

Dear Residents of Troy,

Here are a few highlights from the June 12th monthly meeting of the Rensselaer County Legislature. Please contact me about these or other issues at 270-2890 or visit our website at www.rensselaercountygov.com.

Local Laws

A local law to waive item pricing on individual items on sale in stores when computerized scanners are available will be voted on at the July 10th meeting. This amends the Item Pricing Local Law of 1993. I would welcome your thoughts on how this affects consumers.

Resolutions

A Public Hearing on Hudson Valley Community College Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 will be held on Tuesday, July 10th at 5:30PM

HVCC Capital Expenditures

- The Legislature authorized \$608,740 for electrical contracting at part of capital projects and renovations on the HVCC campus.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

- The Legislature authorized the Rensselaer County Environmental Management Council to seek state funding to assist municipalities in conducting Household Hazardous Waste Collections. More extensive and convenient recycling programs is one area the EMC can really assist municipalities throughout the County.

Urging Gasoline Price Gouging be a crime

- The Legislature supported the Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act, co-sponsored by Congresspersons Kirsten Gillibrand and Mike McNulty, making it a crime to overprice fuel. The big six oil companies made \$125 billion last year, while gas prices soar at the pumps.

Strengthen Open Meetings Law

- As part of the Minority's ongoing efforts to promote greater transparency of government, we introduced a resolution supporting the strengthening of the state's Open Meeting Law to all open meetings to be photographed, broadcast, and recorded by audio or video means to promote public awareness of governmental activity. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Commendations

- Honored 2007 Scholar Athletes from Rensselaer County High Schools: Troy High School: Erin Conly & teacher Elliott Mazer; Michael Schwendeman & teacher Daniel Hayes; Lansingburgh High School : Jared Ruocco and teacher Jim Wager
- Commended Troy Police Officer Mark Millington upon receiving the John J. Givney Memorial Award

Presentations

- Members of the Friends of Prospect Park were in attendance to receive an engrossed copy of a commendation honoring the Park's 100th anniversary celebration. As President of the Friends, I was honored to be joined by _____

Please Mark Your Calendars -- Note Changes due to July 4th holiday

Public Forum - Tuesday, July 3 at 6 PM

Monthly meeting - Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 6:00PM

Item Pricing Law to be amended