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DISTRICT NEWS

[*National Drug Take Back Day*](#)

Proper disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications is important to protect both people and the environment. Unused prescription and over-the-counter medications that remain in the home can cause serious harm to people if they are taken accidentally, intentionally misused or inappropriately given to someone else. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Unused medications that are flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink can enter the water supply, harming fish and other wildlife and posing a potential risk to people.

National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 28th. You can turn in your unused drugs to:

North End Fire House
2 St. Francis Place

Rensselaer, NY

Thank you to Rensselaer Police & Fire Department and the Rensselaer Area Drug Awareness Reality Coalition for sponsoring.

For more information please contact RADAR at radarcoalition@gmail.com

[Albany County Land Bank](#)

The Albany County Land Bank has recently released **their 2016/2017 annual report**, which details the non-profit organization's performance and accomplishments over the last operating year. The report reveals that the Land Bank has exceeded its previous performance in numerous categories and made significant progress in its continued efforts to acquire, improve and responsibly redistribute tax-foreclosed, vacant or abandoned properties throughout Albany County.

I was pleased to support the inclusion of the Albany County Land Bank in the NYS Land Bank Program. The return on the investment due to the leadership of the county and partnership of the state is very apparent. I look forward to supporting this effort even more in the future

[A Guide to Loan Programs for New York State Small Businesses](#)

Whether you want to start a business, expand operations or export goods internationally, there are a variety of affordable and accessible loan programs designed to help small businesses in New York State succeed. **This article** from New York Business Development Corporation, a New York State-based mission-focused lender, walks business owners through these options. Learn more [here](http://nybdc.com/news/news-detail.cfm?ID=285). (<http://nybdc.com/news/news-detail.cfm?ID=285>)

[New York State Police Troop G Public Open House](#)

The New York State Police Troop G Commander, Major Robert Patnaude will be hosting a public open house for their Centennial Celebration on October 15th from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. The event will take place at the Troop G Head Quarters - 760 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110.

There will be many displays to see and even activities for kids!

Check out [this flyer](#) for more details.

[Stick It to Hurricane Maria](#)

The Friends of Little Italy in cooperation with Joseph's House Shelter and The Puerto Rican Community of Troy will be hosting 'Stick It to Hurricane Maria', a fundraiser for the people of Puerto Rico.

The fundraiser will take place on Sunday, October 22nd from 12:00 – 5:00 at the Market Place between Washington and Liberty Street.

They will be accepting donation items in their original packaging. For a full list of items and contact information, see [this flyer](#).

Thank you to Rocky DeFazio of Little Italy and Kevin O'Connor of Joseph's House for spearheading this effort.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[New Laws Taking Effect – October 2017](#)

Take a look at [my blog](#) for more information on new laws taking effect this month.

I supported each bill and they touch on different areas of interest such as; criminal justice, recycling, seniors and vulnerable citizens rights and an effort to expand CPR training.

[Scaffold Law Reform Legislation](#)

An Albany Business Review Article by Liz Young touches on a bill I am carrying in the Assembly. With this legislation I am trying to address the high insurance costs that are preventing good work from being done and wasting tax payers' funds. The bill also seeks to improve worker safety which is paramount on any job site.

IN THE NEWS

[Project Orange](#)

There are some new and effective efforts by Albany County and local pharmacies to help remove unused opioids from the household and community. Join me in [this interview](#) with Sheriff Craig

Apple on these efforts. Thank you to County Executive Dan McCoy for his support of Project Orange.