
Office of County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus  
NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Rebecca Sheehan  
February 13, 2026

Phone: 845.907.2332

### **UPDATED INFORMATION: Orange County Executive Neuhaus Unveils Early Childhood Connections to Guide Families Through Early Childhood Services**

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](mailto: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=>.

For general media inquiries, contact Rebecca Sheehan, Assistant to the County Executive and Director of Public Information and Media Relations, at 845-291-2700 or [presscontact@orangecountygov.com](mailto:presscontact@orangecountygov.com).

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- Instagram: @OrangeCountyNYGovt | @Steve.Neuhaus
- X (formerly Twitter): @OCGovNY | @SNeuhausOC

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## *Rebecca Sheehan*

*Assistant to County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus  
Director of Public Information & Media Relations  
Orange County Government Center*

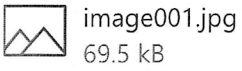
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Letter of Resignation

02/17/2025 *bc*

To Chief Eirand,

I am writing to inform you of my intention to resign from my job as a part time Police Officer in the Village of Greenwood Lake.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work for this department and the training and experiences I have gained. If there is anything that I can do to help ensure there is a smooth transition please let me know.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to be apart of this department and wish you and everyone else continued success.

Sincerely,

Ava Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ava Smith".



RECEIVED  
FEB 20 2026

RE: Walnut Street U Turns & Property Damage

Chief John Hansen <gwlchief@optonline.net>  
To: Jenifer Griffin <jenifergriffin@gmail.com>

BY: .....

Mon, Oct 1, 2018 at 12:20 PM

Ok thank you I will look into at least one no U-turn sign in front of 8 Walnut.

From: Jenifer Griffin <jenifergriffin@gmail.com>  
Sent: Saturday, September 29, 2018 1:09 PM  
To: gwlchief@optonline.net  
Subject: Re: Walnut Street U Turns & Property Damage

*This is the email I had with Chief Hanson in 2018 that led to the u turn sign. He asked me to do this survey of neighbors.*

Good day Chief!

Was waiting for one of the neighbors who was away so pardon the delay in writing this

*It was taken down recently but we really need it please.*

Here is a list of neighbors who have taken note of the u turns on our street :

9 Walnut - best estimate is several times a week on average. I have noted a lessening since my incident so perhaps people have talked amongst themselves on this u turn issue.

8 Walnut -Reginas driveway is the fave turn around driveway due to its width and length so always empty by the street as discussed. Best estimate would be several times a week on average.

10 Walnut -they notice as well more in evening as their bedroom is on the street side. Interrupted him doing yard work so spoke only briefly but he's happy to speak with you.

15 Walnut - they notice u turns as well at night. More related to bar patrons parking on Walnut and making u turns sometimes running over landscaping in front of their home. I sense they are more weekend and holiday residents.

That is really the range of u turns on Walnut Street. It seems 8 Walnut's driveway is too wide open to resist so they don't drive past there.

In anticipation of another business opening in the former vape shop space it would be great to find a simple solution / deterrent. As discussed during the vape shop days opening hours there were many many u turns each and every day of the week.

All neighbors noted above would be happy to discuss with you directly.



Thanks again for your time and attention! We all appreciate you very much.

Jenifer

This is my 1<sup>st</sup> email to the Chief. Our fence was hit again before the sign was installed.

On Wed, Sep 12, 2018 at 11:26 AM Jenifer Griffin <jenifergriffin@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Chief Hansen,

On 9/4 I made a blotter report on my car which was a hit and run by our home. I have just come from my mechanic and there is so much suspension damage that my car will be totaled now.

My point in writing is this is the second incident of property damage due to constant U Turns on our street. It has diminished significantly since the vape shop closed however bar patrons park at windermere end of our street and are also overly fond of u turns. My damage occurred between 9/3 at around 4pm and noon the next day. I was up until midnight and have a huge front window looking out to my car.

We have lived here less than 2 years and damage to our property from these u turns has happened twice....I am just waiting for more now sadly. Is there anything that can be done about this issue?

