



SENATOR JIM ALESI

Community Update: Week Ending 4/02/10



April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

As an animal lover myself, I have always made it a priority to ensure the health, safety and humane treatment of all animals. In the past, I have sponsored legislation that would stiffen the penalty for those convicted of torturing, or otherwise harming, guide, rescue and other “service” dogs. In addition, I was pleased to support measures passed by the Legislature that require those convicted of “aggravated cruelty to animals” to forfeit their animals, and establish more stringent regulations for licensing of pet dealers in New York State. As Senator, I am always open to sponsoring legislation that would prevent any further unethical treatment to animals.

Most importantly, I will continue to do my best to raise awareness of the harmful affects of animal cruelty. I have been – and will always be – a strong supporter of Lollypop Farm and its efforts to build lifelong bonds between people and animals through education, community outreach and the prevention of animal cruelty.

Hochstein Event Raises Money for School of Music & Dance

In closing National Music in our Schools Month, the world-renowned Hochstein School of Music & Dance hosted an exciting and energetic event Saturday, March 27th, to raise money and awareness for the School’s many exceptional programs. For generations, Hochstein has provided children of all ages – regardless of financial resources – with the highest quality of music and dance instruction, in an atmosphere that challenges students to reach their full potential.

In recognition of my ongoing support of Hochstein, I was thrilled to be in attendance at Saturday’s event as an Honorary Chairman, and I was extremely happy to see the guests partake in the numerous games and sponsorship opportunities to raise money for the School. Their generosity, undoubtedly, will continue to make Hochstein School of Music & Dance one of the greatest assets in our community.

Penfield Celebrates 200 Years!



Senator Alesi pictured with Councilwoman Linda Kohl, Chair of Penfield’s Bicentennial Committee, at the Bicentennial Gala held Saturday, March 27th, at the Daisy Flower Mill.

This past Tuesday, March 30th, the Town of Penfield turned 200 years old, making Penfield the oldest town on the east side of Monroe County. Penfield kicked-off her Birthday in grand style, celebrating the Town’s Bicentennial last Saturday night at the Daisy Flower Mill with local dignitaries, community leaders and Town residents. I was delighted to be on hand to present Supervisor Tony LaFountain, and members of the Town Board, with a resolution commemorating Penfield’s Bicentennial and rich history. The resolution was passed in the NYS Senate and is part of our state’s permanent record.

Incorporated in 1810, Penfield’s history began years earlier when, in 1795, Daniel Penfield began purchasing land in Township 13, Range IV, and began building mills in 1800 along the falls of Irondequoit Creek to encourage settlement. The population grew rapidly, and on March 30, 1810, Township 13 and the adjoining Township 14 were designated by the New York State Legislature as the Town of Penfield.

Today, I am honored to represent such a great community in the Senate. Since my days in the Assembly, I have formed lasting friendships with many Town officials – both past and present – and have had the great privilege of assisting thousands of Town residents through the years. From its humble beginnings on the banks of Irondequoit Creek, Penfield is now home to more than 35,000 residents, and I am excited to share this Bicentennial year with each of them.

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