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THE ERA OF HIGH-SPEED CHOICE IS ARRIVING

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With summer upon us, construction is about to begin on the County of Sullivan's long-awaited broadband expansion. This project promises to transform much of the County, particularly the underserved and unserved areas that have struggled with high-speed Internet access. This service, provided by our partner Archtop Fiber, is supported by a nearly \$30 million grant awarded to Sullivan County by New York State through the ConnectALL program. More than 220 miles of fiber-optic cabling will be deployed across the County, serving well over 22,000 addresses (not counting the many more addresses that will be covered by the wireless signal emanating from a dozen of our communications towers). **Speeds will be as high as 8 GB up/download, at competitive rates.**

While some fiber-optic cabling may be mounted on utility poles, the primary method will be to place wires underground. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about what's planned, reach out to Archtop Fiber's team at hello@archtopfiber.com or visit archtopfiber.com. I look forward to what's coming for your community and the whole County!



Sullivan County, New York State and Archtop Fiber officials gathered June 12 at Bethel Woods to ceremonially break ground on a \$30 million broadband expansion.

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A NEW DAY IS DAWNING AT YOUR AIRPORT

While a few panels, some paving and signage are still being installed, the new terminal at the Sullivan County Airport is largely finished. In fact, we expect the State - possibly Governor Hochul herself - to cut the ribbon on the facility in the coming weeks.

You may wonder what this expense is for, since there are no plans to return scheduled passenger service to the Airport. The idea is to relieve you of the burden of subsidizing an Airport that now has the ability to be a valuable, attractive business jetport.

We already have business jets (and propeller-driven planes) flying in just to fuel up. We want to increase that.

We already have pilots and aviation companies renting hangar and office space. We want to increase that, too.

Plus, this new terminal has space ready for a restaurant, complete with bar, dining area and outdoor deck - so that pilots can fly in for a bite and you can drive in for a meal overlooking the runway and the Catskills!

There is much untapped potential at your Airport, as it sits close to the busy NYC metro area but far enough away that prices are lower and room is greater. We plan to market it that way to aviation companies - the goal being to make the Airport self-sustaining, rather than relying on County taxpayers to cover expenses.

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BUDGET WINNERS!

For the tenth time in a row, Sullivan County has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

A panel of judges reviewed over 1,700 budgets submitted to the GFOA, including Sullivan County's version for the 2025 fiscal year.

Kudos to the Division of Management & Budget for winning this yet again!

FREE CNA CLASSES START IN THE FALL

Building upon the popularity and success of construction, auto repair, security guard, welding and electrician courses offered in the last two years, Sullivan County's Center for Workforce Development (CWD), Sullivan BOCES and SUNY Sullivan have teamed up once again to offer a **free** course – this time to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) – to up to 15 local residents.

The 10-week program, funded by the County Legislature, is being administered by the CWD. Open to County residents who are 18 or older, possess a high school diploma/GED and have a valid NYS driver's license with reliable transportation, classes start September 8 and will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-9 p.m. at SUNY Sullivan.

Apply now by calling 845-794-3340!

PARK IT THIS SUMMER!

Sullivan County operates more parks than you may realize - and probably more than you've visited, too. So take a ride and visit these awesome (and historic) locations across the County:

- **Stone Arch Bridge Historical Park**, NYS Route 52, Kenoza Lake
- **Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History** (run by the Delaware Company), NYS Route 97, Narrowsburg
- **Delaware & Hudson Canal Linear Park and Interpretive Center**, US Route 209, Wurtsboro and Summitville
- **Minisink Battleground Park**, just off NYS Route 97, Barryville
- **Livingston Manor Covered Bridge Park**, County Route 179, Livingston Manor
- **Sullivan County Museum & Cultural Center**, County Route 104, Hurleyville
- **Lake Superior State Park** (run by the County), between NYS Routes 17B and 55 on Dr. Duggan Road, Bethel

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TO OUR RESCUE

Sullivan County's EMS system is in the midst of a major transformation, with the goal being better, faster, more sustainable care options for you, your neighbors and visitors.

To that end, the County Legislature has devoted over \$3 million to funding four "fly cars" (like the one pictured at left) to roam our 1,000 square miles 24/7, often reaching an emergency medical scene before local ambulances.

Unlike ambulances, however, they can't transport patients, so the Legislature has also now added a SeniorCare-branded ambulance to supplement our local corps. Our Bureau of EMS also recently recognized the selfless EMS workers among us (pictured below), in conjunction with Garnet Health.

Awardees honored at the recent EMS Appreciation Luncheon included, below from left, Mike Sherwood, Chris Tambini and Tony LaRuffa (all representing Highland Ambulance Service), Diana Duffy, Alex Rau, Susan Sherwood, Dr. Nicki Maxwell and Jayden Stephens.

