## RESILIENCE powering through the pause





## A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE NEUHAUS

Despite the many challenges of 2020, Orange County, N.Y. continues to be an innovative leader in economic development, and the support and promotion of local business.

When the COVID-19 pandemic exploded back in March and mandatory work from home regulations were implemented, we were already working on our action plan as I assembled a COVID-19 Economic Development / Small Business Support team, made up of leaders from the Orange County Partnership, the OC Chamber of Commerce, and OC Departments of Economic Development, Employment and Training and Tourism. Our number one priority is assisting in the retention of small business and finding solutions for displaced workers. At my urging, the Orange County Funding Corporation implemented a program to offer much needed, low interest loans to small businesses that were negatively impacted financially by COVID-19.

While nothing has been easy, overall, we are doing better than most other counties in the state. In fact, we remain the envy of our neighboring counties as the number of projects in our portfolio continues to increase.

We need to stay focused and strong. We need to celebrate victories like LEGOLAND New York Resort, City Winery, Amazon and Medline to name just a few.

Soon there will be a vaccine and 2020 will be a distant memory. We will continue our efforts to grow the economy and proactively attract new business and support existing business.

As Orange County Executive, I am proud of our collaborative efforts as Orange County continues to serve as an example of exceptional leadership in economic development in New York State.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO MAUREEN HALAHAN

We started this year with confidence and maybe a touch of arrogance, bolstered by a strong market and a swollen portfolio of leads and prospects. And then everything was halted due to the Coronavirus. The Orange County Partnership never stopped as we immediately formulated an action plan that, despite long odds, resulted in the muchneeded creation and retention of jobs for Orange County residents.

We understood that no one was getting a free pass this year as the virus threatened all of our lives and livelihoods to varying degrees. Since failure is never an option, especially when led by an arsenal of committed and dedicated members of our Board of Directors and in the inspired leadership of County Executive Steve Neuhaus, the Partnership pressed on, doing whatever was necessary to succeed in its mission to create jobs that will ultimately stabilize our economy.

We are proud to say that the county's year-end numbers rival some of our best years as we worked with remarkable development companies, construction companies and businesses on their expansion plans. As documented in this year's Annual Report, the opportunities that await in the coming year provide promise of continued growth that will offset the economic damage of the virus.

We close the year replacing arrogance with humility and gratitude. We celebrate our healthcare heroes who battle on the front lines, saving lives and preserving hope.

As economic development professionals, we work together with our strategic partners to strengthen our economy. When we all work our hardest, we all win!

Thank you to our Investors who believe in and support the mission of the Orange County Partnership.



## WHO WE ARE 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## THE WORLD MAY HAVE BEEN ON PAUSE BUT WE POWERED THROUGH

(and came up with some pretty creative ideas in the process)

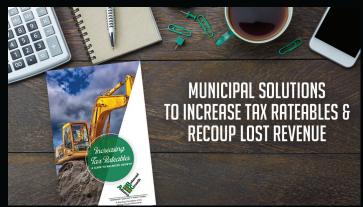


## The Launch of our E-Newsletter

During the "stay at home order" that began back in March, our focus was to keep our Investors and economic development supporters engaged. We launched an e-newsletter entitled "Resources & Results" which focuses on real-time issues including business updates as they relate to the coronavirus, the latest economic development news in Orange County, the Hudson Valley and New York State, along with the latest trends that will impact key industries.

## Increasing Tax Rateables A Guide to Balanced Growth

We worked with our local engineers and real estate brokers to update this guide. The purpose of this guide is to educate the residents and community leaders on the value of business growth and to offer suggestions on how to increase tax rateables throughout our municipalities. As commercial tax revenues increase, services are enhanced and residential tax burdens are offset. Commercial growth improves the quality of life by supporting important local community services including schools, fire and emergency services, libraries, dial-a-bus and waste management.