I realize you may have bigger fish to fry and this is what insurance is for. However this time with my car is a lot of money and has a heavy financial and personal impact on my life as it is being totaled.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Kind regards

Jenifer Griffin  
401-654-0016

Please note: the sign was removed but the post is still there so reinstall should be easy ;)



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

ORANGE COUNTY DEPT. OF  
MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTS

# 3rd Annual SUBSTANCE USE SUMMIT

**MARCH 20**

9AM - 3PM

 SUNY ORANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NEWBURGH, NY

CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH &  
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

**CASAC CREDITS  
AVAILABLE**

**CONTINUING  
EDUCATION  
CREDITS  
(CE) AVAILABLE**

**BREAKFAST &  
LUNCH PROVIDED**

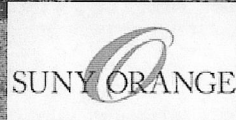
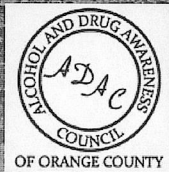
**CALLING ALL  
PROVIDERS!**

**CALLING ALL  
COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS!**

**LIMITED SPOTS,  
REGISTER NOW!**



Steven M. Neuhaus  
County Executive



**the  
harris  
project**



Opioid  
Response  
Network



# LET'S TALK: CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SUNY Orange - Kaplan Hall

73 1st Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Delores  
Blackwell, PHD,  
LCSW  
Chair for Dept.  
of Criminal  
Justice  
Hunter College



## Objectives:

- ✓ Prevalence of Co-Occurring Disorders
- ✓ Community and social implications
- ✓ Implications for treatment providers
- ✓ Workshops & Case Study
- ✓ Call to Action!

Stephanie  
Marquesano  
Founder &  
President  
The Harris Project



Hosted in Collaboration with: SUNY Orange, The Alcohol & Drug Awareness Council (ADAC), Stop DWI, The Harris Project, The Opioid Response Network (ORN), and The Orange County District Attorney's Office.

REGISTER HERE >

<https://bookeyo.com/orangecountymentalhealth>



## Orange County Executive Neuhaus Emphasizes Continuing Commitment to Emergency Preparedness

From: Sheehan, Rebecca (rsheehan@orangecountygov.com)

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 08:29 AM EST



Orange County Government  
Office of County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus  
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Contact:

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March 5, 2026

Phone: 845.291.2700

### **Orange County Executive Neuhaus Emphasizes Continuing Commitment to Emergency Preparedness**

#### *Recent Hudson River Aviation Incident Affirms Need for Continued Drills*

Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus expressed gratitude that the recent aviation incident involving a small Cessna aircraft landing in the Hudson River was safely and successfully resolved. The pilot and Air Traffic Controller's actions prevented a more serious outcome and the coordinated response efforts that followed were handled professionally and efficiently.

"This incident demonstrates the importance of preparation, training, and collaboration across all levels of government," said Neuhaus. "I take my public safety responsibility very seriously. I, along with Orange County Emergency Management and County government remain committed to keeping our residents safe through continued training and readiness drills and our strong, collaborative partnerships."

Less than a year ago, on June 10, 2025, under County Executive Neuhaus' direction, the County's Emergency Management Team led a full-scale Emergency Operations Center (EOC) exercise based on a Hudson River aircraft crash scenario involving a Cessna and a commercial passenger aircraft. The drill was detailed, complex, and multi-jurisdictional. It involved more than 60 partner agencies and organizations and included marine rescue operations, bridge impact response, mass casualty coordination, federal agency integration, and full EOC activation.

Stewart International Airport was a key participant in that exercise. Last night, Stewart's air traffic professionals demonstrated why that partnership matters. Their calm coordination and communication were instrumental in guiding the aircraft safely to a controlled landing. Additionally, following emergency landing protocols, air traffic control personnel at Stewart Airport immediately notified Orange County 911. As a result, dispatchers at 911 acted quickly and initiated the deployment of local first responders.

The incident once again stressed the need for exercises that test coordination and validate response systems before real-world incidents occur. The June 10, 2025, exercise reinforced

coordination between:

- Stewart International Airport
- New York State Police
- Local fire and EMS agencies
- Marine units operating on the Hudson River
- Multiple Hudson Valley emergency management partners
- All Orange County departments

The proximity between this recent aviation incident and the scenario exercised less than a year ago underscores the importance of emergency preparedness, sustained readiness, and interagency collaboration. Orange County remains committed to continued training, regional coordination, and operational preparedness alongside our municipal, state, and federal partners.

