

E-NEWSLETTER

ASSEMBLYMAN

KEITH P. BROWN

A Message from Keith:



It has been an exciting start to the year! I had an incredible honor bestowed upon me by my Brother Hibernians of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, John F. Kennedy Division No. 4 Huntington, NY to be named the Grand Marshal of the 91st Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade, allowing me to follow in my father's footsteps and those of the many distinguished men and women who have come before me. This experience reminded me that New York State is made up of so many incredible cultures, and it truly is a blessing to be able to recognize where we came from, acknowledge our cultural heritage, and celebrate our collective unity.

Now, as we enter the spring season, I am filled with enthusiasm for what we can accomplish together. As this legislative session proceeds, I am committed to working tirelessly to help create a more secure and prosperous community and to get legislation passed that will help not only those within the 12th District but all of New York State.

I am hopeful we will be able to pass the Deadly Drugged Driving Bill (A.3981-A), which will close legal loopholes and keep everyone safer on the roads. I am proud to have been appointed by Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay to serve on the Legislative Commission on the Modernization and Simplification of Tax Administration and the Tax Law. It's critical this commission properly analyzes the current effectiveness of the tax law and identifies strategies to improve it. I will continue to work alongside members of the Assembly Minority Conference to call for increased oversight of the MTA, highlighting Assembly Bill A.6088, which requires the MTA to hire a certified independent accounting firm to perform a comprehensive forensic audit of the Authority. In addition, I am dedicated to creating laws that will aid those who struggle with mental health issues and substance use issues through my work as a member of the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the Committee on Mental Health. I was very happy to get a resolution passed in the Assembly and Senate recognizing April as Co-Occurring Disorder Month in the State of New York!

As we move through the spring season and on into summer, I will continue to work towards improving our waterways, our environment, and our

communities. I am optimistic and focused on the work ahead. I hope you enjoy this season of renewal!

God bless you and your families, Long Island, and our great state!

Your Assemblyman,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ke P. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ke" and the last name "Brown" clearly distinguishable.

Hon. Keith P. Brown



Oath of Office 2025

Yesterday, I took the oath of office to protect the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of New York. I promise that I will faithfully discharge, to the best of my ability, the duties of the position of the New York State Assembly, so help me God!

I am thankful for my constituents who continue to support me. I will continue to fight for you and for what's important to me and our district—our bays, harbors and sound, our waterfronts, our downtowns, our small businesses, our education, our kids, our veterans, our seniors, our law enforcement, our most vulnerable, people with disabilities and our environment!

I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for Long Island, and I am so fortunate to work with some amazing elected officials, appointed officials, and staffers serving the people, including among many others:

US Congressman Nick LaLota
US Congressman Andrew Garbarino
US Congressman Tom Suozzi
US Senator Chuck Schumer
NYS Senator Mario Mattera
NYS Senator Monica Martinez
NYS Assembly Steve Stern
SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi
SC Legislator Rebecca Sanin
Town Supervisor Ed Smyth
Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter
Town Supervisor Rich Schaffer
The Huntington, Islip, and Babylon Town Council members and the village mayors, and trustees of Northport, Asharoken, Huntington Bay, and Lloyd Harbor!

Now let's get to work! (Jan. 9)





Productive Day in Assembly District 12

Friday was a very productive day for me and my office.

First, we held the third meeting with Nassau and Suffolk County agencies, Molloy College, and community service providers to discuss the creation of a Co-Occurring Disorder Committee in both counties and work together with our neighboring suburban counties to build a better system of integrated care, one that brings together policymakers in Albany with county social service agencies, school districts administrators and personnel to better deal with mental illness and substance use disorders from teenagers to adulthood—all to create a true “no wrong door” approach.

Thereafter, I had a great meeting with County Executive Ed Romaine to discuss many important issues in our district! Thank you, sir, for being so open to discussing these topics! A true public servant! (Jan. 13)



Long Island Leaders Reception in Albany

It was great seeing so many Long Islanders up in Albany at the LIA Long Island Leaders Reception as a pre-State of the State gathering! (Jan. 15)



Legislature Goes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art

We attended the Legislature Goes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to learn about all of the programs offered by the Met for adults and kids at the world's largest museum, which is only a short ride away from AD 12. I plan on reaching out to my 10 school districts to arrange for a field trip to visit the museum and see its incredible collection of fine art that chronicles the history of human civilization from Mesopotamia to post-modern! (Jan. 22)





American Water Works Association & Suffolk County Water Authority Meeting

Had my first meeting in Albany this year with representatives of the American Water Works Association and my friend Joe Pokorny from the Suffolk County Water Authority to talk about safe drinking water and some budget needs they have to continue to provide safe drinking water to most of the residents of Suffolk County! (Jan. 23)



NAACP Huntington Branch Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

It was an honor and privilege to attend the NAACP Huntington Branch event and to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. I feel it's so important to remember his legacy not only through his words but, almost more importantly, by putting his words into action.

That's why I am extremely proud of my work on the East End African American Museum and more recently my work trying to establish the Huntington African American Museum.

