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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

[*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*](#)



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Victims of domestic violence endure physical and emotional trauma that most can't even imagine. It's crucial that we make New York State a place where they feel safe enough to break away from their abusers and seek justice. Two important laws go into effect this month that protect survivors and help them regain their lives and begin the healing process.

Unfortunately, incidents of domestic violence often go unreported. The first law allows victims of domestic violence to report an incident to any local law enforcement agency in the state

regardless of where it took place (Ch. 152 of 2019). Previously, victims were often forced to return to the jurisdiction where the incident occurred in order to make a report, putting them at further risk.

Additionally, another law going into effect later this month allows survivors to receive all damages for economic and non-economic losses from any defendant found liable in civil court (Ch. 180 of 2019). This will help more survivors hold their abusers accountable and ensure they get the justice they deserve.

These laws show victims that they're not alone and will help more victims escape their abuse and begin a brighter chapter of their lives.

DISTRICT NEWS

[Lion Electric Co. Grand Opening](#)



Lion Electric Company officially opened their New York Experience Center in Green Island at a Grand Opening ceremony held this week. Lion Electric Co. manufactures emission free vehicles; including all-electric school buses, minibuses for paratransit, shuttle buses, and urban trucks.

I am very excited to see The Lion Electric Co. open its first Experience Center in New York right here in the Capital Region. The center will provide interested parties with the information they need to learn more about the electric vehicle industry. The center's proximity to local engineering schools will also provide recruitment opportunities for students to be involved in future research and development. Welcome to the 108th Assembly District, Lion Electric Co. and congratulations to the Village of Green Island for continuing to build economic success in the community.

[Capital District EOC](#)



This week I was able to participate in a rebranding event at Capital District EOC. It is great to see a fresh new look for a critical organization that assists students in career training and finding jobs. Yes, there is change but there is constancy in empowering individuals to attain a career.

I enjoyed hearing David Anderson tell his story of how he learned a trade and now runs his own construction business - good stuff!

[Small Business Forum](#)

Join me along with Assemblymember Patricia Fahy and Senator Neil Breslin for a Small Business Forum hosted with Anthony Capece, Executive Director of the Central Avenue Business Improvement District (BID), on **October 16th at 9:30 a.m.** at the new STEAM Garden incubator and co-working space at 279 Central Ave.

The forum will feature a panel of entrepreneurs and small business owners speaking to their experience about what works for small businesses in starting and sustaining a business; advice to help replicate this success; and, what challenges continue to exist for small businesses in the State of New York. Members from the local and regional business community are invited to attend this free forum.

Invitees are encouraged to confirm attendance, but it is not required to attend.

For more information check out the [event page here](#)

[*Fundraiser for Patty Bishop*](#)

Join me next Friday night at a fundraiser to support Patty Bishop. Patty worked with me in the Mayor's office during my early years as Mayor of Cohoes and provided great support to me and great service to our residents. She has supported many over the decades I have known her and now it is time to return that support.

The fundraiser will take place on **Friday, October 18th** from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Polish American Association at 50 Willow Street in Cohoes.

For additional information check out the event page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/808681566235181/>

[*City School District of Albany Job Fair*](#)

The City School District of Albany will host a job fair on **Saturday, October 26, 2019** from 9 a.m.-noon at Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School, located at 100 Elbel Court off Whitehall Road.

If you are interested in attending, please register here. For more information, contact the Office of Human Resources at (518) 475-6055 or humanresources@albany.k12.ny.us.

Immediate full-time, part-time and substitute opportunities are available. Interviews will be conducted on-site, and job offers may be made to qualified candidates. Positions include substitute teachers, teaching assistants, substitute teaching assistants, typists, cleaners, hall monitors and food-service workers.

[*City of Troy Free Leaf Collection Bags*](#)

The City of Troy will offer free leaf collection bags for Troy residents during the fall season. Leaf bags will be available for pick-up at the Knickerbacker Ice Rink, located at 191 103rd Street, from Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 7:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Bags will also be available at the Mayor's Office at City Hall, located at 433 River Street, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Troy residents will be required to provide proof of residency (ex. state-issued I.D., utility bill, property tax bill) to obtain leaf collection bags. Bags are limited to two packages – containing five leaf bags each – per household, and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information visit <http://www.troyny.gov/mayor-madden-free-leaf-collection-bags-available-for-residents/>

[Capital District Leadership Awards Scholarships](#)

UAlbany has recently launched a new scholarship program exclusively for students in the Capital Region. The Capital District Leadership Awards are scholarships designed to recognize and reward students from the greater Albany region with a passion for leadership and noteworthy leadership experiences. Eight freshmen will be recognized and rewarded at \$7,000 per year and 20 freshmen will be recognized and rewarded at \$3,000 per year.

Additional scholarship eligibility guidelines can be found [here](#)

IN THE NEWS

[Real Kids Wear Pink](#)

Take a few moments to check out [this story](#) by Erika Leigh from Spectrum News about the Real Kids Wear Pink Campaign.

We could all learn a lesson from these students at Cohoes Middle School. The Real Kids Wear Pink campaign brings kids across the region together to raise awareness about breast cancer and sends the message that you are never too young to make a difference.

For more information on upcoming events for Real Kids Wear Pink check out their website here: https://secure.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=94899&pg=entry