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CHRIS BURDICK
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Dear Friends,

First of all, **wishing a happy and healthy Passover and Easter to all who celebrate!** I hope you all are enjoying these warmer temperatures, as it appears that spring has finally arrived in Westchester after a very snowy winter.

It continues to be a busy time in Albany, as we move (albeit not as quickly as we'd like) towards a finalized budget (*more on that below*) and I continue to focus on the legislative agenda that I discussed in my [previous newsletter](#). On the home front, it continues to be a busy time as well!


This past Friday, I had the honor of hosting a forum at the White Plains Public Library, presented jointly by Community Health Advocates (CHA) and Westchester Disabled on the Move (WDOM). CHA provides free statewide assistance to all New Yorkers to help them navigate healthcare issues. WDOM serves as a local partner organization for CHA, to whom we often refer residents because of their excellent services. My thanks to CHA, WDOM, and all who attended.






Looking forward, on Tuesday, April 14th, I will be joining County Legislator Erika Pierce and Bedford Town Supervisor Ellen Calves for a coffee and conversation. I hope that Bedford residents (and anyone else interested) will join us!


Your elected officials invite you to join your friends and neighbors for a casual conversation over coffee.



County Legislator
ERIKA PIERCE



Assemblymember
CHRIS BURDICK




Town Supervisor
ELLEN CALVES




COFFEE & CONVERSATION

TUESDAY
April 14, 2026
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Bedford Town House
Courtroom**
321 Bedford Road
Bedford Hills

For more information,
call (914) 995-2804.



Pound Ridge residents: Please save the date for a May 16th Coffee & Conversation with State Senator Shelley Mayer, Legislator Pierce, Town Supervisor Kevin Hansan, and me. It will take place beginning at 1 pm at the Pound Ridge Library. Flyer and details to follow.

[FY27 Budget Update](#)

As with the last several years, the state budget was not adopted by April 1st, which is the start of Fiscal Year 2027 (running through March 31, 2027). However, unlike at the federal level, state operations will remain largely unaffected, as the legislature adopted an extension on Tuesday, and we will be back next week for further action (i.e., adoption of the budget or further extensions).

As with the previous three budgets, the Legislature and the Governor are negotiating key policy issues.

- **Extending timelines and other revisions to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA):** The CLCPA sets one of the most ambitious mandates in the nation for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions - by 2030, a reduction of 40% below 1990 levels, and by 2050, a reduction of 85% below 1990 levels. It also sets clean energy standards, requiring 70% of electricity to be produced by renewable sources by 2030 and 100% zero-emission electricity by 2040.

The Governor has yet to provide the details of her proposed weakening of CLCPA. All that has been made public was set out in a [March 20th Op Ed](#) in *The Empire Report*. This included an extension of the 2030 deadline for regulations for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reductions, and the 2040 and 2050 targets on which they are based. She asserts that existing targets will push up energy costs, particularly utility bills.

This is inaccurate. The utility bill hikes are due to the steep spike in global energy prices (exacerbated by the war in Iran), the replacement of aging infrastructure that utility companies haven't kept pace with, the too-slow creation of solar and wind energy (which provides the least expensive electricity production), and excessive profits (which the Public Service Commission has approved in rate cases).

I share the valid concerns in the environmental community that weakening the CLCPA would delay further technological advances. For the sake of our health and our environment, I am pushing back on the Governor's proposal.

- **State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Revisions:** Believing that SEQRA has been used to delay and frustrate reasonable development, especially for housing, the Governor has proposed revisions in SEQRA titled "Let Them Build," aimed at streamlining the law. Concerns have been raised that her proposal's exemptions and definitions are too broad and may be used to elude needed review, such as for contaminated sites, historic properties, and sensitive habitats.

Joint Budget Hearings were quite helpful in bringing forward the need for revisions, but also the need to do so cautiously. From my experience as a former town supervisor, I have seen SEQRA weaponized in certain cases. We need a middle course, which I believe we can achieve.

- **Automobile Insurance:** The Governor has proposed revisions aimed at thwarting fraud and abuse in claims. Concerns have been raised that consumer protections may be adversely affected. Possible outcomes may be more targeted reforms, such as underwriting rules and streamlining approvals, paired with enhanced consumer protection and data reporting requirements.

