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Community Update: Week Ending 4/9/10



Visit Your Local Library!

Beginning Sunday, April 11th, and running through Saturday, April 17th, public libraries across the United States will be celebrating National Library Week. Here in Monroe County, residents are extremely fortunate to have such wonderful public libraries, staff and volunteers, that are dedicated to serving patrons and providing hundreds of educational programs.

Please know that as your Senator, I have repeatedly pushed for an increase in state aid for public libraries. The exponential growth of the number of libraries and patrons in New York in recent years is a true indication that public libraries have become an integral part of our communities. I am keenly aware of how valuable local libraries' services and resources are to students, professionals, researchers, officials and residents across Monroe County. Next week, during National Library Week, stop by your local library!

Warm Weather is Here: Travel New York State

With the transition from March to April, weather in Upstate New York will become more and more enticing for day trips, weekend excursions and family vacations. As a native New Yorker, the diversity of our state's scenery and historic landmarks is remarkable – from the Adirondack and Catskill mountains to the Hudson and Mohawk rivers, to man-made attractions like the Erie Canal and the Statue of Liberty.

Furthermore, tourism is New York's second largest industry, welcoming millions of travelers to our state every year and generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to our local economies. As a member of the Senate Committee on Tourism, Recreation & Sports Development, I am proud to offer constituents New York State Maps through my office in Fairport. I encourage all of us to travel our state!

Annual Shepherd Home Gala This Saturday Night



This Saturday night, April 10th, Shepherd Home will hold its annual Spring Gala, with "The Fabulous Fifties" as this year's theme. Guests are encouraged to dress in Fifties attire, though many will don traditional formal wear, as live and silent auctions, dinner and dancing are set to music from the fabulous Fifties.

First opened in November 2005, Shepherd Home in Penfield is one of several comfort-care homes for the terminally ill in my Senate District. Known commonly as "hospice homes," Shepherd Home – and its sister homes Advent House in Perinton, Benincasa in Mendon, Sunset House in Irondequoit – provides our community with an invaluable service, offering individuals and their families physical, emotional and spiritual support.

What is most remarkable about the services provided by Shepherd Home and many hospice homes is the charity of the organizations – there are no costs to the individuals, families or surrounding communities. Financial support is received solely through generous donations, annual fundraising efforts like the Spring Gala this Saturday night, and various grants.

As a longtime friend of Shepherd Home, I invite you to visit Shepherd Home's Web Site at www.shepherdhome.org for more information on Shepherd Home and volunteer opportunities.

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