

# NEWS from Assemblymember Charles D. Lavine

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Dear Neighbor,

*I write with a heavy heart knowing that the Ukrainian people continue to experience unspeakable suffering.*

*Each of us must condemn Putin's unprovoked aggression. I support any punitive action toward Russia that will help end the conflict.*

*Every American of good faith stands with Ukraine. I am working with the Ukrainian American community to help. My office has collected tons of needed supplies that are being sent to Ukraine. We must fight threats to democracy wherever and whenever they occur.*

*Moving forward after two pandemic years, I am cautiously optimistic we are beginning to head in the right direction. Thanks to a community effort to wear masks, be vaccinated, and exercise caution, the COVID numbers have stabilized. At the height of the surge, my office distributed state-issued test kits and KN-95 masks to many community organizations and directly to individuals in need. I urge continued vigilance and compliance with state health guidelines regarding boosters and mask usage. I applaud Governor Hochul for weathering the winter surge while keeping New York State at the forefront of COVID policy decision-making. Her staunch leadership coupled with her ability to listen and build consensus has created a welcome environment in Albany.*

*As we begin the second half of the Legislative session, I remain honored to represent the people of the 13th Assembly District and serve as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. I continue to fight for important issues like strong and sensible gun legislation, women's reproductive rights, protecting the environment, public safety, veterans' needs, tax reduction and hate education. Among the important bills I've introduced this session are the proposals for long-overdue reform and simplification of the state's overly complicated court system. This will provide access to justice by creating a more efficient court structure.*

*As always, my staff and I are here to assist you. Should you have any questions or ideas, please reach out to me at (516) 676-0050 or email us at [lavinec@nyassembly.gov](mailto:lavinec@nyassembly.gov).*

Sincerely,

Charles D. Lavine  
Assemblymember, 13<sup>th</sup> District



As COVID restrictions ease, Assemblymember Lavine is glad to be back in the Assembly Chamber advocating for his constituents as the new legislative session begins.

## Legislative Update

As Chair of the Judiciary Committee, I strive to find ways to improve the way our judicial system operates. In addition to pushing for court reform this session, I am sponsoring the Judicial Protection Act (bill A7600). Inspired by the murder of the son of Federal Judge Esther Salas, the intention of this proposed legislation is to increase the safety and security of court officials and their immediate families. The bill authorizes the Board of Elections and the Department of Motor Vehicles to make conforming changes relating to a court official's personal information. A greater feeling of personal safety will enable those involved in the administration of justice to perform their duties fairly without fear of personal reprisal by litigants and others affected by court decisions.

Last year I sponsored the Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receivers Act which, after passage in the State Legislature, was signed into law by Governor Hochul. While New York has some of the toughest gun laws in the country, more still needs to be done. I stand by the efforts of President Biden to follow the lead of New York State and ban the sale of ghost guns nationwide. I will continue to fight for strong but sensible gun legislation to keep our communities safe.



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Long Islanders are coming together to help Ukrainians affected by Russia's unjust invasion. Assemblymember Lavine joined the *Ukrainian Americans of Long Island (UALI)*, community advocates, and neighbors at a peaceful gathering in Glen Cove to speak about the importance of fighting tyranny in order to preserve democracy.



Assemblymember Lavine also worked with the UALI to carry out a humanitarian drive for the people of Ukraine. The drive was a tremendous success thanks to the incredible outpouring of kindness and generosity from inside and out of the 13th Assembly District. Whether it was the senior couple who drove from Oceanside with one of the drive's first donations, the Plainview teacher who organized her own collection at her Rego Park school, the countless people who hauled any number of bags and boxes to the district office, or the Westbury resident who did what she could by mailing two boxes of band aids.



Getting thousands of donations collected at the district office on their way was a herculean task. Special thanks to the *Men on the Move* moving company, which provided its services free of charge on multiple occasions to transport desperately needed goods to a facility where they were shipped to the suffering people of Ukraine.



With a winter surge of COVID cases caused by the omicron variant, Assemblymember Lavine distributes much-needed COVID tests and KN95 masks to various locations throughout the 13th Assembly District including the Economic Opportunity Commission (EOC) at Kennedy Heights in Glen Cove.



Fighting for common sense gun legislation is a passion of Assemblymember Lavine and he could not have been more proud as Governor Kathy Hochul signed the Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act into law. At the ceremony in Westbury, Lavine was honored to be joined by dear friends Linda Beigel Schulman and Michael Schulman whose son tragically lost his life saving others in the Parkland School Shooting. Lavine sponsored the bill in the Assembly that bans the sale and possession of so-called 'ghost guns.'





