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Broome County Clerk Mihalko Announces DMV "Drop Boxes" for Increased Access

Broome County Clerk Joseph Mihalko announced that the Broome County DMV is instituting "drop boxes" at various locations around the county as a way of increasing access for processing DMV renewals locally.

"Our residents pay some of the highest property taxes and fees in the nation," said Broome County Clerk Joe Mihalko. "Too often they see their hard earned money go to Albany and never return. When DMV transactions are processed at our local DMVs, we keep 12.7% of the fees locally to fund projects in Broome County. I will do everything I can as County Clerk to encourage people to use our local DMVs and keep those fees in the local economy. We have Saturday hours at the Endicott DMV. We have weekly satellite offices in Conklin, Harpursville, Whitney Point and Windsor. Now we are also adding a set of "drop boxes" at three locations around Broome County."

The three "drop boxes" are located inside the following Senior Centers: Broome West Senior Center at 2801 Wayne Street in Endwell, Eastern Broome Senior Center at 27 Golden Lane in Harpursville and Northern Broome Senior Center at 12 Strongs Place in Whitney Point. County residents are encouraged to drop off their license renewals and vehicle registrations renewals at any of the three DMV "drop boxes."

"Currently, only 40% of transactions are handled in our local DMV offices, while approximately 60% are processed in Albany. If everyone used the local DMV instead of sending their paperwork through the mail or on line, we would see an extra \$500,000 in revenue for Broome County," said Broome County Clerk Joe Mihalko. "Think of the miles of local streets that could be milled and paved; or the local property taxes that could be offset during the annual budget cycle. I encourage Broome County residents to do everything they can to keep their hard-earned money in their own pockets and in our community."

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