I believe it's so important to protect these treasured pieces of our history and remember our past and those who came before us who suffered through horrible acts that were perpetuated against them, as well as to fight injustice in any form and achieve the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Jan. 25)



Early Intervention Program Services Press Conference

This week in Albany, I was proud to stand with AM Jodi Giglio and my colleagues, providers, and parents calling for a fix to the online system for Early Intervention Program services. Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio has been a leading voice on this issue in our conference, and we will continue to support the efforts to make sure our children get these essential services they so desperately need. (Jan. 26)





Suffolk County Substance Use Committee Reconvenes

Many thanks to SC Legislator Leslie Kennedy for starting up the Substance Use Committee again. It was a robust meeting as we heard from the SC medical examiner and Cari Besserman about Co-Occurring Disorder and the need to integrate the two systems of care. Thank you all who attended. By working together, my hope is we can transform the policy in Albany and help save lives! (Jan. 28)





Environmental Conservation Committee Meeting

My first Environmental Conservation Committee meeting of the year! (Jan. 29)



Zero-Emission School Bus Mandate Press Conference

I attended a press conference yesterday to help promote Assembly Bill A.2005 (Senate Bill S.3328), which authorizes school districts to submit a waiver to the commissioner of education allowing them to officially opt out of certain zero-emission school bus requirements being implemented statewide.

School district superintendents, board members, and educators understand the environmental goals of the transition to zero-emission school buses to reduce vehicle emissions statewide, but they also understand the financial, and logistical impacts this transition will have on their schools.

School districts work in absolutes rather than maybes when it comes to their budgets. The challenges this transition will force on schools—challenges related to cost, electrical capacity, infrastructure, energy efficiency, weather, and difficult terrain—are unpredictable, vary district by district, and should not be left to each individual school to tackle without any support from the state.

Zero-emission school buses cost anywhere from two to four times more than traditional internal combustion engine buses. One analysis found the cost would be between \$8 billion and \$15.25 billion for school districts to switch from gas-powered to all-electric buses. However, this cost does not even consider infrastructure and facility upgrades associated with the switch.

New York state is incredibly diverse both socioeconomically and geographically, and our school districts reflect these differences. We must address growing concerns from school districts statewide so we can either re-evaluate this mandate or allow school districts to opt out if they choose to do so. (Jan. 29)



Islip-Smithtown NAACP Annual Legacy Gala

Last weekend, I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Islip-Smithtown NAACP Annual Legacy Gala on Saturday night! It was great to see so many friends, colleagues, and community leaders gathered in one place! Congratulations to all the honorees who have worked so hard to make our town a better place! (Jan. 31)







SUNY Reception, Meetings & Budget Hearings in Albany

It was a busy few days in Albany this week: the SUNY reception, meetings, and budget hearings on top of session.

I was also very happy to see Karen Acampora in Albany, who was there representing the American Red Cross to discuss important issues and programs for our schools. As always, thank you for your dedication! (Feb. 1)





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DISTRICT**

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KEITH P. BROWN

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Legislative Briefing

We had a great meeting with Cornell Cooperative Extension for a legislative briefing. It was great hearing about all of the programs they are working on, including the testing of the water in our harbors, bays, and sound, as well as all they do to help our farmers throughout Suffolk County and our state. Thank you for all you do! (Feb. 4)



2025
**Spawning Season
Kick-Off**

February 21st, 2025 | 9:30am

**Celebrate another season of
growth, feeding, and
planting of the shellfish
which play a crucial role in
Long Island's ecology!**

Witness how a small tank of adult oysters
can result in millions of oyster larvae in
only a matter of hours. In addition,
participants learned about the Cornell
Cooperative Extension Marine Program's
work with bay scallops and recent
advances in our restoration efforts.

Please RSVP to db695@cornell.edu

Suffolk County Marine Environmental Learning Center
3690 Cedar Beach Road | Southold, NY 11971

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Suffolk County

ASSEMBLYMAN KEITH BROWN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON THE MODERNIZATION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATION AND TAX LAW FOR THE 2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE TERM.

THIS COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHED TO:

- Review the Tax Law and the way in which it is administered to determine its effectiveness and administration in achieving state policy goals while achieving the traditional objectives of simplicity, fairness, ease of administration and equity; and
- Make recommendations to the Legislature for such actions as it determines necessary for the achievement of those goals and objectives.



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Legislative Commission on the Modernization & Simplification of Tax Administration

I have been appointed by Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay to serve on the Legislative Commission on the Modernization and Simplification of Tax Administration and Tax Law for the 2025-2026 legislative term.

I am honored to serve on this legislative commission to modernize and simplify tax law in New York state.

The high cost of living and affordability issues in our state are a tremendous burden on New York taxpayers, weighing them down a little more each year. It's critical this commission properly analyzes the current effectiveness of tax law and administration and identifies strategies to improve it.

It's time we get to work to bring Long Islanders and New Yorkers the financial security and peace of mind they deserve. (Feb. 4)



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Meetings & Budget Hearings in Albany

It was back to back to back meetings, as well as budget hearings this week in Albany! (Feb. 8)





**NYSCA FY2025 Grant Awards to Date
Assembly District 12**

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
HECKSCHER MUSEUM	Museums	NYSCA Support for Organizations	\$49,500
Huntington Arts Council, Inc.	State & Local Partnerships	NYSCA Support for Organizations	\$25,000
Huntington Arts Council, Inc.	Arts Education	NYSCA Support for Organizations: The Tiny Collective	\$15,000
STAGE THE CHANGE INC	Arts Education	NYSCA Support for Organizations	\$20,000
The Whaling Museum Society, Inc. (d/b/a The Whaling Museum and Education Center)	Museums	NYSCA Support for Organizations	\$49,500
TOTAL ALL GRANTS:			\$159,000

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

Exciting news for AD 12!

