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*From the Office of Representative John P. Fresolo*

*Summer is the time for vacation, family and backyard barbecues, but please take a moment for me to update you on important issues concerning our district.*

*I am proud to list many significant recent accomplishments especially: enhancing public safety, funding education reform, increasing local aid and promoting economic development. These are all issues I campaigned on six years ago. They were matters important to me then, and they are even more significant now.*

*This fall I once again respectfully ask for your support in the September 14th Primary. I am eager to continue to serve the needs of my constituents and to build upon our many successes.*

*I truly believe I am a mirror image of this district. I was born here and grew up here. I know every business, neighborhood and intersection. I am happy to call this district my home.*

*Please know my door is always open and office hours are always available.*

*Again, I ask for your support. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Enjoy the summer.*

Thank you,

*John*

***How to Reach Representative Fresolo***

John wants to hear your thoughts and ideas about how he can better serve you. Please feel free to contact him at either of his two offices.

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***Fresolo Secures an Additional \$95,000 in Community Policing for the District***

Six years ago Rep. John Fresolo ran on a platform of enhancing public safety. Once again he has delivered on that pledge by securing a \$95,000 Community Policing Grant for his district.

Local neighborhoods earmarked for funds include Union Hill, Grafton Hill, Vernon Hill, Quinsigamond Village and Green Island.

“Some community needs change over time, but police protection remains paramount. Having the peace of mind to walk safely around the block and visit friends is what a neighborhood is all about,” Rep. Fresolo said.

This is the sixth consecutive year that Fresolo has obtained funds for the Community Policing Grants. To date, the grants total \$695,000. This continued funding will continue to help curb illegal drug use, violent crime and gang formation.

“We all know that Rep. John Fresolo works hard to obtain these policing grants,” said Worcester Police Chief Gerald Vizzo. “These grants are an extremely important resource for the police department. They help us do our jobs and better serve the community.”

“I’m glad to know these grants are put to such good use,” Rep. Fresolo said. “It’s a simple fact of life – the police need resources to do their job.”



**Lt. William Fogarty and Rep. John Fresolo speaking with residents from the Lower Grafton Hill neighborhood.**

# Rep. Fresolo Announces Rt. 146/Hurley, Brosnihan Square Progress

Construction of the Hurley Square Project is moving ahead right on schedule helping to bring completion of Rt. 146 a major step forward, Rep. John Fresolo recently announced. The \$36.6 million Hurley Square undertaking is part of the \$300 million Rt. 146 Massachusetts Turnpike project, the third largest highway construction in the state.

“It took a lot of work on all fronts, but I’m happy to say Hurley Square is making progress” said Rep. Fresolo, a member of the State’s Transportation Committee. “I visit the site frequently. It’s exciting to see the work underway.”

In addition to working with the Massachusetts Highway Department and other state agencies, Fresolo has held several meetings and forums to inform local residents, civic leaders and business owners of the Rt. 146 project’s progress.

Rep. Fresolo also noted that construction of the \$60 million Brosnihan Square project is expected to begin as early as this fall.

The Brosnihan Square project is a 1.8 mile “Gateway” to downtown. It will tie the new Route 146 into Route 290 with a reconstructed interchange. The \$60 million includes land acquisition, utility work, police details and other incidental expenses.

“A state-of-the-art highway system is critical to keeping our district and indeed the entire city vibrant,” said Fresolo. “Excellent transportation networks are part of our progress and prosperity.”



**Rep. John Fresolo explains Blackstone River/Hurley Square portion of Rt. 146 to Speaker of the House Thomas Finneran**

## *Pedestrians Stepping Out in Safety Thanks to Rep. Fresolo*

*Walking about parts of Grafton Hill will become safer and easier due to funding secured by Rep. John Fresolo.*

*The project calls for sidewalks to be installed on Massasoit Road from Benson Street to Our Lady of Loreto Church. The area is heavily trafficked with pedestrians walking to nearby supermarkets, churches and by the many people who attend the annual Italian Festival.*

*The other project calls for the construction of sidewalks on Sunderland Road behind the Roosevelt Elementary School. This is a critical thoroughfare, as it serves pedestrians as well as children traveling to and from school.*

*“I’m happy to secure these funds,” Rep. Fresolo said. “These areas need sidewalks. They are important for safety reasons, especially for our children traveling to and from school.”*

## *Education Funding Wins Rep. Fresolo Good Grades*

Rep. John Fresolo understands the Three “R’s” of education: ‘Reading, ‘Riting and ‘Resources. To that end, Rep. Fresolo is pleased to announce the securing increase in state funding for public schools.

The new budget of \$175,262,845 will benefit much needed programs from kindergarten through higher education.

