



Town of Amherst Center for Senior Services



Amherst Center for Senior Services Celebrates 25 Years at 370 JJ Audubon with Anniversary Dinner

Amherst, NY — The Amherst Center for Senior Services is proud to announce it held a 25th Anniversary Dinner on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 to celebrate 25 years of serving older adults at its JJ Audubon Parkway facility.

The evening was dedicated to former director Mary Ellen Walsh, a driving force behind the creation of the Amherst Senior Center's current facility in 2000. Her vision helped establish a "one-stop shop" for seniors, bringing together nutrition, activities, and educational opportunities. [CLICK HERE to see photos from this great event.](#)

Since opening its doors at 370 JJ Audubon in 2000, the Senior Center has been a cornerstone of support, connection, and vitality for thousands of older adults in Amherst and beyond; it now serves nearly 15,000 members. This anniversary event will honor the legacy of the Center, recognize the people who have contributed to its ongoing success, and share an outlook for its future.

"Congratulations to the Amherst Center for Senior Services on marking 25 years at the Audubon location. The new center was critically important to allow for the continuation of incredible services and programming, and today is one of the premier centers in Western New York. It is great to see how the center has adapted to the needs of seniors during the past 25 years, and how it



continues to thrive. This is going to be another exciting year for the senior center and I can't wait to see how it continues to evolve," said Deputy Supervisor Shawn Lavin.

"We are thrilled to celebrate this significant milestone with our members, partners, and the broader community," said Melissa Abel, Executive Director of the Amherst Center for Senior Services. "For 25 years, this building has been a home for friendships, learning, wellness, and engagement. This event is a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been part of our journey, and a celebration of what's to come."

The Anniversary Dinner was proudly sponsored by WEBR Radio, Fallon Health, Pfalzgraf Beinhauer Gear Harris Schuller LLP, and D&F Travel Inc.

About the Amherst Center for Senior Services: The Amherst Center for Senior Services' mission is to empower all people with a quality of life as they age. Open to Amherst residents aged 50 and over, the Center for Senior Services offers a wide range of programs, classes, support services, nutrition resources, and opportunities designed to promote wellness, connection, and lifelong learning. Located in the heart of Amherst, New York, the Center for Senior Services continues to thrive as a vibrant community hub, welcoming members to engage, grow, and enjoy all stages of life. For more information, visit www.amherstcenterforseniorservices.com.