



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you were able to spend some quality time with friends and family over the holiday season, and that your 2023 has started off well.

Last week, **I was honored to be sworn in once again as your Assemblymember.** I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue representing you in Albany, and am very excited about the new legislative session!

Earlier this week, I was honored to join Governor Kathy Hochul at her annual State of the State address. **I was very pleased with the vision Governor Hochul laid out for New York, which reflects her passion for getting things done, and her compassion for the people of this wonderful state.** She's made a commitment not to increase taxes – a commitment with which I agree. But she's also set out a plan to address the most pressing concerns facing us: housing, jobs, health care, the environment, and public safety. I am very optimistic that there will be a close collaboration and partnership between the legislature and the Governor. Meanwhile, I will be working assiduously to help ensure that the needs and views of the 93rd Assembly District are always addressed.

**We also welcomed two new colleagues to the Westchester delegation:** [Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg](#), representing the 95th Assembly District, and [Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky](#), representing the 92nd Assembly District. Assemblywoman Levenberg comes to the Assembly having served as Ossining Town Supervisor since 2016, where she and I had the opportunity to work together during my time as Bedford Town Supervisor. Assemblymember Shimsky served for 11 years on the Westchester County Board of Legislators representing District 12 (Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson, and Irvington). During her time on the Board, she also served as both Majority Leader and Majority Whip.

I know they will both do a fantastic job, and I look forward to working with them.

Back in the district, **we have rescheduled our previously-postponed North Salem Coffee & Conversation to Saturday, January 21st at 2 pm at the Ruth Keeler Memorial Library.** Town Supervisor Warren Lucas, NYS Senator Pete Harckham, and County Legislator Erika Pierce will join me. If you live in or around North Salem, I hope you'll stop by!


*Please join*

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS BURDICK &  
NORTH SALEM TOWN SUPERVISOR  
WARREN LUCAS**

- along with -

**NYS SENATOR PETE HARCKHAM &  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATOR  
ERIKA PIERCE**

*for*



**COFFEE &  
CONVERSATION**

**Saturday, January 21 - 2:00 pm**

**Ruth Keeler Memorial Library  
276 Titicus Rd, North Salem**


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Finally, **Monday is Martin Luther King Day**. While many of us enjoy the long weekend, it is important that we also take the time to remember the life and legacy of the great man that it honors.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Jan. 16**

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat  
to justice everywhere."*

Dr. King was a visionary, scholar and civil rights activist whose influential words and leadership will never be forgotten. On this day, ***we honor his legacy and stand united in the fight for equality.***



**Monday, I will have the honor of participating in the [Antioch Baptist Church's](#) educational program, "Dr. King's Vision of Economic Justice - Then and Now." The seminar, developed by Pastor Merle McJunkin and Antioch's Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, is open to all who are interested. Registration opens at 8:00 am and the program runs from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.**

I hope you'll join us! The Church is located at 3 Church Street in Bedford Hills, across from the Bedford Hills Community House.

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## **[Looking Back at 2022 and Ahead to 2023](#)**

**My goals and objectives for 2023 are built on the work that I initiated during my first term in the Assembly.**

On the legislative front, I enter this term with two years under my belt, and following what I am pleased to say was a very successful first term for me legislatively. **I am proud that as a new member, I was able to secure the enactment of 16 bills for the betterment of New York residents and businesses.** These new laws, some of which I have discussed in [previous newsletters](#), cover a wide array of areas, touching on environmental conservation, assisting the district's municipalities in securing the revenues needed to operate, protecting children against sexual abuse by strengthening the penal code, promoting affordable housing by opening up funding for modular and manufactured housing, improving employment opportunities both within the state and the private sector for people with disabilities, helping a volunteer fire department in their recruitment and retention efforts through a benevolent association, and helping to expand the pool of home care service workers.

