

News from Legislator Joseph Lorigo



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AURORA, COLDEN, EAST AURORA, ELMA,
HOLLAND, MARILLA, WEST SENECA & WALES



Fall 2012

Proposed 2013 Budget reviewed by Legislature



Legislator Lorigo meets with residents at the Elma Senior Center to discuss their concerns.

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 percent on their property tax bill in 2013.

"I 100 percent oppose a tax increase," said Legislator Lorigo after reviewing the

proposed budget.

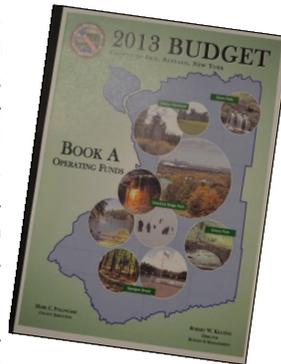
Legislator Lorigo and his colleagues in the Minority Caucus are working to amend the proposed budget, eliminating the proposed tax hike. The Legislature is expected to vote on the budget on Dec. 4, 2012.

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, 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 (716)

858-8922 or email joseph.lorigo@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 Lorigo 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 Lorigo'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](http://www.erie.gov/legislature/district10); visit www.erie.gov/legislature/district10; or request a paper copy by calling (716) 858-8922.

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

Special points of interest:

- YOUTHS & FAMILIES INVITED TO 4-H MEETING
- LOCAL BUSINESSES FEATURED
- LIFESAVING PROGRAM RECOGNIZED IN ERIE COUNTY

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The Aurora Historical Society currently maintains three sites: Millard Fillmore House Museum, Elbert Hubert Roycroft Museum (pictured above) and the Aurora Town Museum, which is moving to 300 Glead Avenue, Village of East Aurora.

Communities proudly share area's history

Throughout the month of September, Legislator Lorigo visited the historical museums and sites located in his district.

“As a lifelong resident of West Seneca, I was amazed at what I learned from touring the museum,” said Legislator Lorigo. “And learning more about the history of Aurora, Elma and Marilla, along with neighboring towns, villages and hamlets, was eye opening.”

Legislator Lorigo encourages everyone to visit the historical museums in District 10 to hear



The Marilla Historical Society does any excellent job maintaining the museum, located at the community center at 1810 Two Rod Road.



The Elma Historical Society continues to improve and expand its exhibits at 3011 Bowen Road, including the restoration of the saw mill in 2011.

the stories that makes each town unique and see the exhibits that pay tribute to the founders.

Click on the following links to learn more about these impressive historical entities:

[Marilla Historical Society](#)

[Elma Historical Society](#)

[Aurora Historical Society](#)

[Baker Memorial United Methodist Church](#)

4-H COMMUNITY MEETING
7 PM
WEDNESDAY,
NOV. 14
HILBERT COLLEGE

What is 4-H? Community meeting discusses programming

Legislator Lorigo invites youths and their parents to learn about 4-H at a community meeting planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov, 14 at Hilbert College. The meeting will be held in Swan Auditorium, 5200 South Park

Avenue, Hamburg.

Information on what programs and opportunities are available through 4-H will be shared. 4-H participants will be available to discuss the



program and answer questions.

“There is much more to 4-H than most residents realize and this meeting will allow families to learn about this great program,” said Legislator Lorigo.

Business Tour features District 10 commerce

Legislator Lorigo recently met with business owners and employees across his district during his “[25 Businesses in 25 Days](#)” tour in an effort to learn about the commerce that is the foundation of the towns and villages he represents and promote these great local businesses.

“I was so impressed with the quality level of service we have in Aurora, Colden, East Aurora, Elma, Holland, Marilla, Wales and West Seneca. It was refreshing to hear that many businesses are operating in what has been a difficult economy, I think that is a testament to their perseverance and drive,

and also a reflection of our community and the support we have for local businesses,” said Legislator Lorigo.

For a list of businesses toured, visit www.erie.gov/legislature/district10. To schedule a business tour with Legislator Lorigo, please contact his office.



One of stops on the tour—Marilla Country Store, located at the corner of Two Rod Road and Bullis Road.

Rabies Clinics serves record number of pet owners

The 2012 free rabies clinics administered a record number of vaccinations to dogs, cats and ferrets at six clinics held throughout Erie County.

In total, 5,680 pets were vaccinated.