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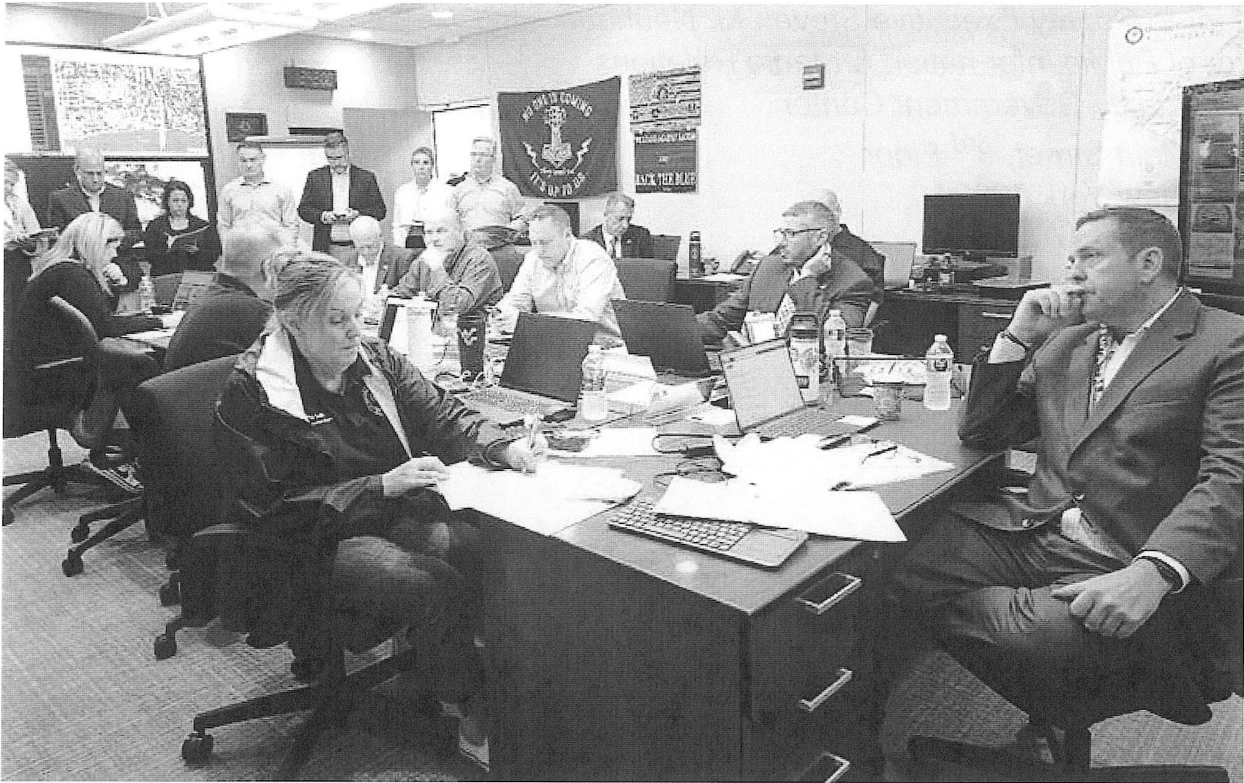
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Pictures below are Orange County Government departments training with a full scale emergency exercise.





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# ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**Committee:** Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations

**Sponsors:** Stegenga, Fascaldi

**Co-sponsors:** Ramos, Carter, Hill, Hunter, Redeker, Scott, Tobin, Turnbull, Tautel

**Agenda No. 16**

## RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2026

### **RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE VEHEMENTLY OPPOSING THE LOCATING OF A UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT PROCESSING AND/OR DETENTION FACILITY IN WAREHOUSES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 24, 2025, the Washington Post published an article in which it was indicated that the federal government produced a draft solicitation that may seek private detention contractors for the renovation and use of industrial warehouses to process and detain U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Washington Post article, the Town of Chester in the County of Orange and State of New York was identified as a potential municipality wherein there may be a plan to convert an industrial warehouse, formerly the "Pep Boys Warehouse", into a detainee processing facility having between 500 to 1,500 beds; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed facility is located within the Village of Chester, within the Town of Chester, County of Orange, State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County or the Town or Village of Chester has not received further details regarding disclosable non-confidential facts of the scope, plans and operation of the proposed ICE facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the ICE facility is incompatible with required zoning regulations mandated by the deed's restrictive covenants as the proposed use is not a permitted use, and it is incompatible with the commercial tax generating economic development use for which the structure was allowed; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ICE facility will have no ability to have the sewage generated at the facility treated, as the Village of Chester is not allowed to transmit any additional wastewater to the Orange County Sewer District No. 1 for treatment at its Harriman Sewer Treatment Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, this Legislature was made aware that neither the County of Orange, the Town of Chester, the Village of Chester, nor its officials received prior notification of the federal government's intentions for such a facility prior to the release of the Washington Post article; and

