



SENATOR JIM ALESI

Community Update: Week Ending 6/11/10



FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CONSOLIDATED LOCAL STREET AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIPS)

I am pleased to announce that funds are now available for Upstate New York through the Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program, also known as CHIPS. The 2010-2011 funds will allocate a total of \$1,298,470 to towns and villages I represent in the 55th Senate District. Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to meet in Albany with several of the highway superintendents in Monroe County, who conveyed to me that these funds are crucial to maintaining our local roads and bridges, as well as to improving safety standards vital to the well-being of all New Yorkers.

While I would welcome additional funding for our aging highways, roads and bridges in Upstate New York, the current economic challenges facing our state prevent an increase over last year's funds. Nevertheless, our town and village officials can now prepare and prioritize their projects based on CHIPS allocations.

The CHIPS program was established by the Legislature in order to assist localities in financing various reconstruction and improvement projects on our highways and bridges.

ENJOY NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING WEEK

This week, June 5 – 13, 2010, is National Fishing and Boating Week. Coordinated by the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF), National Fishing and Boating Week is designed to celebrate fishing and boating across the country. National Fishing and Boating Week is a great way to encourage families to be outdoors and interact more with the environment. Also, to promote fishing and boating in New York State, this year June 26th and June 27th are free fishing days, which give families an opportunity to fish in state waters without a license.

Each year more than one million people enjoy New York State's waterways. Recent events in the Gulf Coast have drawn attention to the importance of protecting our waterways and aquatic life. As an avid sportsman myself, I have always been – and will continue to be – a strong advocate for conservation through participation.

For additional information on fishing and boating locations in New York, or for the criteria on how to register your boat or obtain a fishing or boating license, please visit the RBFF website, www.TakeMeFishing.org. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable boating and fishing season!

TIME AGAIN FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM



I am happy to announce once again that with the end of the school year rapidly approaching, the New York State Senate 2010 Summer Reading Program is underway. I would like to invite all students, specifically those in Grades 4-5, in my district to participate in the program. In order to participate, students should read at least three books over the summer and record their thoughts about their chosen works on reading journals that are available now through my office. Students who return a completed journal to my office by the end of the summer will receive a Summertime Reading Passport certificate to recognize their efforts.

I always look forward to offering the Summer Reading Program to young students because I enjoy reading the journals that are received by my office. I am continuously amazed by the impression that a good book has on young readers.

It is my hope that this program will give students an incentive to read throughout the summer, providing them with additional building blocks for a strong foundation going into the next school year. Any student interested in participating in this program should download a printable copy of the 2010 Summer Reading Program journal available online at www.alesi.nysenate.gov or at my district office in Fairport.

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