

# News from Legislator Joseph Lorigo



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Summer 2012

## Veterans memorial proposed at waterfront



Legislator Lorigo and Daniel Frontera, who has been leading the efforts to erect an Iraq and Afghanistan memorial, discuss the project at a community event.

Before the Legislature recessed for the summer, a resolution Legislator Lorigo sponsored in support of veterans was unanimously

approved. In the resolution, the 11-members of the Legislature ask the County Executive to include funding for an Iraq and Afghanistan Servicemen and Women's Monument that would be built at the Naval Park.

The funding for this worthy and important project would come from the annual cultural funding budget. Legislator Lorigo is asking that no new funding be added. Instead, he would like to see the existing fund

reallocated for this one-time expense.

"Our brave soldiers went selflessly into battle. Those who did not return home deserve to be honored and it is only fitting that a monument be added to recognize these amazing individuals, our heroes," said Legislator Lorigo.

The request was sent to the county executive who is expected to present his proposed 2013 budget in early fall.

## Addressing Vacant Building Problem

Legislator Lorigo joined Assemblyman Mickey Kearns in June at a house on Round Trail in West Seneca to discuss issues associated with vacant properties.

Legislator Lorigo supports the Assemblyman's efforts to improve communication for bank owned properties so that neighbors with issues know who to contact.

Legislator Lorigo also highlighted the recently created Lank Bank that will provide Erie County with a tool to fight vacant property



Vacant properties can pose a health and safety risk for neighbors, in addition to being an eyesore.

buildings by using funds to get the property back on the tax roll. If you have any questions about vacant properties, contact Legislator Lorigo at 858-8922.



**The Town of West Seneca declared July 27, 2012 "Matt Anderson Day," in honor of the town native who competed in the 2012 Olympics in London as a member of the Men's Volleyball Team. Legislator Lorigo presented a proclamation to Matt's mother, Nancy, in recognition of his many achievements.**

*(At the time of the newsletter publication, the Men's Volleyball Team was still competing for a medal.)*

### Special Points of Interest

- SUMMER READING PROGRAM
- FREE RABIES CLINIC
- LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

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### Libraries host Summer Reading Program events

Legislator Lorigo has partnered with the Buffalo and Erie County Central Library to remind kids and parents that the 2012 Summer Reading program is underway.

“The county kicked off its Summer Reading Program just days before school ended and the students who attended the event were excited to visit the library and meet Maisy Mouse, a popular storybook character. This program is designed to keep them entertained throughout the summer,” said Legislator Lorigo.

The program has two themes, “Dream Big, Read!” for kids and “Own the Night,” for teens. Two highlights of the Summer Reading Program are, Read Down Your Fines and Battle of the Books. Every 15 minutes of reading counts toward a library buck to be used for overdue fines.

The 14th annual Battle of the Books is Saturday, Aug. 4 and is a trivia competition with approximately 35 teams.

Events are planned at each of the branches throughout the summer - for info, visit [www.buffalolib.org](http://www.buffalolib.org)



### Local Branch Highlights!

- Aurora—Buffalo Zoo “World Safari” - 3:45 pm Aug. 24
- Elma—Glenn Colton’s Summer Fun Show - 2 pm Aug. 16
- Marilla—Summer Club Fun - 2 p.m. Aug. 14
- West Seneca—Zoo Mobile - 1 pm Aug. 15

### Rabies Clinic Wednesday, Sept. 19 in West Seneca

The final rabies clinic of the year will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19 at West Seneca Highway Garage, 30 South Avenue, West Seneca, off of Union Road near Route 400.

“This free clinic is an opportunity to protect your pets and community. If you dog, cat or ferret is not up to date on its rabies vaccinations, please take advantage of this free service,” Legislator Lorigo said.

The event is sponsored by Erie County in association with the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society and the SPCA, Serving Erie County. Additional clinics are scheduled on the following dates:

- 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the SPCA, 205 Ensminger Road, Tonawanda.
- 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Clarence Highway Garage, 6185 Goodrich Road.



### Find Legislator Lorigo on Facebook

Legislator Lorigo posts updates on County Legislature items, community events and information. To become his “friend,” search “Legislator Joseph Lorigo.” Legislator Lorigo is also looking for groups, businesses and organizations with pages, invite Legislator Lorigo to “like” your page.

## Boys and Girls Clubs benefit from Primetime Funding

Just before school let out for the summer, Legislator Lorigo announces that, with unanimous approval of the Legislature, the Boys and Girls Club of East Aurora and Boys and Girls Club of Holland received Summer Primetime funding to support seasonal programming.

