



# TOWN of ORANGETOWN 2026 Annual Newsletter

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## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

I am pleased to share the first official Orangetown Newsletter with all of you. This newsletter is designed to provide important town information, updates, and news that affect our community. I encourage you to take a few moments to read through it, and I hope you find it both helpful and informative.

## LAST YEAR BROUGHT A LOT OF EXCITING NEWS:

For starters, **Orangetown became the owner of the property located at 149-157 Piermont Avenue in South Nyack.** The site encompasses approximately 6.2 acres and lies adjacent to—and partially beneath—the Hudson River. The Town intends to salvage as much of the historic house as is possible and, once removed, operate the site as a passive park while long-term plans for it are developed.



Supervisor Kenny at Duffy's Dog Park Grand Opening

In December, New York State approved special legislation enabling Orangetown to move forward with establishing a **Community Preservation Fund (CPF).** This milestone paves the way for creating a dedicated fund to protect open space, preserve historic resources, and safeguard environmentally sensitive lands. The Orangetown CPF is subject to mandatory referendum and will be presented to voters for approval in November. Additional information about the Orangetown CPF will be shared with residents in the coming months.

For 2026, the **Town Board continues to invest in our parks and playgrounds.** Since 2020, we have added a splash pad, an all-inclusive playground, pickleball courts, and a dog park at Veterans Memorial Park; installed a new playground at Elizabeth Street Park; and replaced basketball courts at Franklin Street Park. In keeping with our commitment, this year we will install two water service stations—for both humans and their four-legged friends—along the rail trail, as well as several shade structures at Veterans Memorial Park and Emilio DiFrancesco Park.

On July 4, 2026, Orangetown will commemorate the **250th anniversary of the United States** with a parade, followed by a festival at the German Masonic Park in Tappan. Residents are encouraged to follow the celebration on social media or email [orangetown250@orangetown.com](mailto:orangetown250@orangetown.com) for updates.

To stay informed year-round, consider signing up for the weekly electronic newsletter. It contains information on important Town Board matters, as well as community events taking place in Orangetown. To receive it via email, sign up on the Town website at [www.orangetown.gov](http://www.orangetown.gov). If you need assistance, please contact my office at **(845) 359-5100** and a member of my team will be happy to help.

**Teresa M. Kenny, Orangetown Town Supervisor**



## Finance

Orangetown enters 2026 in strong financial health. The Town Board passed a budget under the 2% tax cap which was accomplished through conservative budgeting and strict expense oversight. Orangetown also holds the highest bond rating in Rockland County at Aa2.

Furthermore, the NYS Comptroller's office has evaluated the fiscal stress for the Town of Orangetown's finances and awarded it the best possible score of 0.0 on a scale of 0 to 100—indicating no financial stress.

## Current Grants

> NYSDOT BRIDGE NY  
**\$1,500,000**

*Mountainview Avenue Culvert*

> ROCKLAND COUNTY  
**\$750,000**

*Sidewalks*

> NYSERDA  
**\$150,000**

*Electric Vehicles/Electric Landscaping Equipment*

> ASSEMBLYMAN  
McGOWAN, DASNY  
**\$125,000**

*Bottle Filling Stations/  
Shade Structures*

> ASSEMBLYMAN  
WIEDER, DASNY  
**\$100,000**

*Hunt Rd/W. Orangeburg  
Rd Traffic Signal*

> DEC NONPOINT SOURCE  
PLANNING  
**\$75,000**

*MS4 Mapping*

> NYS ARCHIVES RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT GRANT  
**\$72,555**

*Building Department  
Scanning*

> DEC ZERO-EMISSION  
VEHICLE  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
**\$46,352**

*Blue Hill Charging Stations*

> ROCKLAND COUNTY/ARPA  
**\$31,500**

*Outdoor Fitness  
Equipment*

## Building

Are you considering selling your home or making improvements? Perhaps you're interested in purchasing or developing a residential or commercial property. The Orangetown Building Department is a great place to start.



**Submitting a FOIL (Freedom of Information Law)** request is a valuable way to review a property's history. The Building Department can also help determine whether a permit is required, what may be built at a specific location, and how codes or regulations may affect your project.

The Town also maintains a **Rental Registry**, which requires owners of residential rental properties to register with the Building Department. This does not apply to owner-occupied residential properties.

## Sewer

**Are your downspouts and sump pumps legal?** Making sure that your sump pumps and downspouts are properly installed is one of the best ways to discharge your water legally and help to protect the environment. When downspouts and sump pumps are connected to the Town Sanitary Sewer System, their flow is taking up space needed to carry sewage to our treatment plant. These incorrect and illegal connections can cause sewage to back up into homes or overflow into our rivers and streams. If you are unsure if your connections are legal, the Sewer Department is available to perform free inspections.

