



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 May.

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

In Case You Missed It - Newly Enacted State Budget

This year's state budget includes robust funding for a variety of important initiatives, including support for public schools, infrastructure, and more. If you haven't already read my overview of the enacted state budget, [click here to access it](#).

Roads Survey

I recently released a brief survey about state road usage and conditions, intended to help ensure that I receive feedback from all communities in Assembly District 95 regarding our roads. [The survey can be found here](#). The feedback I receive will help inform my ongoing advocacy to the Department of Transportation, to ensure that our roads get the resources and attention they deserve. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to fill it out.

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 May:

- **Monday, May 6, 1-4 PM:** John C. Hart Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak, NY 10588
- **Monday, May 20, 1-4 PM:** Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566

New Podcast Episode

The [latest episode](#) of my podcast series, [Building Healthy Communities](#), is available now. In this episode, I speak with Cynthia Knox, CEO of Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) about the various ways CHHOP supports our community. [Click here to watch it on YouTube now](#), or listen to it on YouTube Podcasts, Spotify or iHeartRadio starting tomorrow.

Visionary Voices Open Call - Now Through May 20

Working with local art curator Eren Johnson, my office has opened a call for our third art exhibition, *Visionary Voices*. The show will run from June 17 through December 24. Interested artists can learn more and submit work for consideration now through **Monday, May 20** at <https://bit.ly/AD95VisionaryVoices>.

On November's ballot, New York State voters will have a chance to extend equal rights to all New Yorkers by voting on the Equal Rights Amendment. *Visionary Voices* will frame the historic nature of this vote to amend our state constitution. Artists are encouraged to submit up to 3 works in any medium that provide a vision of an equal future, offer personal narratives centered on equality, or that explore historic and current inequalities.



“Old Traditions, New Beginnings”

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 May 2024

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

Effective Date	Chapter	Summary
5/3/2024	Ch. 56 of 2023 Part DD A.3006-C S.4006-C	Establishes a statewide presumptive eligibility standard for the receipt of childcare assistance.

5/3/2024	Ch. 56 of 2023 Part MM A.3006-C S.4006-C	Expands the MTA's automated bus lane enforcement camera system and establishes a bus rapid transit demonstration program in New York City.
5/3/2024	Ch. 57 of 2023 Part AA S.4007-C A.3007-C	Requires hepatitis C screening and third trimester syphilis testing.
5/3/2024	Ch. 58 of 2023 Part MM S.4008-C A.3008-C	Provides for an increase in fees collected from residents and non-residents registering snowmobiles.
5/8/2024	Ch. 621 of 2023 S.2372 A.1084	Requires the publication of the number of veterans or surviving spouses of veterans on Mitchell-Lama housing waiting lists.
5/15/2024	Ch. 633 of 2023 A.1686-A S.3139-A Ch. 2 of 2024 A.8495 S.8054	Requires the Division of Housing and Community Renewal to provide an annual report on the New York Access To Home programs.

5/15/2024	Ch. 638 of 2023 A.3172-A S.5889	Provides that an automobile insurer may waive the inspection of a private passenger automobile prior to providing physical damage coverage.
5/15/2024	Ch. 664 of 2023 S.6528-A A.6927-A	Requires the secretary of state to promulgate rules and regulations requiring that education and testing for cosmetologists or natural hair stylists include education and testing regarding the provision of services to individuals with all hair types and textures, including, but not limited to, various curl or wave patterns, hair strand thicknesses, and volumes of hair.
5/15/2024	Ch. 669 of 2023 S.7387-B A.7677	Establishes the Office of Community Hiring and Workforce Development to facilitate employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged candidates and apprenticeship utilization on public transactions in New York City.
5/20/2024	Ch. 58 of 2024 Part SS, Subpart B A.8808-C S.8308-C	Provides for the applicability of open meetings and freedom of information laws to state and local authorities.
5/28/2024	Ch. 682 of 2023 S.1783-A A.372-A	Establishes the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual And Transgender, And People Living With HIV Long-Term Care Facility Residents' Bill Of Rights; prohibits a long-term care facility and its staff from discriminating against any resident on the basis of such resident's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or HIV status.