The New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) announced grant awards of \$159,000 to organizations and artists in Assembly District 12!

Congratulations to this year's grantees—their creativity and commitment to their communities are worthy of recognition. (Feb. 9)



Meeting with Congressman Nick LaLota in Washington

Huntington goes to Washington to visit Congressman Nick LaLota! (Feb. 10)







Meet My New Intern in Albany!

I'd like to introduce everyone to my Albany intern for this session. Alex Jambunathan is a sophomore at Hudson Valley Community College and is studying political science! (Feb. 12)



Alexander John Smullen Traffic Safety Memorial Law Press Conference

I attended a press conference in Albany on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, to help introduce and promote Assembly Bill A.3938, also known as the 'Alexander John Smullen Traffic Safety Memorial Law.'

This bill would establish a traffic safety memorial sign program to publicly memorialize the victims of fatal vehicle collisions and also help raise awareness about the serious consequences of impaired, reckless, or distracted driving.

I am proud to support a bipartisan law like this one that will not only memorialize victims whose lives were taken too soon but will also help raise awareness about how important it is to be cautious, alert, and responsible behind the wheel.

I am hopeful this piece of legislation will help prevent future vehicle collisions statewide and keep both drivers and pedestrians safe from harm. (Feb. 25)



Renovating American Legion Hall for Local Veterans

I'm very happy to help the veterans at the American Legion hall make improvements to their hall and help bring to life a part of Halesite Harbor Walk! I so appreciate the collaborative effort of my office with the American Legion, 1653 Foundation, the Town Supervisor Ed Smyth, Town Councilwoman Theresa Mari, SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi, NYS Senator Mario Mattera, U.S. Congressman Tom Suozzi, and U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer!

We recently joined together to apply for a \$200,000 grant from Lowe's. I'm excited, and my fingers are crossed we get the grant awarded. It's a great community project! (Feb. 26)





Northport Historical Society Launch

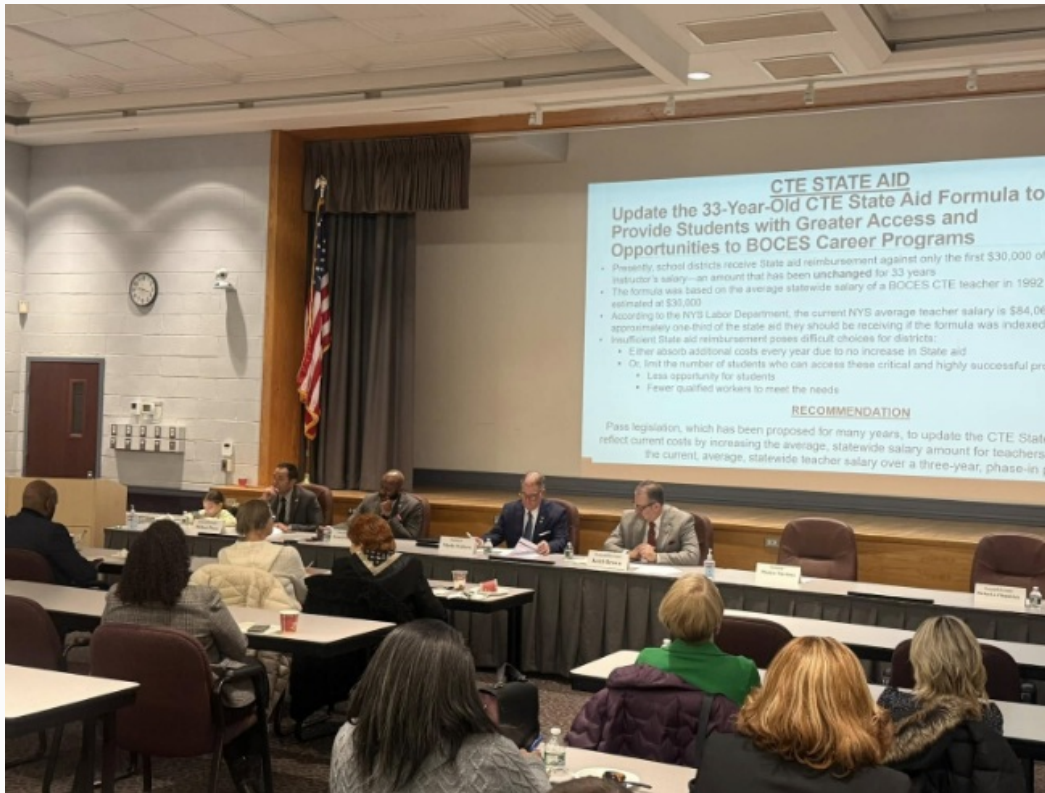
The Northport Historical Society held an event to launch the "Still in Love" documentary that's being filmed in Northport. I can't wait to see the full documentary when it's finished. Many thanks to the producer and director who are bringing this story alive! (Feb. 27)





