

Dear Neighbor,

It is the middle of the summer, which means two things for Team Lunsford: parades and story times! July started out with a bang, as we celebrated the 4th of July with parades in Fairport and Penfield! We also celebrated our local Pride Month and marched in the Rochester Pride parade. This month, I had the privilege to join our friends at the Mendon, East Rochester, and Fairport libraries for story times, which are always a ton of fun! I also partnered with Monroe County for a Composting Resource Fair, which was extremely well-attended and offered County residents a ton of educational resources (and more importantly, LOTS of fun with worms!). Do not fret if you missed the Composting Resource Fair; you can access resources about County and at-home composting by visiting this new page on my website.

On a serious note, I partnered with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and local parents Kate and Dave Gibbons for a press conference on the fentanyl epidemic that is ravaging our country, particularly our teens and young adults. Fentanyl is responsible for more youth drug overdose deaths than heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, benzodiazepines, and prescription drugs combined. What makes this drug so exceptionally dangerous is that illicit street drugs are being laced with fentanyl without the user knowing, resulting in the accidental consumption of deadly doses of fentanyl. In 2022, the DEA found that of the fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills they analyzed, 6 out of 10 contained a potentially lethal dose. This is exactly what happened to Pittsford native Paige Gibbons, a freshman at Hobart Williams Smith who took what she believed to be half a Percocet with a friend. The pill she took was, in fact, 100% fentanyl and Paige succumbed to an overdose. This is why I sponsored the resolution to create Fentanyl-

<u>Awareness Day</u> and <u>carry a bill to create a fentanyl task force</u>. We have to make sure our community knows and understands the risk fentanyl poses, even to those who don't think they could be exposed. Everyone needs to understand that <u>one pill can kill</u>.

For more information on how to access fentanyl test strips and to become Narcan trained yourself, <u>you can click here.</u> For other information about fentanyl overdose prevention, <u>you can click here.</u>

We have a lot of work to do to get ready for next session, and we are already gearing up for budget season. If you or your organization wants to discuss items you want to see in next year's budget, it is never too early to <u>contact</u> <u>my office</u>. I look forward to speaking with you!

Best,

Jen Lunsford





CLEAN ENERGY FUNDING SEMINAR

Would you like to lower or stabilize your energy costs? Electrifying your home and vehicles is good for the planet, your health, and your wallet. But converting from gas to electric, insulating, or adding solar panels to your home does cost money.

Learn more about the funds available to help you make these upgrades! Mendon Public Library will be hosting a seminar on financial assistance programs you may qualify for to electrify your home. Join them on Tuesday, August 8th from 6:30-8pm to learn more.

Registration and additional information about the seminar can be found <u>by clicking here.</u>

THE FAIRY TRAIL

Did you know that fairies reside right here in the 135th District? Mendon Ponds Park has a neighborhood of fairies on their Fairy Trail, which is flat terrain that is friendly for children and strollers. The entire loop is about a ¹/₂ mile long.

Stop in to see the fairies before school starts! For more information about the trail, <u>click here.</u>

Join me on Saturday, August 26th from 11am-12pm (weather permitting) for a walk on The Fairy Trail!



I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN NOMINATIONS



Has a librarian made a difference in your life? Have they gone above and beyond to help your community? Now's your chance to celebrate their impact by nominating them for the I Love My Librarian Award!

Up to 10 exceptional school, public, and college/university librarians will be selected to receive \$5,000 in recognition of their service to their communities. Nominations are open through Saturday, September 30th.

For more information on how to nominate your librarian, visit their Web site.

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FRONT PORCH FESTIVAL

DEN PARK

(UPPER FALLS BLVD. & HUDSON AVE.)

JORDAN HEALTH PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN FREE FOOD - MUSIC - PETTING ZOO - DANCE TROUPES - CHOIRS ID BADGES FOR KIDS (with Monroe County Sheriffs) - PRIZE RAFFLES

HEALTH SCREENINGS

BLOOD PRESSURE - DENTAL - HIV/HEP C - MAMMOGRAPHY - PODIATRY - VISION

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