

## **ULSTER COUNTY NEWS**

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## **Ulster County Home Heating Summit**

In conjunction with the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature David B. Donaldson, County Administrator Mike Hein will convene a "Home Heating Summit" on July 25th at 10:00 A.M. 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. This summit is 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.

Invitees include Federal, State and local representatives, local fuel oil companies, Central Hudson, multiple not-for-profit agencies, regional faith base organizations, and numerous County departments.

"In New Orleans they knew about Katrina 5 days in advance. In the Northeast, we know 3 months in advance we're going to face a serious potential crisis. You shouldn't have to choose between heating and eating." - Mike Hein, Ulster County Administrator

"Ulster County Government is at the forefront of local governments bringing creative answers to complex problems." - **David B. Donaldson, Chairman, Ulster County Legislature** 

"Given the sharp increases of the cost of gasoline, heating fuels and food, there is a real concern as to how our most at risk populations will survive the winter." - Michael Berg, Executive Director, Family of Woodstock

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