**WHEREAS**, this Legislature is opposed to any proposed conversion of the "Pep Boys Warehouse" in Chester, New York, or any warehouse or facility within the County for use as a processing and detention center by ICE; and

**WHEREAS**, existing ICE facilities throughout the Country are often wrought with inadequate conditions, lack of medical care, and inhumane treatment of detainees; and

**WHEREAS**, the existence of such a facility within Orange County does not align with this Legislature's commitment to ensuring the safety of its constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, in general, the proposed sites for an ICE processing and detention facility, often converted warehouses, are not zoned for residential or detention use and will lack the necessary water, sewer, or road infrastructure which will cause a tremendous hardship for the County and its municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, an ICE facility within Orange County will, no doubt, result in an uncompensated strain on local resources and services caused solely by the existence of the facility itself.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Legislature vehemently and unequivocally opposes the proposed locating of an ICE processing and/or detention facility in Chester, New York or anywhere within the County of Orange; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that We, the Orange County Legislature, urge the federal government and its agencies to immediately halt any proposed plan to locate an ICE processing and/or detention facility within Orange County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Orange County Legislature is hereby directed to send certified of this resolution to Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America; Honorable Kristi Noem, Secretary, United States Department of Homeland Security; Honorable Todd M. Lyons, Senior Official, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Honorable John Thune, United States Senate Majority Leader; Honorable Charles E. Schumer, United States Senate Minority Leader; Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the United State House of Representatives; Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senator for the State of New York; Honorable Pat Ryan, United States Congressman for the 18<sup>th</sup> District of New York; Honorable Mike Lawler, United States Congressman for the 17<sup>th</sup> District of New York; Honorable Kathleen C. Hochul, Governor of New York; Honorable James Skoufis, New York State Senator for the 42<sup>nd</sup> District of New York; Honorable Karl Brabenec, New York State Assemblyperson for the 98<sup>th</sup> District of New York; Honorable Paula Elaine Kay, New York State Assemblyperson for the 100<sup>th</sup> District of New York; Honorable Brian Maher, New York State Assemblyperson for the 101<sup>st</sup> District of New York; Honorable Jonathon G. Jacobson, New York State Assemblyperson for the 104<sup>th</sup> District of New York; Honorable Steven M. Neuhaus, Orange County Executive; all Town Supervisors within Orange County; Mayors of the Cities of Middletown, Newburgh, and Port Jervis; and all Village Mayors within Orange County.

**DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  
Ayes 21; Noes 0

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ORANGE**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, JEAN M. RAMPEN**, Clerk of the County Legislature of said County of Orange, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in my office and which was passed by the County Legislature of said County of Orange on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and the whole thereof.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said County Legislature this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

  
Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Orange



# ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**Committees:** Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations; Ways and Means  
**Sponsors:** Stegenga, Cheney, Faggione, Sassi  
**Co-Sponsors:** Scott, Tautel

Agenda No. 24

## RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2026

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ORANGE COUNTY TO SIGN THE RENEWAL SALES TAX SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF NEWBURGH, MIDDLETOWN, AND PORT JERVIS.

**WHEREAS**, representatives of Orange County and the Cities of Newburgh, Middletown, and Port Jervis have agreed upon a plan of distribution for a portion of the Orange County Sales and Compensating Use Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, said renewal Agreement is for the term March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2029.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that this renewal Agreement shall be approved by the Chairwoman of the Orange County Legislature prior to its execution by the County Executive; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Orange County Legislature, by this Resolution, authorizes the County Executive of Orange County to enter into said Agreement with the Cities of Newburgh, Middletown, and Port Jervis, which Agreement shall provide for the distribution of a portion of the Orange County Sales and Compensating Use Tax, among the County, cities, towns and villages; and it is further

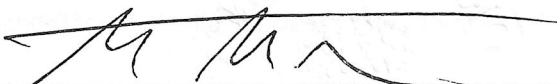
**RESOLVED**, that the allocation of Sales and Compensating Use Tax be made pursuant to Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Mayor of the City of Newburgh, the Mayor of the City of Middletown, the Mayor of the City of Port Jervis, the New York State Department of Audit and Control, Taxation and Finance, to each town and to each village in Orange County, and to each and every other person, institution or agency which will further the purpose of this Resolution.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Ayes 20; Noes 0; Absent: 1  
(Absent: Amo)

**APPROVED: FEBRUARY 5, 2026**



**STEFAN "STEVEN" M. NEUHAUS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
**004**

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Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Orange

# PINSKY

LAW GROUP, PLLC

(315) 428-8345  
(315) 475-8230 (fax)

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BY: HB

March 3, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

This law firm represents the Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services, an applicant for a permanent Ambulance Service Certificate (a/k/a Certificate of Need) for the Town of Wawayanda.

