



A Grimm Look at County Government

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Dear Residents of Troy,

Here are a few highlights from the November 13th 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 - None

Resolutions

Distribution of Mortgage Tax

- The local share of mortgage tax collected from April 1 - September 30, 2007 totaled \$2,244,575.36, down \$ 75, 680 from one year ago.
- This amount was distributed to cities, towns and villages of Rensselaer County.
 - Troy's share \$438,037.13

HVCC Facilities Master Plan Approved

- The Plan is in three phases for the period 2009/2010 through 2013/2014 totaling \$199,042,000
- Funds for these renovation projects are funded by the State of New York, County, HVCC parking fee and capital chargebacks
- Phase I \$ 15,600,000 "Parking Garage"
- Phase II \$ 54,400,000 "Braham Science Center and Related Building Renovations"
- Phase III \$129,042,000

Collective Bargaining Agreement with Sheriff's Employees Association

- Rensselaer County Sheriff' Department employees have been working without a contract for years. The groups finally settled on a contract which has been ratified by the membership.
- The Legislature authorized the settlement, with retroactive benefits, for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2008

Presentations

- The Roarke Center Upon its 10th Anniversary
- Father Jones of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church Upon its 135th Anniversary

Commendations

- Troy's Victorian Stroll celebrating 25th Anniversary (Sunday, December 2)
- DeFazio's Imports on its 56th Anniversary
- Adjourned the meeting in memory of Martin G. Mahar

REMINDER: 2007 Middle Class STAR Rebate Program - Deadline December 31, 2007

The State Tax Department mailed pre-printed applications to homeowners who receive the basic STAR exemption. If you do not receive an application, please call 1-877-678-2769. **The deadline to apply is December 31, 2007.**

County Executive's Tentative County Budget Reviewed

In accordance with the County Charter, the Legislature is now reviewing the Tentative County Budget released by the County Executive and calling for a 5% tax increase. Changes are being proposed by both the Majority and Minority. Members of the public are invited to comment on this budget.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

5:30pm Monday	Nov. 26 Public Hearing on 2008 County Budget
6:00pm Monday	Dec. 3 Meeting to Adopt 2008 Co. Budget
6:00pm Wednesday	Dec. 6 Public Forum
6:00pm Tuesday	Dec. 11 Monthly Meeting