Didi Caldwell

Didi Caldwell, Founding Principal of Global Location Strategies and a member of the international association of the Site Selectors Guild, was our keynote speaker for the Partnership's 2020 Virtual Investor Breakfast. Didi's message focused on the need for site preparedness and the importance of community cooperation in order to compete in a global market.



## Commercial Market Overview

The Partnership hosted a Commercial Market Forecast with industry experts including RJ Smith, Rand Commercial Realty; Sandy Mathes, President of Mathes Public Affairs and Nick Fitzpatrick, Owner, Aden Landholdings. Each panelist provided first-hand insights on realestate investment, site-preparedness, generic pre-approvals, creative site assemblage, site development, economic incentives, creating a vision for municipalities' zoning and growth corridors and how to increase jobs and wealth in a town or city.



## Virtual Site Tours

The Partnership's proactive preparation in 2016 positioned us favorably during the shut down in 2020 as we were able to rely on our cuttingedge technology to conduct virtual site tours for our clients. Our ability to quickly respond to requirements positively set us apart from our competition.

## WE ARE STRONG & RESILIENT CONSTRUCTION IS EXPLODING

(with some of the most monumental projects in our history)



Amazon (Bluewater) - Montgomery | 1,015,740 SF



Medline Industries - Montgomery | 1,300,000 SF





LEGOLAND New York Resort - Goshen | \$500 MM Capital Investment

# POWERING THROUGH THE PAUSE

**Amazon (Bluewater Industrial Partners) Amazon Last Mile Facility Autonomous NYC Black Quarry Millwork LLC Diversified Computer Supplies Dragonwood Imports Inc. E-J Electrical Installation Co. FPS Apparel** Kaycha Labs KC Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C. **King Zac Industries** LaserShip Inc.



**Medline Industries** 

**Middletown Medical** 

**New Castle Building Products** 

**NFI Industries** 

**Setton Company** 

**Shraga Distributors** 

**TickledPet** 

TOTAL NEW LEADS SINCE JAN. 2020

TOTAL ACTIVE LEADS IN OUR PORTFOLIO

1,489 TOTAL **NEW JOBS** 



**Premium Food Group, Inc.** 

**Schmidt Baking Company** 

**Superior Pack Group** 

The Barn at Villa Venezia



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## The trickle down effect of commercial projects

### **THE PROJECT - MEDLINE INDUSTRIES**

"In the very best of times, economic development is of utmost importance. In today's times of major changes and uncertainty, economic development is critically essential. Orange County is perfectly positioned to capture maximum economic potential given its strategic location in the Northeast, its infrastructure, workforce, business culture, diversity, amazing quality of life and its growth potential. We love Orange County as it has been our home for over 20 years. That's why we invested \$140 million in our new Montgomery, NY branch to grow our business and be the best corporate citizen in the community for the long term."

- Dmitry Dukhan, VP Real Estate, Medline Industries

### THE CONTRACTOR - ADVANCE TESTING

"Throughout Advance Testing's history, a significant portion of our projects have been 60 or more miles away, but having the opportunity to work on several major projects currently under construction in Orange County – including Medline, Amazon and LEGOLAND New York – instills immense pride in our staff and has been a stimulus for Advance Testing. These opportunities are a result of the Partnership's efforts to support and attract many projects, and will positively affect Orange County and the Hudson Valley for years to come."

- Jimmy Smith, President, Advance Testing

### THE COMMUNITY - BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER MONTGOMERY

"Medline has committed to being an active member of our community and my research with the Town of Wawayanda, investigating Medline's relationship there proved that they were stellar corporate citizens during their tenure in Wawayanda. Since Medline's ground breaking here in Montgomery, they have been a large and active supporter of local small business working with the Town of Montgomery Strong (TOMSTRONG) on relief efforts with the Community Response Team. Over the past year, I have had the pleasure of being introduced to and meeting with Medline's local employees. These employees and their families have been active and present at community functions and meetings and are always available when I have questions or need volunteers for community efforts. In addition, Medline has committed to contracting with local businesses for services and they are living up to that commitment. The small business community of Montgomery is looking forward to a long and healthy professional relationship with Medline."

