



Dear Constituent,

Below please find information about this month's events and initiatives from my office, along with other time-sensitive information and a list of new laws going into effect in December 2025.

Sincerely,
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg

Fighting For Lower Utility Costs



Opposing Con Ed rate hikes at a press conference this week

In case you missed it: my colleagues and I are continuing to fight for lower utility costs, in the ongoing Con Edison rate cases and through legislation. [Click here to view updates at my web page on the topic.](#)

Home Energy Assistance Program Applications Available Now



The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps eligible New Yorkers cover their energy bills. For more information or to apply for HEAP, visit otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/#regular-benefit.

New York Health Act Town Hall Tuesday, 12/9

HEALTHCARE TOWN HALL

Hosted By
Assemblymember
Dana Levenberg



**THINK THE HEALTHCARE
CUTS WON'T AFFECT YOU?
THINK AGAIN**

Federal healthcare cuts are already hitting New Yorkers hard — and it's about to get a lot worse. Skyrocketing premiums, higher out-of-pocket costs, reduced care, hospital closures. But we have the power to fight back.

Join AM Levenberg and a panel of healthcare experts for an urgent discussion on how the **New York Health Act** can protect families, lower costs, save the state billions, and guarantee comprehensive healthcare for every New Yorker—no premiums, no copays, no deductibles, no exceptions.

Desmond-Fish Public Library, Garrison, NY

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Register: <https://desmondfishlibrary.org/event/healthcare-townhall>



Special Guests

Dick Gottfried
Former Assembly Health Chair,
Author of the NY Health Act
Carrie Tracy
Community Service Society of NY

Dr. Reena Agarwal
Physician
Dr. Sinam Ward
Psychologist
Dr. David Watson
Pediatrician



**IT'S TIME FOR
NEW YORK
TO FIGHT BACK**
RAISE LIVES. SAVE MONEY. COVER EVERYONE.
PASS THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT.

— HUDSON VALLEY DEMANDS —
**NEW YORK
HEALTH**

Federal legislation is cutting giant holes in our healthcare system. Here in New York, we have an opportunity to replace a patchwork system with a comprehensive, universal one.

On **Tuesday, December 9** from **6-8 PM**, I will be co-hosting a hybrid in-person and virtual town hall about the New York Health Act at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison. I will be joined by a panel of healthcare experts as well as the author of the New York Health Act, former Assembly Health Chair Dick Gottfried. RSVP at <https://desmondfishlibrary.org/event/healthcare-townhall> and choose the online registration option if you would like to attend virtually.

December Food Drive



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DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE



Donation Suggestions:

- Cold Cereal (low sugar) or Oatmeal
- Oil (Olive or Vegetable)
- Peanut Butter / Jelly
- Pasta / Pasta Sauce
- Instant Coffee / Tea
- Shelf Stable or Dry/Evaporated Milk
- Tuna

Drop off times:

- By appointment during normal business hours
- **Friday, December 12 from 3-5 PM** at my district office (8 Revolutionary Road, Ossining, NY 10562)

(914) 941-1111 | levenbergd@nyassembly.gov

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our November food drive! The need for food pantries is expected to continue increasing due to rising prices, a slowing economy, and changes to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility. My office will continue collecting food to help support our local pantries, in addition to encouraging monetary donations to pantries and our local food banks ([Feeding Westchester](#) and [Regional Food Bank](#)).

In December, we are collecting for the [Ossining Food Pantry](#). Please feel free to bring any unopened shelf-stable, non-expired food to my office at 8 Revolutionary Road in Ossining between the hours of 9-5 Monday through Friday; give us a call at (914) 941-1111 to confirm before you stop by. We will also be holding a drive-through drop off at our office on **Friday, December 12 from 3-5 PM**; please feel free to stop by then!

Each pantry has suggested donations of things that are most useful to them/their community; see the flyer above for more details.



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ONGOING PET FOOD DRIVE

Donation Suggestions:

- All shelf-stable cat and dog food welcome
- Canned food preferred

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Supporting our neighbors in need also means supporting their pets, when possible. Everyone needs companionship, particularly during times of acute stress. It is especially unfortunate when a stressful event like a job loss leads to the surrender of a loyal furry family member. Several of our local food pantries also distribute pet food to help keep people and pets together, so my office has also begun collecting shelf-stable pet food and other supplies on an ongoing basis as part of our food drive activities. Call (914) 941-1111 to arrange a drop-off during our normal business hours (9 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday, excluding holidays) or feel free to bring pet food to our scheduled drop-off events each month.

Social Housing Info Session Thursday, 12/18

Join Us for An Information Session About

SOCIAL HOUSING

Thursday, Dec. 18 - 6 - 8 p.m.

**White Plains Public Library Auditorium
100 Martine Ave., White Plains**

What is social housing? A legislative proposal to create a state authority to encourage affordable rental and home ownership opportunities in New York State.

