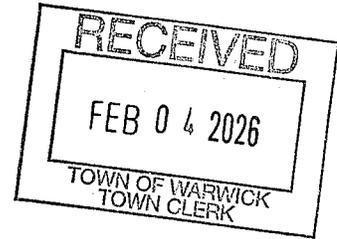


**Warwick Town Clerk**

**From:** Orange County Press Contact <PressContact@orangecountygov.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 4:32 PM  
**Subject:** County Executive Neuhaus Begins Orange County's Commemoration of America's 250th Anniversary with Release of Informative Field Guide



Orange County Government  
Office of County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus  
**NEWS RELEASE**



For Immediate Release

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February 3, 2026

Phone: 845.907.2332

**County Executive Neuhaus Begins Orange County's Commemoration of America's 250th Anniversary with Release of Informative Field Guide**

As the United States prepares to celebrate its Semiquincentennial in 2026, marking 250 years since the Declaration of Independence, Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus is recognizing Orange County's pivotal role in the American Revolution with the release of the *Orange County 250 Field Guide*.

From the first shots fired at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, to General George Washington's ceasefire order issued exactly eight years later, on April 19, 1783, from his headquarters in Newburgh, Orange County served as a central hub for logistics, defense, diplomacy, and battle throughout the conflict.

"Orange County was a central and integral location during the American Revolution, and our communities helped shape the nation's path to independence," said Neuhaus. "As we approach this historic milestone, this informative Field Guide will help residents, students, and visitors understand the extraordinary role our region played, and continues to play, in the American story. I encourage you to take the opportunity to learn some of the amazing history of our great County."

The Ramapo Pass, the Hudson River fortifications around West Point, and the network of settlements along the Delaware River were key stages for critical events during the war, including the Battle of Fort Montgomery, the treason of Benedict Arnold, and the Newburgh Conspiracy.

Commemorative activities have already begun, starting with the Orangetown Resolutions in 2024, and will continue through a timeline of significant events, culminating with the anniversary of the British evacuation of New York State in November 2033.

"Every community in Orange County has important ties to the Revolutionary War period. Armies crossed through this area, set up camps, and supplied soldiers through local markets from the beginning to the end," said Orange County Historian Johanna Porr.

To engage educators, historical societies, and the public, Orange County is releasing the *Semiquincentennial Orange County 250 Field Guide*. This resource provides a historical timeline, yearly themes, and highlights key local contributions to the national story, enabling the public to follow and participate in commemorative events. Printed copies are available at the Office of the Orange County Historian, 101 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924. Residents are encouraged to call ahead at 845.360.6978 to confirm availability. A downloadable PDF is also available on the Orange County website on the Historian page.

As chair of the Orange County Semiquincentennial Commission, Historian Johanna Porr will host stakeholder meetings at the historic 1841 Courthouse to support collaboration with local organizers. All meetings begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Dates are as follows:

- Friday, February 6
- Friday, April 3
- Friday, June 5
- Friday, August 7
- Friday, October 2
- Friday, December 4

Residents are encouraged to follow Orange County Government on Facebook to stay informed about upcoming events, special programs, and commemorative activities planned across the County in honor of America's 250th Anniversary. Updates will be shared regularly as Orange County proudly celebrates its role in the nation's history.

For general media inquiries, contact Rebecca Sheehan, Assistant to the County Executive and Director of Public Information and Media Relations, at 845-291-2700 or [presscontact@orangecountygov.com](mailto:presscontact@orangecountygov.com).

Stay connected with County Executive Neuhaus and Orange County Government on social media:

- **Facebook:** @OrangeCountyNYGovt | @Steve.Neuhaus
- **Instagram:** @OrangeCountyNYGovt | @Steve.Neuhaus
- **X (formerly Twitter):** @OCGovNY | @SNeuhausOC

Be sure to also check out the *Blueprint Orange* video series, a behind-the-scenes look at the projects, places, and people that make Orange County a great place to live. Don't miss the newest episode of *NeuCast*, featuring Fianza Family Properties, now streaming on OrangeCountyGov.com on the County Executive page.

