### FROM THE DESK OF





I hope you are enjoying winter in Orange County! It's a fun and beautiful season as long as you can keep safe and warm. If you're looking for fun winter activities, we've got you covered. From ice fishing to skiing to snowtubing, there's something for everyone. So grab your jackets, scarves, and gloves and let's make the most of this cold month right here in our own backyard.

Read on to learn more about what's going on Around the County!

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### VALLEY VIEW STEPS UP

On the early morning of December 29th, 2024, the staff at Valley View showed us what true heroism looks like. When a fire broke out at the Campbell Hall Health Care Center, they didn't hesitate to jump into action to care for all the senior patients who were displaced.

The Valley View team remained calm and handled the situation with ease, providing the patients with the care and comfort they needed. Their dedication and selflessness are a true inspiration to us all.

Thank you to the amazing staff at Valley View for their unwavering commitment to serving others. From the housekeeping staff to the 11-7 nursing staff to the kitchen staff, you are all shining examples of what it means to be a healthcare professional and are an integral part of our Orange County Government team!







### CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: JOSEPH BONURA, SR.

Bonura's exceptional business acumen, outstanding leadership qualities, and unwavering commitment to philanthropic initiatives have made him stand out in the Orange County community. He has been a true inspiration to all of us and has proven time and again that with hard work, determination, and a kind heart, anything is possible.



### PEER SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Exciting news for first responders as Phillip Salinardi, (pictured in center), has been appointed Orange County's first Peer Support Coordinator.

This important role will prioritize our first responders' mental and emotional well-being. With his extensive background in mental health support, crisis intervention, and law enforcement, Salinardi is the perfect fit for this crucial position.

### NICHE-RMS LAUNCHED

We had a big step forward for law enforcement in with the Niche Records Management System rollout. This will streamline processes, making it easier for our County police departments to do their jobs effectively, efficiently, and with better data sharing for years to come.

Thank you to our Information Technology department for their dedication and hard work in getting this implemented.







### FREE BUS FARES ARE BACK IN NEWBURGH AND MIDDLETOWN



Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus announced an initiative to make public transportation more accessible and affordable for residents and visitors. The County will sponsor FREE bus fares for all Newburgh and Middletown Area Transit services through December 31, 2025.

Detailed bus routes and schedules can be found by visiting www.ridetransitorange.com.

### TOURISM ON THE MOVE IN NYC



Orange County Tourism attended the Travel Adventure Show in NYC. The team had the opportunity to showcase our beautiful County as a premier destination and made some incredible connections. The event was a huge success in promoting PickOCNY as the ultimate family getaway. We can't wait to welcome more travelers to our picturesque and vibrant community soon.







### **LEARN MORE ABOUT...** ORANGE COUNTY CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

It's a wonderful way to recognize and celebrate the outstanding residents of our County. Whether it's a selfless act of kindness, an inspiring achievement, or simply being an amazing member of our community, this award is all about giving credit where it's due. We all know someone who is deserving of this recognition. So why not take a moment to nominate them?

It's as easy as sending an email to <u>PressContact@orangecountygov.com</u> with the subject line "2025 Citizen of the Month" and including their name, hometown, accomplishments, why you think they deserve this award, and their contact information as well as yours. All nominations MUST live/work in Orange County.

Let's spread some positivity and show our Orange County pride for the terrific community contributors around us!



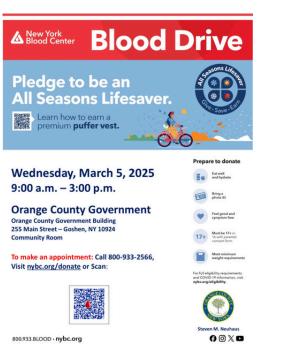






## WHAT'S HAPPENING

AROUND ORANGE COUNTY





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**Orange County Job Fair** Thursday, February 27, 2025 10:00am to 1:00pm **Orange County Career Center** 

18 Seward Ave, 1st Floor, Middletown, NY 10940

### Attending Employers

Adams Fairacre Farms Arc Greater Hudson Valley NY Garnet Health Medical Center Honor EHG, Inc Legoland Organic Recycling Inc ProAmpac Saint Dominic's Family Services Spectrum

Adapt of the Hudson Valley Astar Here's Help Staffing Services Inspire **Medline Industries**, Inc President Container Group **Resource Recovery of Orange County** ShopRite Supermarkets

Valley View Center for Nursing Care & Rehabilitation

www.orangecountygov.com/eta







### AND FOR THINGS TO DO IN **ORANGE COUNTY: PICKOCNY.COM**



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# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

### **DPW: Keeping County Roads Safe**



### REGIONAL FOOD BANK: Opened Its Doors



### CASTLE FUN CENTER: Expansion Ribbon Cutting



### DANIELLE DIANA-SMITH: Named Director of Office for the Aging



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### PROBATION: WARRANT WEDNESDAY LAUNCHED



