

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

FROM

Assemblyman ★★★★★

# Brian Miller



## Toll Free Assistance

EPIC Prescription Protection  
for Seniors ..... 1-800-332-3742  
EZ Pass ..... 1-800-333-8655  
Legislative Status of Bills ..... 1-800-342-9860  
Medicare and Medical Claims ..... 1-800-633-4227  
Senior Citizen's Hotline ..... 1-800-342-9871  
Federal Tax Assistance ..... 1-800-829-1040  
I Love NY ..... 1-800-225-5697  
Veteran's Problems/Assistance ..... 1-800-273-8255  
Public Health Duty Officer Hotline ..... 866-881-2809

## Emergency Phone Numbers

Essential Community Services ..... 211  
Ulster County Crisis Hotline  
(Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) ..... 845-340-3443  
(Nights, Weekends & Holidays) ..... 845-340-3442  
Central Hudson – Fortis Power Outages .....  
..... 1-800-527-2714  
Sullivan County Crisis Hotline ..... 845-791-9595  
Orange County Help Line (24/7) ..... 1-800-832-1200  
NYSEG Power Outages ..... 1-800-572-1131

## Fire, Police & Ambulance

Ulster County Sheriff ..... 845-338-3640  
Sullivan County Sheriff ..... 845-794-7100  
Orange County Sheriff ..... 845-291-4033

## Area Hospitals

Margaretville Hospital ..... 845-586-2631  
Catskill Regional Medical Center ..... 845-794-3300  
Ellenville Regional Hospital ..... 845-647-6400  
Orange Regional Medical Center ..... 845-333-1000

## Office for the Aging

Ulster County ..... 845-340-3456  
Sullivan County ..... 845-807-0241  
Orange County ..... 845-615-3700

## Clerk's Office

Ulster County ..... 845-340-3288  
Sullivan County ..... 845-807-0411  
Orange County ..... 845-291-2691

## Social Services

Ulster County ..... 845-334-5000  
Sullivan County ..... 845-292-0100  
Orange County ..... 845-291-4000

## Veterans' Services

Ulster County ..... 845-340-3190  
Sullivan County ..... 845-807-0233  
Orange County ..... 845-291-2470

Dear Neighbor,

As your assemblyman and a member of the Assembly Social Services Committee, it is my top priority to represent you in Albany as well as here at home. It is also my duty to ensure you are aware of a few state programs available to seniors in New York. I hope you will find some of the information in this brochure useful.

This year, I was proud to sponsor and vote in favor of Assembly Bill 5969, which would revise the state's STAR Program back to its previous format. The change, which was rolled out in 2016, is an inconvenience and disservice to all new homeowners. It is clear that the 2016 STAR Program plan does not serve the best interests of New York's residents, and I will continue to work on behalf of New York's homeowners to correct this error.

Sincerely,

*Brian D. Miller*

# SENIOR CENTERS

Below are a number of senior centers that provide various activities and programs including exercise groups, travel clubs, and social events that keep you active and healthy.

**TRUDY RESNICK FARBER BUILDING**  
**50 CENTER ST., ELLENVILLE – 845-340-3456**

**VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY SENIOR CENTER**  
**36 BRIDGE ST., MONTGOMERY – 845-457-9367**

## STAR vs. ENHANCED STAR

Senior citizens receiving Enhanced STAR are not affected by the new registration requirement. Seniors must, however, take steps to ensure that they continue to receive Enhanced STAR.

Seniors receiving Enhanced STAR who reside outside of New York City must continue to:

- **apply annually, or**
- **participate in the Income Verification Program.**

Visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/types.htm> to learn more about STAR and Enhanced STAR

## STAR ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria are the same for both the STAR credit and the STAR property tax exemption. You can't receive both the credit and the exemption.

### Eligible homeowners

#### Basic STAR

#### Enhanced STAR

	Basic STAR	Enhanced STAR
Residency	You must own your home and it must be your primary residence.	You must own your home and it must be your primary residence.
Age	No age restriction	65 or older For jointly owned property, only one spouse or sibling must be at least 65 by December 31 of the year when the exemption will begin.
Income	\$500,000 or less The income limit applies to the combined incomes of only the owners and owners' spouses who reside at the property.	For 2016 benefits, \$84,550 or less. For 2017, \$86,000 or less. The income limit applies to all owners and any owner's spouse who resides at the property.

# EPIC

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health. To enroll in EPIC you must:

- 1. Be a NYS resident age 65 or older;**
- 2. Have an annual income below \$75,000 if single, or below \$100,000 if married;**
- 3. Be enrolled or be eligible to be enrolled in Medicare Part D; and**
- 4. Not receive full Medicaid benefits.**

For more information regarding EPIC, or to apply, call 1-800-332-3742.

## HEALTH CARE PROXY

New York Health Care Proxy laws allow state residents to appoint trusted family members or close friends to make healthcare decisions for them if they become incapacitated or unable to direct their own course of treatments. In order to appoint a health care agent, you must fill out a health care proxy form. For more information or to obtain the form itself:

- **Visit [www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/health\\_care\\_proxy](http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/health_care_proxy);** or
- **Contact Assemblyman Brian Miller's office**

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