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Community Update: 12/7/11

Birthday Celebration in East Rochester



Joining me at the birthday party from left to right are East Rochester Mayor-elect Fred Ricci, Jean's daughter Grace Wetzel and Jean Daniel

I recently had the pleasure of attending Jean Daniel's 90th surprise birthday party at the Senior Center in East Rochester and presented Jean with an Official Citation and American Flag.

Born in Eden Mills, Ontario, Canada on December 13, 1921, Jean moved to East Rochester with her husband in 1961. She founded the East Rochester Senior Center in the fall of 1963 and has been its Director ever since. On August 14, 2008 the Village of East Rochester officially named the Senior Center "[The Jean Daniel Senior Center](#)." To this day, Jean continues her work at the senior center - organizing programs and activities for seniors in East Rochester.

Having worked in the village for over 40 years, Jean also received recognition for her contributions to the community as the East Rochester Rotary "Citizen of the Year" in 1974. Congratulations to Jean on all of her achievements and Happy Birthday!



Prepaid Card Option for Personal Income Tax Returns Available

The [New York State Department of Taxation and Finance](#) has announced it will now offer a prepaid card option for personal income tax returns. Beginning next year, the cards will be available to taxpayers at no cost and will provide taxpayers with a convenient and secure alternative to paper checks.

Prepaid cards will serve as a way to securely pay bills and make purchases online, via telephone and at retail locations. The ease and expediency of online bill payment and purchases makes the prepaid card option attractive to many residents. Additionally, the first cash withdraw at a bank is free and the entire balance can be withdrawn at that time.

Taxpayers will continue to have the option of receiving their refunds by check or direct deposit. Those who choose the prepaid cards over paper checks or direct deposit are not required to have a bank account and no credit check is required. Cardholders are protected against fraudulent charges and lost or stolen cards will be replaced at no charge. Please visit the Department of Taxation and Finance [website](#) for more information.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



On December 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, causing the United States to enter World War II. The American Armed Forces responded to a tragedy that President Franklin D. Roosevelt called “a date which will live in infamy” with courage and unity. On National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we reflect on and honor the more than 3,500 Americans who were killed or wounded during the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

The response of the Armed Forces of the United States was one of unity and selfless heroism. Their service and sacrifice, and the sacrifice and service of all of our World War II Veterans is what we honor today. It is my hope that Americans observe this 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor as a day of remembrance to honor all of our military – past and present. Their service and sacrifice will be forever honored by our national memory on this day.

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