



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 February 2026.

Summer Internship Application Now Open

My office has begun recruiting volunteer interns for this summer's intern program. If you know of any high school or college students who would be interested in an internship with my office, please share our application form with them; [click here to access it](#). The link can also be found on my Assembly web page and in my [linktree](#) on [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg

Expanded Energy Affordability Program

**NYS Utility
Savings are Open!**

Apply Now for EEAP!



Are you struggling with high energy costs? Do you earn too much to qualify for traditional EAP program?

Moderate income households in New York State may now qualify for monthly discounts on their utility bills through the **Expanded Energy Affordability Program (EEAP)**.

To learn more, visit: <https://nyeeap.com/program>
or call 877-400-2501

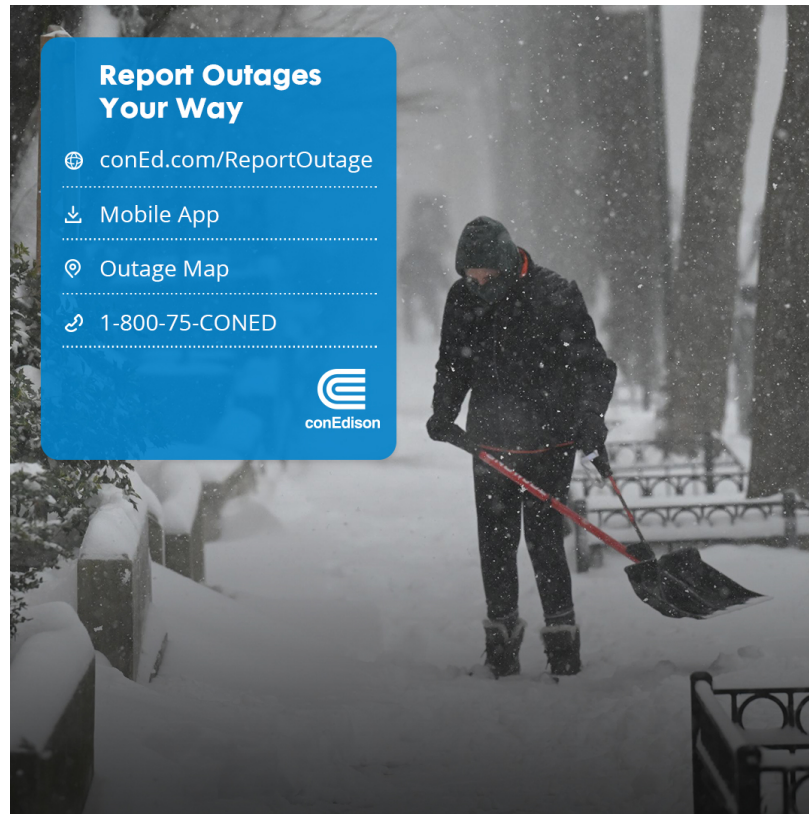


Phone: 877-669-2572 Email: info@utilityproject.org

The Expanded Energy Affordability Program (EEAP) is now open. EEAP will provide eligible moderate-income households with monthly discounts on their utility bills. To apply, customers will need to disclose how many people are in the household and

provide proof of income for the last month. Once approved, discounts should be automatically applied within two billing cycles and continue for 18 months. The income threshold for a family of 4 is \$162,000 in the Con Edison territory and \$133,610 in the Central Hudson territory. To learn more, visit <https://nyeeap.com/program> or call (877) 400-2501.

Winter Weather Safety Reminders



While our local weather chicken, **Cluxatawney Henrietta**, is predicting an early **spring**, human meteorologists are saying that the slightly warmer temperatures this week are just the thaw in a thaw-freeze cycle. Temperatures are expected to go back to the teens later on this week, and high winds will increase the risk of power outages and other issues. [Click here for winter weather tips and reminders](#) from New York State's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Con Edison customers can also report outages by calling **1-800-75-CONED**; Central Hudson customers can text **OUT** or **STAT** to **236483**.

Upcoming Mobile Office Hours



Office of Assemblymember
Dana Levenberg

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, February 23 | 1-4 PM**

Julia L. Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave.
Cold Spring, NY 10516

- **Monday, March 9 | 1-4 PM**

Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave.
Peekskill, NY 10566

- **Monday, March 23 | 1-4 PM**

Hendrick Hudson Free Library
185 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose, NY 10548

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

This month, my staff will resume hosting 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 February and March:

- **Monday, February 23, 1-4 PM:** Julia L. Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring, NY 10516
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Document Federal Actions and Make Yourself Heard



The number one issue I am receiving calls and emails about right now is Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), specifically outrage over ICE's current tactics and actions. I share this outrage; I am horrified by our federal government disregarding human rights and the civil rights guaranteed by our constitution, and [have spoken at length about this recently](#). I am also alarmed at the ways in which the Trump-Vance regime is using immigration enforcement to expand the federal government's surveillance and detention capacity, and recent attacks on American citizens exercising constitutional rights.

