



Dear Constituent,

Below please find information about upcoming events, mobile office hours, and new laws going into effect in December.

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

Radiating Tranquility: Open Call ends Sunday, December 3

Working with local art curator Eren Johnson, my office has opened a call for our second art exhibition, *Radiating Tranquility*, which will run from January 2 through June 13, 2024. A meditation on peace and light, this exhibition seeks works from K-12 student artists that embody the themes of peace, serenity, illumination, or radiance. *Radiating Tranquility* will celebrate the power of art to provide solace in difficult times and will honor the voices and talents of local youth. Interested artists can click [here](#) to learn more and submit work for consideration.

EXHIBITION OPEN CALL
Radiating Tranquility

Calling all student artists in AD95!
Apply by **Sunday, December 3**

<https://bit.ly/RadiatingTranquility>



Office of Assemblywoman
Dana Levenberg

Mobile Office Hours in Yorktown

Our last mobile office hours of 2023 will take place at John C. Hart Memorial Library this coming **Monday, December 4 from 1-4 PM**. Stop by for help with anything you might come into the office for: help navigating state agencies, information about state programs, and more.

NYSERDA Webinar on Proposed Residential Rebate Programs

On **Wednesday, December 6 from 9 AM - 11 AM**, NYSERDA will hold a virtual public information session to gather input on the proposed programs for New York's implementation of the federal [Inflation Reduction Act's \(IRA\) Home Energy Rebate programs](#): the Home Efficiency Rebates (HER) Program and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) Program.

NYSERDA, on behalf of New York State, is applying to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to implement these programs. This pre-proposal webinar will provide an overview of the IRA Home Energy Rebate programs, implementation considerations,

and how these programs can incentivize the transition to a cleaner, more efficient and resilient building stock and deliver benefits to residents and businesses. The webinar will present an opportunity for the public to provide input on program design considerations and features. [Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

If you are unable to give comment during the webinar, and/or would prefer to comment offline, you may submit written comments to residential.ira@nyserda.ny.gov by **Wednesday, December 20 at 4 PM.**

New Podcast Episode

The second episode of my monthly podcast, *Building Healthy Communities*, is available now on [my YouTube channel](#). This episode features Jeanette Gisbert, Executive Director of Volunteer New York. Volunteer New York connects New Yorkers in Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties with opportunities to contribute their time and talents to causes and not-for-profits that need their help. [Click here to listen to the podcast](#). If you have some time to spare to help out in your community this holiday season, visit <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/holiday> to find volunteer opportunities near you.

New Laws for December 2023

New state laws go into effect every month. Here is a list of new laws going into effect this month:

Effective Date	Chapter	Summary
12/14/2023	Ch. 630 of 2023 S.6577 A.6656	Provides certain protections for victims of real property theft, including authorizing a stay of foreclosure proceedings pending an investigation into theft or fraud.
12/17/2023	Ch. 654 of 2023 S.2099-C A.5200-B	Enacts Matthew's Law, which authorizes health care professionals and pharmacists to dispense drug adulterant testing supplies, such as fentanyl testing strips, to any person.

12/22/2023	<p>Ch. 728 of 2022</p> <p>A.3318-C</p> <p>S.926-C</p> <p>Ch. 37 of 2023, §§1-4</p> <p>A.986</p> <p>S.2224</p>	<p>Requires electric corporations and the Long Island Power Authority during a widespread outage that lasts more than 24 hours to notify localities if certain electric power services are not able to be restored; requires the chief executive of each locality to coordinate with affected police departments, fire departments, ambulance services and advanced life support first response services to facilitate obtaining an alternative power source.</p>
12/23/2023	<p>Ch. 740 of 2022</p> <p>A.2375-C</p> <p>S.6385-B</p> <p>Ch. 23 of 2023</p> <p>A.632</p> <p>S.860</p>	<p>Requires the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence in conjunction with an organization recognized by the federal Department of Health and Human Services to create a training program for court-appointed forensic evaluators; allows forensic evaluations for children living out of state to be conducted remotely utilizing secure video conferencing technology.</p>
12/28/2023	<p>Ch. 794 of 2022</p> <p>A.8936-A</p> <p>S.3897</p> <p>Ch. 3 of 2023</p> <p>A.602</p> <p>S.840</p>	<p>Increases state funding for construction and improvements by the Department of Transportation where the municipality agrees to fund a complete street design feature as a component of the project.</p>
12/28/2023	<p>Ch. 802 of 2022</p> <p>A.3040-B</p> <p>S.4870-B</p> <p>Ch. 5 of 2023</p> <p>A.608</p> <p>S.853</p>	<p>Allows pharmacists to administer injectable medications approved by the Food & Drug Administration for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorder.</p>

12/28/2023	<p>Ch. 809 of 2022</p> <p>A.4386-B</p> <p>S.23-B</p> <p>Ch. 16 of 2023, §1</p> <p>A.622</p> <p>S.2621</p>	<p>Requires any parking garage or parking lot that receives state capital funding to be capable of supporting electric vehicle charging stations; requires such applicable construction projects to be carried out pursuant to applicable labor law provisions, including public work; and allows for an exemption in certain instances if it can be shown, for example, that a construction project required to be undertaken pursuant to this law would cause unnecessary hardship.</p>
12/28/2023	<p>Ch. 810 of 2022</p> <p>S.4104-A</p> <p>A.7006-B</p> <p>Ch. 48 of 2023, §1</p> <p>A.1285</p> <p>S.1320</p>	<p>Enacts the Digital Fair Repair Act, which requires original equipment manufacturers of consumer electronics to make available to device owners and independent repair providers any documentation, parts, and tools required for the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of such products and their parts.</p>
12/28/2023	<p>Ch. 509 of 2023</p> <p>A.4928</p> <p>S.2022</p>	<p>Requires putrescible waste transported by rail to be covered with sealing hard lids, and non-putrescible waste to be covered with hard tarping securely fastened over the load, which may not exceed the height of the side of the rail container.</p>
12/29/2023	<p>Ch. 56 of 2023</p> <p>Part X</p> <p>A.3006-C</p> <p>S.4006-C</p>	<p>Expands education and training opportunities for public assistance recipients by eliminating the requirement for education to be combined with other work assignments and disregards income earned by recipients through workforce training programs and for six months after job entry.</p>

12/30/2023	<p>Ch. 825 of 2022</p> <p>S.4594-B</p> <p>A.354-B</p> <p>Ch. 36 of 2023, §§1-8</p> <p>A.983</p> <p>S.1332</p>	<p>Enacts the Tenant Dignity And Safe Housing Act relating to special proceedings for judgment directing repairs of conditions and other relief in residential real property to limit jurisdiction; provides that proceedings may be maintained against any respondent with a legal obligation to maintain the property. This law doesn't apply to NYC.</p>
12/31/2023	<p>Ch. 820 of 2022</p> <p>A.7063-A</p> <p>S.6291-A</p> <p>Ch. 111 of 2023</p> <p>S.1322</p> <p>A.994</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in apparel as an intentionally added chemical.</p>
12/31/2023	<p>Ch. 99 of 2023, §2</p> <p>S.1343</p> <p>A.990</p>	<p>Requires Buy American provisions in contracts for the purchase or lease of zero emission vehicles and charging or fueling infrastructure by state agencies, which must include components and parts produced in the United States, as well as final assembly in the U.S., with certain exceptions.</p>
12/31/2023	<p>Ch. 56 of 2023</p> <p>Part Z</p> <p>A.3006-C</p> <p>S.4006-C</p>	<p>Increases the standards of monthly need for aged, blind and disabled individuals living in the community.</p>