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March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Dear Neighbor,

Tomorrow, March 1st, marks the beginning of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Early detection of colorectal cancer offers the best chance – a great chance – of survival but detection is extremely difficult without screening. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) recommends that both men and women over the age of 50 consult their doctors about having regular colorectal cancer screening tests.

Earlier this month, Candice Lucas, Director of [Cancer Services Program of Monroe County](#) (CSP-MC) and Nancy Wayne of Elizabeth Wende Breast Cancer, LLC, visited my office to discuss preventative programs and ongoing impacts in the community. In addition to helping pay for preventative services, CSP-MC also pays for diagnostic services in the event that cancer is found.

I am proud to support the commitment of the Cancer Services Program of Monroe County to our community and its residents – a place where thousands of uninsured and underinsured Monroe County residents receive life-saving breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings and treatment.

Cancer screenings save lives. Please make sure you and your loved ones have regular examinations.

Sincerely,

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

Don't let a lack of health insurance stand in the way of your good health!


FREE SCREENINGS
for men and women, ages 40-64,
with little or no health insurance.

585-224-3070

**The Cancer Services Program of
Monroe County pays for:**

- Colon cancer screenings
- Mammograms
- Clinical breast exams
- Pelvic exams and pap tests

Monroe County
Cancer Services Program
Your partner for cancer screening, support and information



Important Tax Information

Working together with Governor Andrew Cuomo, I recently voted to approve a personal income tax cut for hardworking, middle class New Yorkers – bringing the tax rate to the lowest level in 58 years. This [tax cut](#) will help make New York's economy more competitive, while also saving you money.

Another good way to save money is to make sure that you take advantage of any deductions and tax credits that may be available to you and your family.

With tax preparation season underway, now is a good time to make sure you get the facts you need to save money for you and your family. A great resource in this regard is the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance website, which is full of information to help you file your taxes accurately, on-time, and in the most cost-effective way possible. Simply click [here](#) to visit their website, which includes information on:

- The new personal income [tax rates](#);
- Easy-to-use [Free-File](#) and [e-File](#) features;
- How to request an [extension](#); and
- How to get your refund safely and quickly through use of a [debit card](#) or direct deposit.

Unclaimed Funds

Total funds [unclaimed](#) in New York State currently total \$11 billion. For your protection, banks, insurance companies, utilities, investment companies and many other businesses are required by State law to surrender inactive accounts to the State. These accounts are known as “lost,” “abandoned,” or “unclaimed” funds.

The Office of Unclaimed Funds Online Claiming Program allows New York State residents to claim available funds and there is no charge to search or file a claim to recover unclaimed funds. To see if you have any unclaimed funds, click [here](#). As always, if you have any questions or need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office at (585) 223-1800.

Friends of the Public Market Logo Contest

The [Friends of the Rochester Public Market](#) has recently announced an open competition for a new logo! Application are being accepted through March 17th and the winner will be announced April 7th. Please click [here](#) for contest details and to download an entry form. Good luck!

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