

PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

MTA PAYROLL TAX ON HOLD IN FACE OF ALBANY DISCORD

Thanks in part to efforts of state representatives, regional chambers and Pattern, the payroll tax has been put on hold as lawmakers failed to reach consensus on how to aid the MTA. Click [here](#) for Pattern's Analysis and a transcript of Jonathan Drapkin's testimony at the Manhattan hearing. *Even today it is not too late to make your voice heard in opposition.*

Click [here](#) to tell us if you agree with the region's opposition to the Payroll Tax.

THIRD ANNUAL "HOUSING THE HUDSON VALLEY" CONFERENCE IN PLANNING FOR JUNE

Focusing on "the next generation" of issues in housing, Pattern is developing an exciting agenda for the spring conference with our [Regional Housing Committee](#). See sponsorship opportunities [here](#).

ORANGE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS TO HONOR PATTERN AT GALA APRIL 16

Pattern has been selected to receive Orange County Association of Realtors' Excellence in Innovation Award for 2009, which recognizes "exceptional initiative in processes, products, technology and service delivery related to the real estate industry". Kathy Milich of Milmore, Doehla and Milich Realty said "Pattern for Progress epitomizes the forward thinking spirit of the Hudson Valley." The Spring Gala takes place April 16 at the Central Valley Inn; register at [OCAR's website](#).

NEW PATTERN COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT REGIONAL PRIORITIES IN HEALTH CARE

The new healthcare committee headed by Pattern board member Dr. Daniel Aronzon, president of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, met March 16 to create priorities for this developing effort. The group agreed the goal of the Pattern committee should be to increase awareness of Hudson Valley patients for the range of health care resources available to them in the immediate region. *Watch for more news on these efforts...*

NEWBURGH AREA TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE STUDY UNDERWAY

Pattern's Charlie Murphy is part of an impressive team working on this multi-modal study initiated by County Executive Edward Diana and the Orange County Planning Department. Targeted over the course of 24 months will be transportation systems, regional connectivity and land use in northeastern Orange. A website is under development to keep the public advised of progress.

PATTERN ON THE ROAD ...

- ... met with the Beacon Economic Development Task Force on March 18 to discuss efforts to address economic development within the City.
- ... attended the Hudson Valley Regional Coalition meeting March 20 to discuss the MTA payroll tax and the future of Empire Zones.
- ... Jonathan Drapkin is serving on Orange County Executive Diana's economic development task force, which met several times in March to determine how best to expand and retain business in Orange County.
- ... Pattern and Gerald Benjamin of SUNY New Paltz' CRREO were invited to discuss on regional jails issues in Albany March 17 with senior staff of the New York State Comptroller's Office.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Patrick Doulin, formerly of HSBC Bank USA in Greenwich, CT, has joined Provident Bank as Vice President, Regional Commercial Banking Team Leader ... **Steven Poskanzer**, president of SUNY New Paltz, has announced the 2009 School of Business awards which will be given out at their May 7 event; **Marjorie Rovereto**, president of Ulster Savings Bank, is the winner of the Businessperson of the Year award ... *Congratulations!*