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Mayor's Proposed 2019 Budget



Paul A. Dyster Mayor **Nicholas A. Melson** City Administrator

By: Frank Parlato & Nicholas D. D'Angelo

Mayor Paul Dyster's proposed budget for 2019 came less than two days after Governor Andrew Cuomo advanced \$12.3 million of future Seneca casino money to the City of Niagara Falls.

Over the past few months, word from

City Hall was that this was going to be Dyster's "smallest budget ever." It leaked out a few weeks ago that there "would be cuts from City Hall."

Someone released a statement saying there would be "no pay raises" for members of the administration.

But then the Cuomo gift came – at

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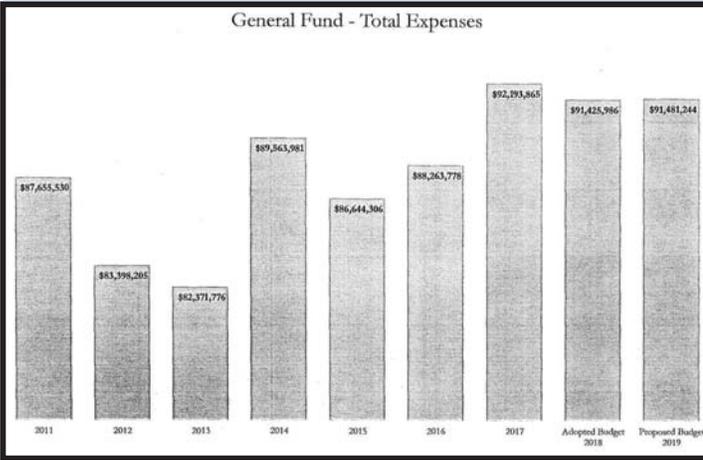
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Notice that even while facing nearly a \$14 Million deficit, Mayor Dyster's Budget is his second-highest ever.

rector of Community Development to being paid from the budget of the department of Code Enforcement.

This is being proposed by Dyster in order for Piccirillo to skirt the Hatch Act - which prohibits mayoral candidates to run for office if they are paid a majority of their salary in federal funds.

Piccirillo's present job as Director of Community Development uses Federal HUD money.

So you might think that Piccirillo's sneaky move to another department would at least not cost taxpayers anything extra.

Think again!

While Community Development's overall budget drops by \$100,000 as Piccirillo moves over to Code Enforcement, that department jumps by \$154,000.

In 2018 the total expenses for Code Enforcement was \$520,312. In 2019 - with Seth hopping over to run for mayor [at taxpayers' expense it seems] Dyster's proposed budget jumps up to \$674,609.

Piccirillo's new "I want to run for mayor" \$83,232 salary for his new job as Director of Code Enforcement - with benefits and pension helped boost the costs of the department by more than \$154,000.

In addition, with a little sleight of hand, Dyster shifted people around and handed out raises.

Eleven employees at Community Development will get a pay raise. And there is a new job being created to replace Seth.

Dyster moved some other costs around.

The net result for both departments - both of them under Piccirillo - is that taxpayers will pay \$54,000 more per year.

Supporters of Dyster and Piccirillo will no doubt argue that a mere \$54,000 extra for the taxpayer is quite a small price to pay to

ensure Piccirillo can run for Mayor and carry forward the policies and practices of Mayor Dyster.

While we could go on much longer with the excess and eccentricities of this taxpayer unfriendly budget, we will conclude with one last item and the recommendation that you study the budget yourself so you will better understand what you are paying for - especially in light of the fact that Dyster will likely propose a tax increase, a garbage fee, and a reassessment - all with one aim in mind - to get more money out of you in order for him to pay for his bloated budget.

But finally, in Dyster's proposed budget for 2019, it looks like the Train Station, which cost local taxpayers more than \$4.5 million to build, is breaking even.

If you take a closer look, however, it is breaking even only because Niagara Falls taxpayers are paying \$193,547 to get it to break even.

In other words, part of the "revenue" portion of the train station projection for 2019 is nothing more than a transfer from the general fund for \$193,547.

Dyster is calling this transfer of city taxpayers' money, "revenue" so that the train station breaks even in the budget.

The train station is not breaking even. Not quite. Taxpayers will be paying nearly \$18,000 per month to fund the nearly always empty train station.

