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Community Update: 11/23/11

Nick Verzella Honored at Legion Meeting



On November 16th, I had the distinct honor of presenting East Rochester resident [Nick Verzella](#) with a Certificate of Induction before family and friends at the Legion Lodge in Eyer Park in East Rochester. Earlier this year, Nick Verzella joined fellow veterans from across New York State and was inducted into the New York State Senate [Veterans' Hall of Fame](#) at a special ceremony at the State Capitol.

I am always humbled by the brave veterans who selflessly served our country in order to protect the freedoms that we as individuals enjoy today, and there is no greater satisfaction than honoring a man or a woman who has served in the military. I have been fortunate to know Nick for many years, and I cannot think of a man more deserving for induction into the Veterans' Hall of Fame. He has served our nation, state and community of East Rochester with great honor and bravery, and for that we are eternally grateful.

Also, I had the privilege of presenting Mike Martello with the East Rochester American Legion Post 1917 Achievement Award. A former WWII Veteran and member of the American Legion Post since 1983, Mr. Martello has not only given his time and energies to our community, but also his competence, intelligence and leadership on many volunteer activities.

Monroe County Veterans Discount Card Program



Monroe County has partnered with the Veterans Outreach Center and local merchants to offer the “[Monroe County Veterans Discount Card Program](#).” Under the program, Monroe County’s 60,000 veterans, reservists and individuals serving on active duty can receive a card honored by County merchants – providing discounts on purchases and services in the area.

Honorably discharged veterans interested in the program can click [here](#) for more information about obtaining an official Monroe County Veteran Discount Card. Those currently in the Reserves or currently on active duty may present a copy of their military ID card at participating merchants to receive the discounts. Please click [here](#) to view a list of participating merchants.

While initiatives such as the Veterans Discount Card Program could never fully acknowledge or thank our veterans, reservists and those on active duty for their sacrifices, in some small way they help to express our gratitude. As your representative, I will continue working on behalf of all of our veterans and their families as if every day was Veterans Day.

Protecting Your Family from Carbon Monoxide

As the colder weather sets in and families spend more time indoors, it is important to be aware of the dangerous effects of Carbon Monoxide. Carbon Monoxide (CO) – an odorless, colorless gas – can cause illness and even death with too much exposure. CO is produced when any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned, and the gas can build up in enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces, or poorly ventilated areas.

Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms including headache, dizziness, nausea and loss of muscle control. Families can protect themselves from CO by: having a professional check their heating systems, chimneys and vents; test CO detectors; and read and follow manufacturer’s instructions when using space heaters, fireplaces, generators, and other appliances. If appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO may result.

I urge families to be wary of Carbon Monoxide and contact their electric supplier with any

questions or concerns. [NYSEG](#) customers can call 1-800-572-1121 and [RG&E](#) customers can call 1-800-7430-1702, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information on CO and Carbon Monoxide prevention please view this [brochure](#).

A graphic with the words "Happy Thanksgiving" in a stylized, orange, cursive font. The text is set against a white background with a subtle, light gray grid pattern. The graphic is positioned below a solid dark red horizontal bar and above the address information.

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