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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

During the first week of April each year, communities across the United States observe National Public Health Week (NPHW) to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation's health. From April 6 through April 12, the public health community is rallying around a goal of "making the U.S. the Healthiest Nation in One Generation—by 20130."

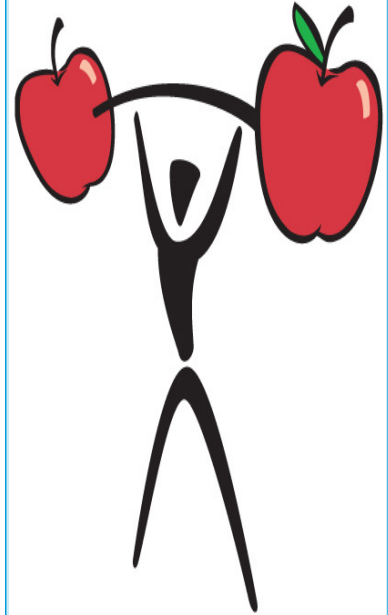
Staff from various programs at Sullivan County Public Health Services, as well as its partners at Catskill Regional Medical Center, will be speaking on Thunder 102 each day during the week about the many ways that public health services and programs improve the health and quality of life for residents in the County. WSUL will be featuring a public service announcement about the role of public health in our communities. Public Health staff will be setting up a table at the Government Center and will be available each day from 11:00am to 1:00pm to speak with members of the public and county employees about health education, nutrition, worksite wellness, breastfeeding support, smoking cessation, immunizations, home care services, parenting education, and various public health programs. Free blood pressure checks will be provided.

For more information about National Public Health Week visit www.nphw.org or call Sullivan County Public Health Services at (845) 292-5910 extension 2212 or 2220.

INNOVATION AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

The Sullivan County Office for the Aging, and Sullivan County Manager would like to congratulate Julie Pisall, one of Sullivan County's Nutrition Site Managers, for winning the \$5,000 Innovation Award at the 2015 Non-Profit Leadership Summit for her Kingfisher project. The Kingfisher Project is named after an essay her daughter, Rebecca Pisall, wrote for school before she lost her battle to heroin. The essay can be found at <http://thekingsisherproject.com/rebecca-essay/>

The Kingfisher Project focuses on the new face of drug abuse in our communities, the challenge to Public Health this poses, and ways the community can effectively battle this scourge. Kingfisher radio segments are part of the Making Waves public affairs program, which airs on Monday nights on WJFF 90.5 FM (94.5 FM in Monticello).



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- National Public Health Week April 6-12
- County employee receives Innovation Award for Kingfisher Project

SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM AND NEW YORK STATE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER PRESENT MINORITY WOMAN VETTRAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE WORKSHOP

SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce

Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development

Sullivan County Visitors Association

County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency

Sullivan County Government

Are you a Woman, Minority or Veteran who owns a business in Sullivan County? Learn how to increase sales by getting certified as a New York State MWVBE contractor!

Minority Woman Veteran Business Enterprise

This workshop will:

- Detail how you can benefit from NYS targets for MWVBE participation in state contracts;
- Walk you through what is needed to start an application;
- Connect you with follow-up assistance through the certification process

The workshop will be held on May 20, 2015 from 6-8pm in the Legislative Meeting Room on the second floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, located at 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701 Register today at www.catskills.com or call (845) 791-4200. Sullivan County United is committed to Small Businesses!

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COUNTY EMPLOYEE MAKES 2014 PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS! HONOR ROLL

Kim Carlsen, a Sullivan County employee for 31 years, has made the 2014 Public Health Works! Honor Roll. Kim has served 21 years with Sullivan County Public Health Services, beginning as a senior account clerk. Through hard work, dedication and attention to detail, Kim has received several promotions and now serves as a Full Charge Bookkeeper. Kim performs a variety of services including payroll, accounts receivable/payable, records retention, and ordering supplies for the CHAA and the Long Term Program, as well as vaccines for the immunization program.

Kim is always willing to pitch in when other areas of the department are in need of assistance and has been a critical resource for helping to manage and track requirements of many Public Health grants. She is a dedicated employee who understands the mission of Public Health, and goes above and beyond her normal job description with a helpful attitude. Congratulations, Kim!

