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Dear Neighbors,

The last year has presented numerous challenges that most of us thought we would never see in our great country. Thus far, however, New York State has been weathering the storm. The Legislature passed bills to protect basic human rights¹ and strengthen consumer rights.² Incentives to increase housing construction and repair existing homes are beginning to have an impact.³ We have made good use of a period of relatively strong economic performance, balancing financial stability and fiscal prudence with support for basic services and critical investments in our future.

But there is so much more that needs to be done. We must continue to identify new ways that government can help make life more affordable for New Yorkers, and make sure that we do as many of them as we can.

As cuts in federal aid become more draconian, State government must look in a mirror and start providing many services at a lower cost. To that end, I have begun to advocate for fixes needed in State law to make our government investments more cost-effective. Fundamental reforms are also needed to tackle everyday cost burdens carried by our residents. One area where we have an opportunity to help is in the fight against excessive increases to utility rates—something I and my State, Westchester County, and New York City colleagues have united to champion together.

In short, we must bring a problem-solving approach to everything we do to address the cost of living. The same holds true for protecting the environment, securing our residents' rights against overreach by other state governments, and ensuring that our infrastructure—facilities, buildings and building systems, transportation, and utility systems—can handle 21st-century demands.

Major challenges will take more than a bill or two, or one or two budget lines, to fix. I will do everything I can to ensure that our great State does everything it can to meet its challenges head-on and prepare for a better future.

I wish you the best in the new year, and hope to see you as I continue to visit our communities throughout District 92. If my office can be of help, or answer any of your questions, please call (914) 631-1605 or email shimskym@nyassembly.gov.

¹Some examples are [A.2484](#), [A.5448A](#), and [A.6869](#).

²Including [A.2468](#), [A.6453](#), and provisions in the SFY 2025-26 State Budget such as the Click to Cancel law and new requirements for retailers to post clear refund policies (<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-signs-new-legislation-protect-consumers-and-keep-money-new-yorkers-pockets>).

³Including [A.6770](#), [A.9255](#), and allocations in the SFY 2025-26 State Budget for Starter Home Innovation Funding, the Mixed-Income Revolving Loan Fund, and the Rapid Response Home Repair Program (<https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/press/2025/fy26-enacted-budget-housing.html>).

FIXING OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES

In the Assembly, and as a member of the Committee on Transportation, I continue to advocate for investments in our roadways and other critical infrastructure. In the 2025-26 State Budget, we allocated \$1.4 billion for local roads and bridges over the next two years. We also added \$800 million to ensure that current projects stay on track despite the impacts of inflation.

I-287 and Route 9A Repaving

New York State allocated an additional \$600 million for the paving of more than 180 projects in 2026. This is on top of projects already scheduled as part of NYSDOT's core programs. Taken together, these investments represent NYSDOT's most ambitious annual road resurfacing agenda yet.

Two resurfacing projects in our district are beneficiaries of the additional \$600 million:

\$33.6 million for Interstate 287 from Westchester Avenue to State Route 119, which includes the Town of Greenburgh and Village of Elmsford; and

\$19.2 million for Route 9A from Belmont Road to North State Road in the Towns of Ossining and Mount Pleasant, including in the Village of Briarcliff Manor.

Rehabilitation of I-287 Overpass in Elmsford

Last September, Governor Hochul announced a \$16.4 million project to rehabilitate four highway bridges in the lower Hudson Valley. Among them is the I-287 overpass above the Saw Mill River Parkway in the Village of Elmsford, a route used by up to 75,000 vehicles in a day. This project will ease travel, improve resilience, and reduce noise pollution for our residents.

Repaving Accelerated for 100B in Greenburgh

The repaving of State Route 100B/Dobbs Ferry Road in the Town of Greenburgh—an important local driving and bus route—was accelerated to 2026. The work will span 1.4 miles from State Route 9A/Saw Mill River Road to the Sprain Brook Parkway, a section traveled by up to 10,000 vehicles daily.

My staff and I have driven this road with representatives from NYSDOT to bring attention to its poor condition. I could not be happier to see its repair fast-tracked for this year.



With NYSDOT to announce the Hudson Valley paving projects accelerated to 2026

Ardsley Road Bridge Completed

Ardsley Road Bridge re-opened in November, after several years of construction.

Rehabilitating a bridge is a complex undertaking, given the age and lack of standardization of local infrastructure in the Northeastern United States, as well as the need to keep routes open during construction. This project faced delays when work revealed structural damage that required full manufacturing of steel and cement elements, compounded by supply chain challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks to NYSDOT's sustained efforts—and our residents' patience!—the completed span meets NYSDOT's high standards and is back in full use.

ENACTING LOCAL LEGISLATION

At the time of this publication, seven of my bills to facilitate the work of our municipal governments and other public organizations have been enacted.

Key among them is the County of Westchester Public Works Investment Act (A.6428), which authorizes design-build project delivery for Westchester County's Labs and Research Building, Public Works Maintenance Facility, Emergency Services Building, and Public Safety Building. Design-build will allow these projects to be done more quickly and for less money.

I also sponsored legislation authorizing Westchester County to install a red-light camera on the Saw Mill River Parkway at Grant Street in the Village of Pleasantville (A.8029A). It is a safety initiative the Village's Pedestrian Safety Committee and residents have wanted for a long time. This authorization allows the County to begin that work.