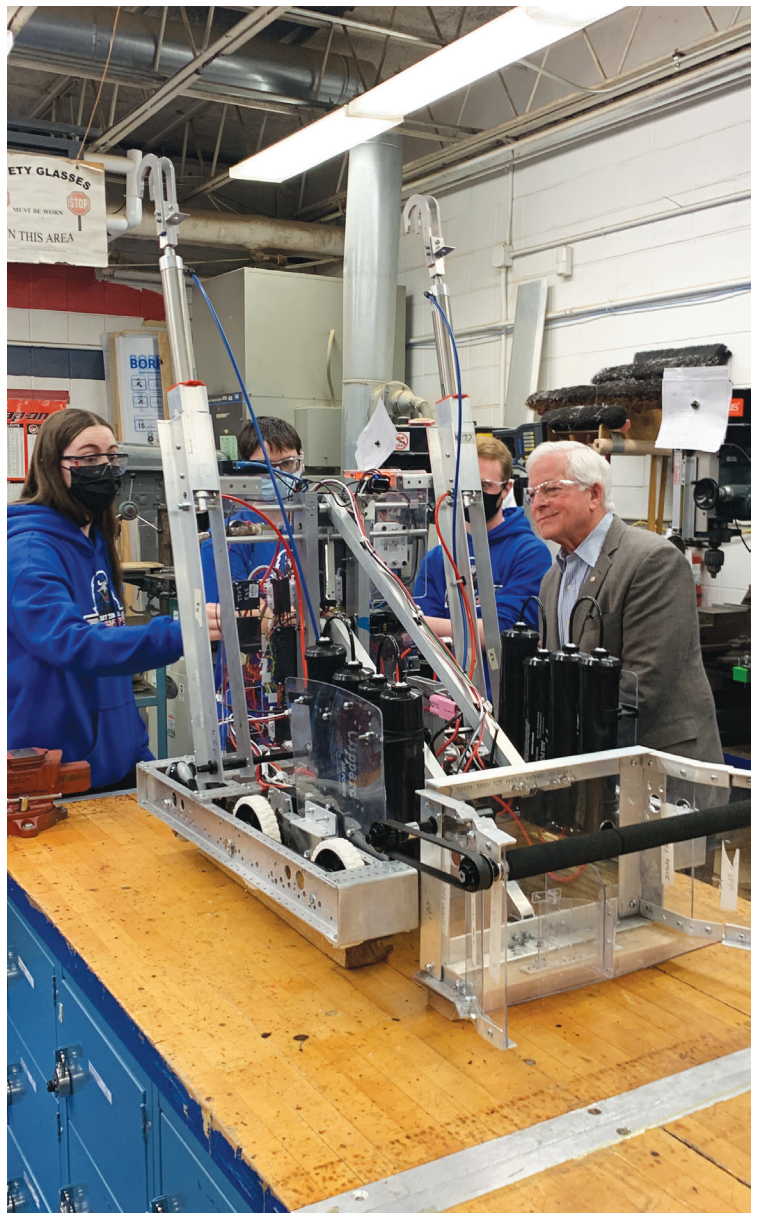
We must all do our part to protect the environment and one Glen Cove resident stands out for doing just that. Assemblymember Lavine and Senator Jim Gaughran present citations to Glen Cove resident Joe Douso for being an environmental good Samaritan. From his childhood exploring days, Mr. Douso was familiar with the area downtown where water flows out to Hempstead Harbor and the Long Island Sound. After a bad storm, he noticed an unfamiliar odor and tracked its source as a broken pipe in a rainwater drainage tunnel which was allowing raw sewage to mix with fresh water. Mr. Douso's discovery resolved an issue that Hempstead Harbor environmental advocates had been trying to resolve. The pipe has since been repaired and the area has shown improvement in terms of its look and smell.



Under the leadership of Dr. Tahira A. Dupree Chase, Westbury Schools are making tremendous strides. Assemblymember Lavine was one of several prominent community leaders to participate as a judge at the Annual Districtwide Spelling Bee contest. Kids in grades 4 through 8 competed in the event which took place at Westbury High School and is a great example of the exciting and competitive events going on in the District to help provide a first class education to our children.



It is critical that the community provides resources for seniors to stay vibrant and active, which is exactly what they're doing at the Westbury Senior Citizens Center. Assemblymember Lavine greets his senior citizen constituents at the Center to announce a programmatic funding grant that he secured. The funding will help provide seniors with a wide variety of programs and services which will go a long way to help enrich and improve their lives.



With a strong belief that public education is the heart and soul of the community, Assemblymember Lavine meets the 'POBots' during a visit to Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School to announce a programmatic funding grant to fund the school's robotics program. The students carried out a full demonstration, explaining how robots are built and operated by students and then used in competitions.



As a proud owner of a rescue dog himself, Assemblymember Lavine is committed to animal welfare. Here he speaks in support of New York State Attorney General Letitia James as she announces a lawsuit against pet store Shake A Paw for unlawfully selling numerous sick or injured puppies to unaware consumers.



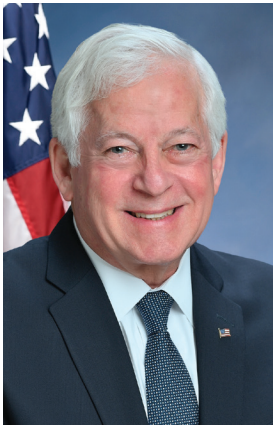
# Lavine Funds the Police



The Glen Cove Police Department is presented with a \$250,000 capital grant secured by Assemblymember Lavine. The funding paid for 5 brand new, state of the art Ford Police Interceptors. The funds could not have come at a better time for the Department which was in great need of upgrading its fleet to ensure the safety of the residents of the city. Assemblymember Lavine is joined by Chief William Whitton, Assistant Chief Christopher Ortiz, and several members of the Glen Cove Police Department for the presentation.



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Thanks to the collective efforts of the Office of Assemblymember Lavine and the Village of Westbury, a cat that had been stuck in a garage of an unoccupied house on a freezing cold day in New Cassel was set free. A mail carrier alerted Lavine's office to the sound of the cat whining. The office then reached out to the Village of Westbury Building Department which tracked down the homeowner. Eventually a relative went to the house and opened the garage allowing the shivering critter to be on its way.