

# Senator Robach's Community Connection



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## Columbus Day Fun Facts

Monday, we celebrate Columbus Day, which is celebrated on the second Monday in October annually. It commemorates Christopher Columbus landing in the New World on October 12th, 1492.

A number of areas unofficially celebrated the holiday as early as the 18th Century, and the first Columbus Day celebration is said to have been celebrated in 1792 when New York's Columbian Order, or better known as Tammany Hall, held a celebration for the 300th Anniversary of Columbus landing in the New World.

It became a federal holiday in 1937, and was celebrated on October 12th. In 1971, it was moved annually to the second Monday in October.

In many areas, Columbus Day has become a day to celebrate the Italian-American heritage.

## October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On Wednesday, October 5th, I had the privilege to attend a press conference in commemoration of National Domestic Violence



Awareness Month. The press conference, hosted by Alternatives for Battered Women, was held at the Crime Victims' Resource Center, in Rochester. I have been proud to work with advocates, law enforcement, and victims to sponsor legislation, which has strengthened domestic violence laws. For more information on ABW, visit their website at [www.abwrochester.org](http://www.abwrochester.org).

## Out and About Events Coming Up Around the District

The Italian Civic League will host its 71st Annual Columbus Day luncheon on Monday, October 10th, from 11:15 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Diplomat Banquet Center.

On Tuesday, October 11th, the Urban League of Rochester will hold a congratulations ceremony, from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m., as a recipient of a major grant of the United States Small Business Administration.

Wednesday, October 12th, the Rochester Museum and Science Center will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9:00 a.m. for their museum grounds beautification project.

Monroe Muffler will break ground on an expansion project at Holleder Industrial Park on Thursday, October 13th at 11:00 a.m.

On Saturday, October 15th, ABVI will hold its 100th Anniversary celebration from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

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