



# SENATOR JIM ALESI

Community Update: Week Ending 7/16/10



## SENATE LOSES A MEMBER: THOMAS P. MORAHAN, 1931-2010

On Monday, Senator Thomas Morahan, representing parts of Rockland and Orange counties, passed away after a six month struggle with Leukemia. He was 78. Senator Morahan was a dear friend of mine since his election to the Senate in 1999, and was a tireless advocate for mental health reform. Please join me in keeping your thoughts with the Morahan family.



## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON ROUTE 31F, FAIRPORT ROAD

The New York State Department of Transportation began road construction on Route 31F, Fairport Road, yesterday, July 15th. The project will remove and replace the top layer of asphalt between the curbs to extend the life of the pavement and underlying foundation, and subsequently, will provide a smoother ride for motorists on one of eastern Monroe County's busiest roads.

After meeting with officials representing the Department of Transportation, it is clear that this project is one of their top priorities for the coming year, and an excellent example of the state and local highway crews working together to meet the needs of our residents. Maintaining our local infrastructure is critical to economic vitality. Unfortunately, Upstate New York is not receiving enough funding for roads and bridges compared to metropolitan New York City, which has received extensive state funding for highly subsidized mass transit.

The project will stretch from Route 96 in Pittsford, near St. John Fisher, to the Erie Canal Bridge in Fairport.

## MONROE COUNTY FAIR RETURNS THIS WEEK



On Wednesday, the annual Monroe County Fair opened its gates to children and parents, visitors and exhibitors, for another exciting year of activities. As in previous years, the County Fair features a variety of carnival rides and games, live entertainment, agricultural exhibits and demonstrations, talent shows, NASA's *Journey to Tomorrow* exhibit, demolition derbies and food vendors.

The County Fair is a wonderful event each year, and I have been extremely fortunate in recent years to secure funding for the Fair and Recreation Association to provide free entry for children under 12, making the experience more affordable for families throughout Monroe County and Western New York. So, if you're looking for something to do this weekend with the whole family, I encourage you to head to the County Fair!

The County Fair is held at the Fair & Expo Center located at 2695 East Henrietta Road. This weekend's hours are: 12:00 - 11:00 p.m. Friday; 1:00 - 11:00 p.m. Saturday; and 1:00 - 10:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for teenagers, \$4 for seniors, and free for children under 12.

For more information, please visit [www.mcfair.org](http://www.mcfair.org). I hope to see you at the Fair!

## IN MEMORIAM: SENATOR THOMAS P. MORAHAN, 1931-2010

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