Other signed bills include:

- Extension of the hotel/motel tax for the towns of Greenburgh (A.6433) and Mount Pleasant (A.6220)
- Property use authorization for the Greenburgh-North Castle school district (A.8682)
- Amendment enabling fire insurance funds to be used by the Thornwood firefighters' benevolent association (A.2684)
- Authorization for the City of Yonkers to swap adjacent land between St. John's Riverside Hospital and Untermyer Park, to maintain hospital parking capacity while enabling the park to restore its historic Color Gardens (A.8677)

ADVANCING COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Pascone Park Renovation

The renovation of Ardsley's Louis D. Pascone Park was completed this fall, with the help of \$150,000 in State funding secured by my office for a new playground and \$250,000 in State funding from Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins for a state-of-the-art bandstand.

Village officials, staff, and volunteers have long been at work on these and other upgrades. Pascone Park is a well-used hub for recreation and community events, and I am proud to have contributed to the effort.



Adolph Pfister Post Renovation

After taking office in 2023, I learned that Valhalla's American Legion Adolph Pfister Post 1038 was in dire need of improvements to its facility. This was among the first capital projects for which I was able to secure Assembly funding.

Post Commander Emmy Creskey and many dedicated individuals carried this effort over the years—applying for public grants, fundraising in the community, and guiding the project through to completion in 2025. My appreciation goes out to them, and to all my colleagues who partnered in support of their efforts.

Pleasantville's New Walking Mural

In October, we cut the ribbon on Walking Mural, a wonderful new public art installation in downtown Pleasantville. Made possible through a State grant secured by my office, Walking Mural portrays local people making their way through the village—from a mother and child to a dog walker, a baseball player, and a man in a motorized wheelchair. The design was the winner of an open submission process, and more than 70 volunteers signed up to help with a community paint to complete it.

Congratulations to local artists Stuart Vance and Greg Nemec, the Pleasantville Public Arts Committee, ArtsWestchester, and everyone who contributed to this project's success.



INVESTING IN DISTRICT 92

It was my privilege to secure State funding in 2025 for these capital projects in our towns and villages.

- **Lyndhurst Mansion, Tarrytown** – \$100,000 for driveway repaving
- **Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters, Hartsdale** – \$100,000 for final phase of restoration
- **Irvington Volunteer Ambulance Corps** – \$125,000 for new equipment
- **Hartsdale Fire District** – \$103,000 for oxygen apparatus and other equipment
- **Mount Pleasant Public Library** – \$125,000 for renovations to the main library in Pleasantville
- **The Historical Society, Inc.** – Serving Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown – \$100,000 for porch repairs to the Jacob Odell House in Tarrytown
- **Arc Stages, Pleasantville** – \$100,000 for proscenium curtain, ADA upgrades, and safety improvements

- **Ardsley Volunteer Ambulance Corps** – \$100,000 for new equipment

My office was also able to allocate \$264,000 for programs that support and enrich our communities, including:

- Food programs at the Dobbs Ferry and Hastings-on-Hudson food pantries
- Nutrition program at the Clinton Street Senior Center in Pleasantville
- Mental health programming by Break the Hold
- RiverArts' annual music and studio tours
- Speaker series at the O'Hara Nature Center in Irvington
- Children and family programming at Warner Library in Tarrytown
- Youth writing program at the Hudson Valley Writers Center in Sleepy Hollow

PHOTO GALLERY



Rallying to urge the Governor to sign the Medical Aid in Dying Act (A.0136)



Visiting veterans at Brightview Greenburgh with Town advocate Hugh McAuley



Joining Mothers Out Front in support of environmental legislation



At Volunteer New York's annual 9/11 Day of Service



Meeting to discuss packaging-reduction legislation (A.1749) with RAC-NY advocates



Opening the new tennis courts at Woodlands Middle/High School in Hartsdale



Welcoming a new classroom and laboratory at New York Medical College, Valhalla



American Jewish Council's annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast



Celebrating the French government's knighting of Susan Seal, President of Friends of Odell House Rochambeau Headquarters



At the RiverArts Studio Tour with cartoonist Isabella Bannerman, James V. Harmon Community Center, Hastings-on-Hudson



With some spooky characters at the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Halloween Parade



It was a joy to welcome in the holidays across our District 92 communities. Happy New Year to all!

FIGHTING FOR UTILITY AFFORDABILITY

Ending the "100-Foot Rule"

New Yorkers who can barely afford their utility bills should not have to foot the bill for those building new homes. That is what a new law ending the "100-foot rule" does (Ch. 709 of 2025).

One of our key achievements of 2025, this legislation ends the requirement that a utility's customer base subsidize the first 100 feet of gas line for new hook-ups—at a savings to State ratepayers of close to \$600 million annually.

Signed by Governor Hochul in late December, the new law enables us to bring down utility costs while prioritizing a cleaner, more sustainable future for the State and our planet.



With State and County officials urging the PSC to reject Con Ed rate increases

Con Ed Update

The Public Service Commission (PSC) has finished its review of the Con Edison rate cases. Per the joint proposal produced by this process, Con Ed agreed to increases over the next three years of 4.5%, 5.0%, and 3.3% for electric; and -0.3%, 7.2%, and 3.7% for gas.

I have joined with my State and County colleagues in opposing these negotiated rates—which are only slightly reduced from Con Ed's original proposal—as they still exceed inflation rates while guaranteeing Con Ed an excessive 9.4% return on investment. The PSC's review also failed to address a structural inequity that has caused Westchester ratepayers to carry a disproportionate cost burden compared to Con Ed customers in New York City.

As we begin the new session in Albany, I will be supporting legislation to address utility affordability and bring greater transparency to the rate-setting process.



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- Accessing government benefits and forms
- Addressing community problems
- Learning about state government

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