



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 April 2026.

Chag Pesach Sameach, and Happy Easter!



Wishing a very happy Passover and a happy Easter to all who are celebrating! My offices are closed today, April 3, in observance of Good Friday, and will reopen at 9 AM on Monday, April 6.

Sincerely,  
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg

**April Mobile Office Hours**



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## U P C O M I N G **MOBILE OFFICE HOURS**

Get help navigating state agencies, information about state programs, other resources, and more!

- **Monday, April 6 | 1-4 PM**

John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St.  
Shrub Oak, NY 10588

- **Monday, April 20 | 1-4 PM**

Ossining Public Library, 53 Upper Croton Ave.,  
Ossining, NY 10562

For more information, email [levenbergd@nyassembly.gov](mailto:levenbergd@nyassembly.gov)  
or call (914) 941-1111.

My staff hosts mobile office hours to bring the services of our district office to all corners of AD95. Stop by for assistance with anything you might call or visit the district office for: assistance navigating state agencies, information about state programs, and more. Here are the dates, times and locations for April:

- **Monday, April 6, 1-4 PM:** John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E Main St, Shrub Oak, NY 10588
- **Monday, April 20, 1-4 PM:** Ossining Public Library, 53 Upper Croton Ave, Ossining, NY 10562

**Donate Life Month - Blood Drive Event Monday, April 13**




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# Recognizing Donate Life Month


**Monday, April 13**

Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps  
Day Room  
8 Clinton Ave., Ossining, NY 10562

- 🕒 1 PM: Flag Raising with Live On NY
- 🕒 1 PM - 7 PM: Blood Drive

Register to donate at  
<https://bit.ly/April13OVACDrive>

A single blood donation can save 3 lives!



Give blood, get Girl Scout cookies!\*

Special thanks to our event co-sponsors:



**LiveOnNY™** | Life. Pass it On.™  
 **New York Blood Center**



**girl scouts**  
heart of the hudson

\*while supplies last

April is Donate Life Month, dedicated to raising awareness about organ, tissue and blood donation. I'm teaming up with [LiveOnNY](#), the [New York Blood Center](#), [Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps \(OVAC\)](#) and [Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc.](#) for a donation day of action on **Monday, April 13** at OVAC (8 Clinton Ave., Ossining, NY 10562). We'll be holding a blood drive, sharing information about organ and tissue donation, and giving away Girl Scout cookies to donors! If you are eligible to donate blood, please register to do so at <https://bit.ly/April13OVACDrive>.

## New Podcast Episode - Celebrating Native Plant Month



The latest episode of my podcast series, [Building Healthy Communities](#), is available now; [click here to watch it](#). April is Native Plant Month, a time when we celebrate the plants that naturally occur in our region, and recognize their importance in supporting pollinators, improving soil health, and preserving

biodiversity. In this episode, I speak with Carol McPeck of the Philipstown Garden Club, who shares more about the value of native plants in our ecosystem and how her club is helping to promote native plants in our area - including the origins of the Native Plant Month resolution I have passed in the State Assembly each year since 2023. To learn more about native plants in our region and ways to promote their growth, [click here to visit the "Protecting and Promoting Native Plants" page of my website.](#)

## Tax Day is April 15 - Tax Reminders & Resources

**Leave extra time for mailing:** If you are mailing your taxes or anything else relying on a postmark date, please be aware of the following changes and leave extra time for mailing, to be on the safe side. Late last year, the United States Postal Service (USPS) implemented a change to postmarking procedures which means that postmarks, unless otherwise requested, will reflect the date a piece of mail is processed at a distribution center, not the date it is mailed. You can request a free manual postmark from a retail clerk at a physical post office location or purchase a [Certificate of Mailing](#) if you want to ensure that the mail you are sending is dated by a particular deadline, such as the tax deadline.



Another reminder about the newly enhanced Empire State Child Tax Credit, which I was proud to work with my colleagues to deliver as part of last year's budget negotiations. This year, the expanded credit is available to more families than ever and provides refunds of up to \$1,000 per child under age 4 and up to \$330 per child ages 4-16. For more details, visit [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/credits/empire\\_state\\_child\\_credit.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/credits/empire_state_child_credit.htm)



Need help preparing your taxes? The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** and **Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)** programs offer free basic tax return preparation for seniors and other qualifying taxpayers. For more information or to see if you are eligible for these services, visit [www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers).

## Empire State Service Corps Program - Applications due April 17

**Make a real difference in  
your community with the  
*Empire State Service Corps!***



**The priority deadline is April 17.**

Something to share with the SUNY students in your life: The Empire State Service Corps empowers SUNY students to serve their communities and drive meaningful change through paid public service opportunities. The April 17 priority deadline is approaching fast. Interested students can apply at [www.suny.edu/student-life/engagement/esscl](http://www.suny.edu/student-life/engagement/esscl).

## New Laws for April 2026



New state laws go into effect every month. Here is a list of laws going into effect in April 2026:

**4/1/2026:** Ch. 56 of 2024 PART LL, [A8806C/S8306C](#)

Enacts the Dr. John L. Flateau Voting and Elections Database of New York Act, which requires local boards of election to transmit election results and voter files to the New York State Board of Election's voting and elections database by January 1<sup>st</sup> after each election, or within 10 business days, whichever is later.

**4/1/2026:** Ch. 585 of 2024, [A7570/S8650](#); Ch. 32 of 2025, [A924/S772](#)

Provides for automatic enrollment in the Medicare Savings Program by allowing low-income subsidy data from the Social Security Administration transmitted to local departments of social services to be treated as an application for the Medicare savings program.

**4/1/2026:** Ch. 59 of 2025 Part D, §3, [A3009C/S3009C](#)

Increases the total amount of allocable tax credit for the New York State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program from \$187 million to \$217 million.

**4/1/2026:** Ch. 59 of 2025 Part WW, [A3009C/S3009C](#)

Clarifies how revenues from the sales and compensating use taxes for the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District are divided: 85% will be allocated to the dedicated mass transportation fund with 85% allocated to the New York City Transit Authority and its subsidiaries and 15% allocated to the Long Island Rail Road Company and Metro North commuter railroad company.

**4/1/2026:** Ch. 612 of 2025, [A6264/S5246](#)

Expands the definition of veteran to include members of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, making them eligible for veterans' benefits.

**4/18/2026:** Ch. 681 of 2025, [A1316/S3072](#); Ch. 71 of 2026, [A9475/S8789](#)

Prohibits the use of consumer credit history in hiring, employment and licensing determinations.

**4/18/2026:** Ch. 684 of 2025, [A5434/S3781](#); Ch. 26 of 2026, [A9482/S8791](#)

Requires local social services districts to provide luggage to youth in foster care and provides that eligible expenditures for luggage will be subject to state reimbursement under the foster care block grant.

**4/18/2026:** Ch. 704 of 2025, [A8728/S8071A](#); Ch. 79 of 2026, [A9502/S8809](#)

Enacts the Avoiding Vexatious Overuse of Impleading to Delay (AVOID) Act which sets time frames for commencing third party actions.

**4/20/2026:** Ch. 58 of 2024 Part K, §7, [A8808C/S8308C](#)

Makes it illegal to operate a stretch limousine if it is more than 10 years old or the mileage exceeds 350,000 miles.



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