

News from Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter

128 Assembly District



Dear Friend:

The month of March will be quite busy! I will be spending the majority of my time in Albany working with my colleagues to finalize the New York State Budget.

With warmer weather around the corner, I am reminded that Spring is a symbol of optimism and positivity. In March I will be keeping this in mind as the legislature works to complete a successful budget. I encourage each of you to do something you enjoy whether that be to read a book, go to one of our local parks or take a much needed rest!

We are in this together

As always, even though the office is closed for in-person meetings, my office is always available to answer questions and advocate on your behalf. I implore you to remain vigilant, wear a mask and follow health, safety and social distancing guidelines. I wish everyone safety and health.

Warm Regards, Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter

> Now Accepting Applications for the Annual Exceptional Women of CNY 2021



Click here to nominate someone you know

If you are unsure of your district you can check here.

Have you completed our Winter Constituent Survey? CLICK <u>HERE</u>



In the Community..



I visited Syracuse Community Connections in February to join in the presentation of funds donated from Spectrum. Recently, Spectrum donated \$2,500 to support the ongoing efforts to provide necessary resources to our students virtually learning. Their generous donation provided the opportunity for Syracuse Community Connections to purchase Chrome books. Mobile devices with broadband are essential for our community's education needs and must be accessible to all!



Pictured Above (from left to right):

Mr Lawrence Williams (CEO of Syracuse Community Connections),

Alice Kim (Director, Government Affairs-Spectrum)

and Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter



<u>THANK YOU</u> ESSENTIAL WORKERS! YOU ARE APPRECIATED

COVID VACCINE UPDATE

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a list of New York State-operated vaccination locations with availability through April 16th!

(*AVAILABILITY LIMITED/ APPOINTMENT REQUIRED*)



The COVID-19 vaccine is safe.

- COVID-19 vaccines are mRNA vaccines, meaning they don't use a live virus.
- The vaccine does not interact with our DNA in any way.
- It's possible that you may feel a little under the weather after getting a COVID-19 vaccine – that's a normal immune response and a sign that the vaccine is working.

Assemblymember Pamela J. Hunter: Get the facts on the COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine went through the same approval process as other vaccines.

- The vaccines were approved by the U.S. FDA and CDC, as well as New York's independent COVID-19 Clinical Advisory Task Force.
- The two currently approved vaccines used very large and diverse sample groups that showed these vaccines are up to 95% effective at preventing COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed fairly and is available to all New Yorkers at no cost.

- New York State is conducting vaccine distribution in a fair and equitable way, which includes reaching out to underserved communities, such as our seniors.
- Vaccine information is private and shared with federal law enforcement agencies.

Local Resources

To learn more or find local vaccination sites, you can visit ny.gov/vaccine or 211.cny.com, or visit the Onondaga County Health Department's website at ongov.net/health. You can also call 211 and 1-844-245-1922 if you are without internet access or need assistance with scheduling an appointment.

Questions? Concerns? My door is always open!

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IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH SCHEDULING A VACCINE APPOINTMENT OR ARE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS PLEASE CALL 1-844-245-1922 OR 211

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



One of the primary responsibilities of government is to protect our most vulnerable. In light of the recent revelations from the Attorney General concerning nursing home deaths, <u>I have joined my Assembly colleagues in supporting a legislative package to bring broad reforms to our nursing home industry</u>.

The nursing home care bills recently passed will increase oversight and transparency, prepare nursing homes for future public health threats, guarantee safe nursing home visits and crack down on bad actors within the nursing home industry that prioritize profits over people. More information on each of the ten bills that were passed can be found <u>here</u>

UPSTATE MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY EVENT







On February 9th, my office partnered with Upstate University Hospital Mobile Mammography and La Liga (Spanish Action League) to host Mobile Mammography Screening for the community. Even through the snow, constituents came and received mammography screenings; It is important that you get screened for early detection. Upstate's Mobile Mammography holds events in the community and partners with local organizations to help the community obtain better access to screenings. This is a vital service to our community! <u>Thank you to the Upstate staff for servicing members of the</u> <u>La Liga community and Special Thank you to La Liga for hosting the event at your</u> <u>facility</u>.



Click *HERE* to watch my presentation

LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY

February 26th was Library Advocacy Day! I just want to take the time out to Thank all of our local libraries in our district and county for their continued work in the community! I will continue advocating in Albany for funding that is necessary to keep our Libraries going and I encourage for Library Advocacy Day!



everyone to reach out to your local Legislators to urge the Governor to fully fund our Libraries! Please take the time to visit our wonderful libraries within our district.

O.C.C. NAMED A MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL



Congratulations to Onondaga Community College for being named a Military Friendly School for the 2021-2022 academic year!



"The designation is awarded based on institutional survey scores combined with the ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer), and loan default rate for all students and, specifically, for Student Veterans..."

Click **HERE** to read more

WE CAN ALL STAY SAFE TOGETHER:



Wear a Mask



Wash your hands



Maintain Social Distancing



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