Funny, the old train station did not cost taxpayers anything since Amtrak paid the expenses in their old station. But Dyster wanted a new \$45 million train station.

This is emblematic of everything Dyster does - wasteful. Like his budget. Big and wasteful.

But the new station, Dyster supporters say, even if it is empty, sure looks pretty.

A Tax Increase By Any Other Name . . .



Mayor Paul Dyster has announced that in his new proposed budget he would be cutting taxes throughout the City.

At first glance, it doesn't look too bad.

The proposed 2019 budget includes a \$2.5 million reduction in property taxes (13% residential and 3% commercial). This essentially means homeowners would see roughly a \$50 savings.

But Mayor Dyster also announced his plan to increase "revenue" via a garbage "user fee" which he estimates will bring in \$3.1 - \$3.5 million - or about \$190 per household.

Let's do the math:

If you save \$50 on your property taxes, but then have to pay a new \$190 garbage "user fee," - in reality you are going to be paying an additional \$140 per year.

Though Dyster touts the cut in taxes, to us, here at the Reporter, we see this not as a cut but instead rather a large increase.

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WEEKLY HEADLINES

-Niagara Falls police responded to reports Sat. night of multiple ATV's racing on streets in the North End nearly causing multiple accidents. One of the racers, Aaron Stewart, of Willow Ave., was subsequently arrested after his vehicle stalled while trying to escape.

-Police and Medical are currently responding to the Fashion Outlet Mall where a young child was left stranded in a car for an extended period of time.

-Niagara Falls Police were busy yesterday as they responded to a call of an assault with a fish tank and, shortly thereafter, a call of an assault with an oven rack.

-Niagara Falls Police & Medical responded to 19th and Walnut Avenue for a victim assaulted with a hammer who sustained serious injuries to the head.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to reports of a deceased female body on North Avenue Friday night. Few details are being released at this time. We will provide details as they become available.

-Aaron Williams, 18, of LaSalle Avenue, was arrested early Friday morning after stealing a 2001 Chevy Tahoe. The vehicle, which belonged to a Linwood Avenue resident, was left unlocked and with the keys inside it. Williams was ultimately arrested after a short car chase.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to a call of shots fired late Saturday / early Sunday where two people sustained gunshot wounds to the leg. The incident happened in front of Max's Lounge at 3030 Highland Avenue and both victims were transported to the hospital.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for a male who claimed he was stabbed in the stomach with a knife. The victim is said to be in stable condition.

-The Niagara Falls High School JV Soccer Game at Lockport High School was suspended by referees over the weekend after a Falls player punched an opponent which then sparking parents yelling and swearing. Niagara Falls was losing 4-0 when the game was called.

-According to multiple members of the NF Girls JV Soccer Team, their actions during a game against Lockport were in response to a Lion's player spitting in a girl's face & then trying to punch another's face. Parents were upset referees allowed the situation to escalate.-While attempting to flee from police on Packard Road, a driver tried accelerating through a red light which resulted in a horrific collision with an oncoming vehicle. All occupants of the vehicle sustained injuries including a child.

-A Grove Avenue homeowner had an unwanted guest over the weekend after catching a neighbor who had climbed on top of his roof. After demanding him to come down, the neighbor began to swear at him and, upon reaching the ground, physically assaulted him.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to Hometown Market at 15th Street & Pierce Avenue over the weekend after a beggar turned violent. The victims -A man and woman who refused the beggar's demands for beer & cigarettes - received black eyes. The suspect was not apprehended.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to a report of a burglary on 19th Street over the weekend. According to the victim, more than \$400 of electronics was stolen at some point between noon and 8pm. Some of the items stolen include a 32-inch TV, a DVD player, and cable box.

-Town of Niagara Police were requested to a large altercation that broke out inside of Applebee's on Military Road over the weekend. According to reports, multiple people were yelling, pushing, kicking, slapping, punching, & generally causing a disturbance.

-Disturbing details of racial slurs directed at Niagara Falls Soccer players, from Lew-Port players & parents, are now coming to light. Numerous parents reached out to the Niagara Reporter after seeing coverage of an incident at a NF-Lockport game over the weekend.

