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Dear Neighbor:

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to share some news from the State Capitol. I am proud that once again I was among the most effective legislators in Albany, having passed 15 bills in both houses of the legislature. In addition to these legislative victories, I have been working with my colleagues to fight for more roadway repair funding and to close the MTA value gap to provide better service for west of Hudson commuters.

Following the end of session, I have been busy here in the district, as I have partnered with organizations like the Red Cross for a blood drive and to distribute smoke detectors to those in need. I've worked with local not for profits like the JCC, Pride Center, Jawonio, Bridges, and ARC on various projects and also with towns and villages throughout the district to improve infrastructure.

If there is any way I can assist you or answer any questions about the programs outlined in this newsletter, or regarding any other issue, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Zebrowski Passes Important Legislation Through Assembly



Repeating last year's success, Assemblyman Zebrowski was once again among the top members whose bills passed during session this year, with 17 bills passing in the Assembly and 15 passing in both houses of the legislature. Bills passed this year range from those that will have a direct impact locally in Rockland County and those with a statewide impact.

Some of the bills that Assemblyman worked to pass would:

- Enact the New York tropical deforestation-free procurement act to ensure companies contracting with the state are not contributing to tropical deforestation (A.5682)
- Allow the Town of Clarkstown to apply for state funding for cemetery restoration (A.7121)
- Expand the "move over" law to include vehicles parked, stopped, or standing on the shoulder of a parkway or highway (A.1077)
- Require water companies to make information available to residents of cooperatives, condominiums, or multi-family dwellings (A.4403)
- Require a report on the replacement of decommissioned or dormant electric generating sites with renewable energy development and energy storage opportunities (A.4386)

Have a bill idea for next year's session? Visit my website or contact my office to share your ideas for consideration.

Improving Roads in Rockland County

The current state of Rockland roadways is often a concern heard from constituents across the district. During the summer, Assemblyman Zebrowski met with Department of Transportation officials to discuss some of the concerns that have been raised. The DOT also provided updates on pothole filling that it has done over the warmer months to prepare for winter, as well as clean up operations across roadways.

This year's budget saw a \$60 million increase for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement program, which will help to improve conditions on local roads. In addition, Assemblyman Zebrowski joined his colleagues from across the Hudson Valley to request the DOT make substantial investments in the region in the next five-year capital funding program.

Corporations Committee Corner

Earlier this year, Assemblyman Zebrowski was appointed Chair of the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions. The committee has oversight over important sectors of the state, such as the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Thruway Authority, Power Authority, and the Public Service Commission.

In July, Assemblyman Zebrowski held his first hearing as Chair of the committee to examine existing electric and gas utility rate structures that are regulated by the Public Service Commission. At the end of October, the Assemblyman chaired a roundtable discussion that focused on electric vehicle charging infrastructure expansion and the impact to the electric grid.

This year, 221 bills have been referred to the committee for review and 59 bills were reported out.



Assemblyman Zebrowski tours the Croton Yard with MTA Chairman Janno Lieber and Metro-North President Catherine Rinaldi.

Rockland Library Funding

The 2022-23 state budget included \$34 million in capital project funding for libraries across the state. Here in Rockland, that funding has been put to good use, including the substantial renovations made recently at the New City Free Library.



Haverstraw King's Daughters Library	\$45,038.00	Replace 116-ton cooling tower.
New City Free Library	\$295,616.00	Walls and ceiling installation; painting; tiling; roofing; new elevator.
Nyack Library	\$87,500.00	Install two 8-ton heat pumps and two air handlers.
Valley Cottage Free Library	\$176,606.00	Replacement of the roof and substructure; new curbing on HVAC elements; skylight and gutter replacement.

Partnering with the Red Cross

This year, Assemblyman Zebrowski has partnered with the Red Cross on several initiatives, including a blood drive in August and to bring awareness to the importance of working smoke detectors in homes. As part of the partnership, the office is taking requests for smoke detectors and working with the Red Cross to see them installed. This fall, Assemblyman Zebrowski made a visit with Red Cross workers to install alarms for a homeowner in Congers.