**AFTER READING THIS LETTER, WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT (OR OPPOSITION) REGARDING THE APPLICATION TO:**

Pinsky Law Group, PLLC  
c/o Alexis Pinsky  
132 Sheraton Road  
Syracuse, NY 13219

**Please try to send this letter within thirty (30) days of receiving this letter.**

**You may email the letter to: [bpinsky@pinskyllaw.com](mailto:bpinsky@pinskyllaw.com)**

If you could explain that there is (or is not) need for these services, it would be helpful as well. We will then present that letter with our application.

This letter contains a significant amount of information that is being provided to the Regional Council, to the public and to you as an interested provider, interested party or municipality in or serving in the Town of Wawayanda (Orange County). The Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services has been servicing this town since July 30, 2024.

Although this letter contains well more information than Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services is required to provide, we believe that we should provide you as much information as possible.

We thank you for your attention to this most important application.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

PINSKY LAW GROUP, PLLC

By: *Bradley Pinsky*  
Bradley M. Pinsky

The Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services has been providing transporting ambulance and advanced life support services since July 2024 under a two year operating authority available for municipalities. At this time, the Town is required to apply for permanent operating authority. The territory to be served is the Town of Wawayanda (Orange County). The Public Health Law requires that Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services apply for a permanent Ambulance Service Certificate before the end of its two year certificate. Therefore, we are requesting letters from stakeholders as part of our application.

The Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services (“TWEMS”) operates two (2) ambulances and one (1) ALS first response vehicle (ALSFR), with a second ALSFR arriving in Early 2026. The town has twenty-three (23) paid employees. Among them are fourteen (14) EMT Basics and nine (9) Paramedics. The Town’s ambulance service responds to about 800 ALS & BLS calls each year in the Town of Wawayanda. The Town has an average respond time of 7.5 minutes and a response rate of one hundred (100%) percent to its dispatched emergencies.

The goal of this application is for TWEMS to be authorized to continue to provide a reliable emergency transporting, advanced life support ambulance service to the Town of Wawayanda. As will be demonstrated below, TWEMS has been successfully acting in said capacity and can demonstrate need for continuing such services.

### Public Need

The Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services is required to provide the definition of need and to demonstrate that need exists for Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services ambulance services in the Town of Wawayanda. The Department of Health defines public need as follows:

“The Demonstrated absence, reduced availability or an inadequate level of care in ambulance or emergency medical service availability to a geographical area which is not readily correctable through the reallocation or improvement of existing resources.” Variables in considering “public need” include: geography, population (size, density, projections), level of care (existing, available), quality, reliability and response patters of existing services, type of service (emergency, non-emergency), special needs, service effectiveness, cost and operation, and other local factors.

This letter is intended to address the primary issues.

### **LACK OF AVAILABLE AMBULANCES CREATES NEED**

The primary role of any emergency ambulance service is to serve the emergency medical needs of the public. Unfortunately, Orange County, if not the entire state, is in short supply of emergency ambulance services.

Need exists

The following reflects the number of transports from the Town of Wawayanda.

YEAR	Total ALS Transports	Total BLS Transports
2026 (January)	32	34
2025	318 (beg. 1/2/25)	476
2024 (beginning 7/30/24)	BLS only in 2024	250

***Positive impact on the community***

TWEMS' ambulance service will continue to have a positive impact throughout Orange County by continuing to provide reliable ambulance service for the Town of Wawayanda. Other ambulance services will continue to be relieved of this burden.

***Present providers***

The Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services is the current provider holding the Ambulance Service Certificate specific for the Town of Wawayanda. Other services that also hold certificates include: Empress EMS, Lenape Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc., Ambulnz NY2 LLC, and Kiryas Joel EMS. TWEMS maintains a good working relationship with this organization and we presume this relationship will continue.

***No negative impact on other providers***

There will be no negative impact on any other providers which hold operating authority in all or some of the Town of Wawayanda. TWEMS is not looking to displace any of the other services. Before TWEMS began providing service, the Town of Wawayanda was lacking a designated ambulance service provider who was located in close proximity to the Town of Wawayanda. It is hard to imagine that any other ambulance service will lose income, members, or employees from TWEMS' provision of 911 ambulance services.