As a father of two children in the Worcester public schools, Rep. Fresolo knows first hand the need to support public education. Throughout his six years in the House of Representatives, Fresolo has advocated and supported millions of dollars in annual increases to his district and has been attuned to the needs of students, teachers and administrators.

The representative routinely visits schools in the 16th Worcester District and talks to the students about how local and state governments work. The visits make for lively question and answer periods where children learn a lot about their representatives and the legislative process.



**Rep. John Fresolo addresses students at Roosevelt School during one of his routine visits to district schools.**

Recently Rep. Fresolo visited the Rice Square School, Roosevelt School, Union Hill School, Vernon Hill School and Quinsigamond School.

The representative surprised children at all of the schools by inviting them on a tour of the State House complete with a pizza party.

## *Rep. Fresolo Urges Seniors to Sign Rx Advantage on Sept. 1st*

Rep. John Fresolo is urging senior citizens to be aware that sign up for the Senior Prescription Advantage Program is from Sept. 1 – 30th, 2004. Seniors need to sign up during that time period to be eligible for benefits that begin Nov. 1, 2004.

“This is a vital program for seniors; it means resources for prescriptions that help them live happier, healthier lives,” Rep. Fresolo said. “These folks with limited incomes don’t need to worrying about how they are going to pay for their medicine.”

Rep. Fresolo successfully fought for a \$14 million increase in the prescription plan, also known as the Senior Pharmacy Program.

“We’re proud to have Representative Fresolo supporting the Senior Prescription Advantage Program. He clearly understands that this is a lifeline for many seniors. It is a critically important program,” said Jack Boesen, executive director at the Massachusetts Senior Action Council.

Seniors desiring information on the Prescription Advantage Program can contact Rep. Fresolo’s office or the Worcester Senior Center which has Advantage Program experts available.

The program essentially provides prescription benefits to seniors based on income. Among those eligible are individuals turning 65, seniors who are new to Massachusetts and those who have lost Massachusetts Health Coverage, among others.

Rep. Fresolo’s efforts to help secure funding for the program come at a time of severe budget cutbacks and skyrocketing prescription drug costs. Senior health care advocates estimate prescription drug costs are increasing at a rate of 14% a year.

“Senior citizens have always been a top priority for me,” Rep. Fresolo said. “This is an important program. I want to make sure all those eligible mark their calendars for the sign up times. It’s not something you want to miss.”



**Rep. John Fresolo makes point about Prescription Advantage during a recent stop at the Worcester Senior Center.**

## *Rep. Fresolo Announces Increase in State Local Aid*

A much needed increase in state local aid will help improve Worcester services and agencies and hold down taxes, Rep. John Fresolo recently reported.



**Rep. John Fresolo takes the floor to push for local aid for the City of Worcester.**

“Fifty-three percent of every dollar in Worcester comes from local aid,” Rep. Fresolo announced. “This helps contain local property taxes and brings a much needed boost to our city.”

The hard fought boost increases local aid to \$219,421,779, which will go to a multitude of services including public libraries, urban renewal projects and senior citizens and veteran services.

“Many Worcester public services and agencies face tremendous financial challenges today,” Rep. Fresolo said. “This increase will provide the resources to help out. This is what this increase is all about.”

Fresolo has a long history of support and commitment to increasing local aid. For the past six he has fought for and advocated annual increases to the City of Worcester



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## *Seniors Praise Fresolo on Ascension Church Housing Grant*

Seniors are praising Rep. John Fresolo for his efforts in securing a \$4.2 million grant allowing for the construction of 35 units of affordable housing for low income senior citizens.

The three-story, state-of-the-art complex will feature floor to ceiling windows for maximum light exposure, various amenities and a courtyard. It will be called The Village at Ascension Heights.

“There is much talk about helping senior citizens, but John Fresolo is someone who takes action,” said Deb Lockwood, executive director of the Canal District Community Development Corporation. “So many seniors are thankful for his work. John has been at every meeting from the start of this project. This undertaking wouldn’t be where it’s at now if it weren’t for Rep. Fresolo.”

It is hoped that groundbreaking for the complex will occur as early as this winter.

“Senior citizens have always been a priority of mine,” Rep. Fresolo said. “These people are our parents and grandparents. They’ve given all their lives. They deserve a nice place to live in peace and dignity.”

The Village at Ascension Heights will be built on land obtained through a special lease through the Catholic Archdiocese. In addition to the \$4.2 million grant, another \$753,000 is allocated for rent subsidies.



**(L to R) Bishop George Reuger, Fr. Joseph Adamo, Rep. John Fresolo with architect’s rendition of The Village at Ascension Heights.**