



# ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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## **Historic Agreement Reached Between Ag Society And County**

Ulster County has formalized a long standing agreement with the Ulster County Agricultural Society that will allow residents and visitors to enjoy activities, events, fairs and festivals at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in the Town of New Paltz now and into the future. Previously, the County and the Ag Society had an informal arrangement for operating the facility which had, at times, lead to ambiguity. This historic accord establishes parameters that protect all parties involved, especially Ulster County taxpayers, and is an important element to the planned enhancement of sponsored events at the Fairgrounds.

The five-year agreement for licensed use of the premises is the result of hard work between members of the Ulster County Agricultural Society, Ulster County Public Works and Capital Projects and Ways and Means Committees, and the Ulster County Attorney's Office. A bi-partisan effort led by Legislator Peter Loughran, Chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee and former Chair, Frank Felicello, was instrumental in bringing both sides to the table to negotiate this new multi-year lease arrangement allowing annual events to continue to take place at the County-owned Fairgrounds.

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Legislator Peter Loughran, Chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee was enthused that the Committee's effort resulted in an agreement in time for events to occur without any change to the Fairground's busy calendar, stating, "We all look forward to the Fair each year and it would have been a shame to disrupt it in any way. A five year agreement allows long range planning that will benefit all parties."

Legislative Chairman David Donaldson would like to thank all members of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, members of the Ways and Means Committee, County Attorney Bea Havranek and the Agricultural Society Representatives who worked tirelessly to formalize the alliance between County government and the Ulster County Agricultural Society for the betterment of all who use and enjoy the Fairgrounds.

If you have any questions, please call this office at: (845) 340-3900.