



News from
**Assemblymember
Pamela J. Hunter**

128 Assembly District



Dear Friend:

The month of April has been quite busy! I have been working hard spending the majority of my time in Albany in session with my colleagues. As promised, below details some important highlights in this year's 2021–2022 New York State Budget. I hope you take the time to see some of the great things that have passed to ensure our community continues to thrive.

As always, even though the office is closed for in-person meetings, we are always available to answer questions and advocate on your behalf. I implore you to remain vigilant, wear a mask and follow health, safety and social distancing guidelines. I wish everyone safety and health.

Warm Regards,

Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter

**Onondaga County Rent Relief Information:
(Landlords & Tenants)**

Rental Relief Funds Available

Onondaga County has Emergency Rental Relief money & we are here to help those in need.



For Renters

You must meet these conditions to receive funds:

- An individual within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
- An individual within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- The household has a gross income at or below 80% of the area's median income. The chart below shows the maximum a tenant can earn per household size to be eligible.

2021 Area Median Income

Maximum Annual Income by Family Size - 80%	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Level	\$44,550	\$50,000	\$57,250	\$63,600	\$68,700	\$73,800	\$78,900	\$84,000



For Landlords

*For more information view the ERA highlights on our website.

If your tenant qualifies:

- Payments will be made directly to you.
- You may receive payment for up to twelve months of back rent and utilities and up to three months of prospective rent, depending on your tenant's eligibility.

What you need to know:

- No debts occurring before March 13, 2020, can be paid with these funds.
- If the original tenant is gone, you may still receive funds if the former tenant is deemed eligible.
- The rental unit you are seeking payment for must not have a health and safety violation.
- Tenants living in the City of Syracuse must have a current Rental Registry.
- While an application is pending review, you waive your right to pursue an eviction or non-possessionary money judgment for non-payment of rent.
- By accepting these funds (for back rent or future rent), you agree to waive all interest, penalties, late charges, attorneys' and/or court fees and costs as a result of the non-payment of rent for the months covered.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE APPLICATION](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

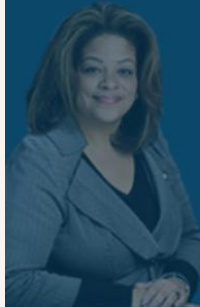
Recent Bills Passed:

A.5379: Allows for insurance policy terms of less than one year. This bill updates insurance laws to reflect how technology and the economy is evolving and has passed in both the Assembly and the Senate. While the nature of work changes, people may not need a full year of insurance coverage for activities that might just be done occasionally for extra income.

2021-22 New York State Budget



- Record funding for education.
- Near full funding for the renovations of the Syracuse Educational Opportunity Center.
- New funding for tenant assistance.
- An increase in funding for the Diversity in Medicine Program that enables a greater number of diverse students to reach their medical school goals regardless of income background.
- \$800 million for a Small Business Recovery Grant Program
- \$40 million for a new Arts Recovery Grant Program
- \$43.1 million for the NYS Council of the Arts
- \$2.4 billion in federal aid for social service districts to fully fund childcare for impoverished families
- \$50 million for the COVID-19 Recovery Workforce Initiative
- \$3 billion in combined state and federal funds for rent and homeowner relief
- \$19.8 billion for Foundation Aid
- \$235 million for upstate transit systems
- \$193.8 million for health care services and systems throughout New York
- \$1.84 billion in funding for the environmental protections
- \$500 million for clean water infrastructure
- \$300 million for the NYS Environmental Protection Fund



KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON

*Assembly extends utility moratorium for
New Yorkers impacted by COVID-19*

(A.6255-A)

Extends the moratorium until December 31, 2021, unless the state of emergency is lifted prior, and for an additional 180 days after to allow customers still facing financial hardship to enter into payment agreements to avoid shutoffs

Applies to services provided by utility corporations, municipalities, telephone and cable companies, broadband providers and water authorities

Expands moratorium eligibility to include certain small businesses with 25 or fewer employees

Assemblymember Hunter in the Community...



FOOD BOX GIVEAWAY

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Onondaga Nation with some of my staff. *During the month of April, we partnered with The American Dairy Association and Liverpool Turkey Trot to drop off boxes to Onondaga Nation, the Boys & Girls Club and La Liga.*

While visiting the Onondaga Nation, I was able to speak with Beaver Clan Mother, Wendy Gonyea on all of the wonderful things happening on the Nation. During our visit we dropped off food boxes to be distributed to those in need on Onondaga Nation. *Special Thanks to the Onondaga Nation Farm Manager, Angela Ferguson for welcoming us and giving us some great information!*





Liverpool Turkey Trot Thank you, Mexico School Students and Volunteers

Assemblymember Hunter Visits Crouse Hospital's New Treatment Facility



On April 29, I had the pleasure of touring Crouse Hospital's New Treatment Facility opening this June. The building will be located on Erie Boulevard East and will accommodate up to 300 patients. Special Thanks to Kimberly Boynton, President and Chief Executive Officer of Crouse Hospital, for giving me a sneak peak of the facility. I look forward to the completion of this project and the positive impact it will have on our community!

Addiction Treatment Services New Location

Opening June 2021



- Funding secured: \$17 million (New York State)
- Location: 2775 Erie Blvd East (between Midler St and Thompson Rd; site of former Lifetime Health facility)
- King & King Architects
- Hayner Hoyt construction manager
- Work began summer 2020
- Project completion June 2021
- New medical office facility will be 2 stories and feature an open atrium; increases square footage from the current facility [26,000 sf] to 42,000± sf
- Will feature parking for staff, patient and visitor vehicles
- Projected number of additional patients to be accommodated with new facility: 300



Syracuse University's Thursday Morning Round Table

On April 12, I had the opportunity to speak with Syracuse University during their weekly Thursday morning round table. During the presentation I was able to speak on impactful Laws, current reforms in progress, and go over the New York State 2021-2022 budget.