- Randi Picarello, Executive Director, Business Council of Greater Montgomery

## URBAN EXODUS CREATES SUBURBAN OPPORTUNITY

### HOUSING MARKET IS HOT DESPITE PANDEMIC

The Orange County residential real estate market came to a halt for a short time in March once COVID restrictions were put in place. Realtors, attorneys, appraisers and mortgage professionals carried on virtually for a time to close transactions that were in the pipeline. However, once restrictions were lifted in early June and showings could once again be conducted in person, the home sales market took off.

In its third quarter 2020 report, the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors reported that single-family home sales rose 7.9% during that threemonth period. Due to strong demand and low for-sale inventory, the median sale price of a single-family home in Orange County rose 14.6% from a year earlier to \$330,000.

The end of quarter inventory of for-sale single-family homes fell 34.9% in the third quarter of 2020 as compared to 12 months earlier. Sales of condominiums in Orange County were down 18.7% in the third quarter, but the median price increased 10.9% to \$210,750.

The rental multifamily market is also strong in Orange County with a host of new projects in the pipeline to deal with demand fueled in part by young professionals looking to relocate out of New York City to the suburbs.

Renee Zurlo, general manager of the Hudson Valley region for Howard Hana Rand Realty, said the Orange County home sales market is providing opportunities for both sellers and buyers.

"Inventory is low and buyer demand is high, resulting in higher prices for our sellers. Interest rates are historically low, resulting in increased purchasing power for our buyers," she said. "New construction in Orange County is ample. Builders are offering models with increased square footage to accommodate buyer needs in today's current climate. For our investors, there is opportunity to provide much needed residential rental housing."

Zurlo added that the county is experiencing an influx of buyers and renters from the city. "In talking with many Orange County agents who are working with buyers, most now have a larger pool of buyers from the city than in the past. Some are interested in renting and not yet ready to commit to a purchase, and some are buying weekend homes. But the majority are purchasing their primary home here," Zurlo added.

Every cloud has a silver lining...



## TOGETHER WE PERSEVERED THANK YOU TO OUR 2020 INVESTORS

## 2020 NEW INVESTORS

A&R Concrete Products, LLC AFLAC **Alfandre Architecture** Alston Construction Company, Inc. **American Shoring Inc. Callahan and Nannini Quarry Products Contractors Sales Company Inc. Crestcom International, LLC** Curasi Realty, Inc. **Foley Security Solutions GFI Partners** Holt Construction Corp. **JPMorgan Chase NAI Platform** Patrick DiCerbo / Northwestern Mutual **RDM** Group The VMJR Companies, LLC Total Recovery Resources & Coordination Inc. **TradeTrans Corportation** 

5 - The Energy Consulting & Brokerage Firm A. Servidone, Inc. **AARK** Companies Aden Landholdings Advance Testing Company, Inc. AJ Ross Creative Media, Inc. Alianza Services, LLC ALPS Leadership Inc. Amscan, Inc. Anderson Design Group, Architects & Planners Andy Schwartz/BenefitPlanners Angry Orchard Cider Company Archaeology & Historic Resource Services, LLC Argenio Bros General Contractors Armistead Mechanical, Inc. Ascape Landscape & Construction Corp. Atlantic Aviation SWF Atlas Security Services Inc. **Aurochemicals Ball Corporation BBG&G Integrated Marketing BELFOR Property Restoration** Belsito Communications, Inc. Bertin Engineering, Inc. Bethel Woods Center for the Arts **BFY Brands Big V Properties, LLC Bishop Beaudry Construction Bluewater Property Group** Blustein, Shapiro, Rich & Barone, LLP Bon Secours Charity Health System Bonura Hospitality Group

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