As negotiations progress, I will continue to keep you posted.

[Pressing for SUNY & CUNY Capital Funding](#)

New York State has one of the finest public higher education systems in the country, and we do not want to let that sterling reputation be tarnished due to insufficient attention to critical maintenance.

On March 24, State Senator Shelley Mayer and I held a press conference in Albany to call upon the Governor to work with the Legislature to include in the final FY27 budget multiyear capital funding for critical maintenance for the SUNY and CUNY systems. The SUNY system faces a backlog of nearly \$10 billion in deferred maintenance, with the CUNY system facing a \$7 billion backlog.



The state of disrepair is alarming. In the Fall 2025 semester, students at Buffalo State did not have hot water for a three-week period due to a failure of aging infrastructure. Earlier this year, students at SUNY Purchase were forced to temporarily relocate after one of their dorms lost heat amid single-digit temperatures.

These system breakdowns prompted me to work with the Chancellor's office to cost out a system-wide critical maintenance increase.

Joining us at the press conference were students from Purchase College and SUNY Geneseo, Chief of Staff of the NYS Building & Construction Trades Council Santos Rodriguez, and several State Senators and Assemblymembers. Speaking from SUNY Geneseo was Lucas Pastwick, and from SUNY Purchase, Julia Wojcik.



Later in the day, it was my honor and pleasure to introduce on the floor of the Assembly Purchase College students Julia Wojcik, Zak Barrera, Khalia Nesbeth, and Matthew Paolucci, who traveled up to Albany from my district to join us in pressing for this critical funding. **Over the prior three weeks, these students worked with NY Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) to collect more than 1,000 signatures in support of expanding critical maintenance funding, which were delivered to the Governor. I could not be more proud of these students or more grateful for their efforts.**



ICYMI: An Update on the Roads

In case you missed my recent email on the subject...

This winter has been the harshest in over a decade and has taken quite a toll on all our roads. **Many of our state roads are now in horrible condition.** My staff and I are in regular contact with the regional offices of the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) to let them know about potholes that our constituents have reported to us and those we have noticed ourselves.

To help us address all the many problem areas, please do one or more of the following to report roads in need of repair:

- Call 1-800-Pothole
- Call the DOT residency for your region:
 - Northern Westchester: (914) 232-3060
 - Southern Westchester: (914) 592-6557
- Email my office at burdickc@nyassembly.gov

Also, be aware that at this time of year, only temporary patching (known as cold patch) is available to fill potholes because temperatures haven't risen enough for the production and use of hot mix asphalt. Hot mix asphalt is more durable and will be used once temperatures allow.



Please know that I will continue to press assiduously to get the roads back into decent shape. And that includes pressing to have roads that need repaving included on the DOT's paving schedule as soon as possible.

And yes, it's about money, so I am working (together with my colleagues) on getting funds into the DOT's capital budget and then to our Region (Region 8) so we can get work done. **I would be grateful if you would contact the Governor's office to advocate for more funding for our region:**

- Phone: 518-474-8390
- Mail: The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York State, NYS State Capitol Building, Albany, NY 12224
- Online: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

Hearing directly from residents can have a real impact.



[April 15th Career Event:](#)
[Learn More About Union Apprenticeships!](#)

Interested in learning more about a career in the trades, including career opportunities with union apprenticeships? Or know someone who is?

Please mark your calendar for an event hosted by Putnam Northern Westchester Boces (PNW Boces): April 15th, 5-7 pm at the Walden Gym, 200 Boces Drive in Yorktown Heights. Please note there will be a spotlight program, "Women of the Trade," at 4:45 pm.

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Regional Union Information Event**

April 15th, 2026 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm
WALDEN GYM, 200 BOCES DRIVE, YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY 10598
Spotlight for "Women of the Trade" at 4:45 pm

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
mcuomo@pnwboces.org

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- Metallic Lathers Local 46
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As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or if there is any assistance we can provide. You can always reach me at burdickc@nyassembly.gov or by calling (914) 244-4450. My staff and I are always ready to help.

Please also follow me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter/X](#), and [Instagram](#) for continued up-to-date information.

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Sincerely yours,

Chris Burdick

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