-A 55 year old man was arrested this afternoon on suspicion of DWI after witnesses stated he drove over a curb and then hit a garage. The man refused to perform field sobriety test and was arrested.

Residents Protest Garbage 'User Fee' Before "Let's Talk About Budget Meeting"



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Car Chase Ends with Multiple Injuries

Structure Fire at 1660 South Avenue



One person was arrested after trying to flee from officers as they tried to pull him over. This incident occurred on Packard Rd near the 190. We were told that police tried to pull the suspect over but he had different plans as he accelerated through a red light and colliding into a passing

vehicle. The vehicle operated by the suspect flipped over with a child passenger inside. Three people were transported to area hospitals. The suspect is known to have run from Niagara Falls police on several occasions.

Niagara Falls Fire responded to reports of a structure fire at 1660 South Ave. Upon arrival, they found a female standing on the ledge of the second floor balcony. Firefighters quickly positioned a ladder and got the female safely the ground. Several dogs also escaped the structure

and were in the back out a police car on scene. With no visible flames, fire-fighters searched the structure for the source and found flames on the second floor on the number 3-4 side. The fire was quickly extinguished. No reports of any injuries.



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ANALYSIS

For Niagara Falls Schools - A New Year, New Goals



Mark Laurrie

With the school year already about a month into full swing, I think parents, students and taxpayers might be interested in hearing from your School Superintendent about what priorities I have for 2018 – 2019 calendar.

Academically, my priorities include adding Pre-Kindergarten classrooms for 3-year-olds at Kalfas Magnet School (PK3) and continuing thematic-based instruction there.

I want to hire social workers to work in the schools, focusing on attendance in primary level.

It should alarm residents to learn that at one elementary school, 86% of the student body ages three to seven missed at least 18 days of school last year. At another school, that number was 55%. I cannot stress enough that we cannot teach children who are not present, and employers will not be eager to hire people who grew up feeling that a high level of absenteeism is acceptable. Whatever the barriers are to good attendance, we must address them.

I intend to implement fully the Healthy Behaviors curriculum, including information on HPV prevention, and to institute a Mental Health Curriculum that includes all grades Pre-K 3 through 12. Why? According to the New York Times, Niagara County has the seventh highest rate of suicide attempts in the state. We are all acquainted with the rates of teen pregnancy, (zip codes 14301 and 14303 have teenage birth rates between the ages of 15 and 19 that are nearly double the state average, about 148 per 1,000 teenage girls becoming pregnant – almost 15 percent). According to data from the state Department

of Health, Niagara County has the highest rate of drug-addicted newborns in New York. That tells you something about drug use. Some may feel these issues are not in the purview of a school district, but I ask you, if we don't address these issues, who will? And how can we expect academic achievement from youth dealing with these issues?

I am also undertaking a study to see how the District can address the oft-repeated concern by residents that they have no transportation to attend health fairs, job fairs, and other opportunities to obtain help they need.

I want to implement a system this year, in which all graduates will earn an endorsement on their diplomas officially crediting them with a sort of major, if you will: welding, science, math, culinary arts - whatever it may be - and to recognize every student performing 200 hours or more of community service. I am also committed to examining the possibility of bringing trade school back our District.

This is a year focused on the Performing Arts in grades 4 through 12; you will hear more on our



Speakers Series, as well. We are hosting four more special evenings of speakers and panel discussions on topics relevant to our community, free and open to all. We are also inviting all residents to join us in a community-wide read of Beautiful Boy by David Sheff. Copies are available at our offices.

Other business includes negotiating contracts with our unions, whom we are proud to employ, beginning capital projects, and examining carefully our transportation costs to ensure maximum efficiency.

I hope you will join us in supporting these goals and I invite feedback at any time.

City Garbage Collection is a Mandatory Public Health Necessity – and You Already Pay for it!



Ken Hamilton

For cities with garbage fees, like Albany, Troy and soon, maybe even Niagara Falls NY, it really makes no difference to the city's books, they still balance. Get the trash collection costs from a tax or a fee, the same kind of dollars flow into the city's coffers. But for you it makes a big difference at tax time.

