



Dear Neighbor,

We have *BIG NEWS* to share as we close out the summer here in the 135th District. Last week we got a visit from the Speaker of the Assembly, Carl Heastie, who does a tour of the state every summer. We decided to take Speaker Heastie to see Lollypop Farm, which is right in the middle of a huge \$20 million capital campaign. They are looking to expand their campus to include a new building for events and community education, as well as additional space for animal care and new pastures for farm animals. **Our office was able to present Lollypop Farm with \$2,500,000** towards this campaign, with a promise of more to come in the next year's budget! I am very grateful to Speaker Heastie for helping us secure this funding and for recognizing the enormous role Lollypop Farm plays in the lives of animals and animal-lovers all across Upstate New York!

In addition to the funding for Lollypop Farm, we were also able to fulfill our promise from last year to cover additional costs at the Perinton Skatepark! As you may remember, we secured \$1 million for the skatepark in August of last year, but with supply chain issues and other market-related cost overruns, additional funding was needed for shade structures and security lighting. We will be providing the Town of Perinton with an additional \$500,000, for a total of \$1.5 million, to help make this skatepark fun and functional for our community.

Securing funding for community priorities is one of the most important functions of my office. State capital grants allow municipalities and non-profits to do big things without raising taxes or launching years-long fundraising campaigns, and they help the state accomplish its own goals by leveraging government partnerships and on-the-ground organizations that, together, reach tens of millions of New Yorkers. State grants from my office have funded sewer renovations in East Rochester, stream bed erosion prevention in Penfield, new bathrooms and lighting on Liftbridge Lane in Fairport, new ambulances in Perinton, \$500,000 in building renovations for Bushnell's Basin and Egypt volunteer firehouses, and much more. Over the next few months we will be announcing additional recipients of capital grants throughout our district as paperwork is finalized in Albany. I can't wait to tell you about all of the exciting things we are doing this year!

I hope you enjoyed your summer and are feeling ready for a new school year!

Best,

Jen Lunsford

CONNECTIONS WITH EVAN DAWSON

Last week I was on Evan Dawson with Undersheriff Korey Brown, defense attorney Don Thompson, and RPD Lt. Greg Bello to discuss crime and violence happening in Rochester among our young people. You can listen to the full episode on their Web site.

I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN NOMINATIONS

Has a librarian made a difference in your life? Have they gone above and beyond to help your community? Now's your chance to celebrate their impact by nominating them for the I Love My Librarian Award! Up to 10 exceptional school, public, and college/university librarians will be selected to

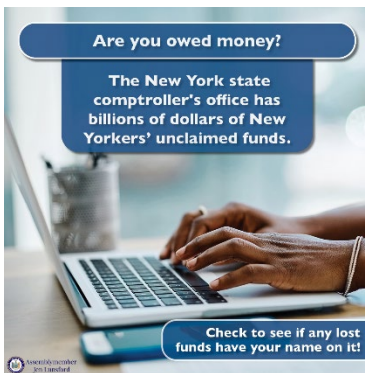


receive \$5,000 in recognition of their service to their communities. Nominations are open through Saturday, September 30th. For more information on how to nominate your librarian, visit their Web site

HOW TO DISPOSE OF RETIRED FLAGS

Did you know that there is a proper way to discard retired flags? Per the U.S. Flag Code, the American flag should be destroyed in a dignified manner. [Click here to learn how to discard your retired flag](#), or bring your flag to the Eyer Building's drop off location in East Rochester (pictured to the right.)

If you are unable to perform a flag disposal ceremony at home, contact your local Police Dept, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Girl Scout Troop, or Boy Scout Troop for assistance.



UNCLAIMED FUNDS IN NYS

The NYS Comptroller announced that the state currently holds over \$18.4 billion in unclaimed funds – money from dormant utility and bank accounts, un-cashed checks, investment accounts, insurance claims, stocks and other inactive accounts.

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