



Dear Constituent,

Below please find information about this month's events and initiatives from my office, along with a list of new laws going into effect in April.

I will also be sending out my monthly grants email soon. If you would like to be on the distribution list for that email, you can reply to this email with the word "grants." If you have already reached out to us to request inclusion on that list, you do not need to do so again.

Best,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Weather Advisory

There is a wind advisory in effect for our area today through 6 PM tomorrow, April 4, and an additional flood advisory for low-lying areas along the Hudson River. Please drive carefully and turn around if you see a flooded street. [Click here for more information](#) from the Governor's office about what to expect and how to prepare.

In Case You Missed It - Budget Update

State budget negotiations are still underway, and I am continuing to push for top priorities like funding for our roads, schools, and more. If you have not already seen my latest message regarding the Assembly's one-house budget and the specifics of what we are pushing for, [click here to read it](#).

Though the Assembly one-house budget did not include a specific line item for funding for the next phase of 9A modernization, I am also continuing to advocate for \$20 million dollars for the next engineering phase of this project. Note that multiple options for construction are still being considered; [click here to find the 9A study report](#), which details options under consideration. Securing this funding now would not commit us to one particular option over others. Note also that this year's [planned repaving of sections of Route 9A](#), scheduled to begin in June, will proceed

regardless of the outcome of this year's state budget negotiations; the funding for this project has already been secured.

Mobile Office Hours

My office holds mobile office hours every month. Stop by for help with anything you might come into the district office for: help navigating state agencies, information about state programs, and more. Here are the dates and locations for April:

- **Monday, April 8, 1-4 PM:** Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring, NY 10516
- **Monday, April 22, 1-4 PM:** Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose, NY 10548

New York State Tax Forms Available

My district office has print copies of various New York State tax forms available. If you are still completing your taxes and need a form, please feel free to give us a call at (914) 941-1111 to set a time to pick up the forms you need.

Native Plant Month



Last month, the Assembly passed my resolution memorializing the Governor to proclaim April as Native Plant Month in the state of New York. [Click here to watch my remarks on the resolution.](#) Special thanks to Carol McPeck of the Philipstown Garden Club, one of the New York State Coordinators of the [National Plant Month Initiative](#), for bringing this initiative to my attention last year, and for trekking up to Albany with her fellow co-coordinators for the passage of the resolution. Native plants matter because they have important ecological benefits that help sustain

life at all levels. [Click here to learn more on my Native Plants page](#), and stay tuned for updates on events promoting native plants around the district.

New Podcast Episode

The [sixth episode](#) of my podcast series, [Building Healthy Communities](#), is available now. In this episode, my district office staff and I turn the camera inward to highlight the issues that are most important to you, our constituents. Together, we summarize the most common inquiries and comments that my office has received so far in my first term. We discuss how we're responding to each issue, shedding some light on how state government can work to help build healthy communities. [Click here to watch it on YouTube now](#), or listen to it on YouTube Podcasts, Spotify or iHeartRadio.

"Old Traditions, New Beginnings"



Old Traditions, 
New Beginnings
A LEGACY

Create a legacy of stories and wisdom for posterity with the **Old Traditions: New Beginnings** project. We are now accepting writings in any genre. Send submissions to district95@nyassembly.gov or mail to 8 Revolutionary Road, Ossining, NY 10562 by June 30, 2024 to participate in the initial round.

Questions? Call (914) 941-1111

Old Traditions, 
New Beginnings



Office of Assemblywoman
Dana Levenberg

The “Old Traditions, New Beginnings” project aims to give seniors the opportunity to connect with others by sharing their stories, memories, recipes, or whatever legacy they would like to impart to the generations that follow. The contributions will be collected for sharing online and possible print publication in an anthology (all not for profit). The deadline for inclusion in the first volume of the project is **Sunday, June 30, 2024**. If you are interested in contributing your own writing (250-1000 words) or volunteering to help others share their contributions, please email district95@nyassembly.gov.

Internship Application

My office is recruiting volunteer interns for our summer program. If you know of any high school or college students who would be interested in an internship with my office, please share [this link](#) with them. The link can also be found on my web page under “Important Links” and in my [linktree](#) on [Instagram](#).

New Laws for April 2024

New state laws go into effect every month. Here is a list of laws going into effect in April 2024:

Effective Date	Chapter	Summary
4/1/2024	Ch. 59 of 2022 Part J, Sec. 3 S.8009-C A.9009-C	Extends the credit against income tax for individuals or entities investing in low-income housing.
4/1/2024	Ch. 532 of 2023 S.2712-B A.4755-B	Pays drug-impaired driving surcharges to counties for programs and initiatives to reduce drug-impaired driving incidences.
4/1/2024	Ch. 609 of 2023 A.119-A S.5394-A	Provides for the issuance of a New York State Iraq War Commemorative Medal.
4/1/2024	Ch. 610 of 2023 A.121-A S.5372-A	Provides for the issuance of a New York State Afghanistan War Commemorative Medal.

4/1/2024	<p>Ch. 616 of 2023</p> <p>A.6084-A</p> <p>S.3309-A</p> <p>Ch. 103 of 2024</p> <p>S.8067</p> <p>A.8568</p>	Permits Gold Star families to use any of the public campsites, parks and other public places of recreation in this state free of charge.
4/1/2024	<p>Ch. 754 of 2023</p> <p>S.1196-A</p> <p>A.1673-A</p>	Requires health insurance policies and Medicaid to cover biomarker testing for diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a covered person's disease or condition when the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence.
4/6/2024	<p>Ch. 699 of 2023</p> <p>S.1690-A</p> <p>A.6716-A</p> <p>Ch. 41 of 2024</p> <p>A.8537</p> <p>S.8094</p>	Assists minority and women-owned business enterprises and small businesses located in highly distressed areas with obtaining loans through the capital access program. Also requires outreach and marketing to financial institutions to increase awareness of the program.
4/10/2024	<p>Ch. 523 of 2023</p> <p>A.6134</p> <p>S.6443</p>	Provides the liquor authority the ability to set the duration of brewer licenses, farm brewery licenses and restaurant-brewer licenses to three years.
4/11/2024	<p>Ch. 726 of 2023</p> <p>S.2163-B</p> <p>A.5109-A</p>	Prohibits the slaughter of a horse as well as the possession, sale, or import of a horse or horseflesh for human or animal consumption.
4/22/2024	<p>Ch. 558 of 2023</p> <p>A.5610-D</p> <p>S.5823-C</p>	Prohibits the sale of over-the-counter diet pills or dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building to people under 18 with the exception of certain protein powders, protein drinks and foods.

4/22/2024	Ch. 590 of 2023 S.5036-A A.5121-A	Requires registered wholesalers who transfill medical oxygen to ensure any person responsible for supervising such process meets certain qualifications.
4/22/2024	Ch. 593 of 2023 S.5881-A A.5549-A	Enhances rights of homeowners in manufactured home parks when owners of manufactured home parks consider selling the park.