IRS Topic Number 503 - Deductible Taxes, says that some taxes and fees you can't deduct on Schedule A include federal income taxes, social security taxes, transfer taxes (or stamp taxes) on the sale of property, homeowner's association fees, estate and inheritance taxes, and service charges for water, sewer, or trash collection. So then, when will street sweeping become a service charge, because they did sweep in front of your house for you?

And see that sycamore tree whose roots lifted the sidewalk in front of your house and you had to pay to fix the sidewalk before someone tripped on it and sued you – if you didn't report it to the city's legal department by registered

letter before the tripping occurred. Well, because you are responsible for the maintenance of the median where the tree sits between the sidewalk and the street, if the city comes to remove the tree, would one day you get the thousands of dollars cost billed to you? If that same tree tears up a sewer or water pipe, you are already responsible to pay for it and any costs incur when an overloaded truck goes down your city street and crushes that same sewer line.

No one knows at this time. "My whole thing about the garbage fee is the same problem that I have with the administration, and that is a lack of transparency," said rising-star community activist Donta Myles. "Will I have to pay the tax if I am renting out an apartment?" he said. "I called one of my city councilmen to ask the questions, but no one has the answer yet. What do I get out of it," he continued. "Will we have better services from the kind of money that you will be charging."

Myles continued with other valid questions like, but this one is one that scares a lot of people. "Will there be a vote on it before it is rolled out, or will they do a Dyster move and wait until the last minute and then drop the bomb again?"

No one knows, Donta; but what we do know that the only tax write-offs anyone can do on having property is writing off the taxes associated with the assessed value of property – and the garbage fees do not qualify. Property tax write-offs

must be associated with property values, but cities like Albany and Troy gives exemptions to residents who are under an enhanced Star Program. That means that senior citizens, veterans and perhaps others can get an exemption altogether from any garbage fees. But don't you believe that it is because they love you. Star is a tax reduction program and the imposition of such properties may be seen as a tax increase that may cause cities from going over the tax cap.

So then, is any of this fair?

Even as a war veteran that has a tax exemption, I would say no. Fair is fair. Albany and Troy charges by the house, and not by the person (you know, "the person" – those flesh bagged, carbon units that the US Census Bureau count every 10-years for voting purposes; those things like you and me that actually create the trash). So, your neighbor next door might had eight kids and several pets, and you live alone and have only enough garbage to fill one of those little plastic shopping bags that Albany hates, and you are paying the same amount that they are.

Let's get real. We learned from that Bubonic Plague that ravished Europe in the Middle Ages that sewage and trash collection is a public health and safety issue that actually saves society money, regardless of its price simply because it costs too much not to do it.

So then, are our elected officials out of their minds and not understand what a city is? In the words of Albany May-

or Kathy Sheehan when she rolled out



their garbage fees in 2016. According to WTEN Television, she said, "We're not looking to make money on this; we're looking to start to offset the cost to the city of providing this service."

I can't quite see it that way.



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ANALYSIS CONT.

Chris's Corner: Public Safety on a Budget

Chris Voccio is a Niagara Falls City Council member and can be reached at ChrisVoccio@gmail.com.



Chris Voccio
NF City Councilman

While campaigning for City Council last year, I emphasized that public safety was the primary role of government. I believed that then, and I believe that now.

Parks are wonderful. I visit them often. Planning is critical. Tourism enhancement, something I wholeheartedly support, is so important in a tourism city. But public safety has to be priority one. It's the reason we have governments in the first place.

But does that mean we must hand over blank checks to the police and fire departments? Does that mean we must blindly support the police department or the fire department? Not as far as I'm concerned.

During the last election cycle, I sat before labor unions representing parts of the police and fire departments. I told them I felt public safety was the primary role of government. I also made it clear that we needed to run government, including their departments, at lower costs. I didn't get either union's endorsement. Nor did I expect to.

For some reason, we seem to have set up a debate where you either support the fire department and the police department, or you don't. My question to you, dear reader, is this: Do you believe we can operate the police and fire departments more efficiently?

Another question we should ask is, Should we prioritize police and fire at the same level? Is crime control and safety from criminal elements the same as fire prevention and control? I'm not suggesting I have all the answers on this, I'm merely asking a question.

I knocked on a lot of doors during this past election season, and I heard from a lot of people that they are concerned with crime. But no citizen — not a single one — expressed concern about a fire problem. I know our firefighters also respond to medical calls, but perhaps there's a more efficient way to handle those calls.

