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Orange Town's AAA Rating: What It Means and Why It Is Important

The Town of Orange consistently features on the list of AAA-rated U.S. municipalities by S&P Global Ratings, a distinction held by **only thirty-five** of the 169 municipalities in the state of Connecticut. Unfortunately, our neighboring towns of Woodbridge and Bethany did not make the list.

The credit rating for the town is like a credit score for individuals. It is a measure of credit worthiness. An individual with an excellent credit score can get a mortgage, personal loan, or car loan at a competitive rate. Similarly, the AAA rating allows the town to issue bonds at the lowest interest rates for infrastructure projects, **which translates into lower interest expenses for the town, resulting in lower taxes for residents.**

The top-tier credit rating of AAA for the Town of Orange reflects efficient operations, responsible budgeting, and strong fiscal management. **Team Zeoli has played a crucial role in maintaining the top-tier rating for the town.**

The Board of Finance carefully monitors the town's revenues and expenses to ensure responsible fiscal management while supporting essential community services and strengthening our excellent school system. The intense discussions and data-driven analysis at board meetings help with sound decision-making.

The AAA rating for the Town of Orange is a testament to thoughtful leadership, shared governance, transparency, and prudent fiscal policies.

On November 4th, we would be honored to earn your support. Vote for Team Zeoli!

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