***Response Time***

Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services has an average response time of seven and a half (7.5) minutes to calls in the Town of Wawayanda.

***Staffing/Contracting***

Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services will staff a total of one (1) ALSFR and one (1) BLS ambulance on dayshift (0600-1800) with one (1) Paramedic and two (2) Basic EMTs, respectively, and one (1) ALS ambulance on nightshift (1800-0600) with one (1) basic EMT and one (1) Paramedic available to respond to the Town of Wawayanda along with a detailed backup call in schedule.

***Call volume for past 12 months and anticipated for next 12 months and response time***

We will continue to operate 24/7. We project that we will transport, on average, about 800 patients per year in our current territory. This is based upon our present statistics for 2024, 2025 and January 2026. Response time is on average, less than eight (8) minutes to calls in the Town of Wawayanda.

***Mutual Aid***

We will continue to participate in the mutual aid system for Orange County.

***No Financial Impact or any adverse impact on existing services***

TWEMS will not stop any other service from operating in their primary operating territories for 911 calls and will not attempt to interfere with existing transport contracts being reliably served by any other ambulance service.

***Mutual Aid Plan***

TWEMS will participate in 911 response services and will provide mutual aid support services as requested.

***The positive and negative impact on the community***

There will only be a positive impact on emergency medical services and the community through the effective and efficient transport of patients within the Town of Wawayanda. There will be no negative impact on patient care, and no other ambulance service will be negatively impacted in the area. Without TWEMS providing services, response time for patient care will suffer.

***Population of jurisdiction requesting the ambulance service, including tourism and traffic flow.***

- Town of Wawayanda: 7,687 (2024 Census)

Therefore, we are asking that you provide a letter of support or opposition to the continued and permanent operation of the Town of Wawayanda Emergency Medical Services.



# Orange County News

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For Immediate Release  
Thursday, March 05, 2026

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## **District Attorney David Hoovler Announces the Sixth Orange County District Attorney's Office Youth Fishing Derby**

### **"Get Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs"**

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler on Thursday, March 5, 2026, announced the launch of the sixth Orange County District Attorney's Office Youth Fishing Derby. The derby will run from April 1, 2026, through September 14, 2026, and is open to children between the ages of four and eighteen who are children or grandchildren of Orange County residents.

Fishing teaches many life lessons, such as patience and how to deal with success and failure. Several U.S. presidents were accomplished fishermen and used fishing to relax from the stress and responsibilities of their office. Participants will learn to enjoy and respect nature and, by spending more time with family and friends, alleviate some of the boredom and anxiety caused by the stress of daily life. It is that boredom and anxiety that has led so many of our young people to turn to drug use or gang activity. Sports and other worthwhile activities can help deter young people from those bad choices. This contest, started during Covid, will encourage our young people to go fishing and enjoy the outdoors while hopefully avoiding drug use and other poor choices.

The Youth Fishing Derby is part of District Attorney Hoovler's Community Outreach Program. Remember, any size fish entered in the contest has an equal chance of winning a prize for the contestant.

**CONTEST RULES:** Entry into the Youth Fishing Derby is free. All fish entered in the contest must be legally caught from anywhere in New York State. Contestants must adhere to all current New York State fishing regulations. Fresh and saltwater fish are eligible to be entered into the contest. To enter, email a photo of the contestant holding the fish, as well as the child's first name and an adult contact phone number, to [dafishingcontest@gmail.com](mailto:dafishingcontest@gmail.com). Each angler can enter up to three fish photos during the contest, to have multiple chances to win. Ten winners will be drawn at random from all entries received during the contest dates. Each angler is limited to one prize package. All photos entered in the contest become the property of the Orange County District Attorney's Office Youth Fishing Derby.

**PRIZE PACKAGE:** Each winner will receive an Orange County District Attorney's Office limited t-shirt and a Mystery Tackle Box Bass Fishing Kit. Bonus prize: The first winner drawn will also receive a \$100 gift card. Prizes can be picked up at the District Attorney's Office by the winners in Goshen or will be mailed to them at the conclusion of the contest.



