



Dear Constituent,

Now that the election communications moratorium is over, I am pleased to be able to resume sending out e-news updates from my office. Keep reading to catch up on news from around the district, upcoming events, new laws going into effect this month and more.

Post-Election Note

I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue serving Assembly District 95 and all of its residents. Please feel free to reach out to my office at **(914) 941-1111** during normal business hours or email levenbergd@nyassembly.gov if I or my staff can be of assistance to you. Please also continue to share your opinions on the legislation and issues that matter most to you using my contact form: <https://bit.ly/AD95Contact>.

Learn More About Upcoming CDPAP Changes

Do you have questions about the upcoming changes to the Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP)? The first of several town halls regarding the program will be held online Thursday, November 21, from 10 AM - 11 AM. [Click here to register](#). For more information about the changes to the program, upcoming webinars, and more, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Roads Update



From left: Briarcliff Mayor Steve Vescio, Ossining Town Supervisor Liz Feldman, State Senator Pete Harckham, Ossining Village Mayor Rika Levin, Westchester County Legislator Emiljana Ulaj, myself, and Ossining Town Councilmembers Angelo Manicchio and Jennifer Fields-Tawil

Repaving on Route 9A in Croton and Ossining got underway earlier this month. It was a pleasure to join Senator Pete Harckham, Westchester County Legislator Emiljana Ulaj, and local officials from Briarcliff Manor and the Town and Village of Ossining in early November to announce the start of this long-awaited project. You can watch that announcement [here](#). As this work continues, please drive carefully through work zones, obey all posted signage and leave extra time for detours and such if you are traveling in the work area.

Please know that this is just the beginning for Route 9A, and that I will continue to push for all of our troubled state roads to be fixed. Most recently, I have teamed up with my colleague who represents New Castle, Assemblymember Chris Burdick, to reiterate our strong concerns about a troubled stretch of 133 (Somertown Road in Ossining to roughly the intersection with Barnes Road in New Castle). We have asked that repaving of this road segment be added to the capital plan as soon as possible. Our NYSDOT regional office has indicated that they will keep this stretch of road on their radar for future paving projects, and will ask the maintenance team to see if there is any work that can be done on them prior to the onset of winter.

Around The District

It has been a very busy ten weeks since my last update! In that time, I have delivered additional grant funding, honored more than 175 individuals and organizations for their contributions to our communities, and met with hundreds of constituents and advocates throughout the district.







In The News



Town of Ossining Receives State Funding for Reconstruction of Louis Engel Park Stage

[Read more at River Journal Online](#)

Harcckham, Levenberg Announce \$16.2 Million in State Funding for Peekskill Wastewater Treatment Plant

[Read more at River Journal Online](#)



Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg Announces New Grant Awards for School Districts & Youth Serving Organizations

[Read more at River Journal Online](#)

Westchester's Assembly Members Make Case for New Foundation Aid Formula

[Read more in the Examiner News](#)



Hudson Valley Shakespeare Breaks Ground for Samuel H. Scripps Theater Center

[Read more at HudsonValleyOne.com](http://HudsonValleyOne.com)

Harcckham, Levenberg Call on DEC to Extend Public Comment Period on New Nuke Regulations

[Read more at River Journal Online](http://RiverJournalOnline)

Welcome Home Westchester Unveils “5 in '25” Agenda on Building Affordable Housing



[Read more at River Journal Online](http://RiverJournalOnline)

