



Dear Neighbor:

*It has been an honor serving you as your State Representative. Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. It is one which I do not take lightly.*

*As your Representative, I will continue to dedicate myself to making Danbury a better place for all of us to live. I believe that my role is one of public service, and in order to serve the public well, I need to hear from you on your ideas and concerns. That's why my door is always open.*

*If you have an issue or idea you would like to discuss, please, call me at 860-240-8328 or e-mail me at [joseph.taborsak@cga.ct.gov](mailto:joseph.taborsak@cga.ct.gov). Working together, we will make Danbury a better place to live, work, and raise a family.*

*I hope this note finds you well.*

Truly,  
*Joe*

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State Representative  
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## Making Government Work For You!



# State Representative Joseph Taborsak

## Getting Things Done...Working Together

### **Danbury Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

I'm glad to report that I was able to obtain \$60,000 in state funding for a study to address the odor problems caused by the Danbury Wastewater Treatment Plant. This study is the critical first step towards getting the capital improvements needed to finally fix this quality of life issue. Thank you, Fourth Ward residents and Common Council Members Tom Saadi and John Esposito, for working with me to get this moving forward!

### **Pocono Lane Intersection:**

Thanks to your neighborhood activism and teamwork between state and city officials, the City of Danbury is close to obtaining a strip of land that will give neighborhoods off Pocono Lane access to Newtown Road with the assistance of a traffic light. In August 2007, the Danbury Common Council voted unanimously to authorize Les Pinter, the City's attorney, to acquire the land needed to create a small roadway connecting Pocono Lane with Mountainview Terrace. Once this roadway is in place, Pocono area residents will have



**From left to right: Councilman John Esposito, Rep. Taborsak, and Councilman Tom Saadi, working together on Fourth Ward issues.**

access to Newtown Road with the benefit of the traffic light serving the Mountainview Terrace/Newtown Road intersection. In the upcoming months, I will continue to work with city and state officials to see that sufficient funding is made available to finally fix this dangerous intersection.

## First Annual Danbury Veteran's Forum

In the wake of the shocking reports of poor soldier treatment at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C., I feel it is imperative that I do something to ensure that our state government is in touch with our local veteran community. I feel the best way to do this is to remove the red tape and provide a forum where local veterans can speak directly to the State House Committee on Veteran's Affairs about issues affecting veterans.

On April 5, 2007 Commander Rich Raymond and Representative Bob Godfrey joined me in hosting the well-attended First Annual Danbury Veterans' Forum at the Danbury Catholic War Veteran's Hall. Local veterans came down and voiced their concerns and thoughts directly to Representative Frank Nicasastro, a passionate member of the House Committee on Veteran's Affairs and 25-year Army Veteran himself. Representative Nicasastro summarized pending state legislation affecting Connecticut veterans and responded directly to local veterans' questions and concerns. As a legislator and life-long Danbury resident, I felt that something good happened that night as Representative Nicasastro took this important feedback directly back to Hartford. I look forward to coordinating our second annual Veteran's forum in 2008.



**Rep. Taborsak (far left) at Veterans' Affairs, witnessing the Governor's signing of legislation co-sponsored by Taborsak expanding services for Connecticut Veterans.**

## Keeping You in the Loop

### **Proposed Transfer Station on Plumtrees Road:**

I have received some concerns from Fourth Ward residents regarding the application for a trash transfer station on 16 Plumtrees Road. The Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing on this matter on **December 5, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Common Council chambers of City Hall in Danbury. If you have concerns about this application, you should voice them at the hearing.

### **State Laws Keeping Us Informed:**

#### **Connecticut General Statute § 8-7d (Public Act 06-80):**

If local planning and zoning decisions concern you, sign up for mailed or e-mailed public notice of important changes to our City Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. You can get the necessary registration form via the internet at: [www.ci.danbury.ct.us/filestorage/41/205/RegistryForm.pdf](http://www.ci.danbury.ct.us/filestorage/41/205/RegistryForm.pdf) or, if you don't have computer access, I'll mail you a registration form. Just call me at the State Capitol at 860-240-8585 or at home at 203-744-7888.

#### **Public Act 07-218:**

On July 11, 2007 my first bill became law when Governor Jodi Rell signed it after it passed both the House of Representatives and the State Senate. P.A. 07-218 now provides all state residents with the right to notice and a public hearing when their town or city is going to vote on the sale of municipally-owned land. Our city, and any other city in the state, must now notice the public of any such sale in the local newspaper and place a conspicuous sign on the property notifying the public of the public hearing.

Prior to the passage of this law, there was no safeguard protecting us from ill-advised city land sales that might affect our neighborhoods. Decisions to sell off municipally-owned open space and park land are too important to exclude the public's input and involvement. I'm glad to say that this public act will go a long way to insuring that our voice is heard in these important land sales.

### **Protecting Our Neighborhood Charm:**

The Fourth Ward of Danbury is comprised of a mixture of residential, multi-family, commercial, and industrial use zones. This unique combination of commerce and residential areas makes planning and zoning decisions a tricky balancing act of trying to encourage commerce but at the same time not sacrificing our neighborhoods and quality of life.

## Fourth Ward Town Hall Meeting: November 29, 2007

Since these Planning and Zoning decisions are primarily a function of our local government, it is critical for you to have your voice heard by your local officials before decisions affecting your neighborhood are made. We want to hear from you. That's why I will be co-hosting a "Fourth Ward Town Hall Meeting" with Councilman Tom Saadi and Councilman John Esposito

on November 29, 2007. We encourage you to come down and share your thoughts, ideas and concerns regarding development, zoning issues, and the general quality of life in the Fourth Ward of Danbury. This open forum on **November 29th** will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Danbury Catholic War Veterans Hall on 2 Shalvoy's Lane.