Legislative Breakfast with Suffolk County School Board Association

Many thanks to Mike Flynn for hosting the Legislative Breakfast the other day where we discussed pressing and challenging issues like the electric school bus mandate, the Child Victims Act, and how to pay for these horrible cases of abuse and the social-emotional environment in our schools, among others! (Feb. 28)





Islip-Smithtown NAACP Legislative Breakfast

Several of my elected colleagues and I attended the Islip-Smithtown NAACP Legislative Breakfast and discussed their concerns and priorities this coming session—very much appreciate their input about how to make our state a better place for everyone! (March 1)





Oversight of the MTA Press Conference

I attended a press conference in Albany today calling for increased oversight of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and highlighting Assembly Bill A.6088, which requires the MTA to hire a certified independent accounting firm to perform a comprehensive forensic audit of the Authority.

My colleagues and I have highlighted several reports that speak to the serious inadequacies and patterns of fiscal mismanagement within the MTA system. These inadequacies include \$800 million in uncollected bus and subway fares, \$5 billion in unpaid tolls, falsification of inspection reports, and more.

New Yorkers should not be responsible for digging the MTA out of the deep financial pit it has dug itself into over the past few years. Every time we hear about the MTA, it has taken one step forward and three steps back when it comes to making necessary changes and being more fiscally responsible. The MTA must be held accountable.

I fully support the call for increased oversight of the MTA and requiring that it undergo an extensive independent forensic audit. This audit is long overdue, and now that the governor's congestion pricing plan is on the verge of being eliminated by the federal government, this audit must be completed now more than ever before.

The MTA's disturbing pattern of fiscal mismanagement and overspending problems must be addressed and corrected immediately. (March 3)





Long Island Coalition Lobby Day in Albany

It's always great when the Long Island Coalition comes to visit us in Albany! Great seeing so many familiar faces up here! (March 4)



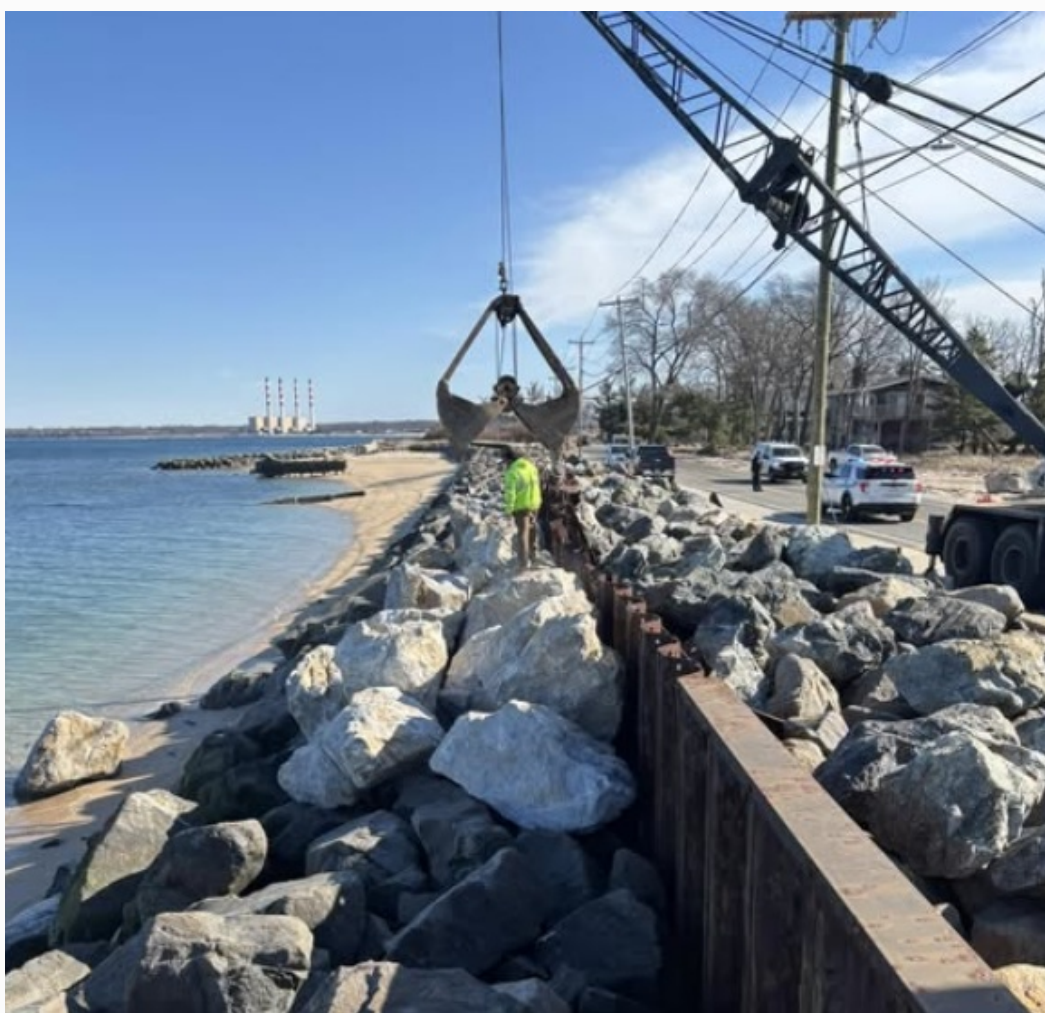




Albany Updates & Meetings

Busy time in Albany! (March 6)





Asharoken Seawall Emergency Repairs

It's nights like last night I wonder if the Asharoken Seawall will hold up from the

battering from Mother Nature!