RSVP Requested:

<https://tinyurl.com/SocialHousing2025>

Light meal will be served.

Hosted by

State Senators Shelley Mayer, Nathalia Fernandez & Jamaal Bailey &
Assembly Members Emily Gallagher, Steve Otis, Chris Burdick & Dana Levenberg



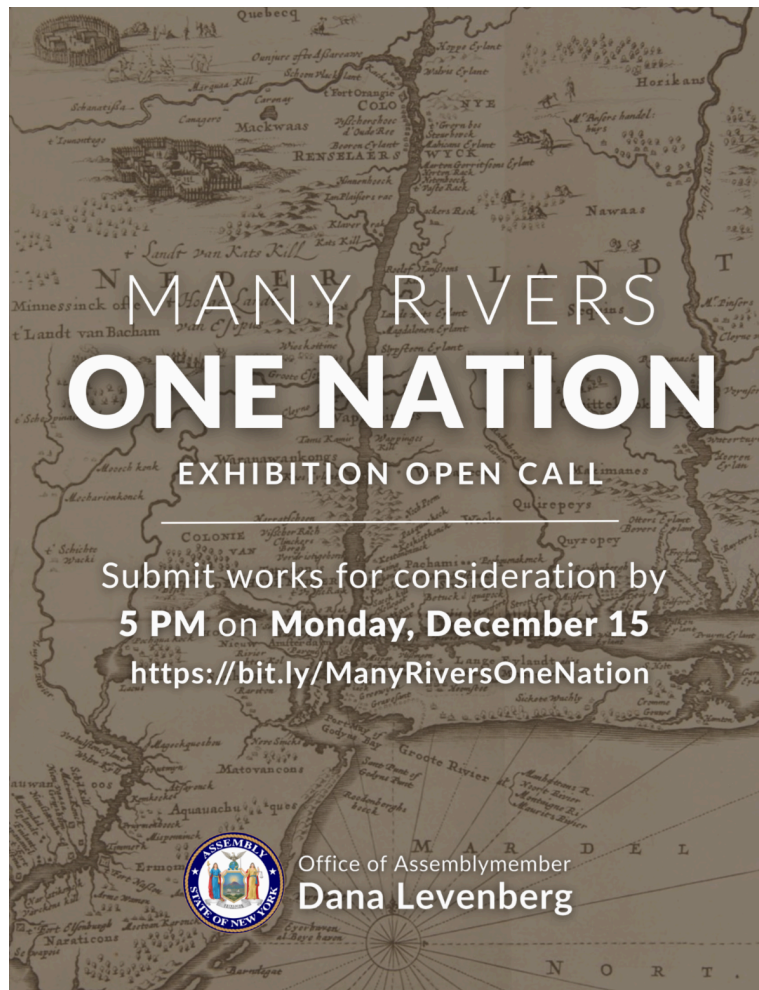
On **Thursday, December 18 from 6-8 PM**, I will be co-hosting an informational workshop about bill number [S5674/A6265](#) with several of my colleagues from the Legislature. This bill would establish New York State's first Social Housing Development Authority to create and maintain permanently affordable, eco-friendly homes where people can create stability for themselves, their families, and their communities. The event will take place at the White Plains Public Library (100 Martine Ave., White Plains, NY 10601) and a light meal will be served. All are welcome; RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/SocialHousing25>.

New Podcast Episode



In this month's episode of [Building Healthy Communities](#), I speak with Marti Wolfson, Chef and Culinary Nutrition Program Manager of the Teaching Kitchen at NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital. Located on the hospital's Cortlandt Manor campus, the Teaching Kitchen offers a variety of creative programs and cooking classes to the community, focusing on managing health through diet and lifestyle changes. The Teaching Kitchen can be a great resource this season as we all try to stay healthy through all the holiday events we attend. You can learn more about the Teaching Kitchen and how to get involved at <https://www.nyp.org/hudsonvalley/teaching-kitchen>. [Click here to watch the episode.](#)

Many Rivers, One Nation: Call for Submissions

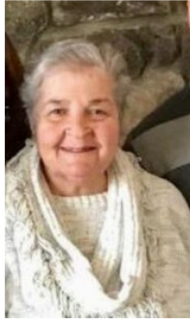


Working with local historian and art curator Joyce Sharrock-Cole, my office is seeking submissions for our fourth art exhibition. *Many Rivers, One Nation* is the first of two exhibitions planned for 2026, during which we will celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary. The United States is built on journeys: forced and chosen, ancient and modern. This exhibition will explore migration, displacement, and the crossings that shaped America, with pieces highlighting the rivers, roads, and pathways that have carried people into our nation's shared story. Interested artists can learn more and submit work for consideration now through **Monday, December 14** at <https://bit.ly/ManyRiversOneNation>.

