



Think**DIFFERENTLY.**

This is a call to action; a genuine challenge to determine if we have it within ourselves to look past our differences and treat others the way we would hope to be treated. Too often too many with special needs are overlooked and their unique abilities ignored. Instead, we seek to lift each other up and embrace all residents of all abilities.

In 2016:

- New Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs to help navigate the system
- Dutchess County welcomes the Special Olympics New York State Winter Games
- “Think Differently Dash” one-mile run for those with special abilities
- “Think Differently Awards” will honor best efforts to Think Differently
- Establish Dutchess County as an “Autism Supportive Tourist Destination”

Town Hall Forums

LaGrange Town Hall

February 17th, 5:30pm
120 Stringham Road
Lagrangeville, NY 12540

Amenia Town Hall

February 24th, 5:30pm
4988 Route 22
Amenia, NY 12501

Hyde Park Town Hall

March 3rd, 5:30pm
4383 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538

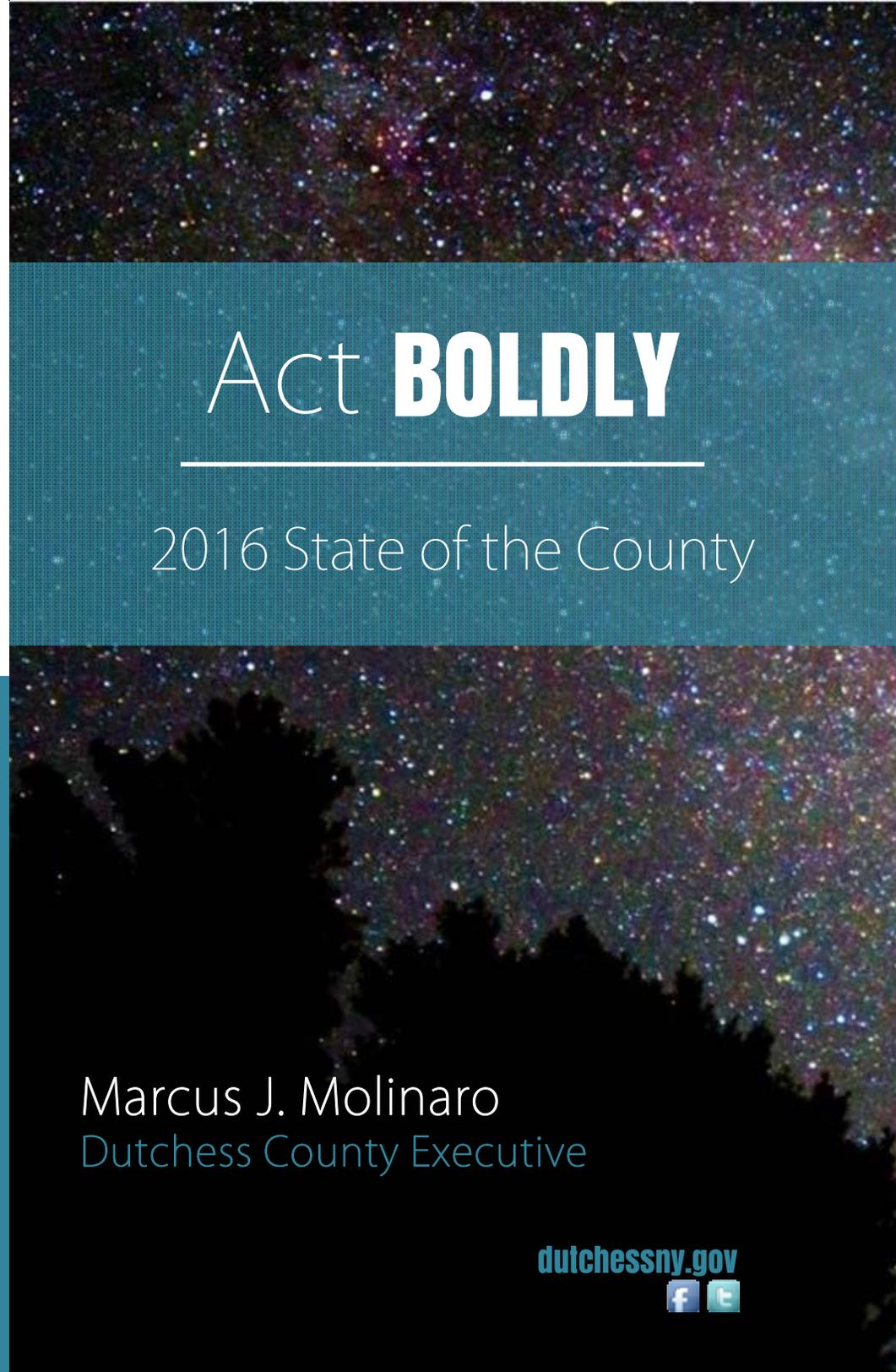
Pawling Town Hall

March 8th, 5:30pm
160 Charles Colman Boulevard
Pawling, NY 12564

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Population
Health
Management

The “healthcare paradigm” is shifting with an increased focus on the total health of the individual, physical and mental. Thinking beyond the traditional view of Public Health, Dutchess County is giving attention to the overall health outcomes in our community and the multitude of factors that influence them. This is what we refer to as Population Health Management.

It is the logic behind the County’s merger of public, physical and mental health services. It is why we selected Dr. Henry Kurban to lead our new Department of Behavioral and Community Health. It is why we are collaborating with Marist College. Their innovative graduate Physician Assistant Program, with specialization in population health, will cultivate a new generation of providers well versed on how to keep a community healthy.