Some suggest that we move to a



volunteer fire department system. I'm not sure that's the best route. Although it is interesting to note that about a third of our firefighters live outside of the city, many in communities that have volunteer firefighters. Perhaps they could help us understand why they feel comfortable enough to live in those communities.

Another thing citizens should understand about our fire and police departments is that there are actually two unions representing different levels of personnel in both departments. There are unions that represents the front line soldiers, the boots on the ground. Then there are other unions that represent what is commonly referred to as "the brass."

It is important that our public safety personnel have top notch leaders, so our "brass" are important people to keep the city safe. But the more you come to understand the union contracts that "the brass" have in both departments, the more you realize the problem we have with running efficient public safety agencies.

Then there's the matter of salaries. 80% of our city's expenses are related to personnel, and a huge chunk of that sits in our fire and police departments. And a huge chunk of that is heavily guarded by the unions that represent

"the brass."

Again, the brass are important to public safety. But are there no limits? Shouldn't we be able to take a good look at the number of people that make up the brass, and the multitude of them that take huge six-figure salaries, not to mention Cadillac benefits and pensions?

While we're on the topic of salaries, the Empire Center runs a website that lists public employee salaries.

Some of you will find it fun to poke around and look at some of the salaries some of our officials make, public safety and otherwise. Here's a link to the website: <https://www.seethroughny.net/payrolls>.

The more our citizenry come to understand the nature of the dual-union systems within both the fire and police departments, the more likely we'll be able to have reasonable conversations about public safety on a budget.



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NORTH TONAWANDA

'Falling for Fitness' at Timberstrength

Brendan McDonough

There is a new place for health and wellness in North Tonawanda.

It's called Timberstrength and on Saturday the new business held their grand opening celebration.

They are located at the old Fitness 19 location at 1049 Payne Avenue. In addition to exercise machines, the new business offers so much more to help people across the area get and stay healthy.

"We are a full-service gym with cardio vascular machines, strength training and free weights," said Andrew Pantheros, Owner.

"We also offer professional and



personal training services with one on one training. Our goal is to have everything you could possibly want in a gym."

Timberstrength also offers group classes for people of all ages which include, boot camps and everything in between.

According to owners, it is more important than ever to offer health alternatives for people across North Tonawanda and beyond.

Pantheros says targetting health goals for each specific individual is what sets his gym apart from others.

"If you are not healthy, you are not anything," said Pantheros. "Health and wellness is our goal.

We do it from the beginning - for those people who are just starting to exercise - all the way up to those who want to run marathons or do fitness competitions."

It's not just young people either, owners say.

They surprisingly have a high number of senior citizens who come here to work out.

"We have a very high number of seniors that come to use our facility



because of our central location here in North Tonawanda," said Pantheros. "It is central for a lot of people and I like to think that they appreciate the attention we give to their overall health and well-being."

In addition to exercising they are also working to education people about way to eat healthy and what to eat and what foods to avoid.

"A lot of people after they are done working out, or just after working all day, do not want to cook for themselves which often leads to unhealthy choices. That is why I try and provide some healthy

meals for them so that they can maintain a healthy lifestyle without having to shoulder all of the pressure," said Joseph James, Meal Prep Specialist.

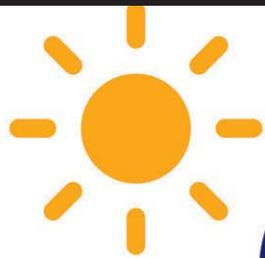
James says he plans on bringing between 20-30 health prepped meals to the gym that people can pick from.

