



Dear Neighbors,

This was the first week of the 2022 Legislative Session. It was a busy week! I look looking forward to sharing some highlights and news about legislation we have been working on here in the office. Stay tuned for an update next week! We are also gearing up for budget season and eagerly awaiting the Governor's Executive Budget, which is scheduled to come out next week and which will set the stage for much of our work over the next few months.

## **2022 Committee Assignments**

Here is the full list of my [Committee Membership](#) for the 2022 Legislative Session:

[Subcommittee on Agricultural Production & Technology](#) (Chair)

[Committee on Agriculture](#)

[Committee on Correction](#)

[Committee on Environmental Conservation](#)

[Committee on Housing](#)

[Committee on Local Governments](#)

[Committee on Mental Health](#)

# COVID-19 News & Resources

## Free at-Home COVID-19 Tests

President Biden just announced that every home in the U.S. can soon order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests will be completely free with no shipping costs or credit card number required. **Ordering begins on January 19 here:**

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

# Community Resources

## The Affordable Connectivity Program

The federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) helps income-eligible households pay for internet service and devices. It's replacing the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) and families currently enrolled in EBB will receive info on how to transition to the new program. To apply or learn more, visit: [www.acpbenefit.org](http://www.acpbenefit.org).

# *Need help getting connected?*

**The Affordable Connectivity Program  
can help eligible households receive:**

**Up to a \$30 per month  
discount on internet service**

**A one-time discount of up to \$100 for  
a laptop, tablet or desktop computer**

## **The New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund (NYS HAF)**

The [New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund \(NYS HAF\)](#) is a federally funded program dedicated to assisting homeowners who are at risk of default, foreclosure or displacement as a result of financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Who can apply?**

- Homeowners who are behind or in forbearance on their mortgage
- Homeowners who are in default on a reverse mortgage
- Homeowners who are behind on their property taxes, water or sewage bills
- Homeowners who are behind on monthly maintenance charges

Applications will be accepted beginning **January 3**. This fund is expected to receive significantly more applications than can be funded by the program, so **please gather your materials now and plan to apply early**. For details and application guidelines, please visit this website: <https://www.nyhomeownerfund.org/>



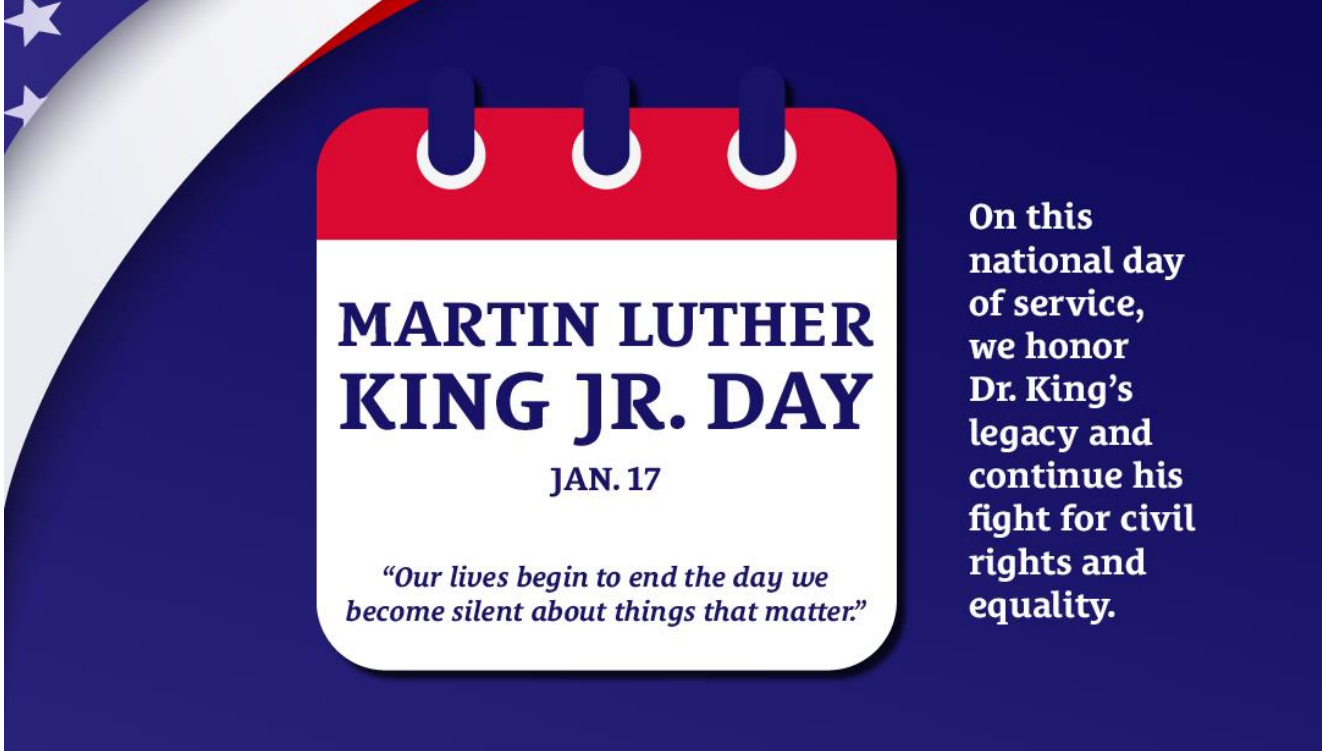
**Help for New York Homeowners Affected by COVID is Here**

 **Homes and Community Renewal**

**1-844-77-NYHAF**  
**(1-844-776-9423)**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

The Assembly will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**  
**JAN. 17**

*“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”*

**On this national day of service, we honor Dr. King’s legacy and continue his fight for civil rights and equality.**

In good health,



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