I'm so happy I was able to get the village funding to make emergency repairs while a more permanent solution is designed and constructed! (March 7)







Honored Grand Marshal of the 91st Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade

What an incredible honor bestowed upon me by my brother Hibernians of the Ancient Order of Hibernians John F. Kennedy Division No. 4 Huntington to be named the grand marshal of the 91st Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade.

I am thrilled to follow in my father's footsteps and in the footsteps of so many distinguished men and women who have come before me to honor our ancestors and Irish Catholic heritage:

The Browns
The Garretts
The Doyles and
The Youngs who traveled to America to start a new life!

I was overcome with emotion at the Grand Marshal's Ball at Oheka Castle on Friday night thinking about my dad, Justice Harry Richard Brown, who was grand marshal in 1978, and also how hard I worked to reach this point of my life! It was a moment I will cherish forever and will never forget.

To celebrate with my wife, my boys, my family, and my dear friends was just pure joy!

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart! (March 7)







It's a tradition. First, we all go to church! (March 9)









Twas a Great Day Marching Down New York Avenue

It was such an honor to lead the 91st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, march down New York Avenue, and make the historic turn onto Main Street to the Church of St. Patrick with my family and friends, AOH, and LAOH brothers and sisters! It was a beautiful day I will never forget! (March 9)









New York City St. Patrick's Day Celebration with the New York State American-Irish Legislators Society

Scenes from the 264th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade: mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and then marching with the American-Irish Legislators Society and my colleagues! It was a great day! (March 17)







Catholic Charities Albany Reception

Stopped by the Catholic Charities event and met with several groups about budget priorities! (March 19)



Visit from Miss Universe 2024 Israel in the Assembly Chamber

Assemblyman Mike Fitzpatrick and I were proud to meet Miss Universe 2024 from Israel in the Assembly Chamber on Tuesday!

Special thanks to her and her team for visiting us here in the New York State

Capitol to meet with state legislators, help raise awareness, and call for the hostages held by Hamas to be released. (March 19)



Rotary Environmental Action Coalition of Huntington (REACH) Honored

Congratulations to Rotary Environmental Action Coalition of Huntington (REACH) for their work in helping our environment and cleaning our waterways in Huntington Harbor and LI Sound and my dear friends Jamie Wylie, Garrett Chelius & Lorne Brousseau for their efforts to restore our waterways! Well done! (March 20)





Annual NY Farm Bureau Taste of NY Reception

One of the best nights of the year is the Annual NY Farm Bureau Taste of NY Reception!

The farming community is very important to me, and I will always support our farmers.

I grew up on Stoothoff Road named after the German potato farmer who owned the area and down the road from my house was Ackerly Farm!

I enjoyed attending and talking to farmers from across our great state, especially North Fork Chips and Little Ram Oyster Company, owned by Stefanie Bassett and Elizabeth Peeples. It was great to see them up in Albany. (March 23)





Harold's Hoops for Hope 3 on 3 Tournament Fundraiser

On Saturday, I had the pleasure of kicking off Harold's Hoops for Hope 3 on 3 Tournament fundraiser.

This young man has done a fantastic job—raising awareness and money (more than \$18,000) for suicide prevention at a time when people really need help!

Harold, thank you for what you are doing and the difference you're making in your community! (March 24)



New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Annual Albany Reception

It's always a great day when the New York State School Music Association kids come to Albany! Thank you to Michael Mastrangelo, and for the work of the NYSSMA Board and all the music teachers for bringing music to our schools! (March 26)





American-Irish Legislators Society Annual Celebration

Every year, we get together at the Albany AOH Hall for a bipartisan celebration of all things Irish with the American-Irish Legislators Society! It's always a lot of fun and it was great to see Helena Nolan General Consul of Ireland here in New York! (March 27)





Marking Thrive's 8th Anniversary in Suffolk County

Proud to take part in Thrive's 8th Anniversary of taking care of our most vulnerable here in Suffolk County and join my friends Steve Chassman, Anthony Rizzuto, and SC Legislator Jason Richberg and Dr. Jeff Reynolds and others to celebrate this great achievement! Great work! (March 28)



SUNY Day in Albany

It was SUNY Day in Albany, and I got to see firsthand many of the great projects happening at Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo and Stonybrook and meet with the presidents of each university of our great system! (March 29)





Commack School District Student Legislative Advocacy Committee Visits Albany

We had a great meeting with students from the Commack School District, alongside Senator Mattera, Assemblyman Mike Fitzpatrick, and Commack High School's legislative advocacy committee.

Thank you, Superintendent Dr. Jordan Cox, Board of Education President Steven Hartman, and other district officials for their work. The students advocated for important issues such as school safety, financial literacy, agriculture education, and mental health.