[Click Here to watch the presentation!](#)

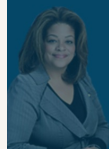


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THURSDAY MORNING ROUND TABLE

APRIL 12, 2021



SUNY EOC Visit



SUNY Chancellor James Malatras was at Syracuse EOC for an announcement, where he was joined by students and Syracuse EOC Vice President Timothy C. Penix, as well as State Senator Rachel May, and State Assembly Member Pamela J. Hunter.

"The recently passed budget was one of the most ambitious in the state's history and provides much needed funding to many services and resources as we recover from the pandemic. After advocating for Syracuse EOC for multiple years, EOC will finally be able to begin renovations while we work with SUNY and community partners to solidify the remaining financial support needed for the project. Ten million had been allocated from previous budgets and with the funding added this year the Syracuse EOC renovations can soon commence. Syracuse EOC has always been a critical resource for our community and the pandemic has underscored that importance. I know EOC will have what it needs to meet the challenges ahead and I am confident EOC will enable our community to take full advantage of new opportunities as we move forward."



State Farm Financial Literacy Workshop



ASSEMBLYMEMBER PAMELA J. HUNTER
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
STATE FARM AGENT BRENDA FLAGG

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**STATE FARM
FINANCIAL FOUNDATION
WORKSHOP**

FINANCIAL LITERACY WEBINAR

**APRIL 22, 2021
12:00-1:00PM**

- ✓ SETTING GOALS
- ✓ BUILDING A BUDGET
- ✓ UNDERSTANDING CREDIT
- ✓ SAVING MONEY
- ✓ MANAGING DEBT

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StateFarm

I had the opportunity to partner with State Farm's Financial Foundation and host a **FREE** Financial Literacy Webinar for our community.

Our event was hosted by State Farm Agent, **Ms. Brenda Flagg** who spoke about setting goals, understanding credit, debt management and went through building a budget.

Pictured to the left are a group of construction workers who participated. Here is what they had to say about the event:

"...The team really valued the training and thought it had a ton of useful information."

Special Thanks to Ms. Brenda Flagg for a great presentation and for the State Farm Foundation for connecting us all together for this great event.



CLICK HERE to watch and stay up to date on
OCC's
"Discussing Race and Policing in America"



*Throughout this semester four Onondaga Community College professors have led a campus-wide discussion about race and policing in America. Professors Karen Harrison, Pete Patnode, Tara Ross, and Jessica Wiczorek have held three, interactive pop-up sessions, each of which has been focused on specific topics related to *race and policing*. The sessions have been highly informative and have created meaningful dialogue.*



2021 SUMMER PROGRAM



ONONDAGA EARTH CORPS

APPLY NOW!

We are looking for:

- Youth (ages 15-18)
- Staff Crew Leaders

Application deadline:

May 31, 2021

Accepting applications online at
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Develop skills and gain experience while exploring careers in landscape and forestry through team based field work.

Youth Program Position: OEC is looking for program participants to join an “earn to learn” style program. Youth crewmembers will have opportunities to educate the community about the benefits of environmental stewardship through completing environmental and neighborhood improvement projects, primarily in the City of Syracuse.

Staff Crew Leader Position: A Crew Leader is a field position that directly supervises a small crew of program participants and is key to OEC’s community based programs. Successful candidates will demonstrate high standards, attention to detail, compassion, excellent judgment, and the desire to devote themselves to youth development/mentorship and environmental conservation.



Onondaga Earth Corps (OEC) is a youth conservation corps program, that focuses on community and environmental stewardship. This is done through completing environmental and neighborhood improvement projects. OEC is continually accepting applications for seasonal positions.

OEC Application Checklist



- Complete the "Is OEC for me?" checklist
- Read the Pre-Application packet, understand the requirements, and ask us questions!
- Complete all parts of the application
 - Application
(online at www.onondagaeearthcorps.org/jobs)
 - Resume
 - Cover letter
- Submit your application to onondagaeearthcorps@gmail.com
Or online at www.onondagaeearthcorps.org/jobs
- Follow up with us! We will contact you about your application.

**MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS,
AND MAILING ADDRESS IS CORRECT ON YOUR
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Those planning to do any sort of excavation should **call 811** or **make an online request for utility locates** *at least two full working days* before work begins - **excluding the date of the call, weekends, and holidays.**

[Click Here](#) for the National Grid link that contains great information on safe digging practices including the meaning of various utility markings and tips for safe hand excavation. [Click Here](#) for the link, from Dig Safely New York, which is also a treasure trove of information on safety and the 811 process.

Every year, as construction season ramps up and homeowners begin DIY projects, utility infrastructure is inadvertently hit, resulting in safety risks and cost.

The more we can spread the word about the 811 process to our friends and neighbors, the better!

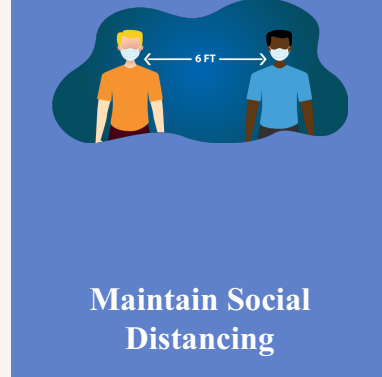
WE CAN ALL STAY SAFE TOGETHER:



Wear a Mask



Wash your hands



**Maintain Social
Distancing**

Visit my website [HERE](#) for more news and updates !

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