

Legislative Update: November 2007

So -- what's been happening this November in Orange County? As the Legislator for the 7th District I would like to update you to events of the past few weeks.

1. Re-dedication of Orange County Fire Training Center – This event was the culmination of 3 million dollar renovation project to provide Orange County Emergency Services with the advanced technology for training where Orange County Firefighters can learn the most up-to-date aspects of the fire service.
2. Orange County Welcomes the Transit Authority of NY & NJ -- Transit Authority officially took the reins to manage Stewart International Airport and Orange County is looking forward to future collaborations together. The vision is to build a first class regional airport that will serve the requirements of travel, commerce, and business needs of the people of the Hudson Valley.
3. Orange County Hosts Conference on Dealing with Sex Offenders – Orange County Executive Ed Diana, Commissioner of Mental Health and Orange County Commissioner of Social Services hosted a conference focused on a “Victim Centered Approach to Community Sexual Offender Management” in partnership with the Orange County Sexual Offender Task Force and the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Office of Sex Offender Management. This is one of the first locally supported Sexual Offender Management Task Forces. This is a major leap forward in establishing a network of support that recognizes the needs of victims and works to prevent future abuse.
4. Funds Available from Orange County to Make Homes and Apartments Lead Safe – Lead Safe Orange is a federally funded program of the Orange County Office of Community Development that eliminates lead-based paint hazards without

cost to the qualified individuals. Both homeowners and landlords are eligible if they meet the qualifications. Residents of Orange County may call 845-291-4094 if they are interested in taking advantage of the Lead Safe Orange Program.

5. Commuter Advisory Committee – The committee is presently being formed from the many concerned commuters who answered the call to the negative service and unsafe practices of the Shortline Bus Company while traveling into the city each day. I believe we can certainly make this a useful venue for commuters to express their concerns, negative and positive. We will not only look at the bus lines but also the trains traveling back and forth caring residents from this area. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please contact me at the Legislative Office 845-291-4800
6. November 6 was Election Day and thank you again to all residents who when out to vote and having the confident and belief in my ability to serve this community. I will continue to represent you all proudly and to the best of my ability.

It continues to be a busy time here in Orange County. Many issues concerning the safety and well being of the residents continue to be the priority of the Orange County Legislature and I will continue to keep you informed.

Thank you

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