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**April 30th**  
**National Prescription Drug  
Take Back Day**

Proper disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications is important to protect both people and the environment.  
Find a location to drop off your unused medication at:  
<https://www.dea.gov/takebackday#collection-locator>

Member of Assembly  
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108th District

Proper disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications is important to protect both people and the environment. Unused prescription and over-the-counter medications that remain in the home can cause serious harm to people if they are taken accidentally, intentionally misused or inappropriately given to someone else.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Unused medications that are flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink can enter the water supply, harming fish and other wildlife and posing a potential risk to people.

You can turn in your unused drugs to many locations throughout the 108th District:

#### Albany County

- CVS, 885 Central Avenue, Albany
- Colonie Police Department, 312 Wolf Road, Latham
- Watervliet Police Department, 2 15th Street
- Elm Avenue Park. 261 Elm Avenue, Delmar
- Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Avenue
- Albany County Sheriff Public Safety Building, 58 Verda Ave, Voorheesville
- RCS Community Library, 95 Main Street, Ravena

#### Saratoga County

- New York State Police, 301 Ballard Road, Gansevoort
- Ballston Spa Police Department, 30 Bath Street
- CVS, 12 South Central Avenue, Mechanicville
- Saratoga Police Department, 474 Broadway
- Moreau Emergency Squad, 1583 Route 9
- Clifton Park and Halfmoon Emergency Squad, 15 Crossing Boulevard

#### Rensselaer County

- Troy Police Department, 55 State Street
- East Greenbush Police Department, 225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer
- North Greenbush Police Department, 133 Bloomingrove Drive, Troy
- Rensselaer Fire Department, North End Fire House, 2 Saint Francis Place

- West Sand Lake Fire Department, 3697 Route 43
- Walgreens, 1645 Columbia Turnpike, Castleton
- Hoosick Falls Police Department, 24 Main Street

Find a take back site near you at: <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday#collection-locator>

### [Albany Skyway Opening](#)



We had a beautiful day yesterday to enjoy the opening of the Albany Skyway. Connecting the City of Albany to the Corning Riverfront and providing access has been a long awaited project.

Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul, Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, and all of my state and local partners who came together to make this project a reality.

World Immunization Week



World Immunization Week, celebrated in the last week of April, aims to highlight the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease.

Learn more about World Immunization Week and how to be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases here: <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-immunization-week>

Grand Opening - Son of Egg



Earlier this week, I attended the grand opening of Son of Egg in Rensselaer. This new restaurant is conveniently located next to the Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak station.

Learn more about this restaurant here: <https://www.facebook.com/Sonofegg/>

### [CREATE Program](#)

The CREATE (Cultivating Resources for Employment with Assistive Technology) program is a wonderful collaboration where college engineering students work with rehabilitative support organizations to develop innovations that help those with disabilities succeed in their jobs.

Great work by the team at NYSID and all of the University's and students involved!

[Read more about the program in this News 10 article by Jennifer Seelig.](#)

### [Addictions Care Center Healing Hearts Breakfast](#)

On May 11th, I am being honored at the Addictions Care Center's Healing Hearts Breakfast. The Addictions Care Center has been serving our community for over 50 years to strengthen lives & improving futures through comprehensive residential and outpatient treatment of substance use disorder.

To learn more about ACCA and the Healing Hearts Breakfast visit:

<https://www.theacca.net>. RSVPs are needed by May 4th.

### [NOPIATES Committee - Epicenter](#)

The NOPIATES Committee will be hosting a theater production about loving someone with a substance use disorder called Epicenter. The production will be held on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Maureen Stapleton Theater, Hudson Valley Community College.

The event is free to the public. Learn more and register to attend here:

<https://www.nopiates.com/meetings-and-events>

### [Homebuyer Fair](#)

The Albany Public Library and the Affordable Housing Partnership will be hosting a free homebuyer fair on April 30th 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Washington Avenue library branch. Obtain a free credit report (bring your photo ID), talk one-on-one with lenders, realtors, home inspectors, non-profits, attorneys and more. Meet with a certified housing advisor to find out what you can afford and how to build your credit.

There will be on-site pre-qualifications for financing, and seminars for homebuyers. Also, learn about home energy efficiency and repair programs. This event is sponsored by Affordable Housing Partnership. For more information, contact AHP Homeownership Center: [www.ahphome.org](http://www.ahphome.org) or call AHP at 518-434-1730.

### [Cohoes Citywide Spring Cleanup Day](#)

Cohoes Citywide Spring Clean Up Day will be held at Lansing Park on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 8am-2pm!

Please enter on James Street and bring proof of residency. All Household items, metal and electronics will be accepted. No Hazardous Waste Items.

[Learn more here.](#)

### [Field of Honor](#)

From May 26 through Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, Hoosic Valley Central School will be the site of a Field of Honor. The school's football field will be filled with 1000 American flags, each measuring 3ft x 5ft and mounted on a 7½ ft pole. Attached to each flag will be a tag honoring a veteran or currently serving military person. The field will be open to the public 9am to 9pm beginning May 27.

Flags are on sale now for \$40, visit the website

<https://www.healingfield.org/schaghticokeny22> for more details. The committee encourages purchase of flags before May 1. After that date, availability of flags cannot be guaranteed. All proceeds will go to Patriot Flight Inc., a not-for-profit organization that will fly our local veterans to Washington, DC where they will visit their memorials and reflect on their service, sacrifices and memories.

### [New New York Leaders: Student Intern Program](#)

The *New New York Leaders: Student Intern Program* provides a centralized location to access all New York State government internships.

The Student Intern Program welcomes applications from students attending undergraduate and graduate programs at colleges and universities throughout New York State, as well as New York State residents studying elsewhere. Each intern works in a particular area within a New York State executive branch agency or department, and has opportunities to:

- Gain valuable experience
- Interact with government leaders and policymakers
- Perform rewarding and meaningful work
- Receive academic credit

- Learn more about these opportunities and apply here: <https://nysinternships.cs.ny.gov/nny1/#5>

### *Albany Street*

Catch up with me tomorrow morning on Albany Street with Joe Condon as he starts off the "Merry Month of May". The program, which airs and streams on 10 radio stations in New York State, can be heard locally at 5:30am on WROW-AM-590/FM 100.5 and 6:30am on WYJB-FM/B-95.5FM. Bruce Hallenbeck's entertainment report airs at 9:15am. Hope you will join us.

Albany Street" airs Sunday mornings:

1. WROW-AM-590, Albany at 5:30am
2. WROW-FM-100.5, Albany at 5:30am
3. WNYQ-FM-101.7, Glens Falls at 6:00am
4. WKBE-FM-100.3, Glens Falls at 6:00am
5. WMML-AM-1230, Glens Falls at 6:00am
6. WENU-AM-1410, Glens Falls at 6:00am
7. WFFG-FM-107.1, Glens Falls at 6:00am
8. WYJB-FM-"B-95.5", Albany at 8:00am