"I attended the West Seneca clinic and there was a line out the door and through the parking lot, formed by responsible and patient pet owners. I watched as the veterinarian administered the

vaccinations, efficiently moving through the line. When I learned that the volunteers successfully vaccinated 1,369 animals at that one clinic I was amazed," said Legislator Lorigo.

Legislator Lorigo thanks the staff and volunteers from the County Department of Health, Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society and the SPCA Serving Erie County for making these clinics huge successes.

The following totals were recorded:

- North Buffalo Community Center - 505
- Springville Fire Company - 698
- American Legion Post #1041 - 1,300
- SPCA - 1,175
- Clarence Highway Garage - 633
- West Seneca Highway Garage - 1,369

Legislator Lorigo will post the 2013 Rabies Clinics Schedule on his website and Facebook pages when the dates are announced.



Two young pet owners wait to get the rabies vaccination for their dog at the West Seneca Clinic.

Community Photo Gallery



Congratulations to the Burchfield Nature & Art Center pie contest winners. Judges, Janice Dalbo, Raymond Weimer and Legislator Lorigo with the winners: Diane Wright, 1st prize; Deborah Asfour, 2nd prize and Paul Shemkovitz, 3rd prize.



Legislators John Mills and Joseph Lorigo present a donation to the West Falls-Colden Community Library to support programming. The funds were raised during the Aug. 25 hot dog roast fundraiser.



Congratulations to the Marilla Library, the 2012 Battle of the Books winners. Pictured: Julia Hartloff, Karson Reumann, Cathryn Urquhart (coach), Kristi Aylor, Kayla Reumann, Kimberly Buehlmann, Marina Huels, Shannon Jakubowski (coach and library director), Katie Blair, David Owczarczak, Christian Huels, Kati Aylor, Michael Green.

Yellow Dot program now recognized in Erie County

Legislator Lorigo announces that Erie County is now operating a Yellow Dot program to assist residents involved in an accident or suffering from a medical emergency in their vehicle or residence.

Made possible by the New York State Sheriffs' Association, the Yellow Dot program is simple, yet

lifesaving. Anyone who chooses to participate just needs to place the round, Yellow Dot circle (pictured right) on their driver's side, rear vehicle window or at the entrance of their residence, to alert first responders to the Yellow Dot form (also pictured right) that is stored in the glove compartment or on the refrigerator in the

residence. The form includes pertinent medical information that will assist first responders in treating the patient. In an emergency, every second counts.

To request a copy of the Yellow Dot packet, please contact Legislator Lorigo at (716) 858-8922 or email joseph.lorigo@erie.gov.



Yellow Dot packets are available through Legislator Lorigo's office.

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Legislator Lorigo with Aurora Theatre Owner Lynn Kinsella, displaying the plaque he purchased with his family for the "Starring Role Seat" fundraiser. Email info@theauroratheatre.com for information.

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I am always learning of another great community event that is benefitting our towns and villages. For example, the photo to the left features one of the many plaques now displayed at the Aurora Theatre. Patrons can purchase a plaque to support the theatre's efforts to switch over to digital format. What is unique, is the plaque can feature a special memory from your time at the theatre. There are many touching and funny stories shared on the backs of seats throughout the theatre. Another great event was West Seneca's tree planting day with dozens of volunteers pitching in to plant trees around town. My team was covered in mud when we were done, but the trees look great and will hopefully beautify the town for years to come. I was happy to promote these two events on my Facebook page and participate in them. If you ever have event that I can help support, please let me know!

Sincerely,

Proclamations presented by Legislature



Legislator Lorigo presents a proclamation at a reception held Oct. 9 at Schwabl's Restaurant marking its 175th Anniversary. Located in West Seneca, the famous restaurant is well-known for its beef on weck, among other great dishes. Founded in 1837 by the Schwabl family, the restaurant is currently owned by Gene and Cheryl Staychock, pictured right.



Christopher LaRussa, a Boy Scout from Troop No. 616 in West Seneca, received a proclamation on Oct. 11, 2012 in honor of his recent efforts to stop bullying in New York State. Christopher also recently received the Boy Scouts of America – National Meritorious Award and Medal for his outstanding efforts to help other young people.



Legislators Lorigo and John Mills marked National Farmer's Day with a proclamation honoring Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Deborah Roberts, CCE Community Educator for Agriculture Sharon Bachman, New York Farm Bureau representative Tim Bigham and Erie County Farm Bureau Representative Hans Mobius.