

REPORT ON THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

At the time of this report, the County Legislature and the County Executive's Office are in the process of working on the 2010 County budget. Like many residents of Onondaga County, County Government is facing a difficult financial year because of the downturn in the economy, especially the loss in sales tax revenue.

The County Executive has proposed a budget which calls for many cuts and which will no doubt impact many county workers and also county services. As we work through the process, I'm confident that we'll come out with the best possible budget for our residents.

On a different matter, I'm pleased to announce that the project on Pompey Hollow Road, which I mentioned in an earlier report concerning Limestone Creek, is going ahead at this time.

In a joint collaboration between Onondaga County and the Town of Pompey, the Onondaga County Department of Soil and Water is working to reduce the flooding in that area and bring the creek back within its boundaries.

Many homes were in danger of flooding and also a great deal of farm land was being washed away.

The County Legislature at the end of the summer passed a new local law which provides a Cold War Exemption for real property taxes. This covers those who served in the military from 1945 to 1991 and who are not otherwise covered by existing veteran's exemptions. The first fiscal year that this exemption will be in place is 2011;

Also, the County Legislature in cooperation with the other agencies is working on a new discount card for Veterans which will allow discounts with participating vendors. This program will be announced shortly.

If you wish to contact me, my phone number is 683-5655 and my email address is rde-more@cnyemail.com

Hoping that you and your family have a great fall, I remain

Yours truly,

Bob DeMore

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HEAP—Home Energy Assistance Program

After a representative from the offices of HEAP was received so well last year and so many questions were answered, it was decided to invite a representative back to the Pompey Town Hall again this year for the convenience of our residents. On November 30th at 10 a.m a meeting will be held at the Town Hall. Please watch the town website www.townofpompey.com for further information.