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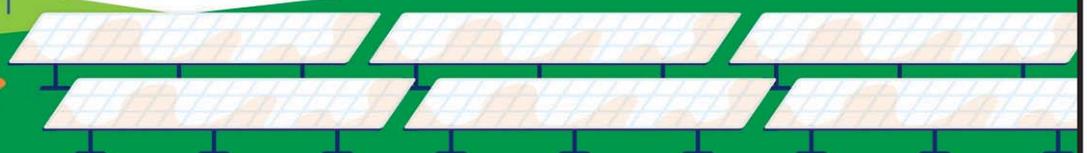
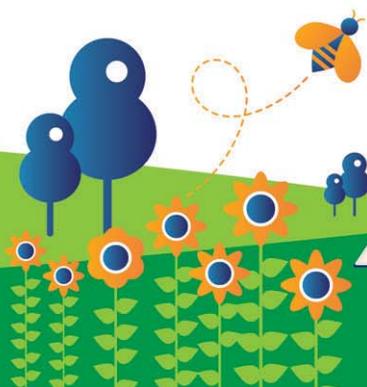
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4631 Cambria-Wilson Road,
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4-7 PM



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Webster Street Speed Limit Causing Concern



By: Brendan McDonough

From the Rivera theater to dozens of local shops, Webster Street in North Tonawanda has a little bit of something for everyone.

One thing it does not have, however, is a posted speed limit.

Mayor Art Pappas says he has received concern from residents about excessive speeding.

The most problematic section

between Goundry and Tremont Street.

One solution City leaders are looking into is the possibility of putting a 20 MPH posted speed limit on that section of Webster Street.

Because of all of the nightlife and local stops in the area, some fear pedestrian safety could be an issue.

Octoberfest Arrives in North Tonawanda



By: Brendan McDonough

Beatles music could be heard all across North Tonawanda on Sunday, September 30th, during the first ever Octoberfest celebration at the Old Chapel Antique and Artisan Market on Robinson Street.

It is the store's largest fall event. Inside people can find everything from German chocolate cake to live music.

Organizers say there is a little bit of something for everyone at the event.

"We have David Lee performing, German food specials, German chocolate cake, frankfurters, Ger-

man potato salad and we do a store wide sale for our fall event, which is 20% off your entire purchase," said Jacob Wankasky, Owner.

Owners says this is the first year they have had the event and plan to make it an annual tradition.

According to Wankasky, there's no better way to welcome fall than helping to get people in the fall mood and celebrate all things German.

"We set the pumpkin patch out front to help set the mood and the shoppers are loving the entertainment and the discounts; so they go hand in hand," said Wankasky.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: September 25th Common Council Workshop News & Notes



By: **Brendan McDonough**

Twin Cities Memorial Highway is one of the busiest roads in North Tonawanda and city officials say it is also one of the most dangerous.

People are either going too fast or too slow and, what's worse, they say, is that people routinely try and drag race one another.

City Engineer Dale Marshall presented a traffic study he did of the area. On one of the days workers were filming they even saw a vehicle hit one of the yield signs.

To address the issue, Marshall proposed the removal of two of the yield signs on Division Street and replace them with LED, flashing stop signs. The cost is about \$600.

"There are two types of drivers on Division Street: there are the scared-y-cats and there is the normal aggressive driver," said Marshall.

"We are looking at doing stop signs with LED and solar. The signs will warn them and we need to get the police out there too."

There is a 15-second delay at the stop light but they say people are still not yielding. They had asked the state to program it to 20-seconds

but city leaders say people still do not follow the rules of the road.

"There is not one person in this room that is going to say they have not been in a near accident coming off the Twin Cities and those people not yielding," said Bob Pecoraro, Councilman-At-Large.

Marshall says there is no need to have a highway in North Tonawanda. In fact, he says the long-term plan would be to remove it all together.

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Registered Apprenticeship programs are operated by partnerships of employers, labor management organizations and government. Apprenticeship sponsors – employers, employer associations and labor-management organizations – register programs with federal and state government agencies. Sponsors provide mentors, on-the-job learning opportunities and required technical instruction to apprentices. Incorporating Registered Apprenticeship directly into your workforce development system will strengthen your local and regional economy by offering highly trained and educated residents. Let Registered Apprenticeship be your competitive advantage. Laborers' Local 91 accepts apprenticeship applications the first Tuesday of every month from 8 AM – 12 noon at our training facility located at 4500 Witmer Industrial Estates Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

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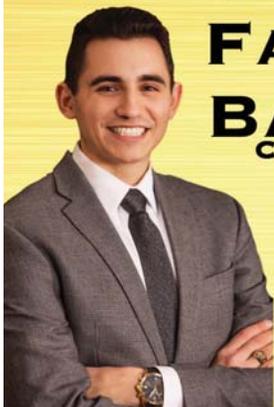
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