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Community Update: Week Ending 7/23/10



EAST ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT CARNIVAL THIS WEEKEND

Always an exciting time and a wonderful event, the annual East Rochester Fire Department Carnival continues Friday, July 23rd and Saturday, July 24th, concluding tomorrow night with the firemen's parade and the fireworks display. The festivities begin tonight at 6:00 at the East Rochester Schools complex on Woodbine Avenue, and again tomorrow at 4:00. There are rides for the kids, live music and entertainment for all ages, and many food and beverage vendors. I hope to see you at the carnival!

JAMES "MAX" LILL REMEMBERED



Earlier today, I joined local dignitaries at the Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park to remember the life of James "Max" Lill, who died last month at the age of 64. Max Lill was a stong advocate for Vietnam Veterans, and spearheaded the effort to construct the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park. The Memorial was opened in 1996.

With his widow, Jane Marie Lill on hand, the paved entrance from South Avenue to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated as "Max Lill Drive," a fitting tribute to a man whose passion and energy was devoted to ensuring that the service, and lives, of Vietnam Veterans will forever be honored and remembered.

PITTSFORD BOY SCOUTS REPRESENT NEW YORK AT NATIONAL JAMBOREE



This weekend, approximately 50,000 Boy Scouts from troops all across America will converge upon Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, marking the Centennial celebration of Boy Scouting in the United States. I am fortunate that I was able to spend time with one local troop -- Troop 315 in Pittsford -- before it embarks for Virginia, and to present the scouts with a New York State flag that can be carried and displayed at the National Jamboree.

Last Saturday, I met with the scouts and adult leaders of Troop 315 at the United Church of Pittsford, and had the privilege of sharing the history and significance of our state flag with them personally. I am always impressed by the level of interest that our scouts have in the history of our nation and state, and take great pride knowing that Troop 315 will represent New York State and our community well while attending the National Jamboree.

Troop 315, with more than 30 members from Pittsford and Perinton attending the Jamboree, leaves tomorrow for Virginia for the 10-day celebration of Scouting in America. Centennial festivities include: a grand parade down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C.; a high-tech, interactive scavenger hunt visiting such spots as national landmarks and Smithsonian museums; and a special dedication ceremony for a stamp that will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

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