- Implement the Dutchess County Employee Health and Wellness Program.
- Enhance partnership with Local Tick Task Force and NYS Senator Serino’s Senate Taskforce to provide advocacy, assistance, education, awareness and prevention measures.
- Provide greater access to locally grown quality foods through new agricultural navigator and farm-to-table program.

Health
Priorities

Poughkeepsie has all the right ingredients, and it has the right leadership at the right time to bring about a revitalization revolution.

With over \$700 million in pending development projects in the City of Poughkeepsie, the County welcomes Paul Hesse as Development Coordinator focused on moving those projects forward. We are committed to helping the city weave together development plans so all neighborhoods benefit. We have made a bold commitment to the youth of the city, and last year dedicated law enforcement resources and training assistance to address issues of public safety and support Poughkeepsie’s dedicated police officers.

As we begin this year, we will plan with the city to:

- explore connections to the WRS Dutchess Rail Trail from College Hill Park and the Fallkill Creek;
- development of the Market Street traffic and pedestrian plan; and
- move forward with transit and pedestrian oriented development at the train station.

If we are relentless in our efforts and confident in our cause, we can bring about a revitalization revolution that returns the Queen City to her place of prominence.



Under the direction of Assistant County Executive Ron Hicks, our Th!nk Dutchess Alliance for Business is set to aggressively promote Dutchess County to targeted industry clusters and change perceptions inside and outside our community to retain jobs, our valuable workforce, and attract investment and jobs. Our primary economic development apparatus is moving into a new, centrally located, smaller and energy efficient-space, creating a one-stop shop for business located at 3 Neptune Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

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Revitalization Revolution



“To ignite a revitalization revolution across this county, every community must have a defined vision for growth and preservation. Each must clearly articulate expectations for developers and businesses. And all must streamline our processes, ensuring appropriate oversight but cutting down on redundancies, confrontation and time.”

- Marcus J. Molinaro

Tourism & Economic Development

By integrating our tourism, arts and economic development efforts, we have assembled a brilliant team of professionals as well as business and community leaders to help grow our economy, promote our county and attract and retain jobs.

Our Distinctly Dutchess tourism campaign has reaped great benefits. The efforts of Dutchess County Tourism and our \$1 million commitment has led to a 6% increase in tourist spending - now at over a half a billion dollars, tourism-related sales tax has grown 6% and tourism and agricultural jobs top 10,000.

This partnership includes IBM’s Watson Technology which is being employed to develop a population health analytic platform. This bold new initiative will integrate multi-disciplinary healthcare teams, supported by a robust information technology infrastructure all focused on improving overall community health.



- Increase opportunity for physical activity through our park and rail trail system and marathon opportunities.
- Create an ambulance service taskforce with varied representatives to assess the myriad of issues and develop a county coordinated solution.
- Continue partnership with our community agencies to fight and prevent substance abuse.

Domestic Violence

Too many in our community live in abusive relationships. The challenge to empower and advocate for victims, prevent abuse and prosecute abusers remains our priority.

This year we will continue our work with Grace Smith House, Family Services, House of Hope and the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse – helping teens navigate relationships, supporting shelter services, and we will be adding a new Assistant District Attorney to help prosecute child abuse and human trafficking.

Stabilization Center

Last year, the Dutchess County Legislature authorized funding for our new Stabilization Center to divert those in crisis due to substance abuse and/or mental illness away from the county jail and local emergency rooms and toward the help they need. The Stabilization Center, opening later this year, is part of a progression of steps following the creation of the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) in 2012 – which last year

assisted nearly 3,500 individuals. Resources and professionals are available immediately, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to support law enforcement responding to behavioral health emergencies, assist those in crisis to avoid waiting in emergency rooms or unnecessarily going to a jail cell, and helping to prevent an individual in crisis from committing a crime, taking a life or ending their own.

Justice & Transition Center

For over 20 years, we have debated what to do about our county jail. We have housed inmates in other county jails annually consuming over \$8 million of tax dollars. Since 2005, we have been under direct order from Albany to build adequate space, and with bi-partisan support over the last four years, we engaged in a comprehensive analysis of our criminal justice system.

On February 4th, a comprehensive proposal will be presented to the County Legislature for the design and construction of a Dutchess

County Justice and Transition Center. We will show how financing, constructing and operating a modern facility will be less costly and will help us complete the comprehensive system of justice we believe will be a model for counties across the nation.

The submission will include a \$500,000 request to break the cycle and reduce the number of young people who enter our criminal justice system. We will conduct the most extensive analysis of youth services and crime prevention ever undertaken.

Crisis Intervention Training

Our diversion effort includes Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for local law enforcement, corrections officers and first responders. We are educating them on how to effectively interact with individuals who are in crisis. The County has created a partnership between law enforcement, advocacy and mental health communities and we are training all law enforcement on patrol in Crisis Intervention or Mental Health First Aid.

We will identify strengths, weaknesses, gaps in service and opportunities to improve. We will create a comprehensive action plan for the most integrated and successful crime prevention and youth empowerment program of any county in New York State.

Further, the County Executive recommends adding \$500,000 to the \$1 million already included in the Capital Plan to partner with the City of Poughkeepsie and others to build a Youth Services Center.

Public forums, town hall sessions and several legislative meetings are scheduled to answer questions, provide details and welcome suggestions.

Fast Facts

75 %

Inmates who suffer from Mental Health or Substance Abuse issues

\$8 M

Average cost to house inmates in other counties due to lack of space

1:1.2

Ratio of Correction Officers to Inmates at existing Jail facility, the worst in the state