If you or someone you know needs a smoke detector installed, please contact our office.



Assemblyman Zebrowski installs a smoke detector at the home of a Congers resident.

Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado Visits Rockland County

In August, Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado joined Assemblyman Zebrowski for a visit to Rockland County, including the Garnerville Arts & Industrial Center and River Hook: The Hester Haring Cason Preserve in Upper Nyack. The tour started with a look at the exhibits on display at Garner Arts Center before stopping by to sample menu items at Hudson's Mill. Before departing for South Nyack, the group stopped in at Industrial Arts Brewing Company to tour the brewery's facilities. At this unique West Haverstraw complex, Assemblyman Zebrowski talked to the Lt. Gov. about economic development opportunities in Rockland.

At River Hook: The Hester Haring Cason Preserve in Upper Nyack, Lt. Gov. Delgado and Assemblyman Zebrowski toured the grounds and had the opportunity to see some of the newly installed art pieces and the work being done to preserve the 12 acre site. Here, they discussed the importance of parkland, recreational opportunities, and preserving the history of our community.



Lt. Gov. Delgado and Assemblyman Zebrowski tour exhibits at Garner Arts Center alongside West Haverstraw Mayor Rob D'Amelio, Haverstraw Mayor Michael Kohut, and Garner Arts Center President Robin Rosenberg.



Lt. Gov. Delgado and Assemblyman Zebrowski meet with Upper Nyack Mayor Karen Tarapata and volunteers working at River Hook: The Hester Haring Cason Preserve.

Polish Heritage Month Celebrated in Albany

Assemblyman Zebrowski is happy to recognize many of Rockland's diverse ethnicities and backgrounds in Albany. He sponsors resolutions recognizing Polish American Heritage Month, Indian American Heritage Month, and Philippine Independence Day. This year, he welcomed members of the Polish community from across the state in Albany for the passage of his resolution to mark October as Polish Heritage Month in New York, recognizing the contributions of Polish Americans. In addition to Rocklanders who made the trip, Assembly Members from Brooklyn and Utica hosted constituents from their respective districts.



Assemblyman Zebrowski introduces Polish constituents on the Assembly floor as part of the Polish Heritage Month celebration.

Breaking Ground on PRIDE Center Renovations

In June, Assemblyman Zebrowski joined the Phyllis B. Frank Pride Center in Nyack for the groundbreaking of exciting renovations to overhaul the space. In addition to community spaces and offices to provide services, Assemblyman Zebrowski secured \$250,000 for the installation of an elevator at the site. This addition to the building will make it more accessible and allow the pride center to better serve our community.



Assemblyman Zebrowski stands with Pride Center board members, Village of Nyack Deputy Mayor Joe Rand, former Congressman Mondaire Jones, and former Senator David Carlucci for the groundbreaking ceremony.

Assemblyman Zebrowski Works to Address MTA Value Gap

Following the successful freeze of west of Hudson fares in the midst of the recent MTA fare hikes, Assemblyman Zebrowski stood with his colleagues in the legislature to provide an update on the work to close the MTA “value gap” felt by Rocklanders. The fare freeze comes in addition to the exemption of Rockland and Orange counties from the proposed MTA payroll tax increase that was proposed in this year’s budget. As Chair of the Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions, Assemblyman Zebrowski has continued to advocate for better service from the MTA for west of Hudson commuters and recently hosted the CEO of the MTA and President of Metro North in the district to discuss these issues.



Assemblyman Zebrowski stands with Senator James Skoufis, Assemblyman Chris Eachus, and local officials to provide an update on their work to provide better service from the MTA for west of Hudson commuters.

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Celebrating 100 Years of New York State Parks

Over the course of the next year, New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation is celebrating 100 years since the agency’s founding. To kick off the celebrations, Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid visited Lake Welch during a tour of parks across the state, and Assemblyman Zebrowski joined him to recognize the occasion. He has also worked with the Commissioner to help improve Rockland state parks, including securing funding to rehab the Rockland Lake Golf Course. Over the next year, be on the lookout for special events celebrating the centennial of New York Parks.



Assemblyman Zebrowski joined New York Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid at Lake Welch.