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Community Update 10/26/11

Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council Draft Strategic Plan: “Accelerating our Transformation”



The [Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council](http://nyworks.ny.gov/content/finger-lakes) (<http://nyworks.ny.gov/content/finger-lakes>) recently released a draft of the council’s strategic plan, “Accelerating our Transformation.” Since the launch of the Regional Council in late July, the Council’s focus has been to present a clear, comprehensive, five-year strategic plan that would accurately reflect our region’s unique assets with the ultimate goals of job creation and economic development. Having worked closely with Lt. Governor Bob Duffy to create the 10 Economic Regional Councils throughout New York State, I am confident the Finger Lakes Regional Council will continue to work to eliminate unnecessary barriers to growth and prosperity.

You can view the [Draft Strategic Plan](http://nyworks.ny.gov/themes/nyopenrc/rc-files/fingerlakes/FINGER%20LAKES%20DRAFT%20STRATEGIC%20PLAN%2010-24-11.pdf) (<http://nyworks.ny.gov/themes/nyopenrc/rc-files/fingerlakes/FINGER%20LAKES%20DRAFT%20STRATEGIC%20PLAN%2010-24-11.pdf>) and [submit comments](http://nyworks.ny.gov/content/suggestions-0) (<http://nyworks.ny.gov/content/suggestions-0>). The Draft Strategic Plan will continue to be refined until November 14th. The Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council is hosting three “[Community Open Houses](http://nyworks.ny.gov/themes/nyopenrc/rc-files/fingerlakes/Public_Open_House_in_Finger_Lakes.pdf)” (http://nyworks.ny.gov/themes/nyopenrc/rc-files/fingerlakes/Public_Open_House_in_Finger_Lakes.pdf) this week to review the Draft Strategic Plan. The time and location of this week’s event in Monroe County is listed below:

Thursday, October 27th
in Brighton
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Monroe Community
College, Warshof
Conference Center
1000 East Henrietta Road,
Brighton
Use Parking Lot M

Badge of Honor Association's Fallen Officer Dedication



On Tuesday, I had the distinct privilege of attending the Badge of Honor Association's (BOHA) Fallen Officer sign dedication ceremony. The BOHA, in conjunction with the Rochester Police Department, held the ceremony to honor the fallen heroes from the road and jail bureaus of the [Monroe County Sheriff's Office](http://www.monroecounty.gov/sheriff-index.php) (<http://www.monroecounty.gov/sheriff-index.php>).

At Tuesday's ceremony, the memorial plaque for [Sergeant Robert Skelton Jr.](http://www.odmp.org/officer/12320-sergeant-robert-m-whitey-skelton-jr) (<http://www.odmp.org/officer/12320-sergeant-robert-m-whitey-skelton-jr>) was unveiled at the intersection of Clover Street and Tobey Road in Pittsford. Sgt. Skelton was killed in the line of duty in 1973 when an intoxicated driver crossed into Sgt. Skelton's lane, causing a collision. The memorial plaque for Sgt. Skelton was the first of eight signs that are to be erected throughout Monroe County for the eight fallen deputies in the Monroe County Sheriff's Department's storied history. Each plaque will depict the officer's name, rank, badge number and date they died – known as their End of Watch (E.O.W.)

The Badge of Honor Association was established in 2007 by Rochester Police Officers to honor the brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving the citizens of Monroe County.

Small Business Council of Rochester Announces Award Recipients



As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, and as a strong advocate for small businesses throughout our community, it is always a pleasure to see business men and women honored for their successes. The [Small Business Council of Rochester](http://www.rochestersbc.com/) (<http://www.rochestersbc.com/>) recently hosted its annual "Business Person of the Year" awards. Congratulations to Sharon Napier, President and CEO of [Partners +](#)

[Napier Inc. \(http://www.partnersandnapier.com/\)](http://www.partnersandnapier.com/) for winning the category for businesses with more than 50 employees. Other finalists in the large-firm category were: Eugene Baldino, managing partner and CEO, the Jasco Family of Companies; Raymond Isaac, president, Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning; and John Purcell, chairman and CEO, and Frank Chiaino, president and chief operating officer, of Fibertech Networks LLC.

Mark Gentile, President and CEO of [Odyssey Software Inc. \(http://www.odysseysoftware.com/\)](http://www.odysseysoftware.com/) was honored in the category for firms with fewer than 50 employees. Other finalists in the small-firm category were: Peter Bruu, CEO, Integrity Networking Systems; Thomas Ioele, president and CEO, Employee Relations Associates, Inc., and Michael West, president and owner, West Fire Systems, Inc. The Small Business Council, an affiliate of the [Rochester Business Alliance Inc. \(http://www.rochesterbusinessalliance.com/\)](http://www.rochesterbusinessalliance.com/), has presented the annual award since 1983 in recognition of exemplary business leadership and involvement in Monroe County.

Halloween Safety



Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to ensure they have a safe holiday, below are some tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters:

- Keep visibility in mind when helping children select costumes: will motorists see your child in the dark? Parents may want to attach reflective tape to the costume and have children carry a flashlight. Avoid costumes that are vision impairing.
- Children should trick-or-treat in groups, preferably with an adult, and should keep to a designated route and time-frame.
- Parents should check all candy before it is eaten; unwrapped or open candy should be discarded.
- As always, be cautious of strangers.

Visit the [Center for Disease Control's \(http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween/\)](http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween/) website for additional trick-or-treating safety tips and have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

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