



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 July 2026.

Happy Independence Day!



As we prepare to celebrate an extra special Fourth of July, I hope you're taking advantage of all of the local opportunities to celebrate our history and the Hudson Valley's special role in the American Revolution. Not sure where to start? [Click here to check out New York's America 250 website](#), with lots of information about 250th anniversary events, historic sites, and more.

Assembly offices will be closed beginning **Friday, July 3** in observance of the holiday; we will reopen at 9 AM on **Tuesday, July 7**. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

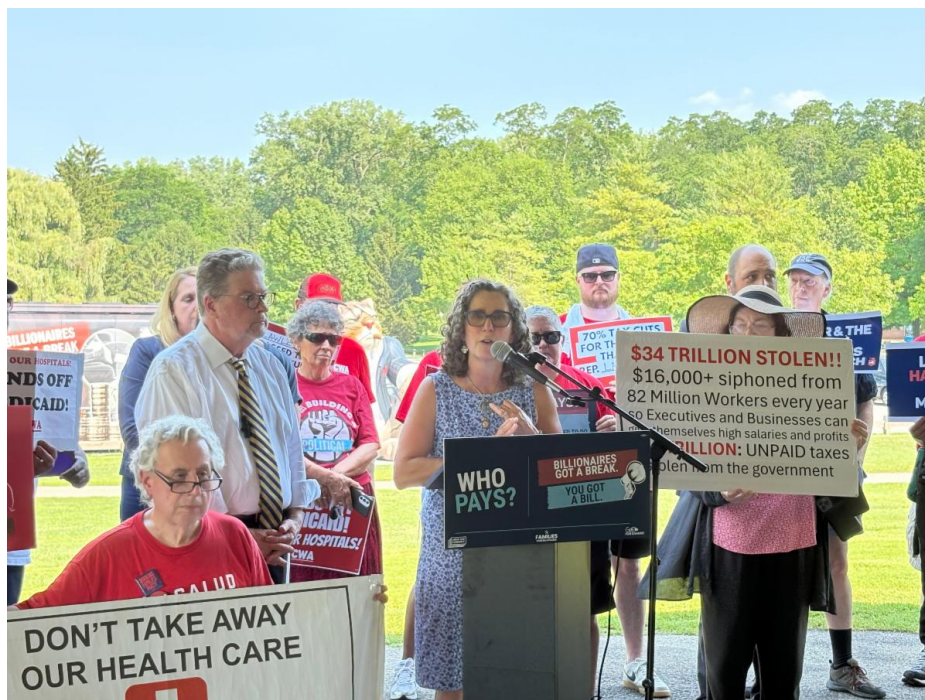
Sincerely,
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg

Stay Safe in Extreme Heat



We are in the midst of what could be the hottest days of the year, with ‘feels-like’ temperatures reaching 100°F statewide & some areas reaching 110°F. Please be safe! Stay hydrated, limit your time outdoors, check on your neighbors, and locate a cooling center if you need one. The New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services maintains a guide to staying safe in extreme heat; visit <http://dhSES.ny.gov/extreme-heat> to check it out.

Essential Plan Changes Now in Effect



I recently joined elected colleagues, representatives from local labor unions, and concerned community members to denounce the federal healthcare cuts going into effect now.

New York’s Essential Plan provides affordable health care coverage to low- and middle-income New Yorkers who do not qualify for employer-based health insurance or Medicaid. Unfortunately some 450,000 New Yorkers, including approximately 19,000 residents in Westchester and Putnam counties, will see this coverage lapse beginning July 1 because of federal healthcare cuts. Attorney General Letitia James’ office has released guidance to assist those losing Essential Plan coverage; [click here to read it.](#)

**New York State United: 2026 World Cup Final Watch Experience
July 19**



The New York State United 2026 World Cup Watch Experience is a free, statewide initiative featuring large-scale, family-friendly community viewing events connecting fans and community members to watch World Cup matches live on giant outdoor screens, along with other entertainment and activities. Free ticket registration is open now for our local watch experience, which will take place on **Sunday, July 19** at Kensico Dam Plaza and give thousands of New Yorkers the opportunity to experience the excitement of the FIFA World Cup Final together. [Click here to learn more and get your tickets!](#)

Annual Senior Forum - Wednesday, July 22

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**SUSTAINING OUR SENIORS:
WHOLE BODY WELLNESS**

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

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☐ I would like to receive email updates from the
Office of Assemblymember Dana Levenberg.

**SUSTAINING OUR SENIORS:
WHOLE BODY WELLNESS**

Wednesday, July 22 • 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

New Location

Town of Cortlandt Morabito Center for Seniors
29 Westbrook Drive, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

Save the date and join
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg,
New York Presbyterian-Hudson Valley
Hospital, and other community partners for
an informative and fun program including
a free breakfast and other giveaways.

RSVP by cutting and returning the RSVP
stub, calling our office at 914-941-1111 or
online at <https://bit.ly/SeniorForum2026>.