Thank you for your passion and commitment and for making the trip to Albany each year! (March 30)





FREE NARCAN & TEST STRIPS



Valuable resources that can make a profound difference in our community are now at your fingertips. We are pleased to announce that free naloxone and drug test strips are readily accessible to help identify harmful additives, prevent overdose tragedies, and ultimately, save lives.

In the face of the opioid crisis, it's crucial that we come together to ensure the safety and well-being of our community members. Naloxone is an essential tool in reversing opioid overdoses, and drug test strips provide a means to detect dangerous substances before they cause harm.

Together, we have the power to be proactive, to protect one another, and to make our community a safer place for all. Your willingness to take this step could be a lifeline for someone in need. You can visit Naloxone Access for Impacted Communities to receive a free Narcan kit and training.

[Visit Naloxone Access](#)

Meetings:

January

1/6 - Meeting with Discover LI
1/9. -Breakfast meeting with Stephanie Bontempi
1/9 - Belles In Blue Planning Meeting
1/9 - Help Me Grow Legislative Briefing-Virtual
1/10 - LI COSCC Meeting
1/10 - Meeting with Ed Romaine
1/11 - Grand Marshal's Ball Journal Committee Meeting
1/14 - State of New York's Children Briefing
1/15 - Meeting with Patrick Barry-LI Cares
1/15 - Food Additives Legislative Briefing
1/15 - Islip NAACP Meeting
1/16 - Meeting with Home Health Agencies
1/21 - Northport Dredge Materials Call
1/21 - Meeting with SCWA
1/21 - Environmental Conservation Committee Meeting
1/22 - Italian American Conference Meeting
1/22 - Judiciary Committee Meeting
1/22 - Environmental Conservation Committee Meeting
1/22 - Minority Legislative Bill Briefing
1/23 - Harbor Walk Meeting
1/23 - Meeting with June Margolin re: Harbor Walk
1/24 - LICOSOC COD Conference Planning Call
1/24 - Breakfast Meeting with Maureen McCormick
1/28 - Senator Palumbo & AM Giglio Briefing on the Cornell Cooperative Extension
1/28 - The American Irish Legislators Society Meeting
1/28 - Meeting with Touro Law School
1/30 - Save the Sound Legislative Briefing-Zoom

February

2/3 - LICOSOC COD Conference Planning Meeting
2/3 - Lowe's Grant Call
2/3 - Meeting with CN Guidance
2/3 - OASAS Meeting
2/4 - Meeting with SC Sheriff Errol Toulon in Albany
2/4 - Consul General of Canada Briefing
2/4 - LICA Legislative Briefing Meeting with NYS Homeowners Protection Program
2/4 - Meeting with Gurwin Healthcare System
2/4 - Meet with NCSL - Sydne Enlund & Sarah Jaromin
2/4 - Medicaid Funding for Long Term Care Briefing
2/5 - Monthly VA Call
2/6 - Handle with Care Call
2/7 - Harbor Walk American Legion rendering Meeting
2/10 - Meeting with Jihoon Kim and Sarah DuVall
2/10 - EAC Meeting
2/11 - Unintentional Consequences of EPR

Events Attended:

January

1/3 - Zoom with Family Service League
1/4 - Eagle Court of Honor-Carter John Mooers Troop 8
1/6 - Call with Alexandra Camp (Relay for Life)
1/8 - Session Begins
1/8 - Opening Day Reception
1/8 - Troop 12 Eagle Scout Court of Honor
1/10 - LIA State of the Region Breakfast
1/13 - Judicial Swearing-In and Robing Ceremony
1/13 - LI Leaders Pre-State of the State Reception (LIBI)
1/14 - Pre-State of the State Press Conference
1/14 - Governor's State of the State Speech
1/14 - Attorney General's and Comptroller's State of the State Reception
1/16 - Long Island Limousine Association Legislative Breakfast
1/16 - Spoke to High School class at Huntington HS
1/16 - NC Heroin Prevention Task Force
1/16 - Legislative Reception at The Metropolitan Museum of Art
1/17 - Bay Shore Schools Legislative Breakfast
1/18 - Grand Marshal Ball Invitation Stuffing
1/20 - Inauguration Brunch & Viewing Party
1/20 - Town of Huntington Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration
1/21 - Big I NY Meet & Greet
1/22 - NYS Water Quality Legislative Day
1/23 - Off-Shore Wind Legislative Breakfast
1/23 - Public Hearing for Roadway Zero Emission Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
1/24 - Suffolk County Addiction Prevention and Support Advisory Panel
1/25 - Islip NAACP Gala
1/27 - Funding Webinar with Councilman Nick LaLota's Office
1/27 - Friends of SUNY Reception
1/27 - New York Building and Construction Industry Legislative Reception
1/27 - NYS Business Council's Legislators Reception
1/27 - OTB Legislative Dinner
1/28 - 2025 Municipal Day Event
1/28 - Environmental Conservation Joint Budget Hearing
1/28 - Press Conference against zero emission school bus mandate
1/28 - Environmental Conservation Joint Committee Budget Hearing
1/29 - DeStefano Victory Fundraiser
1/30 - N-SSBA School Aid Roundtable
1/30 - Riverkeeper State Legislative Lunch N Learn

February

2/2 - Dinner with Chairmen Garcia and Torres
2/2 - CPPAC Reception Event
2/3 - Crab Meadow Marsh Restoration Project Kick Off
2/3 - Consul General of Canada Reception
2/3 - NYSUT Legislation Reception

