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Neuhaus announces Orange County's Freedom Fest Fireworks show to be held on July 15th

Free event provides opportunity for community to celebrate our freedom and our veterans

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus announced the details of the County's 2017 Freedom Fest fireworks show on Monday.

The fireworks show is set for Saturday, July 15th at Thomas Bull Memorial Park in Montgomery. Gates will open at 3 p.m. and the event begins at dusk. Residents can purchase food and drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) from vendors throughout the evening.

Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler, Sheriff Carl E. DuBois and County Clerk Annie Rabbitt will join Neuhaus at the popular event, which will include a special salute to all veterans in attendance. Approximately 5,000 spectators attended last year's Freedom Fest.

"The County has received a great response since we brought this event back two years ago and I expect Freedom Fest to continue to grow," Neuhaus said. "We are looking forward to hosting this family-friendly community event again and anticipate another great turnout this year. Come out with your family and friends for a wonderful celebration."

Orange County has partnered with the Committee for the Families of War Veterans to bring the show to residents. The Committee for the Families of War Veterans is a non-partisan, 501c3 not-for-profit organization that was founded in 2007 to raise

funds for returning veterans, current soldiers as well as soldiers wounded in combat and their families. The Black Dirt Bandits from Pine Island will headline the entertainment at the event.

The Black Dirt Bandits opened for the legendary Charlie Daniels Band at The Paramount Hudson Valley Theater in Peekskill last month. Their five-track album, *Extended Play*, debuted last October on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon and GooglePlay.

Popular local bands The Manaklin Brothers and the New York Swing Exchange will also perform at Freedom Fest.

Vendor spaces (10x10) are available. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Barbara Allen at ballen@orangecountygov.com.

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