For more information regarding this free event or any other community issue,
please contact my office at 914-941-1111 or levenbergd@nyassembly.gov.

Please join me for my annual senior forum! This year's event, Sustaining Our Seniors: Whole Body Wellness, will take place at the Town of Cortlandt's Morabito Center for Seniors (29 Westbrook Drive, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567) on **Wednesday, July 22 from 9:30-11:30 AM**. Please note this is a new location! As always, the event will feature a fun and informative program including free breakfast and other giveaways. Call (914) 941-1111 or [click here to RSVP](#).

New Laws for July 2026



New state laws go into effect every month. Here is a list of new laws for July 2026:

7/1/2026: Ch. 82 of 2023, [A2206/S834](#)

Requires carpet producers to establish a carpet collection and recycling program that is free to consumers.

7/1/2026: Ch. 657 of 2024, [A6219B/S6584C](#); Ch. 93 of 2025, [A518/S811](#)

Requires state agencies, boards, and commissions to include specific categories for Middle Eastern and North African communities in demographic data.

7/1/2026: Ch. 419 of 2025, [A3515C/S1349C](#)

Requires school districts to provide information regarding water safety to parents and guardians of students and post the information on the school district's website.

7/1/2026: Ch. 422 of 2025, [A6486/S2590](#); Ch. 57 of 2026 Part G, §2-c,

[A10007C/S9007C](#)

Requires nonpublic schools to provide and maintain automatic external defibrillator (AED) equipment and requires operators of AEDs to complete a training course consistent with standards approved by the Department of Health.

7/1/2026: Ch. 505 of 2025, [A761C/S8220A](#)

Provides for in-state tuition rates at SUNY and CUNY for any Team USA athlete or international athlete training in New York State.

7/1/2026: Ch. 526 of 2025, [A7053A/S7580A](#)

Provides that a scholarship for academic excellence that is declined by a student prior to the end of their high school program will be granted to the next most qualified student.

7/1/2026: Ch. 547 of 2025, [A5302/S3735](#)

Authorizes the commissioner of education to declare a disaster has substantially impacted an annual meeting and election and to allow school boards to set an additional day for voting if less than 8 percent of registered voters cast ballots as a result of a disaster.

7/1/2026: Ch. 599 of 2025, [A4872A/S3390A](#)

Requires each institution of higher education to make publicly available its policy on notifying the parent, guardian, or emergency contact of a student under 21 of certain controlled substance and alcohol violations, including rule infractions, and controlled substance or alcohol related hospitalizations or overdoses. Also requires colleges

and institutions to conduct regular training on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

7/1/2026: Ch. 669 of 2025, [A2296/S596](#); Ch. 15 of 2026, [A9451/S8826](#)

Provides a rebuttable presumption for recertification as a minority and women-owned business enterprise if there is no change in the ownership or capital contribution and no material change in the nature or management of the enterprise from the time of approval of the previous certification.

7/1/2026: Ch. 678 of 2025, [A4216/S2279](#); Ch. 35 of 2026, [A9514/S8792](#)

Exempts meal swipe donations and college food points from sales tax, encouraging donations for food-insecure students.

7/1/2026: Ch. 56 of 2026 PART A, §27 §§1, 2, 2-a, 2-b, 4-9, 13, 20, 24, [A10006C/S9006C](#)

Enacts provisions of the budget related to education, including contracts for excellence, foundation aid, the homeless and foster count, universal prekindergarten, maximum class sizes for special classes for certain students with disabilities and funding for magnet schools.

7/1/2026: Ch. 56 of 2026 Part F, [A10006C/S9006C](#)

Expands the Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program to include individuals pursuing a master's degree in early childhood education.

7/1/2026: Ch. 57 of 2026, Part M, §§11-12, [A10007C/S9007C](#)

Ensures health care coverage for children under the age of 19 through Medicaid and Child Health Plus.

7/1/2026: Ch. 58 of 2026 Part J, [A10008C/S9008C](#)

Enacts the Dairy Promotion Act to strengthen the marketing of agricultural products in New York.

7/1/2026: Ch. 59 of 2026 Part HH, [S9009C/A10009C_](#)

Authorizes New York City to impose a surcharge on property that does not serve as a primary residence.

7/1/2026: Ch. 652 of 2025, [A4938/S2709](#); Ch. 95 of 2026 §§1-3, [A9465/S8818](#)

Requires contractors to provide safety training for telecommunications tower technicians.

7/1/2026: Ch. 155 of 2026, [A11539/S10615](#)

Extends the deadline for class size reductions under contracts for excellence for schools in New York City until 2030.

7/1/2026: Ch. 157 of 2026, [A11555/S10636](#)

Increases certain special accidental death benefits paid to a widow or widower or the children of a deceased member of the state and local retirement system.

7/5/2026: Ch. 120 of 2026, [A2425A/S5737A](#)

Expands the timeframe for adoptive parents to pay or reimburse a birth mother's expenses to 180 days prior to birth and 45 days after birth.





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