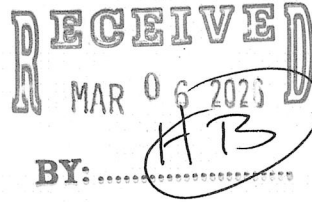


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Transportation

KATHY HOCHUL  
Governor

MARIE THERESE DOMINGUEZ  
Commissioner

March 2, 2026



Mayor  
Village of Greenwood Lake  
PO Box 7  
18 Church Street  
Greenwood Lake, NY 10925

Dear Municipal Official:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in coordination with Orange County Transportation Council (OCTC) is pleased to announce the Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan (RwDSAP) that was administered between March 6, 2025, and December 10, 2025, has reopened its application period through April 17, 2026.

The local call for Roadway Departure safety projects includes federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for systemic or "Hot Spot" roadway departure safety projects on local and county roads and streets.

Examples of eligible project types include but are not limited to guiderail, pavement markings, and shoulder widening. Funds may also be requested for the development of a Local Road Safety Plan. Additional information regarding program guidance, how to apply, application forms and related materials is available at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/highway/rwdsap>

Recipients of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding who have completed their safety plans are encouraged to submit projects identified in those plans.

Applications must be submitted to Ms. Caitlin Holt of my staff at [Caitlin.Holt@dot.ny.gov](mailto:Caitlin.Holt@dot.ny.gov) by close of business on Friday, April 17, 2026.

Thank you for your continued support of this important program. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Caitlin Holt by email or by phone at (845) 431-2314.

Sincerely,

*Sandra D. Jobson*

Sandra D. Jobson, RA, RLA, AICP  
Regional Planning & Program Manager





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Steven M. Neuhaus  
*County Executive*

Danielle Diana-Smith  
*Director*

February 26, 2026

Honorable Thomas Howley  
Village of Greenwood Lake  
P.O. Box 7  
Greenwood Lake, NY 10925

Dear Mayor Howley:

March is National Nutrition Month so each year, Meals on Wheels programs from across the country join together to raise awareness and to garner the support needed to ensure these critical programs can continue to address food insecurity and malnutrition, combat social isolation, enable independence, and improve health and quality of life for years to come. This is the perfect opportunity to highlight the importance of the Office for the Aging's Senior Dining Program. We invite you to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Wheels March for Meals. It is also a great time to meet and greet some of the older adults living in your community.

Please join us and other "Big Wheels" as we make our rounds throughout the community on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. You will have the opportunity to observe first-hand the benefits of this invaluable program. For many older adults, this meal program enables them to remain living independently in their home. After the meal delivery, please join us for a delicious lunch at our Chester Congregate Dining Site located at the Chester Senior Center, 81 Laroe Road, Chester, NY 10918. Lunches will be distributed by our dedicated volunteers and OFA staff.

We look forward to you joining us. Please contact Robin Blaikner at 845-615-3703 or [rblaikner@orangecountygov.com](mailto:rblaikner@orangecountygov.com) to register by Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

"Big Wheels March for Meals" is a great way to reach out to your older adults and let them know how important they are in your community. I look forward to seeing you on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

Danielle Diana-Smith



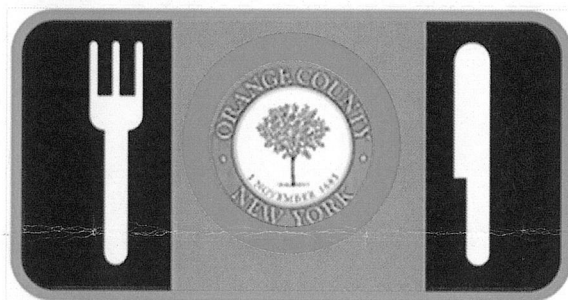
# Let's All Do Lunch!

Join Orange County Volunteers and make the rounds.  
Bring a nutritious meal & a smile to our older adults!



On Wednesday, March 25th, local officials will have the opportunity to help deliver meals to senior citizens in their community. It will be a special and rewarding day for us all. You will put a smile on the faces of the older adults you serve. It will give you an opportunity to meet and chat with your local constituents and you'll be glad you pitched in and gave the time. For many, the meal you deliver will be their only meal for the day.

The fact is, last year alone, our Office for the Aging provided delicious and nutritionally balanced meals to over 800 older adults throughout Orange County. That equates to over 180,000 meals annually! Help us make a difference and put a smile on the faces of our older adults. We thank you in advance for your participation in our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Big Wheels March for Meals" program.



