



NIAGARA COUNTY REPORT

Rick Abbott, County Legislator — 13th District

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Niagara County Supports Community Groups

Local non-profits and cultural organizations are invaluable to our community, enhancing our quality of life and often helping drive economic activity. The county is proud to support these groups with programs like our Cultural Endowment Fund, Community Partnership grants and the William Mayne Fund. Many Lockport organizations have been able to take advantage of these programs, including the Kenan Center, the Historic Palace Theater and the Elvis Community Tailgate that raises money for local charitable organizations. Thank you to these and all the great organizations for your tremendous efforts.



Legislature Supports Annual PB&J Drive

*The annual Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive is well underway across Niagara County. Pete Robinson, one of the founders of the drive, addressed the Niagara County Legislature to discuss the growth of the effort over the last 17 years and thank the Legislature for their donation. More than 100,000 jars of peanut butter and jelly have been collected over the years to help those in need. Donations to the drive will be collected through December 10 and there are donation sites across the county. Search **Peanut Butter and Jelly (Lockport HQ)** on Facebook to learn more.*



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County Participates in Operation Greenlight to Honors Veterans

Operation Greenlight is a nationwide program designed to not only honor the men and women who served in our armed forces, but also highlight the services and programs available to help them. Niagara County was one of more than 450 counties nationwide to take part in this campaign by lighting the flagpole outside the county courthouse green. The county Veterans Service Agency can help veterans with anything they need including fighting for benefits, and securing medical appointments. We also have a "Thank A Vet" program offering discounts on the purchase of at more than 500 participating businesses. Contact the VSA at (716) 438-4090 for more information on these services.



The flagpole that carries the Niagara County and Purple Heart flags at the Niagara County Courthouse was illuminated green as part of "Operation Green Light " earlier this month.