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ASSEMBLY MEMBER, 96TH DISTRICT

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Dear Neighbor:

As the year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

I understand that these are challenging times for many. The cost of living keeps rising—groceries, utilities, and everyday expenses have become harder to manage—and the recent federal government shutdown has only made things more difficult. That's why I've included information in this newsletter about local and state programs that may offer some relief. My team and I are always here to help, so please reach out if we can connect you or your family with any of these resources.

This time of year offers a chance to reflect on all that we've accomplished together and to look ahead to the new year with hope and determination. The holiday season reminds us that we have much more that unites us than divides us. Let's come together over our shared values — family, community, kindness, and gratitude.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you in the State Assembly. Your voices, ideas, and engagement make our community stronger. As we move into the new year, I remain committed to working hard on your behalf to ensure Rockland continues to thrive and that every resident has the opportunity to succeed.

From my family to yours, I wish you peace, happiness, and prosperity this holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick J. Carroll".

Assemblyman Carroll spent Veterans Day and Veterans Day Weekend at events across Rockland County to thank our veterans for their duty and service to our country. He is pictured here at the Town of Clarkstown's Veterans Appreciation Ceremony and Brunch with Vietnam Veteran Randy Glucksman.



Assemblyman Carroll Thanks First Responders on National First Responders Day

It was my honor to host a breakfast event to thank our local first responders on October 28th, National First Responder Appreciation Day. Rockland County is one of the safest counties in the nation because of the amazing, dedicated first responders who serve all of us every day. From law enforcement and our volunteer firefighters to EMS workers and other public works employees, our first responders answer the call each day in service to our community - there are no words that could properly convey all of our thanks.

I'm especially grateful to the New City Volunteer Ambulance Corps for hosting the breakfast and Rockland Bakery for generously donating the baked goods.

Assemblyman Carroll Opposes Limits to Free Speech at the Four Corners in Nanuet

I'm relieved that Clarkstown officials have withdrawn consideration of limiting protests at the Four Corners in Nanuet. This would have been an unacceptable infringement on free speech, something I've been strongly opposed to since it was proposed weeks ago. The First Amendment does not only protect convenient speech or viewpoints that public officials agree with; it protects the right of people to assemble, to dissent, and to hold their government accountable. Attempts to limit these fundamental rights set a dangerous precedent and erode the very democratic values that America was founded upon.

For decades, this location has been a forum of public expression in our community – a place where residents have gathered to speak out, organize, and make their voices heard on all kinds of issues, political and non-political alike. I commend Chief Wannamaker and the Clarkstown Police Department for always working with all protesters and keeping everything safe and orderly, and they have been transparent that no citations or arrests have been made in the past year at any protests.

As a former Clarkstown Town Board Member, I would have never voted to limit free speech, regardless of whether or not I agreed with it. Those who disagree with protests have the right to counter protest - but we should all be in agreement that we have the constitutional right under the First Amendment to say what we believe. Now that the focus has shifted to safety, let me be clear: public safety has always been a top priority. That is exactly why I sent letters to Clarkstown Supervisor Hoehmann and the State Police to discuss traffic and pedestrian safety enhancements at the Four Corners. However, I will not support any proposals that limits accessible space for pedestrians. I will continue to stand up for all residents to protect their free speech - regardless of their views - and will continue to prioritize safety by working collaboratively with state and local officials.



Assemblyman Carroll was honored to receive the Community Service Award from United Hospice at their United in Compassion Gala. He is pictured here with Cara Pace, the CEO of United Hospice.

Assemblyman Carroll Shares State and Local Resources to Assist with Increased Costs

The cost of living continues to rise with utility bills and taxes causing much of that strain. I'm sharing various resources that you or someone you know may be eligible for that can help provide relief this season.

While the application process for New York's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) has been delayed due to the federal government shutdown, energy consumers may be eligible for discounts on their energy bills through the Energy Affordability Program (EAP). You will automatically receive a discount on your Orange & Rockland energy bill if you already receive HEAP benefits. You will not be automatically enrolled in EAP if you receive SNAP, SSI, Medicaid, or Veterans Disability/Pension or Survivors benefits. For residents who are enrolled in one of those programs, you can apply online or via an application provided by Orange & Rockland. Please feel free to call my office for more information or if you need assistance.

New York State's School Tax Relief (STAR) program offers property tax credits to eligible homeowners. For eligibility purposes, the property must be your primary residence and income requirements apply. Residents can learn more and register for STAR on the State Department of Taxation and Finance's website. Again, please contact my office if you have any questions or would like assistance with the application process.

Reports from the Rockland Campaign Against Hunger earlier this year found that 1 in 4 Rocklanders are food insecure. That has only increased with federal cuts to the SNAP program. Thankfully, there are many organizations throughout the county that are stepping up to help our neighbors in need. Here is a list of local food pantries and meal programs, if you or anyone you know could use a helping hand this winter (**please call the pantry/program ahead to determine eligibility and confirm hours of operation).

Local Food Pantries in the 96th Assembly District

- **People to People**
121 West Nyack Road
Nanuet, NY 10954
845-623-4900
- **Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland**
78 Hudson Avenue
Haverstraw, NY 10927
845-942-5791
- **Soup Angels of Nyack**
18 S. Broadway
Nyack, NY 10960
soupangels@gmail.com
- **WestCop Haverstraw**
17 West Broad Street
Haverstraw, NY 10927
845-553-9118

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Assemblyman Carroll was proud to host a breakfast for local first responders on National First Responder Appreciation Day to thank them for their service to our community. He is pictured here with members of the New City Volunteer Ambulance Corp who were gracious enough to hold the event at their station.



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