



# Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski



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*Dear Clarkstown Resident:*

*Let me first wish you a very happy and healthy new year.*

*I know 2020 was a difficult year, and we all hope 2021 presents a light at the end of the tunnel for the COVID-19 pandemic and a recovery for our State and Country.*

*Please know my office remains open and ready to assist with any issues you may have, COVID related or not. As we enter the new year, I will continue to do everything possible to support and protect residents, businesses, schools and municipalities during this difficult time.*

*As someone who grew up in Clarkstown and is now raising a family here, it is truly an honor to represent you in Albany. Please continue to reach out with your ideas, suggestions and concerns and I hope to work together to make Clarkstown and New York State and great place to live.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

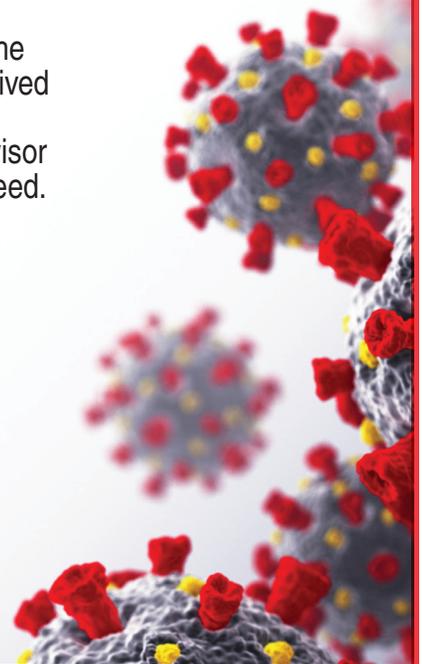
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## **The COVID-19 Pandemic and Unemployment**

The COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating on so many different levels including the number of Rocklanders that have lost their jobs. Assemblyman Zebrowski's office received hundreds of calls, emails, social media inquiries, etc. from constituents requesting assistance with receiving their unemployment benefits during this difficult time. Supervisor Hoehmann and the Town Board were partners in identifying Clarkstown residents in need.

With historic levels of job loss and New Yorkers filing for unemployment for the first time, the DOL was crushed with applications resulting in their website often crashing and phone lines unresponsive. Ken and his staff were able to cut through the red tape and get hundreds of people their benefits so that they were able to take care of themselves and their families during this public health crisis. If you or someone you know is still experiencing problems receiving unemployment benefits, contact Assemblyman Zebrowski's office.

As mentioned above, COVID is still very much a reality as the State continues to see spikes. Please know that testing is still on-going and available in your community. To find a test site near you, visit this helpful search tool provided by the State of NY: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>.



# Ongoing Projects in Clarkstown

As your State Representative, Assemblyman Zebrowski works hand-in-hand with your Town, Village and County Government on local issues, legislation, and funding quality of life projects. Below is just a handful of what has been accomplished with assistance from state funding secured by Assemblyman Zebrowski:



*Pre-pandemic Photo*

## Purchase of a Showmobile

With assistance from Ken, the Town of Clarkstown was able to purchase a showmobile which includes a portable stage and truck. The showmobile is used for the Town's summer concert series and other events that have been a huge success with residents. Assemblyman Zebrowski is happy to continue his support of recreation activities for all to enjoy.

## Construction of a State-of-the-Art Amphitheater

In a few years' time, the Town of Clarkstown will be home to a brand new amphitheater thanks in large part to Assemblyman Zebrowski. Ken secured enough state funding to cover a significant portion of the construction costs to build a new open-air performance venue. The amphitheater is planned to be in Germonds Park and will host concerts, events, and other entertainment. The Town also plans for this and the Traphagen Property to be within walking distance from one another, creating an outdoor complex for both residents to enjoy.

## A New Roof for Clarkstown Police Department

For years, the Clarkstown Police Department had suffered from constant water damage that would leak into the courthouse and other facilities; ruining carpets and hardwood floors. In working with Supervisor Hoehmann and the department, Assemblyman Zebrowski was able to assist in helping with the construction of a new roof. Once the emergency communications center was put in jeopardy of suffering water damage, a new roof was essential and Assemblyman Zebrowski helped to make it a reality.



*Pre-pandemic Photo*

## Restoration of the Tallman-Budke House

Assemblyman Zebrowski and Senator Carlucci were able to work together to secure a combined \$500,000 to fully rehabilitate the historic Tallman-Budke House. The entire Traphagen property highlights Clarkstown's rich history dating back to the 1700s and the Budke house has been on the State and National Registers of Historic Places since 2017. As one of the oldest houses in the County, the restored Budke house now serves as an educational resource for students and a place for community gatherings, like the widely attended Heritage of West Nyack Fall Festival. Ken is thrilled to have worked with the Town and local historical groups for making this a reality and preserving a piece of Clarkstown's heritage.

# Investing in Our Libraries:

Assemblyman Zebrowski has been a staunch advocate of our libraries. For years he has supported the library construction aid program which is funded through the State budget. This program assists libraries by investing in infrastructure upgrades. Ken is proud to share that two libraries in Clarkstown have recently been awarded this funding.

## **The Nanuet Library was able to secure funding for the below improvements:**

- Modernization of the elevator
- Installation of two ADA compliant restrooms

## **The West Nyack Library successfully secured a construction grant for the following upgrades:**

- Construction of a new patio
- Creation of a quiet study room
- Construction of meeting room
- Upgrade to the basement egress door
- Addition of a CCTV system



Other Clarkstown Libraries also have infrastructure projects planned and Ken will continue to push for the Construction Aid program and overall funding investments.

## Standing up for Small Businesses

We know our small businesses have been hit hard during this pandemic and Assemblyman Zebrowski is committed to doing everything possible to help them survive. He has collaborated with local business owners like New City Bowl on safe re-opening plans and continues to fight to ensure their voices are heard in Albany. Please reach out with your questions and concerns.



# COVID-19 Information and Resources

Stay informed and learn about resources available during the COVID-19 crisis:

- New York State Department of Health: 888-364-3065 | [www.ny.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ny.gov/coronavirus)
- Visit [now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates](http://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates) to sign up for email updates from the state Department of Health.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html)
- Mental Health Hotline: For free and confidential emotional support, consultation and referral to a local provider, call: 1-844-863-9314
- New York State Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-942-6906
- Child Care Resources for Parents and Providers: [www.ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare](http://www.ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare)

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