- [A04662](#) Relates to competency exams offered to qualified home care services workers residing outside this state
- [A05795](#) Authorizes the city of White Plains to impose a hotel tax
- [A07033](#) Relates to authorizing the town of New Castle, county of Westchester, to alienate and discontinue the use of certain parklands
- [A07079](#) Increases the severity of the offense of sexual conduct against a child in the second degree
- [A07396](#) Relates to the effectiveness of authorized sweepstakes with respect to subscriptions to "The Conservationist"
- [A07719](#) Relates to the construction of modular and manufactured housing
- [A08540](#) Requires same-day notification of a parent or person in parental relation of a student with a disability where certain behavioral interventions are used
- [A08549](#) Relates to preferred source status for entities that provide employment to certain persons
- [A08826](#) Relates to providing information regarding competency exams offered to qualified home health aides
- [A08829](#) Relates to the construction of modular and manufactured housing
- [A08915](#) Directs the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities to establish a voluntary training and certification program for employers that have taken the EmployAbility Pledge
- [A09612](#) Extending the effectiveness of the occupancy tax in the town of North Castle
- [A09628](#) Allows acknowledgments and proofs by any officer in active service of the armed forces authorized to act as a notary
- [A09758](#) Extends the effectiveness of the occupancy tax in the village of Harrison
- [A09959](#) Incorporates the Croton Falls Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Association and provides for its powers and duties
- [A10094](#) Establishes a cause of action for unlawful interference with protected rights of those coming to NYS to seek reproductive health care, including an abortion, and those coming to NYS for endocrine care, including transgender healthcare

- [A10123](#) Extends provisions relating to the imposition of an occupancy tax on the village of Mount Kisco until September 1, 2025

**I learned a great deal about how to get legislation across the finish line in my first term and look forward to using that knowledge for an even more successful 2023**, continuing my efforts to bring about a better quality of life for the residents of my Assembly District and all New Yorkers. Among the areas that I will continue to focus on are:

- Ensuring our veterans have more coherent and user-friendly access to the services to which they are entitled
- Improving employment opportunities, housing, and home care for people with disabilities
- Helping formerly incarcerated individuals seeking housing
- Advocating for funding the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)
- Helping municipalities find solutions for wastewater treatment and water quality degradation
- Ensuring our school districts continue to have the funds needed to provide a superlative education while holding down school taxes

And as always, my door is open if you have questions or concerns about my legislation, or thoughts on other issues the Assembly should be addressing.

In addition to my legislative work, **I consider of equal – if not greater – importance, the work that I do to help my constituents with difficulties involving government entities.** The vast majority of the assistance involves state government matters, but we also help connect residents with my partners at the county and federal levels.

**I also will continue to work in conjunction with my district's municipal partners** to secure grants and help fix problems they encounter with the state. And I will continue to help bring together private and public participants to find solutions for issues such as flood hazard mitigation, wastewater treatment, and water quality remediation.

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## [A Personal Update](#)

On a personal note, **on January 6 – after 30 wonderful years in Bedford – my wife and I made the move to Oakridge Condominiums, which is located in Lewisboro's beautiful hamlet of Vista.** While it was very difficult to move from our beloved Bedford, and all of its wonderful people, we both just felt the time was right. Our adult children are leading lives of their own. Downsizing just made sense.

For those who are used to seeing me in ShopRite early Saturday morning, ushering at St. Matthew's, and helping out with the Bedford Village Lions pancake breakfast... not to worry, none of that will change! In fact, it will likely feel like I never left, as I will continue to participate in all that Bedford has to offer.

In the meantime, I am enjoying getting better acquainted with my new town! I feel so fortunate that I get to represent a district made up of so many wonderful communities.

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## [Reminder! Home Energy Assistance Program \(HEAP\) Applications Open](#)

For those who qualify and are in need of assistance, **HEAP applications are now open!** Eligibility and benefit amount are determined by income, household size and composition, and heating source. To learn more, please go to [www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap](http://www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap). And don't hesitate to reach out to my office if there is any assistance we can provide.



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## [Reminder: Free COVID-19 Tests Now Available Through the USPS](#)

The Biden administration and the United States Post Office are partnering once again to offer free at-home COVID-19 tests. **Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free tests.**

To learn more or request your free tests, please visit [COVIDTests.gov](https://COVIDTests.gov).



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As always, **please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or if there is any assistance we can provide.** You can always reach me at [burdickc@nyassembly.gov](mailto:burdickc@nyassembly.gov) or by calling (914) 244-4450. My staff and I are always ready to help. Please also follow me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for continued up-to-date information.

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Sincerely yours,



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