Old Traditions, New Beginnings - Call for Submissions

Old Traditions, New Beginnings: Share a Thought, Make a Friend

Donna Landi — October 28, 2025



"I can rhyme a grocery list, but I can't make a meal," says 20-year **Cortlandt Manor** resident, **Barbara Schore**, with a laugh. The widowed mother and grandmother has had a life-long love for rhyming words. The former Hudson Valley Hospital Center employee says, "I always dreamed of being a lyricist and singer, but the funny thing is I can't read music or carry a tune." Despite these limitations, Barbara told *River Journal* that she wrote the lyrics to *Another One Night Stand* and *I'm So Scared*, two songs featured on singer Marty Bear's album, *Road to Home*, released in 1981.

An enthusiastic person with a wonderful sense of humor, Barbara derives inspiration for her poetry from day-to-day experiences. She has written poems that reflect on every stage of life from her observations as a young theater makeup artist to coming back to life after the passing of her husband. Like most writers, she occasionally experiences writer's

The "Old Traditions, New Beginnings" project aims to give seniors the opportunity to connect with others by sharing their stories, memories, recipes, or whatever legacy they would like to impart to the generations that follow. Contributions to this project are now regularly featured in the *River Journal* and *River Journal North*; [click here to read the latest installment](#). If you are interested in contributing your own writing (250-1000 words) or volunteering to help others share their contributions, please email district95@nyassembly.gov.

New Laws for December 2025



New state laws go into effect every month. Here is a list of laws going into effect in December 2025:

12/15/2025: Ch. 683 of 2022, [S6870-B/A6246-C](#); Ch. 131 of 2023, [A3777/S2123](#)
Provides for the regulation of animal shelters, including licensing, inspections, standards of care and personnel training.

12/15/2025: Ch. 437 of 2025, [A1417-B/ S7882](#)

Makes it illegal for landlords or property managers to collude with each other to fix rental prices, including through the use of software or algorithms.

12/15/2025: Ch. 449 of 2025, [A4159-A/S1806-A](#)

Authorizes certified peer support advocates who were previously incarcerated to enter correctional facilities to provide substance use disorder treatment and transition services.

12/17/2025: Ch. 599 of 2024, [A1588-A/S3112-A](#)

Ensures that public buildings are equipped with medications that can reverse opioid overdoses (e.g. Narcan) and directs state officials to decide how many are needed, how staff should be trained, and other safety guidelines.

12/21/2025: Ch. 639 of 2024, [A1244-D/S612-D](#); Ch. 105 of 2025, [A1015/S799](#)

Prohibits employees of any state or local board of elections from maintaining a financial interest in any vendor company providing services to a candidate under their jurisdiction or by any vendor or company that sells voting machines, electronic poll books, printers, or any other technical or electronic equipment. Requires any BOE employee running for office in an election overseen by that board to be placed on a leave without pay until their candidacy is over, unless they receive authorization from a majority of that board's commissioners.

12/21/2025: Ch. 663 of 2024, [S8679-A/A8846-A](#); Ch. 38 of 2025, [A1018/S2678](#)

Requires courts and public institutions to maintain records regarding children with a developmental disability.

12/21/2025: Ch. 623 of 2024, [A8162-A/S9259](#); Ch. 65 of 2025, [A2058/S790](#)

Creates a veteran maternity care program to help providers better support pregnant and postpartum veterans, including care for their reproductive and mental health needs.

12/21/2025: Ch. 509 of 2025, [A1944/S3765](#)

Creates a procedure by which adoptees over the age of 18, born in a foreign country, may be issued a US birth certificate.

12/21/2025: Ch. 536 of 2025, [A8407/S8198](#)

Requires courts to review the sex offender registry and the statewide registry of orders of protection before awarding custody during an order of protection.

12/22/2025: Ch. 733 of 2023, [A219-A/S942-A](#); Ch. 104 of 2024, [A8511/S8072](#); Ch. 512 of 2025, [A2643-A/S5275-A](#)

Adds athletic trainers to the list of mandated reporters and clarifies that athletic trainers can evaluate emergent neurological conditions and treat certain injuries after clearance from a physician. Also permits athletic trainers who are licensed to practice in another state, territory or country to provide services to athletes and team personnel at a discrete sanctioned team sporting event or performance in New York.

12/31/2025: Ch. 695 of 2023, [A2105-A/S214-A](#); Chap. 84 of 2024, [A8566/S8071](#)

Expands eligibility and clarifies procedures for individuals who file a claim for victim compensation funds by removing the law enforcement reporting requirement and allowing alternative forms of evidence to be used.

12/31/2025: Ch. 292 of 2024, [A9888-C/S7731-A](#)

Requires release mechanism standards for swimming pool enclosure gates to be developed by the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council based on internationally recognized standards.

12/31/2025: Ch. 21 of 2025, [A519/S749](#)

Requires smoke detectors to be installed in shared areas of residential buildings with three or more units and stipulates that the alarms must be audible in those common spaces.

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