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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[*Legislation Helps Cities Fight Blight*](#)

It was great to see [this legislation](#) that would reduce the tax redemption period for properties certified as vacant and abandoned pass the Assembly.

Sponsored by myself and Senator Marchione, this bill allows for residential property that has been determined by local code officials to be vacant and abandoned with proper documentation and notice, to be foreclosed upon one year after delinquency as opposed to the current law, which is two years.

This will help the glut of properties that are present in our communities that are blighted and have been left for us to struggle with. The bill did not pass the Senate and I will continue to work on this issue next year.

Take a quick look at [this clip](#) of the bill passing the Assembly.

[*Regeneron and Wadsworth Center Tick Borne Illness Research*](#)

Governor Cuomo recently announced a new public-private research collaboration to advance the diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne diseases. The New York State Department of Health Wadsworth Center Laboratory and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. - a leading biotechnology company that invents life-transforming medicines for people with serious diseases, will collaborate to potentially develop improved diagnostics, prophylactics, and therapeutics for the diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne diseases, starting with Lyme disease.

Lyme Disease and tick-borne diseases are ongoing healthcare concerns especially in New York State. I applaud this public-private partnership that advances the research surrounding these diseases and will hopefully provide innovative solutions to this issue. The Governor's new investment to support the partnership between Regeneron and Wadsworth Center Laboratory will take these efforts even further by leveraging the assets found in the Capital Region to develop new, potentially life-saving treatments for tick-borne illnesses. I proudly support projects that aim to keep the health of all New Yorkers a top priority.

DISTRICT NEWS

[*CDPHP Cycle! Safe Cycling Classes*](#)

This summer, CDPHP Cycle! is offering a series of free safe cycling classes with the New York Bicycling Coalition. These classes will cover how to use CDPHP Cycle! as well as basic bicycle safety skills. Each participant will receive a free helmet and a free month membership to CDPHP Cycle! This program is offered through a Capital Coexist grant that CDTA received this year.

The first safety class is **this Saturday, June 23** at the Albany JCC.

[*The South End Healthy Market*](#)

The South End Healthy Market opens its 2018 season **Saturday, June 30 from 10 am to 3 pm** at a new location, the lawn of the Capital South Campus Center.

The market will run every Saturday and sells fresh fruits, vegetables, and baked goods.

AVillage collaborates with Trinity Alliance, and The Radix Center, to bring fresh, locally grown produce to the community, as well as promote good nutrition & exercise.

It accepts all federal food assistance benefit cards, as well as Healthy Market coupons.

Check out more about the Healthy Market on their Facebook page [here](#)

[*Local CFA Workshop at Albany City Hall*](#)

Governor Cuomo's transformative Regional Economic Development Councils Round VIII

consolidated funding application (CFA) process is under way and Capitalize Albany Corporation will be hosting an informational session and application workshop on **Wednesday, June 27 at Albany City Hall from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Empire State Development's Capital Region Director will be on site to answer questions and provide assistance to applicants.

Contact Capitalize Albany staff at development@capitalizealbany.com with any questions and to RSVP for this workshop.

IN THE NEWS

[End of Session Wrap-Up](#)

Take a moment to read [this State of Politics article](#) on the end of session. The article gives a good summary of what happened and what is still left to be done!