We need the **New York for All, Dignity Not Detention, Mandating End of Lawless Tactics, Access to Representation** and **BUILD Acts** in order to protect ourselves here in New York State. I am proud to co-sponsor these bills. If passed, they will ban local and state cooperation with federal immigration enforcement in the absence of signed judicial warrants, outlaw ICE detention facilities in New York, prohibit unnecessary mask-wearing by law enforcement and require agents to be identifiable, and protect due process for all New Yorkers by ensuring the right to an attorney in immigration proceedings. Governor Hochul's recent announcement of proposed legislation to ban 287(g) agreements is a good first step, as is proposed legislation to create a state-level cause of action against federal agents who violate our constitutional rights. However, we also need the much more comprehensive legislation mentioned above to protect ourselves. If you are keen to take action on this issue, please contact the Governor's office as well as State Senate and Assembly leadership to let them know you want the state to pass these bills ASAP. Contact information for each leader can be found at the following links:

Governor Kathy Hochul: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/andrea-stewart-cousins/contact>

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Carl-E-Heastie/contact/>

You should also be sure to let your federal representatives know that you want them to rein in ICE. Our federal legislators are the people with the most power to stop this agency from violating our rights. Contact information for our federal representatives can be found at the following links:

Congressman Mike Lawler: <https://lawler.house.gov/contact/>

Senator Chuck Schumer: <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact>

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand: <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/>

Here are some other steps you can take to keep our federal government accountable to We The People:

Federal Action Reporting Form: A reminder that our Attorney General's office has a portal to collect reports of civil rights violations and other unlawful actions by federal agents. If you have witnessed or experienced such behavior, visit <https://ag.ny.gov/federal-actions-form> to report it.

Documenting the impact of federal cuts: Governor Hochul is taking steps to document the impact that federal funding freezes and cuts are having on New Yorkers. [Click here to learn more and share your story](#), and to find state resources that may be of assistance to you.

Many Rivers, One Nation Opening Reception



**MANY RIVERS
ONE NATION
OPENING RECEPTION**

Friday, February 13 | 3-4:30 PM
8 Revolutionary Road
Ossining, NY 10562

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/ManyRiversOneNation>

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Please join me on Friday, February 13 for a special showing of my office's latest art exhibition, *Many Rivers, One Nation*. I am so grateful to our curator, Joyce Sharrock-Cole, for her work in pulling the show together. *Many Rivers, One Nation* is a thought-provoking exploration of 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. [Click here to RSVP for this showing](#).

New Podcast Episode



The latest episode of my podcast series, ***Building Healthy Communities***, is available now; [click here to watch it](#). In it, I speak with Kevin Carter and Emily Edmonds-Langham, who serve as Executive Director and Director of Education, respectively, of Teatown Lake Reservation, a not-for-profit nature preserve and environmental education center in Ossining, New York. Teatown is committed to instilling a love of the environment and conservation through a variety of education programs and events, including the annual EagleFest hosted at Croton Point Park - hope to see you there this Saturday! I am proud to have secured grant funding to support ADA renovations and the new education building at Teatown to help make their offerings even more accessible, and to host these two leaders on the show. You can learn more about Teatown and how to get involved at <https://www.teatown.org>.

Tax Season Reminders & Resources



With tax season officially underway, here is a 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



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.

FOR THE LOCAL GOOD

Old Traditions, New Beginnings: A Hug from Heaven

Donna Landi — January 29, 2026



Cora and Louis Silvestri

Scholar Article of the Month

February sings Valentines Day, hearts, and love. **Ossining** resident, **Cora Silvestri**, one of the **Old Traditions, New Beginnings** project collaborators, shares her love story and a song that feels like a hug.

