

Assemblymember

Ellen Jaffee

Assembly District 97

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News From

Assemblywoman Ellen C. Jaffee

Dear Neighbors,



Ellen

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families and a member of the Health Committee, I have been an outspoken advocate committed to helping all New Yorkers stay healthy. I am proud that the Assembly Majority has passed the [New York Health Act \(A.4738\)](#), legislation I co-sponsored that would create a universal single-payer plan and expand coverage eligibility to all residents. The plan would provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care, primary and preventive care, maternity care, cover prescription drug costs, laboratory testing, rehabilitative care and dental, vision and hearing care. You can follow the bill's progress by using the New York State Assembly's website (www.nyassembly.gov) Quick Bill Search tool.

Wishing you a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.

Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition Conference

It was a privilege to deliver the opening remarks at the [Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition New York](#) annual conference where we celebrated [National Foster Care Month](#) and the essential role adoptive and guardianship families play in the lives of children and youth. Adoption, foster care and kinship caregiving have increasingly become part of our lives, woven into the fabric of our families and communities. I am committed to making sure our communities have the resources, services and programs they need to support children and youth, caregivers and families, as well as all those who work on the frontline.



Public Hearing on Access to Quality Child Care

[On May 23 I held a Joint Hearing](#) at the Capitol with Senator Tony Avella on access and barriers to quality child care in New York, and the effects on child development, family life and the economy. We must continue working together to make funding high-quality, affordable child care for all a top priority in New York State. Thank you to all those who came out to make your voices heard and for your support of my [legislation to establish a Child Care Task Force](#).

Domestic Violence Legislation

The Assembly passed a [package of legislation](#) I co-sponsored that is aimed at strengthening protections for survivors of domestic violence. While domestic violence is severely underreported, the statistics are still startling. In the United States, over 10 million women and men are victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner each year.^[1] Survivors and their loved ones often deal with trauma years after the abuse has stopped. The Assembly legislative package seeks to meet the urgent needs of those affected and ensure everyone who seeks help can get it.

[1] cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/intimatepartnerviolence.pdf

Community Events



Elmwood Playhouse Ribbon Cutting

As a strong and vocal advocate for the arts, I supported the [Elmwood Playhouse](#) grant proposal and secured \$125,000 in Capitol Project renovation funding. Research shows that the nonprofit arts and culture industry is an economically sound investment that attracts audiences, spurs business development, and supports jobs.

Nonprofits and municipalities may be nominated for State and Municipal Facilities Program Capitol Project Funding.



JAMCCAR Mothers Day Luncheon

I enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the annual [JAMCCAR](#) Mothers Day Luncheon. What incredibly talented musicians make up this terrific steel drum band. Congratulations to the well-deserving honorees: Dillon Coley, Karlene Largie, Hope Wade, Bessie Walker, and Lurlyn Winchester-Youngblood.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day 2017 Events

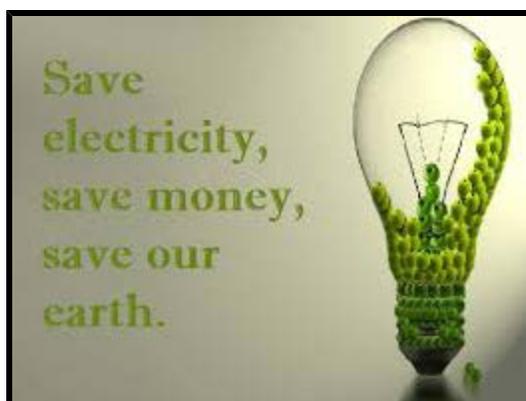
On Memorial Day, Monday May 30th, we acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude those fellow Americans who have come to the aid of our democracy in periods of crisis and who have given so much to protect our freedom. Click on the link for a list of countywide [Memorial Day Events](#).



Annual Designer Fashion Sale Benefit

The 8th Annual Designer Fashion Sale Preview benefiting Center for Safety & Change will be held on Monday, June 5th at 6 p.m. at The Hudson House of Nyack. All proceeds will benefit [Center for Safety & Change](#), Rockland County's nonprofit agency serving victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Did You Know?



Appliance Rebates from O & R

Replacing older appliances with newer, energy saving models can reduce your electric usage and costs by up to 30%. Visit oru.com for details on eligible high-efficiency appliances.

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