



Key Issues Facing Olive and Ulster

With Biden's "Build Back Better" philosophy in mind, the Town of Olive and the Ulster County Legislature are moving forward on numerous issues of importance to residents, with Covid relief at the forefront.

County Executive Pat Ryan has done an excellent job of making Covid testing and vaccination available, in spite of an acute shortage of doses, opening its first Point of Dispensing (POD) center in January at the Kate Walton Field House at Kingston High School. The county website at ulstercountyny.gov offers comprehensive information about initiatives and resources (see details in the Covid article at right). **Comptroller March Gallagher** stated that in addition to Covid prevention, **the top three County priorities** are: housing; mental health access including opioid treatment and prevention; and rebuilding our economy post Covid, including rural broadband and equitable internet access. **County Legislature candidate Kathy Nolan**, who worked diligently to bring us the rail trail, stated she will continue to focus on sustainable economic development.

At the Town level, Supervisor Jim Sofranko outlined **the main issues** as: land use and zoning planning; the Boiceville flood zone, where the NYC DEP has offered to buy affected properties; the proposed Shokan Sewer District, which would expand the existing Boiceville district, overseen and paid for by New York City; social services and housing issues; energy conservation; broadband access; and the expansion of recreational sites such as hiking and rail trails. Information on town business, a calendar of town meetings, and more can be found at town.olive.ny.us.

In addition to the five-member Town Board, overseen by the Supervisor, there are several appointed boards and committees, made up of volunteers from the community. The town website is currently being updated to include more accessible information on all of these issues, and a wide range of information can be found at our website, olivedemocrats.org, including contact info for elected officials, voter info, and an overview of current issues. We encourage you to message us at olivedemocraticparty@gmail.com to receive future updates by email.

The Olive Democratic Committee is committed to supporting the best candidates for office in the upcoming November elections. In addition to many lifelong Democrats, the Olive Democratic Committee has endorsed candidates that have recently changed to non-party-affiliated. We support these candidates' efforts to work across party lines to get results that positively impact the Town of Olive and all its residents. Read on for details on the upcoming political calendar and the candidates up for office.

For more information on Covid initiatives, testing, vaccinations, and programs to help our community members with housing, employment and food needs, please read the article at right, and visit olivedemocrats.org.

Covid Resources

With Covid cases finally starting to drop amid plenty of uncertainty, vaccination is clearly our best bet for putting this pandemic behind us. There has been overwhelming demand for vaccines here in Ulster County, and vaccine centers have opened at Kingston High School, and numerous other locations throughout the county and state. But with the current vaccine shortage and eligibility restrictions, it has been frustratingly difficult to make an appointment. Visit am-i-eligible.Covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov to find out if you are eligible and to see a full list of locations throughout NY state. Ulster County has created a Covid resources center at vaccinateulster.com where you can learn about locations, eligibility and supply of vaccines. Until the supply improves, just keep trying to get an appointment, and monitor your emails to be sure it has not been cancelled before you go. To find information on local pharmacies with access to the Covid-19 vaccine visit Covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/get-vaccinated or vaccinefinder.org.

Testing

Our area has done a great job providing testing centers, and there are numerous safe, uncrowded places where you can get a Covid test and expect results within 48 hours. Visit Covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/get-tested for a complete list.

For help with mental health and substance use issues, visit the County Covid page at Covid19.ulstercountyny.gov and click on Resources.

Other Covid Relief Resources and Info

For more Covid resources, including housing, employment and food access, visit our website at olivedemocrats.org.

Thank you Olive Democrats!

With 88% voter participation by Olive Democrats, your vote made a difference!

**Elections Matter!
Don't sit on the
Sidelines!
VOTE IN 2021**

2021 Endorsed Democratic Candidates

Town of Olive

town.olive.ny.us



Jim Sofranko
Town Supervisor
Seeking re-election after one term



Scott Kelder
Town Board
Seeking re-election for a third term



Victoria Read
Town Board
Seeking re-election after serving since January 2020



Brian Burns
Highway Superintendent
Seeking re-election after serving since 2016



Dawn Giuditta
Town Clerk
Seeking re-election after serving since 2014



Timothy Cox
Town Justice
Seeking re-election after serving since 2006

For full bios visit olivedemocrats.org/the-candidates

Ulster County

ulstercountyny.gov



March Gallagher
Comptroller
marchforulster.com



Kathy Nolan
County Legislator, District 22
friendsofkathynolan.org

For full bios visit olivedemocrats.org/the-candidates

New York State



David Gandin
Supreme Court
gandinforjudge.com



Kevin Bryant
Supreme Court
electkevinrbryant.com

For full bios visit olivedemocrats.org/the-candidates

The best way for Government to Serve YOU, the Voters, is for Representatives to Hear Your Needs! Contact them:

Town of Olive: town.olive.ny.us (845) 657-8118 olivesupervisor@gmail.com

Ulster County: ulstercountyny.gov (845) 340-3800 exec@co.ulster.ny.us

NY State Assembly: nyassembly.gov/mem/Kevin-A-Cahill (845) 338-9610

US Representative: delgado.house.gov (845) 443-2930

Election Dates and Deadlines

2021 County & Town Primaries

Early Voting: June 12 - June 20
Election Day: Tuesday, June 22, 6am-9pm

May 28: Last day to register to vote for County & Town Primaries

June 2: Last day for BOE to receive a change in voting address for County & Town Primaries

June 15: Last day to postmark an Absentee Ballot Application for County & Town Primaries

June 21: Last day to apply in person

June 21: Last day to sign and postmark

June 22: Primary Day!

2021 November General Election

Early Voting: Oct 23 - Oct 31
Election Day: Tuesday, Nov 2, 6am-9pm

Oct 8: Last day to register to vote for General Election

Oct 13: Last day for BOE to receive a change in voting address for General Election

Oct 26: Last day to postmark an Absentee Ballot Application for General Election

Nov 1: Last day to apply in person

Nov 1: Last day to sign and postmark

Nov 2: Election day!

Visit: <https://elections.ulstercountyny.gov/voter-resources/> for more information about upcoming election deadlines