



Dear Friends,

**Let me begin by saying congratulations to the graduates of the 93rd Assembly District!** While no doubt this year did not go quite as you had envisioned (although thankfully many were able to celebrate milestones like prom and in-person graduation), you should all be so proud of what you have achieved, especially under incredibly difficult circumstances. A shout out also to the parents, teachers and school staff who worked so hard to make this year special.

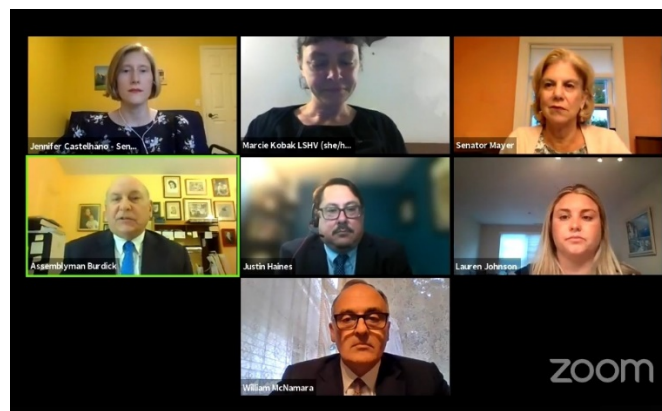
In recent news, **yesterday the Governor [announced](#) that the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared on March 7, 2020, has been lifted.** Another wonderful sign that life in New York is returning to normal. Thank you to everyone who has done their part in making this possible, from wearing masks and social distancing when it was needed, to getting the vaccine that will help to keep us all safe. If you are eligible and haven't yet been vaccinated, [I encourage you to do so](#) as soon as possible.

**Finally, yesterday the Gender Recognition Act – discussed in last Friday's [session-wrap newsletter](#) – was [signed into law](#).** This bill ensures that government documents in New York can properly reflect transgender, nonbinary and intersex individuals' identities. The provisions of this bill will also make it easier and safer for individuals to petition for a change in name or sex designation. I cannot think of a better way to commemorate Pride Month!

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### [Watch the Emergency Rental Relief Program Forum](#)

In case you missed Tuesday's **Emergency Rental Relief Program Forum**, you can watch it by [clicking here](#) or on the image below. **Many thanks to my co-hosts, Senators Harckham and Mayer, and to the [Legal Services of the Hudson Valley](#) for their very helpful presentation and discussion on the subject.** Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you have any questions about the program, or if we can be of any further assistance.



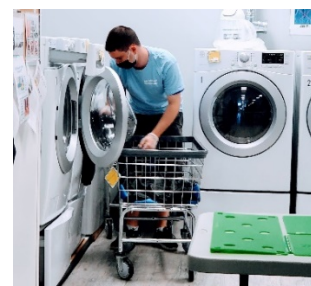
## [My Visit to Extraordinary Ventures](#)

Yesterday I had the wonderful opportunity to visit [Extraordinary Ventures New York](#), which provides meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. Based in Mount Kisco, EVNY operates three businesses: gifts (such as candles and bracelets), office solutions (including shredding services) and laundry services.

While there, I was given a tour by Executive Director Andrew Tedder, and met two of the organization's founders – Melanie and Drew Schaffran – whose son Brett (who I also met) is an EVNY employee. We were joined by Sara DuTerroil, a constituent who kindly brought this fantastic organization to my office's attention.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Mark and Brian, two other hardworking EVNY employees. Their enthusiasm and pride in their work were evident from the moment we met them. It was a true privilege to be there.

I would encourage you to visit the Extraordinary Ventures website at [EVNY.org](#) to learn more about the organization and all the wonderful things they do. They truly are extraordinary.



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### [Reminder: Child Income-Tax Credit Begins July 15th](#)

A reminder that **payments on the temporarily-expanded federal tax credit, provided for the American Rescue Plan will begin on July 15th.** Households representing more than 65 million children (88% of U.S. children) will qualify for this refundable tax credit.

Eligible families will receive a payment of up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 (with a maximum annual credit of \$3,600 per child) and up to \$250 per month for each child between ages 6 to 17 (with a maximum annual credit of \$3,000 per child). The benefit begins to phase out beginning at incomes of \$150,000 for married couples, \$112,500 for a Head of Household single parent, and \$75,000 for single filers. The regular tax credit of \$2,000 (minus any payments received) remains in place for individuals whose income remains below \$200,000 for individuals and \$400,000 for couples.

Payments will be made via direct deposit, paper check or debit cards beginning July 15th and continuing on the 15th of each month through December. In addition to receiving these monthly payments (which represent the credit for the first half of the tax filing year 2020), recipients will receive the rest of their benefit as a credit next year when they file their 2021 tax returns.

Parents can also opt out of the monthly payments and instead receive the full, expanded credit on their tax returns next year. To learn more, visit: [www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021](http://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021). And for more information about the credit in general, go to [childtaxcredit.gov](http://childtaxcredit.gov).

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## **Reminder: Assembly Summer Reading Challenge!**

In case you missed the email earlier this week, I am inviting the children of the 93rd Assembly District to participate in the Assembly's annual Summer Reading Challenge, held in partnership with New York State Libraries.

**The challenge asks children to read a book for at least 15 minutes a day, for a minimum of 40 days, during the months of July and August.** Children can read on their own or with a partner or caregiver and mark off days on the [calendar provided](#). Once they've completed 40 days or more, please submit the completed materials to me at [burdickc@nyassembly.com](mailto:burdickc@nyassembly.com) and I will send your child an **Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate**, to recognize their efforts and dedication. The (optional) theme for the 2021 challenge is "Tails and Tales" to encourage children to learn more about their favorite animals and explore the world around them.

*(Please note this challenge can be done in concert with other reading challenges... so if your child has already signed up for a challenge at school or the library, the reading completed for those challenges can count towards the requirements of this challenge as well.)*



Take part in the New York State Assembly's 2021  
**Summer Reading Challenge**



You can find the calendar and other materials needed to complete the challenge [by clicking here](#). And if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (914) 244-4450 or [burdickc@nyassembly.gov](mailto:burdickc@nyassembly.gov).

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### [Thank you to New Castle's Ivy Pool](#)

I share the New Castle community's gratitude to former town supervisor Ivy Pool for her tremendous service to the town. With her wise and compassionate leadership, Ivy guided New Castle through the harrowing days of the pandemic, providing encouragement and support.

It was my honor to present a NYS Assembly Proclamation to her in recognition of that service. Thank you, Ivy, for all you have done for New Castle!



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As always, if there are any issues that you would like to see covered in a future newsletter, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [burdickc@nyassembly.gov](mailto:burdickc@nyassembly.gov) (or simply reply to this email). **Please also follow me on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the most up-to-date information.**

Miss any of our previous newsletters? You can [find them here](#).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Burdick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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