

Historic Courthouse Re-Opens

1841 Courthouse in Goshen Will Hear Civil Cases



The 1841 Courthouse in Goshen

On October 15, 2013 the 1841 Courthouse on Main Street in Goshen officially re-opened. The courthouse will hear civil “overflow” cases from the Orange County Courthouse.

The Honorable Alan D. Scheinkman presided over the ceremony, noting that the historic building (“A County treasure”) would need to undergo further renovation to bring it back to its former glory.

Orange County Executive Ed Diana spoke about the County’s collaboration with the court system to get the courthouse

space rehabilitated and of his desire to see the courthouse fully operational in the near future. Retired Supreme Court Justice Joseph Owen remembered fondly his early years as an attorney—working through jury selection, trying cases in the 1841 Courthouse during summertime with no air conditioning, and ending court by 4pm so farmers could get back to their farms to milk their cows.

Judge Scheinkman thanked those involved with the renovation, in particular Chief Clerk Lynn McKelvey, District Executive Nancy Mangold, Principal Court Analyst Matthew Rogers, Orange County Historian Cornelia Bush and Orange County DPW. Everyone was invited to look around the courtroom and office spaces after the ceremony.

A transcript of the ceremony is available for those who wish to view it: [1841 Courthouse Reopens](#)



Top: Administrative Judge Alan D. Scheinkman (center) and Hon. Elaine Slobod address the gallery at the 1841 Courthouse re-opening ceremony on October 15, 2013

Bottom: Judges (current and retired) from the Ninth Judicial District attend the re-opening ceremony for the 1841 Courthouse

