



YEAR-END UPDATE FROM  
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Dear Friend:

I hope that you are all doing well, staying safe and are having a great start to the new school year. It has been wonderful to be able to see many of you in the community while visiting local businesses and attending community events over the past several months.

In this newsletter, you will find 2021 legislative accomplishments, as well as a glimpse of the many activities my office participated in this year. A lot was achieved during the 2021 legislative session. As we move towards the end of the year and are waiting on a number of bills to be signed, I am looking forward to the 2022 legislative session.

As always, we are available to answer questions and advocate on your behalf. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to my office. Please remain vigilant in protecting yourself and loved ones against COVID-19. Get vaccinated, wear a mask and follow health, safety and social distancing guidelines. I wish everyone safety and health.

Warm regards,

Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter





# Community Events Over the Past Year

## State Farm Financial Literacy Workshop

This past April, I had the opportunity to partner with State Farm's Financial Foundation and host a free Financial Literacy Webinar for our community. State Farm Agent Ms. Brenda Flagg graciously hosted our event and spoke about setting goals, understanding credit and debt management as well as building a budget.



## Crouse Hospital's New Treatment Facility

Also in April, I had the pleasure of touring Crouse Hospital's new treatment facility, which opened this June. The building is located on Erie Boulevard East and can accommodate up to 300 patients.



## Food Box Giveaway

In April, my staff and I partnered with the American Dairy Association and Liverpool Turkey Trot to drop off food boxes to Onondaga Nation, the Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse, La Liga/ Spanish Action League and Bethany Baptist Church.



## SUNY EOC Visit

I joined SUNY Chancellor James Malatras, Syracuse EOC Vice President Timothy C. Penix, State Senator Rachel May and several students to announce renovations at SUNY EOC. The extra funding included in this year's budget will allow the much-needed renovations to commence.



## Syracuse Fire Department Seal of Excellence Event

I attended a Syracuse City Fire Department ceremony in May to celebrate its Seal of Excellence award. I presented the department with an Assembly citation recognizing their great accomplishment and this prestigious award. The Seal of Excellence has only been awarded to 24 other fire departments across the nation.



## Urban Garden Planting at Dr. King's Elementary

I was happy to attend Dr. King's Urban Garden Event this past spring. Dr. King's Elementary received a grant which paid for five raised garden beds and composted soil. Students from the school have been able to work in the garden for over nine years, which has created quite the sense of community. I helped students plant peppers, which will be distributed to the neighborhood when they're harvested.



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## Exceptional Women of CNY Award Ceremony

This past spring, I held my Exceptional Women of Central New York Awards as a way to thank and recognize the inspirational women around us who have shaped our lives, built our communities and made the world a better place. The 2021 honorees are: Layla Balduzzi, Penny Gross, Ruth Johnson Colvin, Dr. Christine Kowaleski, Octavia Pierce Wilcox, Joyce Suslovic, Clarise Shelby-Coleman and Mary Nelson.

## Rock Steady Boxing Syracuse Visit

In July, I was happy to visit Rock Steady Boxing Syracuse, the cornerstone program offered by Empower Parkinson Inc., a not-for-profit corporation. In addition to boxing, RSB Syracuse offers yoga, Tai Chi, dance, nutrition, support groups, chorus and balance classes. These classes have proven that anyone dealing with Parkinson's disease can lessen their symptoms and lead a healthier and happier life.



## Tribute to Fallen Soldiers

It was a pleasure to join General Pulaski American Legion Post 1650 at the Onondaga Veterans Cemetery to welcome the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch motorcycle ride. The 24-day ride began in Eugene, OR, and finished at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., stopping at the Pulaski Post July 24-25.



## JMA High-Tech Campus Project Tour

Over the summer, I toured the progress of the JMA high-tech campus project in Syracuse.

JMA is restoring U.S. leadership in wireless technology at a critical time in the transition to 5G, designing, coding and manufacturing the world's most advanced software-based 5G platform.



## Police Athletic League (PAL) Public Presentation

I was fortunate enough to secure \$50,000 in funding for the Syracuse PAL programming. Syracuse PAL's mission is to connect cops, kids and the community.



## Reading with the Liverpool Public Library

I partnered with the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) to celebrate Book Bike Week during the first week of August. We had an extraordinary storytime with the children at Onondaga Lake Park.



# 2021 Legislative Accomplishments

*This year has been a busy one for the Assembly. My colleagues and I worked hard to pass legislation to improve the lives of families in the 128th District and across the state.*

## Insurance Reform

- Allows small businesses to purchase insurance policies with a term of less than one year (A.5379)
- Allows insurers from outside New York State to include services by telephone, video call, fax, web portal and other electronic means in certain circumstances (Ch. 266 of 2021)
- Authorizes the Liverpool Central School District to establish insurance reserve funds (Ch. 215 of 2021)

## Veterans' Rights

- Ensures veterans suffering from health issues due to exposure to toxic burn pits can pursue a cause of action in New York courts without being barred by the typical period of limitation (A.4474-A)
- Provides a more streamlined way for coroners and medical examiners to report deaths of veterans appearing to be suicides to the state Division of Veterans' Services (A.3237-A)

## Wildlife Management

- Allows hunting, fishing or sale of certain species by members of Native tribes or nations which are otherwise prohibited by state regulations (A.6248)

- Extends the authority of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to manage white-tailed deer and black bears (Ch. 207 of 2021)

## Driver's License Reform

- Clarifies that all drivers can pay outstanding penalties in installments to satisfy requirements for license reinstatement (A.7874-A)
- Limits the grounds for the suspension of a driver's license and clarifies several provisions included in Chapter 382 of the Laws of 2020 relating to driver's license suspension reform (Ch. 76 of 2021)

## Miscellaneous Statutes

- Authorizes the payment of camp fees for children receiving safety net assistance or family assistance provided such funds cannot be obtained from other sources (Ch. 126 of 2021)
- Enables local districts to promote re-engagement of welfare recipients in welfare work activities and provides recipients with a time frame during which to request re-engagement (A.3227)
- Provides a credit for NYS Fair vendors who purchased liquor licenses for the cancelled 2020 State Fair (A.7411-A)

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**"As New York continues to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, I'll keep working to address our communities' needs and ensure our economic recovery lifts up all neighborhoods."**

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