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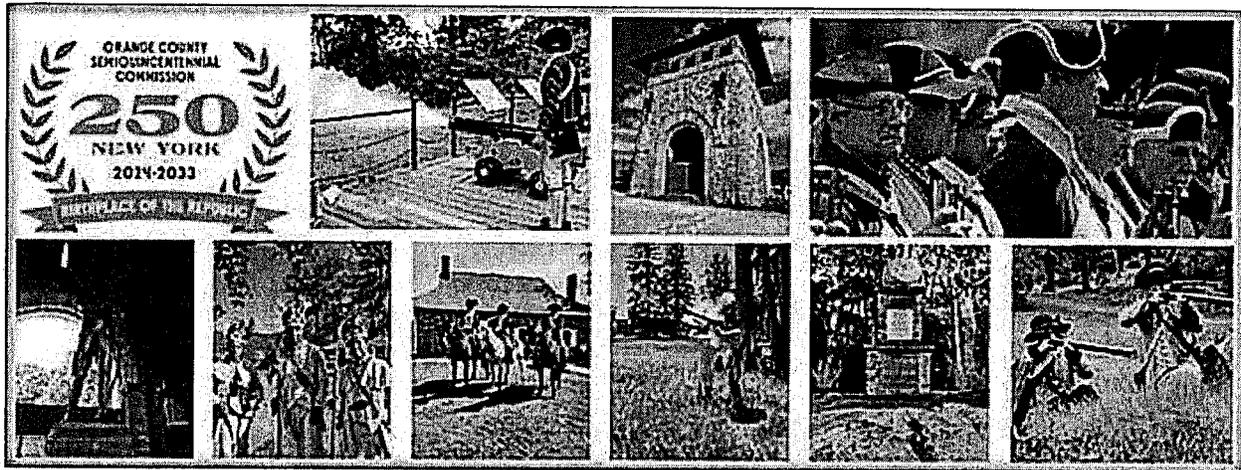
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FIELD GUIDE



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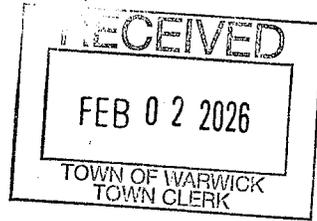


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January 28, 2026

Dear Municipal Official:

At Orange & Rockland, we strive to work efficiently and safely to carry out utility-related projects with the least amount of inconvenience to the communities we serve. Coordinating projects with our municipal partners along public roads and rights-of-way, is an integral part of that effort.

Each year at this time, we ask that you share your paving and road improvement schedules with us so we can coordinate our underground infrastructure projects with yours. When these schedules align, we're better able to minimize disruption to our communities. In addition, by working together, we can more effectively prevent damage to underground facilities, especially utility gas mains.

In order to achieve this objective, please share your schedules with us for the following projects:

- Road excavations that involve installing, upgrading or repairing drainage, water and sewer lines
- Road construction improvement work other than paving (i.e., that affects road elevations, or current traffic pattern)
- Sidewalk and curb replacement projects
- Paving

The schedules can be sent either by email or fax to:

Sarah Jones at [Jonessar@oru.com](mailto:Jonessar@oru.com)

As part of our ongoing outreach program, we want to remind you to obtain gas rings for all gas valves and test stations prior to commencing all municipal paving projects. Installing these rings prior to paving will avoid the valves from being either paved over or damaged during the road restoration process. This preventative measure will avoid future problems in finding and uncovering valves should an emergency occur. To request your free gas rings from O&R please e-mail [dl-o&rdamageprevention@oru.com](mailto:dl-o&rdamageprevention@oru.com).

Excavators, contractors, design engineers, and municipal officials can place a location/mark-out request by calling UDIG-New York toll free at 811 or 1-800-962-7962. Go to <https://udigny.org> for additional information.

As you begin your municipal projects, we remind you to call 811 at least two full working days, before digging on public or private property, to avoid damaging underground gas or electric infrastructure.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please contact Sarah Jones if you should have any questions. She can be reached at the email address above or by phone at 845-772-5513.

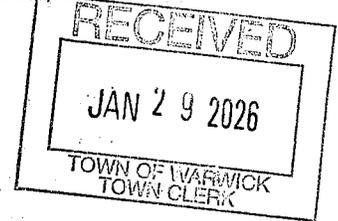
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February 1, 2026

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Advanced registration is required, and each attendee must register individually to receive credit for the course. To register, go to the Coursetra Portal login: Login ([udignny.org](https://udignny.org)). To view the upcoming events, go to <https://udignny.org/get-involved/upcoming-events-training/>. Check in often for all the upcoming events, including in person sessions to be held in March. Please contact John Yehl, your UDIG-New York local field representative for assistance at [jyehl@udignny.org](mailto:jyehl@udignny.org).

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Sincerely,

*Matthew Mariconi*

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Director – Regional & Community Affairs

## Warwick Town Clerk

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**From:** Jones, Sarah E. <jonessar@ORU.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 10:22 AM  
**To:** Jones, Sarah E.  
**Subject:** O&R Municipal Notification: 2026 Gas Education & Outreach - Safety Kickstart 3rd Party Damage Prevention  
**Attachments:** 2026 Third Party Outreach Education - UDIG NY Excavator Safety Seminar Letter.pdf

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