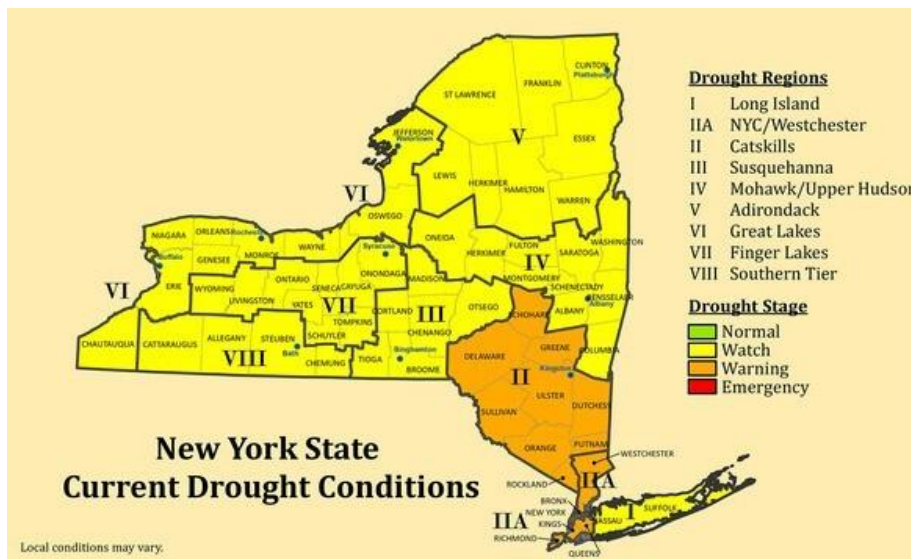
Chow Down Honors Members of the Military

[Read more at Mid-Hudson News](http://Mid-HudsonNews)

Stream Waters Flow After Sprout Brook Dam Demolition

[Read more in the Examiner News](http://TheExaminerNews)

Drought Warning



Our area is under a drought warning. Here is some more information about what that means and how we can conserve water, from New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation:

A "warning" is the second of four levels of state drought advisories ("watch," "warning," "emergency" and "disaster"). There are no statewide mandatory water use restrictions in place under a drought watch or warning but residents are strongly encouraged to voluntarily conserve water. Local public water suppliers may impose water use restrictions depending upon local needs and conditions.

To protect water resources, homeowners in regions under the drought watch or drought warning are encouraged to voluntarily reduce water use and follow these tips:

- Reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers or air conditioners to water plants.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Fix leaking pipes, fixtures, toilets, hoses and faucets.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry.
- Take shorter showers or fill the bathtub partly.
- Install water saving plumbing fixtures.
- Don't run the tap to make water hot or cold.
- Wash cars less frequently.

New York State Department of Health is in contact with public water suppliers to convey any potential steps they need to take. For water wells that may be affected by drought, contact a [registered water well contractor](#) to discuss appropriate options for your individual situation.

Make Yourself Heard

New York Power Authority (NYPA) Renewable Energy Comment Period: NYPA is seeking public comment on the latest draft of its renewable energy strategic plan. [Click here to read the draft plan, learn more about the initiative and access public comment opportunities.](#) There will be virtual public hearings from 10 AM - noon and 6-8 PM on Thursday, November 21, and written public comment will be accepted through December 9. Comments can be submitted to: StrategicPlanComments@nypa.gov. If you would like to speak at the virtual public hearing, [click here to sign up](#).

For my part, I have signed onto a joint letter with colleagues in the Assembly requesting that the draft plan increase its target to aim for building 15 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity. Doing so will help New York State protect ratepayers from the kinds of utility rate hikes we currently experience with entities like Con Edison and Central Hudson, in addition to its positive impact on the environment. For those interested in

more details, the full letter will be available on the Publications page of my website soon.

Take My Surveys: If you have not already done so, please be sure to complete my open surveys. Many of you have already responded to the Issues survey that was included in my recent print newsletter; it is also available [here](#) and among the buttons on [my home page](#) if you have not yet seen it. I also recently opened a survey inquiring about constituent experiences with the healthcare system; [you can click here to take that survey](#). My office will analyze and publish the results in our upcoming winter print newsletter and in my January e-news.

