



SENATOR JIM ALESI



Community Update: 01/25/12

Share Your Views on the Proposed State Budget



Dear Neighbor,

In last week's Community Update, I provided a number of [links](#) with information on the 2012-2013 Executive Budget proposal. I hope that you will continue to use the links as a helpful resource throughout the budget review and approval process.

Last year, I partnered with Governor Cuomo in passing an on-time State Budget that accomplished three of my top objectives: it reduced state spending; it avoided tax increases; and it included measures to help create jobs and strengthen our economy. Throughout the upcoming budget review and approval process, these sound principles will continue to be my main goals.

If you have an opinion of the Governor's plan, suggestions for ways to reduce state spending, or simply wish to share your own budget priorities for the upcoming year, I encourage you to share them [here](#). Your views can play an important role, as we work together toward our common goal of adopting an on-time State Budget that keeps our State moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

Senate Passes Bill to Toughen Laws for Driving Under the Influence

I joined my colleagues in the Senate on Monday to pass legislation that creates new penalties for individuals supervising another driver while also under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Also known as Abbagail's Law ([S.164C](#)), the bill aims to deter careless individuals from threatening the lives of children, and the lives of innocent bystanders and travelers, through reckless actions. Under the legislation, a supervising driver with a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.18 percent or more would be charged with a Class E felony. If the BAC is lower, they would face a Class A misdemeanor.

With the passage of Abbagail's Law, the Senate is sending a strong message that the dangerous and irresponsible action of supervising unlicensed drivers while under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be tolerated.

The bill has been sent to the Assembly.

Judith Baumhauer is the 2012 Athena Award Winner

Congratulations to Fairport resident Judith Baumhauer, winner of the 26th annual [Athena award](#). Baumhauer, an orthopedic surgeon and Associate Chairwoman of Academic Affairs for the University of Rochester Medical Center's Department of Orthopaedics, received the honor last week during a luncheon at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. The Athena [award](#) recognizes local businesswomen for their accomplishments and leadership both in their field and in the community.

Congratulations again to Judith Baumhauer and all of the 2012 nominees!

PBS Filming in Penfield

The [PBS](#) show "[History Detectives](#)" recently visited the Town of Penfield to film scenes for an upcoming episode. The show's cast and crew ate lunch at [Original Steve's Diner](#) before shooting scenes at the diner for the episode which is scheduled to air in May or June.

Click [here](#) to read an article about the show's filming in the *Penfield Post*.

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