



# ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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## **Governor Paterson Will Convene Emergency Task Force Of State & Local Officials On Home Heating Issues**

Ulster County Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson announced today that County Administrator Mike Hein has been asked by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) to represent NYSAC on an emergency task force on home heating issues, established by Governor Paterson.

“In an effort to prepare for record heating costs for this coming winter, Governor Paterson will be convening an emergency task force of state and local officials. This task force will address the impact of the rising costs of home heating oil on our most vulnerable and needy people,” said Stephen J. Acquario, Executive Director of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC). “Michael Hein, the Ulster County Administrator, will represent NYSAC on this task force. County officials want to be prepared the help our seniors and the increasing number of residents who will need this service this winter, and County Administrator Hein will ensure that County concerns are addressed as part of this important state policy meeting.”

Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature David B. Donaldson and County Administrator Mike Hein met with Federal, State and local representatives, local fuel oil companies, Central

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Hudson, multiple not-for-profit agencies, regional faith base organizations, and numerous County Departments at the “Ulster County Home Heating Summit” on July 25th in the Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York. With skyrocketing home heating fuel costs, Ulster County residents are being hard hit financially and also face potentially serious health and safety risks. The summit was designed to initiate a coordinated community response to this pressing national issue. The upcoming heating season will present unprecedented challenges throughout the Northeast, and the summit is designed to proactively address these extremely serious issues.