2025 Town Hall Schedule: Save the date(s)! I will once again be hosting town halls to share updates from Albany and gather your input as the new legislative session and budget negotiations get underway. I hope you will be able to join me. Two will be focused on affordability issues specifically, while the others will be open to all topics. The schedule is as follows:

Affordability

Thursday, February 6 at 7 PM: Virtual. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/AD95VirtualTownHall2025>

Thursday, February 13 at 7 PM: Croton Free Library, 171 Cleveland Dr., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

General Interest

Saturday, February 8:

- 10 AM: Briarcliff Manor Community Center, 3 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
- 2 PM: Field Library, 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566

Saturday, February 15:

- 10 AM: Hendrick Hudson Free Library, 185 Kings Ferry Rd., Montrose, NY 10548
- 2 PM: Desmond-Fish Public Library, 472 NY-403, Garrison, NY 10524

New Laws for November 2024



New state laws go into effect every month. Of particular interest this month are new laws requiring increased transparency regarding rate increases from utility companies, strengthening penalties for reckless drivers and organized retail theft, outlawing wildlife killing contests, increasing protections for children with disabilities, and authorizing direct-to-consumer shipping of alcoholic beverages. The Clean Slate Act also goes into effect this month, enabling formerly incarcerated people who have paid their debt to society and turned their lives around to have their criminal records sealed to most (but not all) audiences. [Click here to read more about the Clean Slate Act.](#) Here are more details about new state laws going into effect in November 2024:

Effective Date	Chapter	Summary
11/1/2024	Ch. 722 of 2023 A.3983 S.4671	Enacts Angelica's Law: A person may be charged with the crime of first degree aggravated unlicensed operation (AUO) of a motor vehicle if they commit the offense of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree after having had five or more suspensions or revocations.

11/1/2024	Ch. 762 of 2023 S.4099 A.2917	Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, conduct, promote, or participate in any contest, competition, tournament or derby where the objective of such contest or competition is to take wildlife, with the exception of contests pertaining to hunting white-tailed deer, turkey, bear, or fishing contests.
11/1/2024	Ch. 55 of 2024 PART B A.8805-C S.8305-C	Establishes the crime of fostering the sale of stolen goods (organized retail theft) as a class A misdemeanor.
11/1/2024	Ch. 433 of 2024 A.3120-A S.9504-A	Increases the maximum penalty for violation of overtaking and passing a school bus from \$1,000 to \$1,500 after the third conviction in three years.
11/16/2024	Ch. 631 of 2023 A.1029-C S.7551-A	Enacts the Clean Slate Act: Provides for automatic sealing of certain convictions after a certain passage of time from either imposition of sentence, release from parole or probation, and if the defendant does not have a current charge pending; excludes certain offenses; permits access by certain persons.

11/16/2024	Ch. 226 of 2024 S.2852-A A.3132-A	Authorizes the direct to consumer shipment of liquor, cider, mead, and braggot.
11/17/2024	Ch. 25 of 2024 A.8486 S.8049	Requires statewide training for mandated reporters to include how to identify an abused or maltreated child with an intellectual or developmental disability.
11/22/2024	Ch. 436 of 2024 S.760-B A.402-B	Prohibits reckless driving in parking lots.
11/24/2024	Ch. 333 of 2024 A.9827 S.9188	Requires the Public Service Commission to publish information prior to a major rate change by a public gas or electric utility including an explanation of why the rate change is requested and a summary of how the proposed revenue will be spent.

11/26/2024	Ch. 382 of 2024 S.6670-A A.6930-A	Establishes the COVID-19 Livery Vehicle Recovery Act; provides any entity issuing for-hire vehicle licenses shall, for a minimum of one year upon the effective date of this act, allow for the renewal of livery vehicle licenses which expired during the COVID-19 pandemic, under the same vehicle type requirement that existed at the time of expiration unless the livery vehicle owner opts to renew at the current requirement; provides that livery vehicle owners seeking a renewal of an expired license during this open window shall not be penalized, such as through additional charges or fees.
11/30/2024	Ch. 423 of 2024 A.1118 S.1550	Requires all advertisements for gambling and sports betting to include warnings about potential harmful and addictive effects of gambling as well as a problem gambling hotline number.