



## Newsworthy

**7/6/10:** Legislation (S8357 / A11553) that will create a temporary 11 member High Speed Rail Planning Board within the Department of Transportation (DOT) has passed in both the Senate and the Assembly.

**7/12/10:** Governor David A. Paterson today announced the availability of \$140 million in grants to health facilities across the State to advance health information technology (IT) and support capital restructuring and long-term care improvements. Funds will be administered by the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).

**7/15/10:** Four ground-breaking bills were signed into law, including legislation that will establish a level playing field for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) in New York State. The bills will: Raise the cap on discretionary purchases awarded to MWBEs or small businesses to \$200,000; expand contracting practices of public authorities granting increased opportunities for MWBE participation; create the position of Chief Diversity Officer to oversee the MWBE program; and address entities that are not executive agencies and that control large pools of money for investment.

**7/30/10:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has released \$727,000 in funding to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the rehabilitation of the Buffalo-Depew railroad station in Western New York's Erie County. The grant brings the total to \$1.7 million of the \$151 million it has awarded New York State for seven projects to improve intercity passenger rail service and to modernize rail stations.

## Events & Receptions

### Sunday, August 1, 2010

3:00 pm – Reception Honoring Assembly Member Mark Schroeder, Ironworkers' Hall, 196 Orchard Park Rd, West Seneca, \$20

### Monday, August 2, 2010

Democratic Senate Campaign Committee Annual Golf Tournament, Wiltwyck Country Club, 40 Steward Lane, Kingston, \$1000 Dinner, \$1500 Golf, \$5000 Foursome

7:30 am - Senate Republican Campaign Committee, 2010 Senate Republican Invitational, Albany Country Club, Voorheesville, \$5000 Foursome, \$1500 Golfer, \$500 Dinner

### Wednesday, August 4, 2010

8:30 am – Reception honoring Assemblyman Mike Miller, District Council 9, 45 West 14<sup>th</sup> St, Manhattan, \$250 Friend, \$1000 Supporter, \$3800 Host

### Friday, August 6, 2010

12:00 pm – Reception honoring Jim Tedisco, Carousel Restaurant, Saratoga, \$200

### Sunday, August 8, 2010

2:00 pm – Reception honoring Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi, XES Lounge, New York City, \$300

### Monday, August 9, 2010

7:00 am - Reception honoring Senator Neil Breslin, Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, \$750 Golfer, \$3000 Foursome

### Thursday, August 12, 2010

7:00 pm – Reception Honoring Senator Reverend Ruben Diaz, Maestro's Caterers, 1703 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, \$2500 / \$1000 / \$500 / \$250

### Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Reception honoring Assemblyman Joseph Morelle, City Hall Restaurant, NYC, \$500

### Thursday, August 19, 2010

11:00 AM – Senator Thomas Libous 7th Annual Golf Tournament & Steak Roast, En-Joie Golf Course, 772 W Main St, Endicott, \$375