

INVESTING IN OUR PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

Community Recreation Upgrades at Elm Avenue Town Park

I'm proud to have helped support the revitalization of Elm Avenue Town Park in Bethlehem:^{1,2}

- The first \$50,000 in 2023 helped convert aging tennis courts into brand-new pickleball courts, which officially opened this summer and are already a hit with residents of all ages.¹
- In 2024, I helped secured an additional \$50,000 to restore additional tennis courts, preserving access to one of the town's most popular amenities.²

These upgrades create more options for outdoor activity, support community wellness, and improve the quality of life for families and seniors alike.

SUPPORTING OUR LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Strengthening the Bethlehem Public Library

Through targeted Bullet Aid in both 2024 and 2025, I've helped provide critical funding to the Bethlehem Public Library, ensuring it continues to serve as a vital resource for education, literacy, and public programming.^{3,4}

Helping Our Four-Legged Friends

This year, I organized a Dog Supply Drive to support local shelters and rescues. The Bethlehem Library served as one of our main donation drop-off points and the community response was overwhelming. Thank you!

STANDING UP FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Passing Critical EMS Legislation

I was proud to support and help pass A2177A, removing Emergency Medical Services from the property tax cap. This commonsense reform gives our local governments more flexibility to expand EMS coverage and better support our first responders.

Recognizing and Rewarding Volunteer Service

I co-sponsor several bills to support our volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, including:

- **A1064** – A state income tax credit of up to \$2,500 for active volunteers.
- **A6410 & A6790** – Expanding benefits and tax credits for our essential volunteer EMS workers.
- **A7331** – Doubling the training stipends offered to volunteer firefighters to help recruit and retain the heroes who keep our communities safe.

Protecting Our Environment and Clean Water

Clean Water and Public Health Protections

New Yorkers deserve access to safe, clean water. That's why I proudly co-sponsored legislation to:

- Ban biosolids until we know they're safe for public use (A6192D).
- Require full disclosure of PFAS chemical discharges into water systems (A5832B).
- Support lead service line mapping so we can remove dangerous pipes before they harm our children (A2181).

Greener Transportation Options

I also support programs like the Ride Clean Rebate (A281), helping residents afford e-bikes and electric scooters—cleaner, healthier alternatives to cars for short trips and daily commutes.

1) Chapter 54 of the Laws of New York State 2023

2) Chapter 54 of the Laws of New York State 2024

3) E.2449 of 2024

4) E.820 of 2025

I had a great morning connecting with local business owners and community leaders at the Bethlehem Chamber's Coffee with Legislators. As a small business owner for more than 30 years, I understand the challenges and opportunities facing our local economy.



I was honored to celebrate the achievements of our community's newest Eagle Scouts at the American Legion in Delmar. Congratulations to these inspiring young leaders for their commitment, service, and perseverance.



It's great working with the Bethlehem Chamber including Terri Egan, an outstanding public servant and trusted voice on transportation, infrastructure, and policy. It is always great to exchange ideas with experienced leaders who care about New York's future.



Supporting our first responders at Elm Avenue Town Park! Thank you for all that you do in keeping our Bethlehem residents safe!

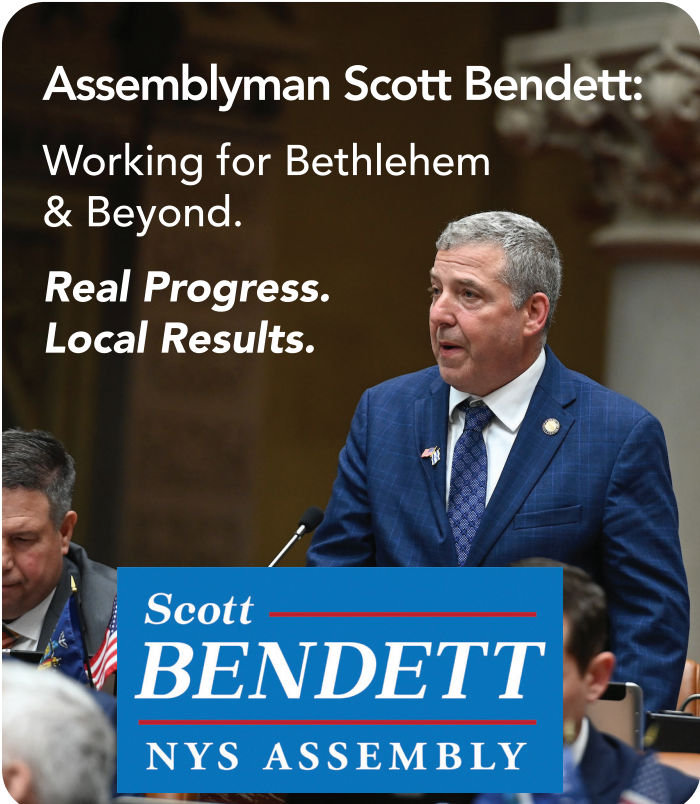
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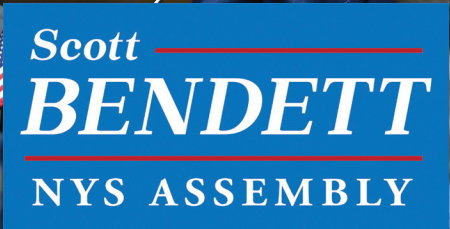
It was an honor to celebrate securing a \$50,000 grant for tennis court restoration at the Elm Ave Town Park in Bethlehem.



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