

News from Legislator Lynne Dixon



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Fall 2012

2013 Budget - what it means to taxpayers

On Oct. 15, 2012, the County Executive released his first ever budget which includes a proposed tax increase. The \$1.4 billion budget increases the tax levy by \$8 million and asks taxpayers to pay an additional 3.4% on their property tax bill in 2013.

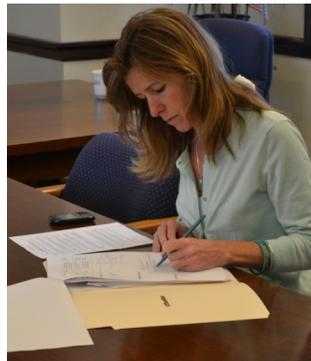
"We have been working on the proposed 2013 Erie County budget ever since the County Executive unveiled his spending plan in mid-October. I was disappointed to learn that the proposed budget includes a tax increase. In these challenging times, I don't believe we should be continuing to ask people to pay more. We are taking a close look at the budget to determine what amendments we can put forth to ensure a responsible spending plan going forward," said Legislator Dixon.

Legislator Dixon and her colleagues in the Minority Caucus are working to amend the proposed budget, eliminating the proposed tax hike. The Legislature is expected to vote on the budget on Dec. 4, 2012.

Before finalizing the budget, the Legislature will hold hearings with department heads and commissioners from Tuesday, Nov. 13 through Thursday, Nov. 15.

On Monday, Nov. 19, the public hearing will be held at 5 p.m., offering residents an opportunity to speak on the proposed budget. The hearing is held at 92 Franklin St., Fourth Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202.

Anyone unable to attend, can submit their statement in writing to the Clerk of the Legislature, 92 Franklin St., Fourth Floor,



Reviewing the county's daily operations helps shape the annual budget. Legislator Dixon looks over some recent communications concerning county expenditures.

Buffalo, NY 14202.

Residents can review the budget online at www.erie.gov and budget books are available at each of the library branches.

Questions or concerns? Please call 858-8671 or email lynne.dixon@erie.gov.

Take the survey - Do you support a tax increase?

The County Executive has submitted his 2013 budget to the Legislature, seeking its approval. The \$1.4 billion budget increases spending, which results in a 3.4% property tax increase.

Legislator Dixon wants to know what you think of the proposed tax increase and

how your tax dollars should be spent. A survey is posted on Legislator Dixon's website, and you are encouraged to offer your feedback as the Legislature prepares to amend and vote on the 2013 tentative budget.

To take the survey, please

[CLICK HERE](#); visit www.erie.gov/legislature/district09; or request a paper copy by calling (716) 858-8671.

Your participation is appreciated as the Legislature works to meet the demands of taxpayers.

Special points of interest:

- BUSINESS TOUR
- HOW TO GET A YELLOW DOT PACKET
- 4-H INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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Woof! Dog Grooming in Blasdell features affordable services and a large retail space.



Past & Present is located at 3767 South Park Ave. in Blasdell and features unique gift shop and a museum.



Removing unwanted metal from your home is easy at Metalico South Park Corp.



The Front Page/South Buffalo Press shares community news weekly. Stay up-to-date on local news.

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Business Tour Promotes District 9 Businesses

Legislator Dixon completed her "25 Businesses in 25 Days" tour recently, meeting with business owners and employees throughout her district. The tour quickly grew, and with nearly 40 businesses visited, Legislator Dixon looks forward to continuing to meet with owners and employees and discuss any questions or concerns they may have.

"I learned a lot about the history of the businesses in Blasdell, Hamburg, Lackawanna and South Buffalo. Many are family owned businesses with decades of experience, which

shows in their quality service and product. We truly have outstanding commerce here and I was impressed to learn more about the efforts made to keep companies operating, especially in these difficult economic times," said Legislator Dixon. "My district has a distinct mix of business, from large factories to small, intimate shops, and extensive food processing plants to small diners. We are fortunate to have this diversity and many great small businesses that are truly the foundation of our community."

Legislator Dixon invites

businesses to connect with her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/legislatorlynnedixon. Photos from her tour are also available, along with contact information for the businesses.

The "25 Businesses in 25 Days" tour was just a starting point as Legislator Dixon continues to meet with owners and employees. Anyone interested in hosting Legislator Dixon for a meeting or tour, or wishes to speak with her about an issue, is invited to contact her at 858-8671 or lynnedixon@erie.gov.

