



**Dear Constituent,**

As we begin 2026, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family. Over the past year, my office worked diligently to deliver results for our district - securing state funding, advancing local priorities, and assisting thousands of residents with state-related matters. Whether through legislation, community outreach, or direct constituent services, our focus has remained on being accessible, responsive, and effective.

In this newsletter, you'll find highlights from 2025, including investments in our communities, key legislative achievements, and ongoing efforts to support residents across the 97th Assembly District. Looking ahead to the year ahead, my team and I remain fully committed to advocating on your behalf and addressing any concerns you may have. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office - we are here to help.

Sincerely,

**Assemblyman Aron Wieder**

## State Budget Delivers Major Funding for Roads, Libraries, and Families



The newly adopted New York State budget delivers significant investments for Orangetown and Ramapo, including expanded funding for local roads, environmental protection, renewable energy, childcare assistance, school meals, and public safety initiatives. In addition, Assemblyman Aron Wieder announced \$773,354 in Library Construction Aid for the Finkelstein, Palisades, and Pearl River libraries, along with \$10,000 grants for both the Pearl River and South Orangetown Little Leagues - supporting community facilities and youth programs across the district.

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## **Orangetown Preservation Fund Becomes Law**



Local and State leaders gathered at Orangetown Town Hall to mark the passage of the Orangetown Community Preservation Fund, a major step toward protecting open space and planning for the town's future. The new law authorizes Orangetown to establish a preservation fund supported primarily by a real estate transfer tax, along with donations and land contributions, to safeguard natural areas and preserve the town's character for future generations.

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## **Serving Residents Through Mobile Offices and Community Blood Drive**



Assemblyman Aron Wieder hosted a community blood drive with the American Red Cross at the Finkelstein Memorial Library, thanking donors and volunteers for their life-saving contributions. He also held seven mobile office sessions across the district, assisting residents with DMV matters, housing applications, senior services, and other state-related issues.

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## **Assembly Speaker Visits 97th District, Announces Upcoming Capital Funding**



Assembly Speaker Carl E Heastie joined Assemblyman Aron Wieder for a tour of the 97th Assembly District as part of a statewide visit. During the tour, Speaker Heastie announced forthcoming capital funding for local improvement projects, with additional details to be released in the coming months.

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## **Community Engagement Across the District**



Assemblyman Aron Wieder continued outreach throughout the district, hosting mobile offices, participating in public safety events, attending the Pearl River Public Library groundbreaking, and resolving permitting issues for a local business expansion. He also met with regional library leaders and attended events highlighting affordable housing - reflecting his ongoing focus on constituent service and intergovernmental collaboration.

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## **Infrastructure Improvements and Permit Issues Resolved**



Assemblyman Aron Wieder met with state transportation officials to address roadway safety, infrastructure improvements, and the reopening of the southbound Palisades Parkway exit to I-287. He also joined local, state, and federal partners to mark the resolution of a longstanding water permit issue affecting a district business.

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## **Advancing Utilities, Infrastructure, and Education**



Assemblyman Aron Wieder worked with utility providers and transportation authorities to improve road safety and protect residents during religious holidays. He also visited organizations serving individuals with special needs and met with higher-education leaders to discuss workforce development and educational access initiatives.

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## **Honoring Holocaust Memory and Standing Against Hate**



Assemblyman Aron Wieder attended a Project Witness event highlighting the writings of the Holocaust's youngest diarists, emphasizing the importance of preserving personal histories for future generations. He also visited local religious leadership following a recent harassment incident, reaffirming support for community safety, unity, and mutual respect.

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## **Honoring 9/11 Victims and Recognizing First Responders**



Assemblyman Aron Wieder marked the anniversary of September 11th by attending memorial ceremonies across the district. In observance of National First Responders Day, he and his team visited every law enforcement agency in the district to present citations recognizing their dedication and service.

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## **Preparing for the 2026 Legislative Session**



During the Assembly’s summer recess, Assemblyman Aron Wieder met with county, town, and village leaders throughout the district to identify priorities, resolve state agency issues, and coordinate funding and policy efforts. These meetings have positioned the district to advance infrastructure, public safety, housing, and environmental priorities in the upcoming legislative session.

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