



Hi <<First Name>>,

I hope you had a safe and fun Independence Day. While the 2023 state legislative session has wrapped up, I have several updates and local events to share. Many fun summer activities are coming to the Capital Region, from concerts to pool openings. Plus, I'd love to see you at my upcoming Health Fair at Guilderland Town Hall on August 2nd. More details can be found below.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if my office can assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out at SteckP@nyassembly.gov or by calling 518-455-5931.

All the best,
Phil Steck

Legislative Updates

On the legislative front, my office had two bill requests from my constituents that I am supporting. The first is the Birds and Bees Protection Act, which passed the Assembly in April. If enacted into law, this bill prohibits the sale and use of some pesticides and seeds coated with pesticides to protect native bird and insect populations (A.3226). It also requires the Department of Environmental Conservation to review the latest scientific information concerning pesticide ingredients.

Another measure we are working to introduce and pass is the "Expanded Bottle Bill," an important measure to support redemption centers. It will affect returnable bottles and adds wine, liquor, distilled spirit coolers and cider containers to the list of accepted bottle returns (S.237). The bill will also increase the handling fee to six cents for each container accepted by a deposit initiator or redemption center, and the deposit and redemption amount will increase to 10 cents.

Supreme Court Strikes Down Affirmative Action

The radical conservative majority of the U.S. Supreme Court has reversed its previous rulings on affirmative action, ending the practice at public and private colleges. The impact of this decision will be felt immediately, as students of color are denied the opportunity to obtain higher education, and universities struggle to adapt to this abhorrent ruling. As a member of the New York Assembly and a practicing civil rights attorney, I will be working with my colleagues and SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. to explore if there are any legislative remedies to increase equity in college admissions.



In the Community

Health Fair at Guilderland Town Hall

Please join me, Guilderland Town Supervisor Peter Barber and medical professionals from our community to learn how to live a healthier life through critical preventive care on Aug. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Guilderland Town Hall.

Several healthcare professionals will present on topics such as cancer, HPV, personal safety, tobacco cessation and breastfeeding. Attendees will also learn how to get free cancer screenings for those without health insurance and will pick up important cancer prevention advice.

SAVE THE DATE!

Assemblymember Phil Steck's Health Fair

in partnership with town of Guilderland Supervisor Peter Barber

Date: August 2nd
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Guilderland Town Hall

Elks Lodge Teenager of the Year Awards

I was honored to be a part of the Elks Lodge Teenager of the Year Award ceremony, which celebrates a student from the South Colonie and North Colonie school districts. The honorees from each district, respectively, were Jennifer Shafer and Katherine Conjalka. It was an honor to be a part of the ceremony, and congratulations to Jennifer and Katherine!



Electric Vehicle Fleet Event

Last month, the Office of General Services and the New York Power Authority held their inaugural NYS Electric Vehicle Fleet Event to showcase electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. As a proud owner of an all-electric Chevy Bolt, I firmly believe that electric vehicles are the future of automobiles, and I support the state's efforts to guide us through that transition. This event is just the beginning of this transition as more New Yorkers switch from gasoline to electric vehicles. Our infrastructure must keep up with the demand.



Taiwanese Heritage Celebration

I had a wonderful time at the Taiwanese Heritage Celebration and enjoyed the spectacular performances. Our community is chock-full of cultural organizations and I'm so thankful to be a part of it all.



Tips & Information

Environmental Bond Act Listening Session

Governor Hochul announced the details for a statewide educational listening tour to advance the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. The Capital Region listening session will be Thursday, July 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the University at Albany Campus Center Auditorium. For more information and to register for the session click [here](#).

Concerts at the Crossings

The annual free summer concert series is back! Concerts will be held at the gazebo at The Crossings Park from 6 to 8 p.m. in Colonie. Rain or shine, come and listen to some great music acts for the whole family to enjoy.

- July 20: Georgie Wonders Band
- July 27: Lustre Kings
- Aug. 3: Big Sky Country
- Aug. 10: Body & Soul
- Aug. 17: Garland Nelson: Reflections
- Aug. 24: Hammerhead Horns
- Aug. 31: Spirit of Johnny Cash

New York State Internet Access Survey

New York State's ConnectALL office wants to hear about your experiences obtaining and using your internet service. Fill out an anonymous survey to help the state understand barriers to internet access, affordability, and adoption. Together, we can close the digital divide. You can fill out the survey by clicking [here](#).

Pool Openings

As heatwaves roll in, cool off in pools and splash pads across the Capital Region. Find information on your local pool below.

- [Niskayuna Town Pool](#)
- [Schenectady City Pools](#)
- [Town of Colonie Pool and Splash Pad](#)
- [Guilderland's Tawasentha Pool](#)

New York State Police Recruitment

New York State Police is now accepting applications for its next Trooper entrance examination until Oct. 1, with examinations available in July until the middle of October. Applicants can learn more about the process and qualifications, and apply for the Trooper entrance exam [here](#).