**Steven M. Neuhaus**  
Orange County Executive

**Danielle Diana-Smith**  
Director, Office for the Aging  
*You are making a difference!*

## "Big Wheels March for Meals"

Space is limited. RSVP by MARCH 20th and team up with an OFA Volunteer in your area.  
To RSVP or for further information, please call Orange County Office for the Aging at  
845.615.3703 or visit our website at [www.orangecountygov.com](http://www.orangecountygov.com)

You'll Make a Big Difference.



## Orange County Executive Neuhaus Announces Return of Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

From: Orange County Press Contact (presscontact@orangecountygov.com)

Date: Friday, March 6, 2026 at 01:21 PM EST



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Office of County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus  
**NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release

Contact: Rebecca Sheehan  
March 6, 2026

Phone: 845-907-2332

### **Orange County Executive Neuhaus Announces Return of Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**

Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus announced the return of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), an initiative that has provided meaningful work opportunities for local youth for more than 30 years.

Funded through the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) grant, SYEP primarily serves youth from low-income families, helping provide pathways to greater stability and opportunity. The program connects youth ages 14 to 20 with employers across Orange County, offering hands-on work experiences that build job readiness, confidence, and essential skills. Last year, participants worked with local businesses, nonprofits, and municipalities, including the City of Newburgh Aquatic Center, Foeller's Men's Shop, Legoland New York, New Wonders Learning Center, High-Class Motorsports, Hudson Valley Christian Church, and the Salvation Army in the City of Port Jervis.

"SYEP gives youth in Orange County a terrific opportunity to gain work experience, build confidence, and develop skills that will benefit them for years to come," said Neuhaus. "Programs like this are an investment in the future of our youth and the long-term strength of our community."

The program helps to keep youth engaged, supports workforce development, and fosters personal growth while strengthening the broader community. Participants gain experience in responsibility, teamwork, and communications, all skills that are essential for any career.

"The Summer Youth Employment Program is one of the most impactful initiatives our department leads," said Steve Knob, Director of the Orange County Employment and Training Administration. "By connecting youth with meaningful work experiences, we help them build skills, confidence, and career pathways that will benefit them for years to come."

The program also enjoys strong support from local employers.

“When we first partnered with SYEP, we didn’t know what to expect, but the experience exceeded our expectations,” said Doria Paci, owner of Betty’s Snack Bar in Newburgh. “Our participant was reliable, motivated, and great with customers; he quickly became part of our Betty’s family.”

This partnership between youth and local employer’s highlights SYEP’s broader impact.

“The Orange County Summer Youth Employment Program is a valuable investment in our community,” added Heather Bell, President and CEO of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce and Vice Chair of the Workforce Development Board. “By connecting young people with meaningful work experiences, we’re building skills and confidence today while strengthening our future workforce.”

The program continues to see strong interest. Last summer, more than 500 youth applied and over 400 were placed at worksites across the County.

“SYEP is about much more than summer jobs,” said Karina Fabiano, Youth Coordinator with the Orange County Employment and Training Administration. “It gives young people the chance to gain workplace experience, build confidence, and develop relationships with mentors and employers who prepare them for the future.”

Participants consistently praise the program for its real world impact.

“My experience working at the Boys and Girls Club summer camp through SYEP was an amazing introduction to being a camp counselor,” said 2025 participant Jahaad Thomas-Guillen. “I built meaningful connections with the kids and staff, gained confidence, and enjoyed helping the kids learn and have fun. It was an unforgettable experience.”

Another participant, Alyssa Miller, shared a similar perspective, stating “Participating in SYEP helped me build confidence, improve my communication skills, and gain real-world experience in a professional environment. I learned the importance of responsibility, time management, and teamwork, and I’m grateful to have been part of a program that invests in young people.”

For more information about the Summer Youth Employment Program and how to apply, visit: <https://www.orangecountygov.com/1449/Summer-Youth-Employment-Program-2026>

**Application for youth – deadline April 10:**

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/DocumentCenter/View/31491/Complete-YOUTH-SYEP-2026-Application--PDF>

**Worksite application – deadline April 30:**

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/DocumentCenter/View/32974/Complete-2026-Summer-Youth-Worksite-Application-PDF>

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Stay connected with County Executive Neuhaus and Orange County Government on social media:

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- X (formerly Twitter): @OCGovNY | @SNeuhausOC

Be sure to also check out the *Blueprint Orange* video series, a behind-the-scenes look at the projects, places, and people that make our County a great place to live. And don't miss the newest episode of *NeuCast*, featuring the West Point Museum, now streaming on the County Executive's Page at [OrangeCountyGov.com](http://OrangeCountyGov.com).

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