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SULLIVAN COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: A HISTORY OF THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Sullivan County Airport Commission was created by Resolution No. 50, adopted February 18, 1966. Its purpose is to assume some of the functions authorized to be performed by the Legislature under Article 14 of the General Municipal Law in relation to a County Airport, and to act as an advisory body to the Legislature with respect to such airport and all aeronautical activities within the County. Membership on the Commission was increased from five (5) to seven (7) in 1973, and then increased to nine (9) members by Resolution No. 274 in 1976.

Resolution No. 62 of 2000 abolished the Airport Commission and created the Sullivan County Airport Development Commission (SCADC). The SCADC was established in an effort to stimulate economic development efforts at the Airport to improve the usage, fiscal viability and maintenance of the facility, to recognize broader economic development and growth potential of the facility, to attract businesses that fit the usage of the Airport, and to explore management alternatives that might provide more aggressive marketing and sources of funding for the Airport's management and marketing.

The SCADC now consists of the County Manager, Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Planning and Environmental Management, Director of Purchasing, two (2) Pilots/Hangar owners to be appointed by and at the pleasure of the Legislature, President of the Partnership for Economic Development, one (1) Legislator to be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature, the Fixed Base Operator for the Airport, and the Chairman of the Public Works Committee.

The SCADC meets in order to discuss and evaluate potential development opportunities. Recently, the County has been working with Sullivan Renaissance to improve the aesthetics of the Airport. Further, through recommendation of the SCADC and staff the County has applied for and received grants to construct a large hangar capable of housing jet aircraft in both the short and long term. With recent economic development activities in the County, it will be imperative for the County to maximize the benefits that the Sullivan County International Airport has to offer.

SULLIVAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS/E-911: PROVIDING CRITICAL SERVICES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Each year, the second week of April is dedicated across the country to recognize the men and women who play a pivotal behind the scenes role in the delivery of emergency services—our emergency services/9-1-1 dispatchers. They are the true first responders that answer your calls day or night to deliver immediate lifesaving instructions over the phone until help arrives, and provide a vital link to dispatch police, EMS and fire services to those in need. The Sullivan County 911 Center is fortunate to have a committed team of 911 dispatchers, many of whom also serve their home communities as volunteer EMS members and firefighters.

Sullivan County 911 is the primary public safety answering point (PSAP) for all 9-1-1 calls both landline and cellular. In 2014, Sullivan County 911 fielded nearly 99,000 phone calls, resulting in 35,424 incidents being dispatched.

Since the inception of 9-1-1 service in Sullivan County in 1999, there have been significant technological advances in the delivery of 9-1-1 services. With over half of the 9-1-1 calls being received by VOIP or cell phones, the technology and its continued upgrades has shifted 9-1-1 to rely heavily on GPS and mapping to locate these “moving” callers in an emergency. Over the past 3 years Sullivan County 911, with the help of the Sullivan County Grants Administration Department, have been successful in securing over \$1 million in grant funding to allow Sullivan County to keep pace with the rapidly evolving next-generation (NG911) requirements. For example, a new NG911 phone system was installed earlier this year which has improved failover redundancy for our 9-1-1 system and will also provide, in the not so distant future, capability to receive 9-1-1 calls by text messaging. Callers will even be able to provide photos of scenes, suspects and other important imagery via text to 9-1-1. Constant upgrades in computer, servers, and software capabilities also drive the need for continued evolution of our 9-1-1 system.

Sullivan County can rest assured knowing that our 9-1-1 team will be here 24/7 to answer your calls, in a state of the art 9-1-1 center promptly and professionally. ***What we ask of our residents is to please know and post your 9-1-1 address clearly on your home or end of the driveway so that help can find you quickly.*** Use 9-1-1 for emergency calls only and follow the instructions of the 9-1-1 dispatcher. If you accidentally dial 9-1-1 **please do not hang up!** Simply explain to the dispatcher that it was an accident, provide your name and we will close the call. To learn more on when to call or not to call 9-1-1 please visit the Sullivan County website at co.sullivan.ny.us.

Thank you again to our Sullivan County 9-1-1 dispatchers and to all of our colleagues in our local police departments for your dedication, long hours, professionalism, and calming voice assuring that help is on the way.

SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY

There are many individuals in Sullivan County who have selflessly served their country in one of the branches of the U.S. Military. It is extremely important that those individuals and their families are aware of the many programs and benefits that they are entitled to.

The Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, New York State, and local municipalities all offer programs and benefits related to military service.

The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency is tasked with helping Veterans and their dependents understand these programs and the many rules and regulations involved with applying for benefits. Contacting the Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency should be considered as a first step for any veteran issue.

Veterans and their dependents may qualify for a broad range of services, including but not limited to:

- VA Healthcare
- Service Connected Disability
- VA Pension
- Education and Training
- VA Life Insurance
- Burials and Memorials
- Medals and Records
- Property Tax Exemptions
- Licenses and Favor Cards

If you are a veteran of the U.S. Military, we encourage you to contact the Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency and make sure that you have maximized your access to the programs and services that you have earned. The phone number for the Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency is (845) 807-0233.



****REMINDER FROM THE
SULLIVAN COUNTY
TREASURER'S OFFICE****

The foreclosure on 2013 taxes repurchase program to buy back properties ends on April 20, 2015. If you intend to participate in the repurchase program for the foreclosure on 2013 taxes you must contact the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office as soon as possible at (845) 807-0200. They are located on the first floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

The County Manager is the full time Chief Executive and Administrative Head of the County of Sullivan. He and his dedicated staff are prepared to answer your questions and to hear your comments.

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APPLICATION PERIOD FOR REVIEW AND INCLUSION OF LAND INTO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS OPENS APRIL 1, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2015

Sullivan County is currently conducting its annual thirty day window for inclusion of viable agricultural land into the County's Agricultural Districts. Concurrent with the thirty day window for accepting new parcels into the districts, the County is conducting its eight year review of Agricultural District 4.

The eight year review of Agricultural District 4 is a comprehensive evaluation of the farm resources within the District. Between April 1, 2015 and April 30, 2015, municipalities and landowners within Agricultural District 4 may propose a modification to the District—to either add or remove property from the district—by filing a proposal to the Clerk of the Sullivan County Legislature. Properties should be removed from the district if they are no longer viable agricultural land. Property is eligible to be added to the district if it is currently being farmed. All landowners who are currently enrolled in Agricultural District 4 will be contacted by mail with a worksheet form to be completed by April 30, 2015. Agricultural district 4 includes land in the Towns of Bethel, Fallsburg, Forestburgh, Highland, Liberty, Mamakating, Neversink, Rockland, and Thompson, and the Villages of Bloomingburg and Wurtsboro, and consists of 46,756 acres.

The period April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015 also marks the annual thirty day window for inclusion of viable agricultural land into Agricultural District 1. During this period, the County will accept applications from property owners seeking to be included in the District. Agricultural District 1 includes lands in the Towns of Bethel, Callicoon, Cohecton, Delaware, Fremont, Liberty, Thompson and Tusten.

After April 30, 2015, the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board will review all applications received and make recommendations to the Sullivan County Legislature. The County Legislature will conduct separate public hearings for the Agricultural District 4 eight year review and the Agricultural District 1 thirty day window. Following review and approval by the Sullivan County Legislature, the proposed modification of Agricultural District 4, and the proposed inclusion of land into Agricultural District 1 will be reviewed and certified by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Agricultural Districts are intended to provide agricultural landowners with economic and regulatory incentives, to encourage the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. Property owners who wish to be included in either Agricultural District, or who have questions about Agricultural Districts in general, should contact Melinda Meddaugh in the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management at (845) 807-0532 or e-mail melinda.meddaugh@co.sullivan.ny.us. For more information on Agricultural Districts and to review maps of Agricultural Districts 1 and 4, visit the Division of Planning and Environmental Management website at:

[http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsNZ/
PlanningandEnvironmentalManagement/AgriculturalProtection/tabid/3257/
Default.aspx](http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsNZ/PlanningandEnvironmentalManagement/AgriculturalProtection/tabid/3257/Default.aspx).

Maps and applications are available for review at the Division of Planning and Environmental Management Office, located on the second floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Maps are also available for review at the Sullivan County Clerk's Office.