Part of the Month

"My late husband, **Louis**, and I were married for 56 years," Cora tells *River Journal*. "We met at a college dance after he had returned from serving with the U.S. Army. We had three children together—one sadly passed away soon after birth—six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren." Having been with him most of her life, Louis's passing left a void in Cora's world, but she knew he wouldn't want her life without him to be about grief and sadness. She finds a reason to smile every day. Her welcoming personality and infectious optimism have touched many and that brings her the happiness she knows Louis wants for her. Although she has a full life and busy days with family, friends, and visits to the **Ossining Senior Center**, it still seems empty without Louis beside her. "We bowled, played tennis, went to the park, and hugged a lot. I miss that. I miss him."

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*. This month's feature is a beautiful song, "**Fold Me in Your Wings**," written by project co-founder Cora Silvestri; [click here to read more about Cora and the background of the song](#).

If you are interested in contributing your own work or volunteering to help others share their contributions, please email district95@nyassembly.gov.

New Laws for February 2026



New state laws go into effect every month. Of particular note this month is the new Fostering Affordability and Integrity through Reasonable (FAIR) Business Practices Act, which strengthens the Attorney General's power to protect New Yorkers from unfair, deceptive and abusive business practices. I was proud to co-sponsor this legislation. I was also proud to support other new laws listed below that will improve the state's support for survivors of gender-based violence, improve transparency in

political communication, strengthen orders of protection in cases of domestic violence, and more. Here is a list of laws going into effect in February 2026:

2/3/2026: Ch. 55 of 2025 Part H, [S3005C/A3005C](#)

Expands protections and services to survivors of sexual assault for itemized charges related to exams.

2/3/2026: Ch. 55 of 2025 Part I, [S3005C/A3005C](#)

Improves access to public assistance for survivors of gender-based violence.

2/3/2026: Ch. 595 of 2025, [S1030/A3415](#)

Requires public-facing websites operated by political committees to contain "paid for by" language and adds websites to the list of political communications that qualify as independent expenditures.

2/10/2026: Ch. 492 of 2025, [S7423/A3922](#)

Requires the commissioner of economic development, the commissioner of agriculture and markets and the State Liquor Authority to establish procedures for proposing to the governor nominations for annual awards for New York state liquor, beer, cider and mead retailers.

2/10/2026: Ch. 633 of 2025, [S3393A/A2278A](#)

Requires pharmacies that are closing to notify customers 30 days in advance and provide locations of other nearby pharmacies and instructions on how to transfer prescriptions.

2/13/2026: Ch. 459 of 2025, [S8388/A8419](#)

Authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and markets to investigate and inspect grocery stores or warehouses and gives them the power to grant, suspend or revoke licenses.

2/13/2026: Ch. 468 of 2025, [S4906A/A6055A](#)

Provides for certain victim statements to be taken at their workplace instead of the police department where such workplace was the scene of the crime and is a hospital, emergency medical facility, nursing home or residential health care facility.

2/17/2026: Ch. 673 of 2025, [S1261A/A3392A](#)

Allows for no fault separation where the relationship between the spouses has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months and requires that issues of support, custody and visitation have been resolved.

2/17/2026: Ch. 686 of 2025, [S3967B/A1029B](#)

Provides immunity from prosecution for certain individuals engaged in prostitution who are victims of or witnesses to a crime and report the crime or assist in the investigation or prosecution.

2/17/2026: Ch. 707 of 2025 Part F, [S8415/A8871](#)

Provides that if the Office of the Attorney General has a conflict representing state employees in civil litigation, the attorney general may designate a deputy attorney general or assistant attorney general to act in their place.

2/17/2026: Ch. 708 of 2025, [S8416/A8427A](#)

Enacts the Fostering Affordability and Integrity through Reasonable (FAIR) Business Practices Act, to protect New Yorkers from unfair, deceptive and abusive business practices by broadening the Attorney General's power to enforce consumer protection laws.

2/18/2026: Ch. 342 of 2025, [S652A/A7040B](#)

Authorizes private membership establishments to have licenses for sale of alcohol for consumption on premises.

2/19/2026: Ch. 544 of 2025 §§1-6, 8-9, [S3294A/A4759A](#)

Updates the law regarding the medical use of cannabis to allow a designated caregiver to be certified and given a QR code in place of a Registry Identification Card as a patient's certification for obtaining medical cannabis and extends the validity of certification to two years.

2/19/2026: Ch. 546 of 2025, [S3416D/A5892B](#)

Authorizes practitioners in hospitals to dispense controlled substances as emergency treatment for use off the premises for use in maintenance or detoxification treatment to an addict or habitual user.

2/19/2026: Ch. 572 of 2025, [S8382/A8572](#)

Allows the court to issue an order of protection against a person who is a member of a child's household.



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