## Assessor

Visit the Assessor's Office to stay informed on property tax matters, including general tax issues, exemptions you may qualify for, and the Final Town Assessment Rolls.

This office can guide you through New York State property tax exemptions such as those for low-income seniors, individuals with disabilities, volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, as well as the Basic and Enhanced STAR rebate programs. The deadline to apply for most exemptions is March 1.

## Town Clerk

The Town Clerk provides many essential services to the residents of Orangetown, such as dog licenses, fishing and hunting licenses, handicap parking permits, marriage licenses, municipal parking permits, and access to birth, marriage, and death records.

One of the most popular offerings is the **Do Not Knock Registry**, which allows residents to opt out of door-to-door commercial solicitation. Once you register, a decal will be provided to display on your door or window.



Another resident favorite is the Town Clerk's free **Paper Shredding and Non-Perishable Food Collection Events** occurring every April and October.

The Town also offers a **discounted spay/neuter voucher program** for both companion and community cats, available to all Orangetown residents.

As a friendly reminder, Town and County taxes are due by January 31, and School taxes are due by September 30.

Streetlight out?  
Possible code violation?  
Have a ticket to pay?  
Need to report a pothole?

Visit Orangetown's  
"How Do I?" section on  
the Town website to  
answer these and other  
common questions.

## Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation offers year-round programs for adults and youth—be sure to explore their seasonal online brochure and register early. They also host a wide variety of special events for all ages, including **Bike New York**, **Gone Fishing**, **Family Movie Night**, and the **Summer Concert Series**, just to name a few.

The **splash pad**, which is free for all residents, is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Orangetown is home to **tennis and pickleball courts**, **ADA-accessible playgrounds**, **outdoor fitness equipment**, **dog parks**, **golf courses**, **walking paths**, and **hiking trails**. Memorial benches are also available for purchase in a Town park of your choice, subject to space availability.

In addition, they offer part-time and seasonal employment opportunities for all ages starting at age 16.

Did you know that the walking path by the pond at Veterans Memorial Park is just under a quarter of a mile around? To learn more and view a complete list of local parks, please visit the Parks & Recreation page on the Town website.

**JOIN AN ORANGETOWN SENIOR CLUB TODAY!**  
Seven senior clubs meet at various locations throughout town, offering opportunities to stay active and connected. For more information, call (845) 359-5100 ext. 2288.



*Freedom Park Inspired by Lauren's Dream*

**Veterans Memorial Park has Something for Everyone!**



*Splash Pad*



*Pickleball Courts*

## Highway

Help keep our streets and streams clean by visiting the Highway Department at 119 Route 303 in Orangeburg to **pick up free leaf bags and recycling bins**. Many people do not realize that the sewers along our streets are actually storm drains. These drains carry rainwater away to prevent flooding and lead directly to our streams, rivers, and lakes, not to a sewer treatment plant. Keeping storm drains free of litter and leaves is an easy way to help protect our environment and local waterways.



Orangetown residents can also take advantage of the **Drop-Off Center**, where furniture, appliances, grass, and water heaters can be properly disposed of. Please visit the Town website for a full list of acceptable materials, permit requirements and hours of operation.

Another great way to help the environment and reduce food waste going to landfills is by **recycling your food scraps**. Getting started is easy, and the Town provides free bins and bags. The food scrap drop-off site does not require a permit and is conveniently located at the Highway Department.

## Police

### POLICE PRESS RELEASES

Follow the Orangetown Police Department on X (@OrangetownPD) for up-to-date press releases and information.



### SCAM ALERT

- **Legitimate businesses will NEVER ask you to pay with gift cards.** Scammers use them because they are difficult to trace and recover.
- **Don't rely on caller ID to screen for scammers.** They can spoof phone numbers and email addresses to appear as trusted contacts or businesses.
- **Never share your credit card number, bank account details, Social Security number, or login credentials.**
- **Resist pressure to make an immediate decision.** Scammers use tactics like claiming your account will be closed, benefits will be lost, or legal action taken unless you respond right away. A legitimate organization will allow you time to review information, ask questions, and confirm details. When in doubt, contact the organization directly from their website to ensure you are speaking to an authorized contact.

# Town of Orangetown Departments and Contacts



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## Town Board Meetings

All meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the Town website. Watch the meetings live on FIOS Channel 30, Cablevision Channel 78 or Facebook Live. Meetings are also available on YouTube the following day.

## Sign up for Orangetown Filming Alerts!

Stay informed and minimize disruptions by receiving advance notice of upcoming film shoots in Orangetown. Sign up by visiting [www.orangetown.gov](http://www.orangetown.gov).



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## DID YOU KNOW?

In 2025,  
**109,840 POUNDS**  
of Orangetown food scraps were diverted from a landfill and recycled.



Visit [www.orangetown.gov](http://www.orangetown.gov) to learn how to recycle your food scraps.

## Local Postal Customer