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Assemblywoman

Aileen M. Gunther

Winter 2019

WINTER UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

Another year has passed and it has been a busy one! I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the things that have been going on around our district and in Albany. This newsletter contains a brief overview of some highlights from this year.

I am looking forward to another exciting and successful year for our community. If there is ever any way I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

Aileen Gunther
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Member of Assembly

Legislative Accomplishments

- Rename bridge in the town of Fremont as the “Specialist Allan Milk Memorial Bridge” (Ch. 112- Signed into law)
- Restore \$1.4 million in funding to the Roscoe Central School District (Ch. 112- Signed into law)
- Restore \$1.9 million in funding to the Monticello Central School District (Veto 131)
- Prohibit early termination fees on car leases when a person passes away (Ch. 246- Signed into law)
- Allow the Village of Wurtsboro to apply for state funding to help protect the Willsey Brook (Ch. 347- Signed into law)
- Allow Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County to receive grants for their county fair (A.2079- Passed Assembly & Senate)
- Reduce the burden on volunteer firefighters seeking coverage under the state’s Enhanced Cancer Disability law (A.5957A- Passed Assembly & Senate)

Budget Highlights

- \$1 billion for education—this will ensure that our school districts have the ability to stay within the property tax cap
- \$438.1 million for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) to help municipalities improve their infrastructure
- \$33.2 million for agricultural programs across the state to help New York farmers grow their businesses
- \$300 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) – the highest level of funding in the program’s history
- Restored more than \$1.6 million to various programs that will help our veterans transition back to civilian life



Congratulations to the Town of Thompson for winning this year’s \$250,000 Golden Feather Award.



My office was happy to volunteer at the Traveling Vietnam Wall in Rock Hill.



Census Info

The next census is coming in 2020 and it will have a major impact on the future of our state. Each person not counted costs New York, and our district in particular, thousands of dollars in federal aid. Rural areas like ours are consistently underrepresented, and we need to ensure that we get everybody counted.

Things to know about the 2020 Census:

1. It's about Fair Representation; every 10 years the results of the census are used to determine each state's number of seats in the House of Representatives.
2. The census is a requirement of your citizenship and helps to make sure your voice is heard in our democracy.
3. All information you provide on the census is 100% confidential; by law the Federal Government cannot use your census responses for immigration, or law enforcement purposes and it cannot be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits. It only can be used to determine statistics and the more accurate the information is the better for yourself and our community.

Opioid Treatment Information

If you or someone you know is in need of addiction treatment services, please visit <https://oasas.ny.gov/providerdirectory/index.cfm> for a list of providers in our area. You are also welcome to contact my office at 845-794-5807 or 845-342-9304 so we can help find available services.



Congratulations to the Fallsburg Robotics Team for winning the New York State Middle School Robotics Tournament!

Domestic Violence Awareness

For more information on where to get help for a domestic violence situation, please visit <https://opdv.ny.gov/> or call the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence hotline at 1-800-942-6906.



The 50th anniversary of the Woodstock festival was a tremendously successful event that drew more than 100,000 visitors from all over the world. I was privileged to be able to attend, as well as to assist in some of the planning.



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Survey Questions

You are welcome to fill out the following survey and mail it back to my Albany office at LOB 826, Albany, NY 12248 or fill it out online at <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Aileen-M-Gunther/story/89973>

1. Should New York State declare itself a sanctuary state? Yes No Don't Know / No Opinion
2. Should towns be allowed to ban pipelines from being built in their municipalities? Yes No Don't Know / No Opinion
3. Should students be required receive the Human Papillomavirus Infection (HPV) vaccination as a condition of attending school? Yes No Don't Know / No Opinion
4. Should New York State prohibit municipalities from regulating the sale of foie gras? Yes No Don't Know / No Opinion
5. Should paid surrogacy agreements be legalized in New York State? .. Yes No Don't Know / No Opinion
6. Do you believe more oversight is needed over state economic development projects? Yes No Don't Know / No Opinion
7. What do you feel the Legislature should prioritize in 2020? _____