“The organizations receiving Primetime Funding have proven to be an asset to our young people. From the city to the suburban and rural towns, these programs bene-

fit the communities and offer services that keep youths engaged in activities during the summer recess,” said Legislator Lorigo.

He added, “The Boys and Girls Clubs in East Aurora and Holland offer quality programming and provide youths a place to participate in structured and valuable activities with their peers while under adult supervision.”

Legislator Lorigo also noted

the approval of funding for organizations that benefit the entire county, including Greater Niagara Frontier Council – Boy Scouts; Be-A-Friend - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County; WNY United Against Drugs & Alcohol Abuse; and Young Audiences.

Determination of Primetime funding is coordinated through the Department of Social Services and the final proposal requested by the County Executive’s Office.

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## Community Photos



Left photo, Legislator Lorigo recognizes students at the Breakfast of Champions at Northwood Elementary, part of the West Seneca School District. Right photo, A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Power House on the Roycroft Campus in East Aurora was held in April.

## Hot Dog Roast Supports Explore & More

Legislator Lorigo thanks the community for supporting his Hot Dog Roast Fundraiser held in May during Explore and More Children’s Museum’s annual Touch-A-Truck event. The fundraiser totaled more than \$1,000.

“Thank you to everyone who stopped by the hot dog roast

and supported Explore and More. It was a tremendous event and the money raised will benefit the museum’s continued efforts to provide quality programming for children and their families,” said Legislator Lorigo.

In related news, Legislator Lorigo is co-hosting a Hot

Dog Roast Fundraiser at the **West Falls-Colden Community Library** to support its ongoing efforts to keep the volunteer-based library open to local residents. The roast will be held **11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Library, 1966 Davis Road, West Falls.**



Hot Dog Roast Fundraiser supported Explore and More Children’s Museum.

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The other day I was thinking about the importance of constantly setting goals for ourselves. When we are young, we had many goals set for us, but I think that urgency diminishes as we age. Being elected to the County Legislature was a goal of mine, but achieving it doesn't mark the end but a beginning. Now that I have the honor of representing the taxpayers of Erie County, my goals multiply daily. In the conversations I have with residents, I learn that we have a great deal to accomplish in the county.

Meeting with and talking to residents will always be the best source of information. Whether you prefer email or in person, phone or Facebook, I am always available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. My schedule is open for constituents on weekdays, weekends or weeknights.

You can find all my contact information listed to left of this letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

## Proclamations presented to outstanding individuals, groups

At every session, the Erie County Legislature honors individual's and groups' accomplishments with proclamations. The following recipients were recently recognized:

**Veronica Federiconi** on the 10th anniversary of Arts Work at Autistic Services & in recognition of April as Autism Awareness Month

**Earl Northrup**, owner of Earl's restaurant, for his 56 years in business (*Mr. Northrup passed away shortly after being recognized.*)

**Julia Shea** on being named a Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2012 Chambers Choice honoree.

**Daniel M. Boody**, Business Manager / Secretary -

Treasurer of District Council No. 4, International Union of Painters & Allied Trades, on his retirement

**Binational Alliance** on the 10th anniversary of Doors Open Niagara and launch of the War of 1812 Binational Peace Garden Trail

**Arbor Day**, April 27, 2012, presented at an annual tree planting ceremony at East Aurora High School

**Tri-R Mechanical Services** for receiving the 2012 "Commitment to Education Award"

**Benny Kirkland** for bravery in apprehending a suspect immediately following a fatal hit-and-run crash he witnessed



**Legislator Lorigo reads a proclamation honoring Doug Swift for tenure as president of**

**Jane M. Vosseler**, owner of Ace Flag Company, an outstanding WBE

**Matt Anderson**, West Seneca native, member of the USA Olympic Men's Volleyball Team

**Jacob Kaminski**, Elma native, member of the USA Olympic Archery Team.

## Nominations accepted for Citizen of the Month award

Legislator Lorigo is accepting nominations for the Citizen of the Month Award.

Created in January 2012 by the Legislature's Chairwoman, the award honors an outstanding citizen from each of the 11 districts. Legislator Lorigo's honoree will be recognized in December.

To nominate someone for the honor, please contact Legislator Lorigo at 858-8922 or email [joseph.lorigo@erie.gov](mailto:joseph.lorigo@erie.gov).