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Representative Janowski With Residents of Florence Mills

*Dear Neighbor,*

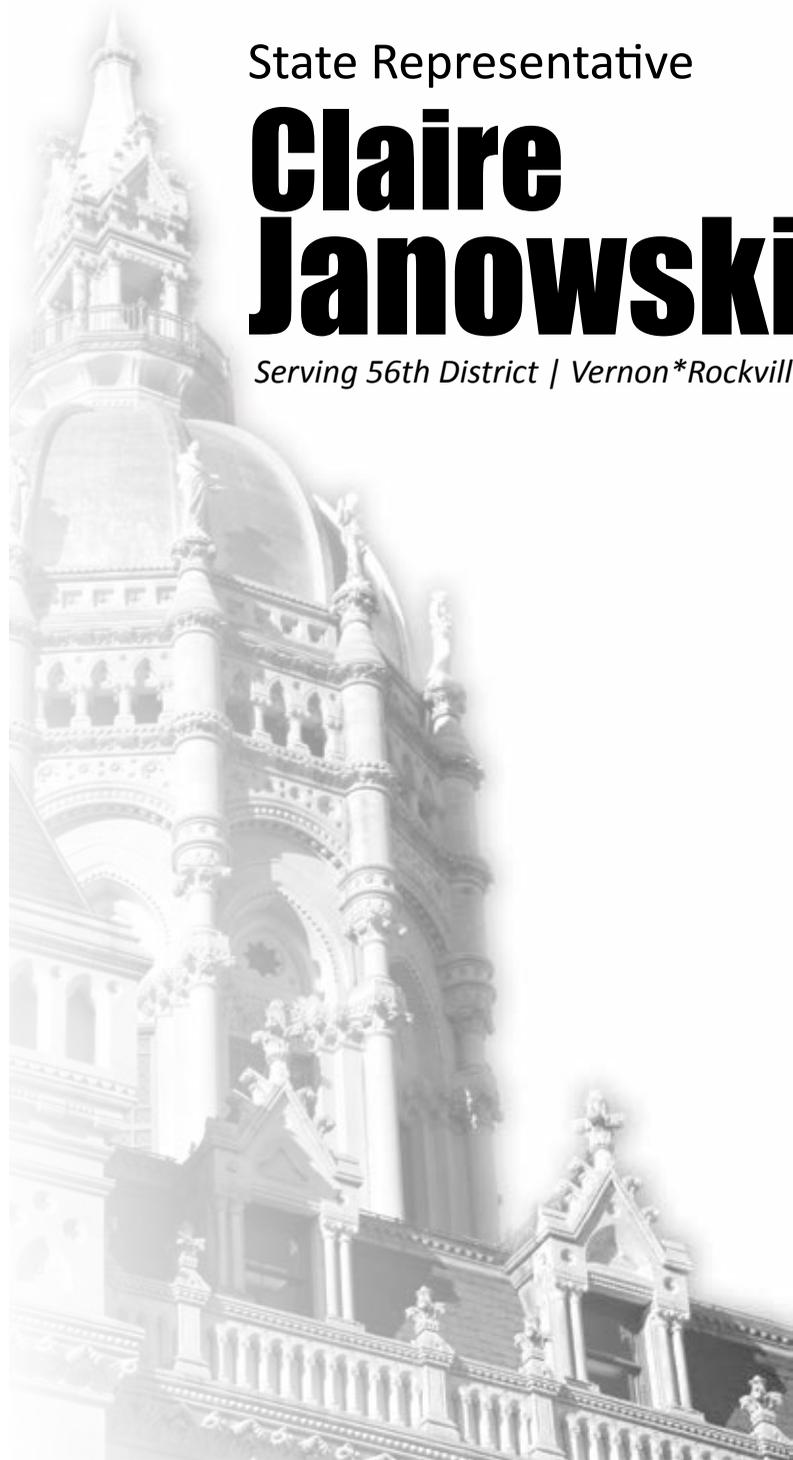
*Despite the promising outlook, revenues continue to lag below expectations and Connecticut is facing another deficit. This means difficult decisions will need to be made to ensure a sustainable, balanced budget is achieved going forward. No doubt, it will be a very challenging year for all. I am confident, however, that with all sides working together it is possible to achieve responsible solutions that will safeguard critical services, protect local public education funding and continue to promote new jobs.*

*I hope you find the information in this newsletter informative and helpful. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire".

*Claire Janowski  
Chair, Executive & Legislative Nominations*





Bazaar at the First Congregational Church

## Veterans Status on Licenses

Beginning January, 2013, the Department of Motor Vehicles will begin issuing driver's licenses and ID cards that will include the symbol of the American Flag to identify veteran status.

To access the application, go to Veterans' Affairs website: [www.ct.gov/ctva](http://www.ct.gov/ctva) and click the "CT Veterans' ID information box" (left side). Submit completed application and proof of honorable discharge, such as a DD-214, to the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs at least 30 days prior to your license expiration. The 30 day prior submittal will allow Veterans' Affairs sufficient time to verify your military status and electronically notify DMV of your request prior to your on-site visit to DMV to attain the driver's license or ID card being issued.

Mail completed application with copies of requested documents to: CT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, ATTN: VETERAN'S FLAG ON DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD, 287 WEST ST., ROCKY HILL, CT 06067.

## Maternity Care

The ECHN Maternity Care Center at Rockville General Hospital offers prenatal and postpartum care for women who are uninsured, underinsured or on a state medical insurance plan.

Care is provided by ECHN obstetricians and Registered Nurses and includes access to ultrasound, laboratory services and prenatal testing as well as assistance for enrolling in Husky plans, childbirth education classes, nutrition, breastfeeding counseling, childbirth and parenting classes.

For more information call 860.872.5170 or 860.872.5335, Monday, Wednesday or Friday, between 9 a.m and 4 p.m

## Budget Deficit Mitigation

Based on state projections, Fiscal Year ending June, 2013 is expected to end with a deficit of at least \$415 million requiring a deficit-mitigation action plan per state statute.

A poor performing market resulting in less revenue than expected was not enough to cover the greater demand on agency services. Many of these trends are continuing this fiscal year as expected Medicaid program savings initiatives have not yet been realized while caseload growth continues.

Unreimbursed costs from Hurricane Sandy and potential federal reductions associated with the Budget Control Act of 2011 also impact the budget. While I continue to be optimistic, national economic factors could further erode as we tackle the 2014 budget in the upcoming session.

## Distracted Driving Kills

Distracted Driving is any activity that diverts attention away from the primary task of driving. Did you know cell phone use was reported in 18% of distracted-related fatalities in the U.S. and that texting takes your eyes off the road for 4.6 seconds - at 55mph, that's like driving an entire football field blindfolded! But, all distractions are dangerous including:

- Texting-worst offender
- Using a cell or smartphone
- Computers and electronic devices
- Eating & drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading (including maps)
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD or MP3 player

Remember, distracted driving is AGAINST THE LAW subject to fines and penalties. In CT there is:

- A ban on texting for all drivers
- A ban on handheld cell phone use for all drivers
- A ban on handheld cell and hands-free use for novice drivers
- A ban on all cell phone use for bus drivers