The following businesses were included in Legislator Dixon's recent tour:

Aberdeen Plate Glass	Coyote Café	Marie's Beauty Salon	Southtowns Vacuum Center
Al's Grocery	Curly's Grill & Banquet Center	Mason's Grille 52	Sterling Photographers
Be Healthy Institute	Custom Décor, Inc.	Metalico South Park Corp.	The Grill Hut
Blasdell Nursery	Daisies Café	Nelson's Ridge Coffee House	The Now Pizzeria
Blasdell Village Optical	Elite Gear	On the Mark Sign	Tina's Italian Kitchen
Broadway Bobby's Pizzeria	Expressions Floral & Gift Shoppe	Past & Present	Town & Country Furniture
Buffalo Street Grill	Front Page/South Buffalo Press	Phoenix Scuba & Water Sports	Victoria Square Restaurant
Cherry Stone Inn	Gear for Adventure	Prima Oliva	What a Woman Wants
Comfort Zone Café	Hess Brothers Florist	South Park Pharmacy	Willie's Barber Shop
	Main Street Ice Cream		Woof! Dog Grooming

Photo Gallery



Legislator Dixon joined Assemblyman Kearns, elected officials and Lackawanna residents to announce efforts to change flood insurance regulations for the city. By changing the parameters of the flood plain, residents could save thousands of dollars a year by removing this unnecessary insurance coverage.



Buffalo Navy Week - held in September 2012 - featured ships docked at the Buffalo Naval Park and Lackawanna Gateway Terminal. The weeklong event was extremely successful, attracting visitors to meet with crews and tour the ships. Legislator Dixon is pictured with her colleagues and the crew of the USS DeWert.



Legislator Dixon visits with summer picnic attendees at the Lackawanna Library in August 2012. The well attended event featured entertainment, carnival snacks and activities.



Many thanks to everyone who came out on a rainy September day to support the Hot Dog Roast Fundraiser which benefited the Hamburg Library's expansion project.

Yellow Dot packets now available for Erie County

Legislator Dixon announces that Yellow Dot packets are now available through her office. Yellow Dot is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during the first "golden hour" after a crash or other emergency. The Yellow Dot kit contains a medical information card and a Yellow Dot decal.

Participants complete the card, attach a recent photo, place it in the glove



compartment of their vehicle and place the Yellow Dot decal on the rear driver's side window.

First responders arriving at the scene of an emergency will be alerted by the Yellow Dot decal to look for the

medical information card in the glove compartment.

"This is a very simple program, yet the benefits are immense. A senior citizen from Hamburg brought this program to my attention and we have been working ever since to have it implemented here. I believe we are taking action that will help save lives," said Legislator Dixon.

To request a packet, please call 858-8671 or email lynne.dixon@erie.gov

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In case you missed it ...

- The Hamburg Senior Center hosted a public hearing to collect resident input about **Erie County Senior Services**. Legislator Dixon attended and was very interested to hear what the participants had to say. If you have any questions about Senior Services, please contact the department at 858-8526.
- A naturalization ceremony for **40 new American citizens** was held at Hamburg Middle School. Legislator Dixon congratulates the new citizens and was honored to witness this amazing accomplishment.
- Legislator Dixon's **community shredding day**, held in September, securely disposed of hundreds of pounds of documents. Remember to protect your identity and finances by securely destroying sensitive documents.
- A forum held on Oct. 17 at ECC South was cohosted by Legislator Dixon to educate parents about the risks and dangers in their medicine cabinet. To learn more about what you can do, visit the **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America** website, www.cadca.org.

4-H Informational Meeting Nov. 14

Legislator Dixon is co-hosting a 4-H Informational Meeting with her colleagues, Legislator Joseph Lorigo and Legislator John Mills, in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension - Erie County, to share information about programs and how to get involved. The meeting will be held at **7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Hilbert College's Swan Auditorium, 5200 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, 14075.**



More than 40 programs, for youths ages 5-19, are available through 4-H. Attend the meeting and learn more!

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Recently a large group of volunteers rolled up their sleeves and in one day built a new playground at Baker Victory Services—ChildPro in Lackawanna. Thanks to the Buffalo Bills, KaBOOM!, United Way, and the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, the playground is a great asset to the community. It was a amazing day and youths will enjoy the playground for years to come.



I don't think there are many places in the country that have more community spirit than right here in Erie County. Together, we support one another and make great things happen. I am blessed to be in an position to work with so many organizations and people. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance, and that includes picking up a hammer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynne Dixon".

Proclamations presented to residents & groups

The Legislature honors outstanding individuals and groups throughout the year. Honored recently were **Jeremy and Margaret Jacobs**, recipients of the Olmsted Legacy Award for Excellence in Preservation.

For information, visit www.erie.gov/legislature



Legislator Dixon presents a proclamation to Library Director Susan Colligan at a ceremony held October 25, 2012 at the **Dudley Branch Library**, marking the 50th anniversary since opening on South Park Avenue.



Legislator Dixon participated in this unique photo opportunity commemorating **Martin Road Elementary School's** 10th Anniversary. A proclamation marking the event was also presented.



At the Oct. 25 session, Legislator Dixon honored **Michael Barrett and Hamburg Development Companies** for their efforts to improve economic development in Hamburg.

Nominations accepted for Citizen of the Month Award

Legislator Dixon is accepting nominations for the Citizen of the Month Award. Created in January 2012 by the Legislature, the award honors an outstanding citizen from each of the 11 districts. Legislator Dixon's honoree will be recognized at the Nov. 29 session. To nominate someone for the honor, please call 858-8671 or email lynne.dixon@erie.gov.