

Senator Robach's Community Connection



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Independence Day History

As we get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July this coming Wednesday, here are some facts about Independence Day:

- Celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776.
- In 1776, there were an estimated 2.5 million people living in the country. Today, the population is an estimated 313.9 million.
- The Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest is held each July 4th in Coney Island. It began in 1916, as a way to settle a dispute among four immigrants as to who was the most patriotic!
- On the Capitol lawn in Washington, D.C., "A Capital Fourth", a free concert, precedes the fireworks and attracts more than 500,000 people.

This week's Out and About, found on the right hand side of this newsletter, lists some of the Fourth of July celebrations around our community.

Tops Supermarket Celebrates Reopening Earlier this

week, I had the privilege to attend the grand reopening ceremony for the



Tops Supermarket location in Hilton. The chain is also celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Best wishes to all of the employees for continued success in the new location! For more photographs from this week's events, follow me on Facebook.

Out and About Celebrating the Fourth of July

It's a special Concerts by the Shore as there will be THREE performances on Wednesday, July 4th. First, at 1:00 p.m., its Pittsford Firemen's Band. Then, at 3:30, Excelsior Brigade Fife & Drums Corp takes the stage. The tripleheader concludes at 7:00 with The Coupe Devilles.

The City of Rochester hosts their annual Fourth of July celebration beginning at 7:30 p.m. with fireworks starting at 10:00. For the full schedule, visit www.cityofrochester.gov.

There are also fireworks in a couple of towns throughout the district. In Brighton, fireworks begin at 9:50 p.m. at Meridian Centre Park. Fireworks in Greece begin at 10 p.m. at Grace and Truth Sports Park.

I would like to wish you and your family for a safe and happy Fourth of July! Thank you to all the brave men and women who have made the sacrifice for our country, and those who continue to protect our freedom around the world.

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