



SENATOR JIM ALESI



Community Update 05/09/12:

Senator Alesi Welcomes the American Heart Association to Albany



Senator Alesi is joined by students who spent a day in Albany last week helping to raise awareness for hands-only CPR.

Last week I welcomed high school students, sudden cardiac arrest survivors and representatives from the American Heart Association to Albany to help raise awareness for “CPR in Schools” legislation that I sponsor in the Senate. The legislation would arm entire generations of New Yorkers with CPR training by incorporating basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction and use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) into high school physical education or health curriculum. While this legislation does not require students to become *certified* in CPR, *basic instruction* will provide students with the valuable skills necessary to save lives.

In 2010, the American Heart Association revised its CPR guidelines to make it easier for more people to perform CPR. The “hands-only” method places a greater emphasis on chest compressions. Click [here](#) to read additional information about hands-only CPR from the American Heart Association.

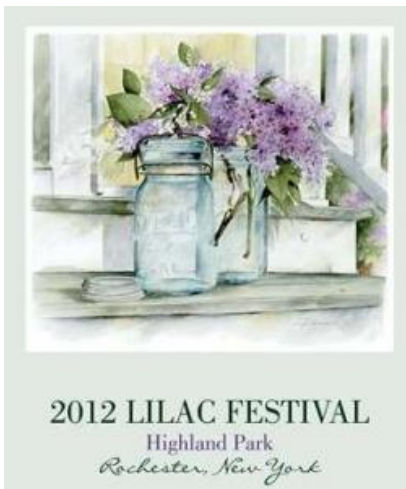
Senator Jim Alesi Announces State Grants for Library Construction Projects in Monroe County

Grant for East Rochester Public Library Supported by \$14 million in Capital Funds for Public Library Construction Provided in the 2011-2012 State Budget

I am pleased to announce that the East Rochester Public Library will receive more than \$275,000 for the reconstruction of the Eyer Building to house all East Rochester municipal offices, including the Library. The local grant is among 192 construction grants awarded to public libraries and library systems throughout New York State. I commend village and library officials for their hard work and determination to secure this important state money. I am keenly aware of how valuable the services and resources available at local libraries, like East Rochester, are to students, professionals, researchers, and residents in Monroe County and surrounding counties. Our libraries are a valuable resource and we should be doing all that we can to maintain and improve upon them.

Besides the East Rochester Public Library, the Rochester Public Library was granted nearly \$351,000 for phase III of the Rundel Restoration Project. The renovation of the infrastructure will expand options for library programs and services, ensuring library operations for future generations. More than \$18,000 will be awarded to the Chili Public Library to demolish the existing office and build a new office to house additional shelving to increase space for materials, programming and children's computing. These grants are similar to the grant that most recently assisted in the construction of the new Mendon Public Library, officially opened last July.

Lilac Festival Begins This Week



Friday, May 11th, marks the opening of the 2012 [Lilac Festival](#)! The ten-day free festival is the perfect time for families to enjoy the spring weather. The Highland Park that we enjoy today was first established in 1888 when nurserymen George Ellwanger and Patrick Barry endowed 20 acres of land to the Rochester community. In 1892, horticulturist John Dunbar planted 20 varieties of lilacs on this land. Today, more than 500 varieties cover the park – creating the largest celebration of its kind in North America.

The lilac festival also plays host to free [entertainment](#) on the main stage, a family 5K and 10K, the 2012 Lilac Parade and numerous [vendors](#) and exhibitors. If you are looking for something to do this weekend with the whole family, I encourage you to head to the Lilac Festival. Click [here](#) to view the festival's complete schedule and enjoy!

Happy Mother's Day

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