



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 March 2026.

Butterfield Library Mobile Office Hours Rescheduled for 3/16

The mobile office hours session that was postponed due to the February 23 snowstorm has been rescheduled for **Monday, March 16** from **1-4 PM**, still at the Butterfield Library.

Sincerely,
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg

March 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, March 9 | 1-4 PM**

Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave.
Peekskill, NY 10566

- **Monday, March 16 | 1-4 PM**

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

- **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

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 March:

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Blood Supply Shortage - Donate Now

**Blood
Emergency**
Donors needed.



[Schedule now](#)

Severe weather in January and February caused local blood donation centers to cancel nearly 3,000 appointments, worsening a local blood shortage. Each of these lost donations impacts trauma victims, cancer patients, people with chronic disorders, and others awaiting a blood transfusion. If you are able, please consider making an appointment to donate blood to help make up for these lost donations. [Click here to access the New York Blood Center donor portal.](#)

SocialRx Program Available Now



Sometimes there are things that affect our health that can't be fixed by doctors or medical treatment. **UJA SocialRx** (formerly Isolation to Connection) connects isolated older adults to valuable community resources that improve overall health and well-being.

Through this **FREE** program, our warm and friendly Connection Specialist will work with isolated older adults, their families, and caregivers to assess their needs and connect them to an array of community-based services, including:

- Home-delivered meals
- Transportation
- Vaccine appointments
- Ongoing case-management programs
- Home care, home-based medical services
- Telephone or in-person counseling
- Caregiver and bereavement support groups
- Social & community programming
- Technology training
- Volunteer opportunities

**FREE and
open to
all!**



Learn more at: jccmw.org/SocialRx

For more information, please contact connection specialist
Cheryl Brandwein at (914) 768-8901 or brandweinc@jccmw.org

This program is a collaboration between JCC
Mid-Westchester and Westchester Jewish Community
Services, and funded by UJA-Federation of New York.



SocialRx, formerly called Isolation to Connection, is a Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) and JCC Mid-Westchester program, free and open to all, to help connect isolated older adults, families and caregivers with community and Westchester County resources and services. This program helps alleviate social isolation among older adults, and enhances their physical and mental well-being by providing assistance with referrals, helping them to navigate and access programs and services, and feel more connected to the community. To learn more and get involved, visit jccmw.org/SocialRx or call (914) 768-8901.

New Podcast Episode



The latest episode of my podcast series, [Building Healthy Communities](#), is available now; [click here to watch it](#). In this episode, I share a bit more about how things go up in Albany, with a quick look at some meetings with advocates, visitors from the district, and an interview with my Albany office staff. If you're interested to learn more about how my office works, you might also watch a previous episode featuring my district office staff and the work they do to help me build healthy communities - [click here to check it out](#).

Tax Season 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

Tax filing assistance is available
for qualifying New Yorkers!



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.

Make Yourself Heard



With child care advocates in Albany and Croton

The cost of child care is a huge burden for many New York families, and it is one of the reasons many working- and middle-class households offer as their reason for leaving the state entirely. Governor Hochul has proposed increasing funding for universal pre-K and piloting universal childcare outside of New York City, but her proposals don't go far enough soon enough for many people, such as local pre-K providers who are struggling as a result of low reimbursement rates from the state. Providers also struggle to find and keep staff because they cannot afford to pay the salaries required to keep people in the childcare workforce. The Governor's current proposal also relies on a tax windfall owing to especially high Wall Street bonuses last year. However, this is not a source of funding that can be relied upon year after year.

In order to guarantee high-quality universal pre-K and child care for all New Yorkers, we need to establish a permanent, dedicated, progressive revenue source for child care. I am advocating strongly for this as part of this year's budget negotiations; if you also support these proposals, I encourage you to [sign this petition](#), sponsored by New Yorkers United for Child Care, to share your support for this issue with Governor Hochul. [Click here to read more about the issue](#) and how a small tax increase on the wealthiest New Yorkers can help us fund these programs.

New Laws for March 2026



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

3/5/2026: Ch. 606 of 2025, [A7390A/S6705](#)

Provides that students who receive a high school diploma from an online high school program within the United States that is accredited with the Job Corps Policy and Requirements Handbook will be eligible for admission to colleges and financial aid.

3/5/2026: Ch. 613 of 2025, [A7464B/S409A](#)

Permits bars and restaurants to purchase wine and liquor from retail stores.

3/12/2026: Ch. 629 of 2025, [A268/S123](#); Ch. 13 of 2026, [A9445/S8776](#)

Prohibits the use of infant walkers in child care facilities.

3/12/2026: Ch. 634 of 2025, [A5886C/S6361](#); Ch. 21 of 2026, [A9467/S8766](#)

Prohibits deceptive or unfair real estate services agreements.

3/18/2026: Ch. 641 of 2025, [A6721A/S6244A](#); Ch. 61 of 2026, [A9495/S8769](#)

Enacts the Lieutenant Joseph Banish Mental Health Act, which establishes a law enforcement peer support program and provides for confidentiality for communications, with exceptions for required disclosure concerning child abuse, extreme risk protection orders, or as required by other court orders.

3/19/2026: Ch. 666 of 2025, [A8485/S274B](#); Ch. 68 of 2026, [A9490/S8785](#)

Requires the Department of Veterans' Services to provide information about volunteer opportunities with volunteer fire departments and emergency services providers.

3/19/2026: Ch. 675 of 2025, [A2440A/S1744A](#); Ch. 29 of 2026, [A9491/S8813](#)

Requires institutions housing a defendant due to mental disease or defect to assign a critical time intervention care management team and make a single point of access referral for the defendant prior to their discharge.





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