Briefing
 2/11 - Housing Pre-Committee Meeting
 2/11 - iHealth Meeting
 2/11 - Meeting with Anne Little to discuss Asthma in District 12
 2/11 - Meeting with National Association of Social Workers
 2/12 - Meeting with Huntington School District Representatives
 2/12 - AOH Meeting
 2/13 - LICISOCC COD Conference Planning Session
 2/23 - Meeting with Grand Marshal Ball Committee
 2/24 - LICOSOCC COD Conference Planning Call
 2/24 - Bottle Bill Call with Surfrider.org
 2/24 - Mental Health Pre-Committee Meeting
 2/25 - Housing Pre-Committee Meeting
 2/25 - Housing Committee Meeting
 2/25 - Mental Health Committee Meeting
 2/26 - Meeting with NYSAR3 and Gary Carrel (New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling)
 2/27 - Call with LICOSOCC and Dr. Ken Minkoff
 2/28 - Leg. Briefing Modernizing NY's DUI Standards to Prevent Car Crashes & Fatalities
 2/28 - Grand Marshal Ball walk through meeting

March

3/3 - Members Only Conference
 3/3 - Pre-Committee Environmental Conservation Meeting
 3/4 - Meeting with Jon Weston of NYSUT
 3/4 - Long Island Farm Bureau - 10am
 3/4 - Cap & Invest Webinar
 3/4 - Environmental Conservation Committee Agenda Meeting
 3/4 - Empire State Forest Products Meeting
 3/5 - Land Use Advisory Board Meeting
 3/5 - New York State Assoc. of Town Superintendents of Highways and the New York State 3/5 - County Highway Superintendents Association Meeting
 3/5 - Monthly VA call
 3/6 - Minority Conference Zoom-Local Bills
 3/10 - Republican Conference with Briefing of A.123
 3/11 - Mental Health Committee Meeting
 3/12 - CWA Meeting
 3/14 - Meet with 1653 and Pat Barry
 3/17 - General Budget Conference Committee
 3/17 - Republican Conference
 3/18 - Judiciary Committee Meeting
 3/18 - Call with US Congressman Tom Suozzi
 3/18 - Meeting with LIBI
 3/19 - Meeting with Commack Schools Legislative Advocacy Committee (Students) with Senator Mattera and AM Fitzpatrick
 3/19 - Half Hollow Hills School District's High School Legislative Committee Students Meeting
 3/19 - Meeting with Members of TWU Local 100 (Public Transit Union)
 3/20 - Meeting with AM Solages (Alienation and Vaping Bills)
 3/20 - Geothermal Legislative Briefing Hosted by Assemblymember Rivera
 3/20 - NC Heroin Prevention Task Force Meeting

2/3 - CPPAC Legislative Reception
 2/3 - Infrastructure Policy Networking Reception
 2/3 - CPPAC Annual Awards Dinner
 2/4 - NYS Public Emp Conf Legislative Breakfast
 2/4 - City & State's P&C Insurance Summit
 2/4 - New York Association for Pupil Transportation Lobby Day
 2/5 - PFAS Free NY Legislative Breakfast
 2/5 - Mental Hygiene Joint Budget Hearing
 2/6 - Grant lobby visit to DC to see Councilman LaLota
 2/7 - Western Suffolk BOCES Legislative Breakfast
 2/7 - Island Harvest Legislative Breakfast
 2/7 - Lunch with Anthony Bartone
 2/7 - Northport Historical Society-Still in Love
 2/8 - NAACP Islip Legislative Breakfast
 2/8 - Huntington Fire Dept Installation Dinner
 2/11 - Henry Viscardi School, Cleary School and Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
 2/11 - Long Island Lobby Day
 2/11 - New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association Reception
 2/12 - NYS School Board Association Coffee Meet & Greet
 2/24 - Bottle Bill Call with Surfrider.org
 2/24 - Mental Health Pre-Committee Meeting
 2/24 - NYSAC Reception
 2/24 - New York Aviation Management Association & Voice of Aviation in New York State Reception
 2/24 - UUP Reception
 2/24 - Catholic Charities Annual Albany Advocacy Day - Evening Reception
 2/24 - Reception for Assem. Phil Palmesano
 2/24 - Republican Caucus Reception
 2/24 - NYS Bail Association Meet & Greet
 2/25 - NYS Bail Association Breakfast
 2/25 - NYS Beer Wholesalers - Morinello - Bottle Deposit Law Proposed Changes
 2/25 - Integrating the Arts into NY State's 2025 Policy
 2/25 - Assembly Minority Leader Barclay Annual Reception
 2/26 - SUNY Legislative Alumni Breakfast
 2/26 - National Council of Environmental Legislators Breakfast
 2/27 - Housing Joint Committee Budget Hearing
 2/28 - CHIPS Press Conference

