



Dear Friends,

I spent quite a bit of time this week in Albany, where I plan to spend most of the remaining 12 days of session. With so little time left before we break on June 10th, I want to make sure I am doing everything I can to get the legislation I am working on passed (stay tuned...).

While up there, in addition to voting on legislation such as the pesticide bill discussed below, I also was able to speak on two resolutions, both of which passed: one proclaiming **May 2021 as Military Appreciation Month** ([click here for my remarks](#)) and the other proclaiming **October 2021 as Disability Employment Awareness Month** (for those remarks, [click here](#)). As a member of both the Veterans' Affairs and People with Disabilities committees – and as Chair of the Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities – it was important to me to be able to speak in support of both worthy resolutions.

[COVID-19 Updates](#)

New CDC Guidance Under Review in NYS

Yesterday, the CDC [announced new guidance](#) regarding masks and social distancing for those who are vaccinated. As per the guidance, those who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks or socially distance in most settings.

The Governor and NYS Department of Health are now reviewing the CDC's guidance. **As of early afternoon Friday, we await an update as to what effect the guidance will have on New York's mask mandate and social distancing rules.**

Regardless, this new guidance serves as another sign that life in this country is slowly returning to normal. **It also means that if you have not yet been vaccinated, there is no better time.** Many local pharmacies are now providing the vaccine. If you prefer, you can [make an appointment](#) at a state-run location.

More of a last-minute kind of person? All state sites, including the Westchester County Center, are open for walk-in appointments. Go to <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov> for additional information and locations.

Additional Updates

- **All children and adults ages 12 and over are now eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine**, which is being administered at many of the state's facilities (including the Westchester County Center, [which is open for appointments and walk-ins](#)).

- Earlier this week, the Governor [announced](#) that **all in-person students attending SUNY and CUNY schools in the fall MUST be vaccinated.**
- The Governor [signed legislation](#) that extends the moratorium **preventing utility companies from disconnecting utilities to residential homes and small businesses struggling to pay their bills due to the pandemic.** Instead, the utility companies must offer these struggling customers a deferred payment agreement without any fees or penalties. The moratorium is extended for a period of 180 days after the COVID-19 state of emergency is lifted or 180 days after December 31, 2021 (whichever is earlier).
- **Beaches and pools [can open](#) with six feet of social distancing.** The goal is to reach 100% capacity by July 4th.



[Increasing Available Information About Pesticides](#)

Tuesday, the Assembly passed a [common-sense bill](#) that requires pesticide businesses to submit electronic or scannable reports to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), reporting pesticide use and sales data. **Given the tremendous impact that pesticides can have on both human and environmental health, it is important to ensure that their manufacture, sale and use are well monitored.** By requiring electronic or scannable reports, and the inclusion of the product names and active ingredients in the data, this bill seeks to ensure that policy makers, researchers and the public have efficient access to the data compiled by the DEC.

This bill has now passed both chambers and is awaiting the Governor's signature.



Click above to view the remarks I made regarding the pesticide legislation

[Budget Vote & School Board Elections TUESDAY](#)

This coming Tuesday, May 18th, schools throughout New York State will hold their annual budget vote and school board elections. Just as with any election, it is very important to get out and vote! Even if you do not have children enrolled in the schools, if you own a home, the quality of the school district affects your home's value. Moreover, you help support the district through your school taxes, so you should make sure your voice is heard.

For more information on your district's budget and school board votes, please click on your district below:

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[North Salem Central School District](#)

[White Plains School District](#)

[Thanking Our Men & Women in Blue](#)

Finally, **this is National Police Week, a time for us to give thanks to the brave men and women in blue who put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe.** It is also a time to remember those who have given their lives in service to our communities. As Bedford Town Supervisor, I had the honor of working with a full-time force of 40 officers extremely dedicated to their jobs and to the people of Bedford.

There can be no doubt that police reform is needed in this country – and I am pleased with the hard work that already has taken place in Westchester via the [Police Reform & Reimagining Task Force](#) – but we should not let that tarnish the bravery of the many good men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day.

I would like to also take the opportunity to thank the families of those in law enforcement for their sacrifice. And to those who have lost loved ones in the line of duty, may their memories be a blessing.



In recognition of National Police Memorial Week in late April, the Bedford Police Department honored the memory of Sgt Thomas Wade, who made the ultimate sacrifice on May 9, 1925. I was honored to speak at the annual tribute with the Police Department, Cub Scout Pack 170 Bedford/Pound Ridge and the Bedford/Pound Ridge Scout Troop

If there are any issues that you would like to see covered in a future newsletter, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at burdickc@nyassembly.gov (or simply reply to this email). **Please also follow me on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the most up-to-date information.**

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Burdick".

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