

Senator Robach's Community Connection



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Out and About Events Around My District This Week

Legislatively Speaking

Earlier this week, the New York State Senate passed legislation limiting military funeral protests.

Recently, our area suffered the loss of Army Sgt. Devin A. Synder from Cohocton, who was killed in Afghanistan on June 4.

This new legislation would triple the buffer zone distance for protests around a religious service, and also allow municipalities to establish a permitting process for demonstrations at military funerals.

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision found that protests at funerals are protected by the Constitution. However, states and municipalities have the right to enact buffers and other restrictions.

You can read more about this legislation on my website.

2011 American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Last Sunday, I had the opportunity to provide closing remarks at the 2011 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Greece

Appollo Middle School. Great work to all of the volunteers and participants who put in a very long night to raise more than \$40,000! You can find out more information about the American Cancer Society by visiting their web site at www.cancer.org.



On Monday, June 20th, the Greece Museum and Historical Society presents its Annual Strawberry and Dessert Tasting Festival from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Greece Museum, 595 Long Pond Road. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Scoutmaster Ken Mahon is retiring after 50+ years in scouting. A ceremony will be held on Monday night, June 20th, at Lakeview Community Church beginning at 7:30.

Tuesday, June 21st Pathway Houses will celebrate its 115th Anniversary during their Annual Meeting at Mario's Italian Steakhouse.

Wednesday night, June 22nd, the 2011 Barnard Carnival kicks off with its parade beginning at 7:00 p.m. The carnival runs June 22-25th. The kiddie parade is on Saturday, June 25th at 1:00.

Best wishes to all the dads out there for a Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 19th!

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