

**Dear Neighbor,**

Autumn has arrived, and it's a wonderful time for families to get outside, explore our local parks and enjoy all that Western New York has to offer. While you're enjoying the fresh air and scenery, don't forget to bring along your camera and notebook. If you snap a great photo or jot down a poem, you can enter it in my contest. I'm looking for artwork created by you that captures the beauty and spirit of our region, and I'll be selecting pieces to be displayed in my office. I look forward to seeing your creative submissions!

From banning most plastic bags statewide (Ch. 58 of 2019) to taking proactive steps to combat climate change (Ch. 106 of 2019), I've been working hard over the past year to protect our environment. While we've come a long way, our work is far from over. I'll continue doing everything I can to keep our parks clean and ensure our neighborhoods are healthy places to live for generations to come.

Sincerely,  
Assemblyman Pat Burke



**Autumn  
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from Assemblyman  
Pat Burke



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## Assemblyman Pat Burke encourages you to enjoy the outdoors and get involved this fall

**Western New York is home to many beautiful parks that are especially colorful this time of year. Make sure to visit some of these local spots this fall!**

- Burchfield Nature and Art Center** – Located in West Seneca, this nature park and art gallery offers something for the whole family.
- Cazenovia Park** – Bisected by the Cazenovia Creek, this park has baseball fields and a golf course.
- Chestnut Ridge Park** – This is Erie County's largest park and is the perfect place for a family adventure. It's located in Orchard Park and features the Eternal Flame Falls, one of the great natural wonders of Western New York.
- Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park** – Located near the Seneca Street Bridge, this park is a great place to observe migratory birds and take in flora and fauna along the Buffalo River.
- South Park** – Home to the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, visitors of this park can explore a variety of winding paths and carriageways around the scenic lake.

## Capture the beauty of Western New York this autumn through photography and poetry!

Assemblyman Burke will select the best photo and poem submissions to frame and display in his office and feature on his Assembly website.

### Photos must be:

- Photographed by you
- Taken between 9/15 and 11/15
- Feature Buffalo, Lackawanna, Orchard Park or West Seneca
- Be in JPEG format and have at least 3 megapixel resolution (2048x1536px)

### Poems must be:

- Written by you
- Fit on a single 8.5x11 page
- Feature a theme that vividly captures life in Western New York

*All photos and poems must be submitted via email to [BurkeP@nyassembly.gov](mailto:BurkeP@nyassembly.gov) by Friday, Nov. 15.*

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Assemblyman Pat Burke's

# Citizen of the Month Award

**Do you know a community member who goes above and beyond to improve the lives of others? Nominate him or her to be the Citizen of the Month!**

Assemblyman Burke is recognizing residents who go out of their way to help others and make the community a better place to live. One resident will be chosen each month for the award, and Assemblyman Burke will present winners with an Assembly citation and highlight their contributions to our community.

*Nominees must live in the 142nd Assembly District, which includes South Buffalo, a portion of Lackawanna and the towns of Orchard Park and West Seneca.*

Name of nominating individual:

Address of nominating individual:

Telephone:

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Name of nominee:

Address of nominee:

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Please give a description of the nominee and her/his contribution:

**Please clip and mail this form or fill it out online at:**  
[nyassembly.gov/burke](http://nyassembly.gov/burke)

Nomination entry form