



Dear Constituent,

Below please find information about this month's events and initiatives from my office, along with a list of new laws going into effect in March.

I will also be sending out my monthly grants email soon. If you would like to be on the distribution list for that email, you can reply to this email with the word "grants." If you have already reached out to us to request inclusion on that list, you do not need to do so again.

Best,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Mobile Office Hours

My office holds mobile office hours every month. Stop by for help with anything you might come into the district office for: help navigating state agencies, information about state programs, and more. Here are the dates and locations for March:

- **Monday, March 4, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM:** Desmond Fish Library (472 Route 403, Garrison, NY 10524)
- **Monday, March 18, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM:** Peekskill Community Hub Event (Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566). Note that this will be part of a community-wide resource fair, and we will also be joined by State Senator Pete Harckham's office. Stop by!

New York State Tax Forms Available

My district office has print copies of various New York State tax forms available. If you are still completing your taxes and need a form, please feel free to give us a call at (914) 941-1111 to set a time to pick up the forms you need.

New Podcast Episode



The [fifth episode](#) of my podcast series, [Building Healthy Communities](#), is available now. In this episode, titled “Sustaining Our Seniors,” I highlight some programs supporting seniors in the district. First, I speak with Johnathan Zamora, director of the Peekskill Senior Nutrition Program, about their many offerings. Next, we hear from Cora Silvestri and Judith Shangold, the two women behind the “Old Traditions, New Beginnings” senior legacy project my office is helping to facilitate. Learn more about the genesis of the project in this episode; read on for more information about how to participate.

“Old Traditions, New Beginnings”

The “Old Traditions, New Beginnings” project aims to give seniors the opportunity to connect with others by sharing their stories, memories, recipes, or whatever legacy they would like to impart to the generations that follow. The contributions will be collected for sharing online and possible print publication in an anthology (all not for profit). The deadline for inclusion in the first volume of the project is **Sunday, June 30, 2024**. If you are interested in contributing your own writing (250-1000 words) or volunteering to help others share their contributions, please email district95@nyassembly.gov.

Internship Application

My office recruits interns on an ongoing basis. If you know of any high school or college students who would be interested in an internship with my office, please share [this link](#) with

them. The link can also be found on my web page under “Important Links” and in my [linktree](#) on [Instagram](#).

New Laws for March 2024

New state laws go into effect every month. Here is a list of laws going into effect in March 2024:

Effective Date	Chapter	Summary
3/4/2024	Ch. 350 of 2023 A.68-A S.2140-B	Directs the commissioner of education to issue guidance to school districts for developing programs to attract underrepresented candidates into the teaching profession and to identify funding available to school districts for such purposes.
3/7/2024	Ch. 689 of 2023 A.6156 S.5744	Reopens the age 55 improved benefit retirement program and the 25-year early retirement program to active and retired members and staff of the NYC Council.
3/7/2024	Ch. 691 of 2023 A.6544 S.7444	Provides for the expungement of records in persons in need of supervision cases in family court.
3/8/2024	Ch. 652 of 2023 S.1792 A.4349	Designates March 8th each year as a day of commemoration, to be known as International Women's Day.

3/12/2024	Ch. 367 of 2023 A.836 S.2518-A	Prohibits an employer from requesting or requiring that an employee or applicant for employment disclose any user name, password, or other means for accessing a personal account or service through specified electronic communications devices.
3/13/2024	Ch. 433 of 2023 S.5572 A.6796	Increases the threshold for applicability of wage payment protections for certain persons employed in an executive, administrative, or professional capacity, from \$900 to \$1,300 per week.
3/13/2024	Ch. 438 of 2023 S.5959-B A.5718-B	Allows risk retention groups which meet a minimum surplus requirement and are registered in New York State to offer automobile insurance coverage to nonprofit organizations in this state.
3/18/2024	Ch. 473 of 2023 A.4009-A S.5965-A	Provides notice of voting rights to persons released from local jails.
3/18/2024	Ch. 477 of 2023 S.587 A.268	Provides for a mandatory training curriculum for poll workers; requires the state board of elections to develop and provide to each county materials for a model poll worker training program to train individuals to serve as poll workers in state and county elections.
3/18/2024	Ch. 482 of 2023 A.703-A S.683-A	Requires notices prior to changes in energy service pricing.

3/20/2024	Ch. 484 of 2023 A.1967 S.5400	Requires disclosure of information concerning flood insurance on property condition disclosure statements.
3/20/2024	Ch. 674 of 2023 A.358 S.3225 Ch. 61 of 2024 A.8548 S.8006	Requires the collection of certain demographic information about the sexual orientation and gender identity or expression of residents by certain state agencies, boards and commissions.
3/20/2024	Ch.731 of 2023 A.4023-A S.6088 Ch. 70 of 2024 A.8528 S.8020	Requires a notice to be posted regarding skimming in any sales transaction to protect consumers and those who use electronic benefit transfer cards.
3/21/2024	Ch. 735 of 2023 A.463-A S.2677-A Ch. 28 of 2024 A.8501 S.8038	Requires written notice of an adverse determination made by a utilization review agent in relation to a step therapy protocol override determination.

3/21/2024	Ch. 757 of 2023 S.2574 A.7164 Chap. 6 of 2024 A.8532 S.8088	Permits a claimant to submit an order determining compensation from the workers' compensation board as proof of disability for purposes of real property tax exemptions. Also allows a locality to adjust the exemption level.
3/27/2024	Ch. 517 of 2023 S.5129-A A.1077-A	Requires an operator of a motor vehicle to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a vehicle which is parked, stopped, or standing on the shoulder of a parkway or controlled-access highway.