



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATOR EDWARD A. RATH, III

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Legislator Rath provides additional funding for Clarence community organizations

Rock the Barn, Clarence Historical Society, Clarence Concert Association & American Legion Post 838

(CLARENCE, NY) – Erie County Legislator Edward A. Rath, III is pleased to announce that the 2018 Erie County budget will include funding for several key organizations located in Clarence. Approved at the Dec. 7, 2017 session, Legislator Rath secured a significant investment for the community.

“I am pleased to once again announce that funding has been allocated for several important organizations in the Town of Clarence. Recognizing the important role each of these groups has throughout the community, I designated funding to support their missions,” said Legislator Rath.

New for 2018 was funding for Rock the Barn, which is mark its 14th year, to ensure the event was as successful as possible to support Meals on Wheels services in Clarence, Akron and Newstead.

“This past summer I volunteered at Rock the Barn and I was amazed by this great event and the passion that the organizers and volunteers have for supporting Meals on Wheels, an organization that is critical for so many residents,” said Legislator Rath. “The success of Rock the Barn has truly made a difference for Meals on Wheels and its recipients.”

“We are very grateful for the efforts of Legislator Rath and other members of the Legislature in providing funding for Rock the Barn and the Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force. Support for the Rock the Barn festival is not only support for a major cultural event on the Clarence summer calendar, it’s funding that helps keep our seniors and disabled in Clarence, Akron and Newstead living independently with food and friendship in the form of Meals on Wheels,” said Paul Stephen, Chairman of the Clarence-Newstead Meals on Wheels Task Force, Inc.

Legislator Rath also identified the Clarence Historical Society (\$7,250) and Clarence Concert Association (\$4,000) in his funding request. He noted that both organizations have been doing outstanding work in and around the Clarence community for many years.

“This funding will benefit all the citizens of Clarence as our organization is 100 percent volunteer operated, so all of the money will be used by the Trustees of the Clarence Historical Society to improve our programs for the public at large,” said Thomas A. Steffan, President of the Clarence Historical Society.

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“The Clarence Concert Association is most grateful for the funding sponsored by Legislator Ed Rath,” said President Marty Powers. “This funding helps us to maintain the program, both in quality and number of performances.”

In support of veterans’ services, Legislator Rath also secured \$2,500 for American Legion Post 838.

“Our veterans’ posts are incredibly important to all our veterans and their families. This funding will help Post 838 in Clarence continue to serve the specific needs of veterans right in their own community,” said Legislator Rath.

Legislator Rath also secured funding for Akron Community Band, Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, Newstead Historical Society, Jewish Repertory Theatre, The Village Cooperative Market of Williamsville, American Legion Post 900 (Akron) and American Legion Post 1672 (Amherst).

The additional funding was added into the 2018 budget while also decreasing the property tax rate for the fourth consecutive year.

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