March

3/3 - NYSSMA & SCMEA Day in Albany 2025 (Music Educators)
 3/3 - MTA Audit Press Conference
 3/3 - NY Farm Bureau - Taste of NY Reception
 3/4 - AFSCME Legislative Reception
 3/4 - New York State Conference of the International Union of 3/4 - Operating Engineers AFL-CIO Reception
 3/4 - Local Roads Reception
 3/5 - Alliance for Clean Energy NY - Building Wind and Solar Projects
 3/7 - Grand Marshal's Ball
 3/9 - Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade
 3/10 - A Taste of Brooklyn
 3/10 - American Irish Legislators Society - St Patrick's Dinner
 3/11 - Italian American Legislative Conference

3/21 - LICOSOCC Planning Call
 3/21 - Harbor Walk Meeting
 Brunch Meeting with Jim Kelly of the Long Islander
 3/21 - Phone Free Schools Webinar
 3/25 - Made In Huntington Committee Meeting
 3/25 - Italian American Conference Meeting
 3/25 - Meeting with the New York State Association of Health Underwriters
 3/25 - Meeting with PFAS-Free NY
 3/25 - UAW Meeting/Dropoff
 3/26 - EPR Briefing
 3/27 - Briefing on Debt Service Budget Bill
 3/29 - Meeting with American Legion Post 360, Huntington

3/11 - Medical Society of the State of New York 2025 Legislative Luncheon
 3/11 - Deadly Driving Bill (A.3981) Rally
 3/12 - PBA Legislative Breakfast
 3/12 - VFW (Vets of Foreign Wars) Leg. Breakfast
 3/12 - Minority Conference Press Conference with Border Czar Tom Homan
 3/12 - Senate Minority Conference Room
 3/12 - Ramadan IFTAR Dinner - AM Ramos and AM Brook-Krasny
 3/12 - Perry Cuomo Lodge Installation Dinner
 3/13 - Session (One-House Budget Resolution)
 REI 2025 Spring Luncheon- Long Island Housing Developments: Challenges and Opportunities
 3/13 - TRI CYA Hall of Honor Gala honoring H2M, Johns Crazy Socks, Pilar Moya and Tracey Edwards
 3/14 - LICA Legislative Breakfast
 3/14 - Discover LI Legislative Breakfast
 3/14 - Long Island Water Conference Legislative Forum
 3/17 - Senator Thomas F. O'Mara Reception
 3/18 - American Forest and Paper Association Legislative Breakfast
 3/18 - SUNY Research Expo
 3/18 - Seneca Impact Day
 3/18 - Audubon Society (4 young adults, one constituent)
 3/18 - Sip & Sample NYS Wine Showcase
 3/18 - NYS Builders Assoc. Reception
 3/19 - Conservative Party Leg. Conference
 3/19 - Greek Heritage Luncheon
 3/19 - Pakistan Day in Albany - Pakistani American Advocacy (Food)
 3/19 - Governor Kathy Hochul St Patrick's Day Celebration
 3/19 - Conservative Party Legislative Reception
 3/19 - League of Conservation Voters
 3/22 - Harold's Hoops for Hope
 3/24 - Press Conference About Delaying the Transition of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP)
 3/24 - IPPNY's Clean Energy Conference Reception
 3/25 - Press Conference for Task Force on Human Trafficking Report
 3/25 - Town Of Huntington Human Services Fundraiser-Sue
 3/26 - Vietnam Veterans Luncheon
 3/26 - Rally in support of investments in the SUD sector
 3/26 - AM Chludzinski Reception
 3/26 - NYS Assoc of Electrical Workers Spring Reception & Dinner
 3/28 - 51st Annual Law Day Mock Trial
 3/28 - Island Harvest Workforce Skills Development Institute Graduation
 3/28 - 9th Annual Seafood Summit
 3/29 - LI Hispanic Pastoral Assn, Fearless Footsteps & Small Business Dev Center grant workshop
 3/29 - SC Executive Romaine's 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War Ceremony
 3/29 - Asharoken Centennial Dinner Dance
 3/29 - Huntington Comm First Aid Squad Installation Dinner



The HOPEline

- New York State's HOPEline is a confidential support and referral hotline for individuals struggling with addiction and problem gambling. It is staffed by trained, masters-level clinicians 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- HOPEline can provide information about addiction and problem gambling assessments, interventions, treatment, and support in New York State. HOPEline can also provide crisis intervention support, including de-escalation and collaboration to connect to 911.
- To contact the HOPEline, you can call 1-877-8-HOPENY (467369) or text HOPENY (467369). All services are free and confidential.

Here are some of the things the HOPEline can do for you

- Provide information about addiction and problem gambling
- Answer your questions about addiction and problem gambling
- Help you find a treatment provider in your area
- Provide crisis intervention support
- Connect you with other resources in your community
- If you are struggling with addiction or problem gambling, please reach out to the HOPEline for help. You are not alone.

SUICIDE HOTLINE

In the midst of the season's joy and warmth, it's crucial to acknowledge that not everyone shares in the wonder. Let's extend our compassion to those who may be struggling quietly. Small acts of kindness, like sharing a cup of coffee, can provide comfort and a deep sense of connection to those in need.

I'd like to introduce you to the 988 hotline, akin to the well-known 911 for mental health crises. Whether one faces anxiety, depression, or any mental health challenge, this hotline offers vital support and guidance.

Remember, you don't have to face tough times alone.

I'm here, ready to listen and offer support any time, day or night. Let's raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, spreading the word about

the 988 hotline among your friends and loved ones. Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of those who need it most.



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