

Hi,

Happy spring! While I hope you are enjoying the outdoors, I have been busy working with my colleagues in the State Legislature to reach a 2023-24 state budget agreement. I will continue to push for record funding for our public schools, investment in our mental health system, and advocate for solutions to address New York's housing shortage.

As we get further into the spring, please remember to nominate a woman who has made a difference in your life and the lives of others for my [2023 Women of Distinction Awards](#). Nominations are being accepted through Monday, April 24 and the award ceremony will take place Monday, May 8, at the William K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie from 6 to 7 p.m.

I am always happy to hear from my constituents. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, contact my office at SteckP@nyassembly.gov or by calling 518-455-5931.

All the best,
Phil Steck

Legislative Updates

As the Chairman of the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committee, I helped to pass a law that directs the Department of Health to establish guidelines for nightlife establishments to respond to opioid-related emergencies (Ch. 83 of 2023). Additionally, I filed five bills supporting a national initiative to promote dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. These measures would:

- Amend the state constitution to establish a fundamental right of the people to have access to public information (A.4429)
- Provide the award of reasonable attorney fees upon the successful completion of a FOIL request (A.5357)
- Require the governor to submit to direct oral questions from the Legislature about the state budget for at least two hours annually (A.4301)
- Prohibit the governor from granting themselves or any other person involved with furthering the illegal conduct of the governor a reprieve, commutation, or pardon (A.4315)
- Provide for the Committee on Open Government to hear appeals on denied FOIL requests, as opposed to the current process, which allows for the agency that denied the request to hear the appeal (A.5707)



In the Community

2023 Women of Distinction Awards Nominations

It is my honor to recognize the women who have devoted their time and effort to improving our community and our lives. Unfortunately, the hardest workers tend to go the longest without being acknowledged, and I look forward to changing that at my first Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony.

From now through Monday, April 24th, you can [click here](#) to nominate a

woman who has made a difference in your life and the lives of members of our community. Nominees must live in the 110th Assembly District.

The awards ceremony will take place Monday, May 8th at the William K. Sanford Library in Colonie from 6-7pm. Together, let's applaud the many achievements of the women who make a difference in our lives every day.

Do you know a woman whose achievements deserve to be recognized?

Now through Monday, April 24, nominate her for Assemblymember Phil Steck's 2023 Women of Distinction Awards!

The award ceremony celebrating extraordinary women in our community will be held on **Monday, May 8**, from 6-7 p.m. at William K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie.

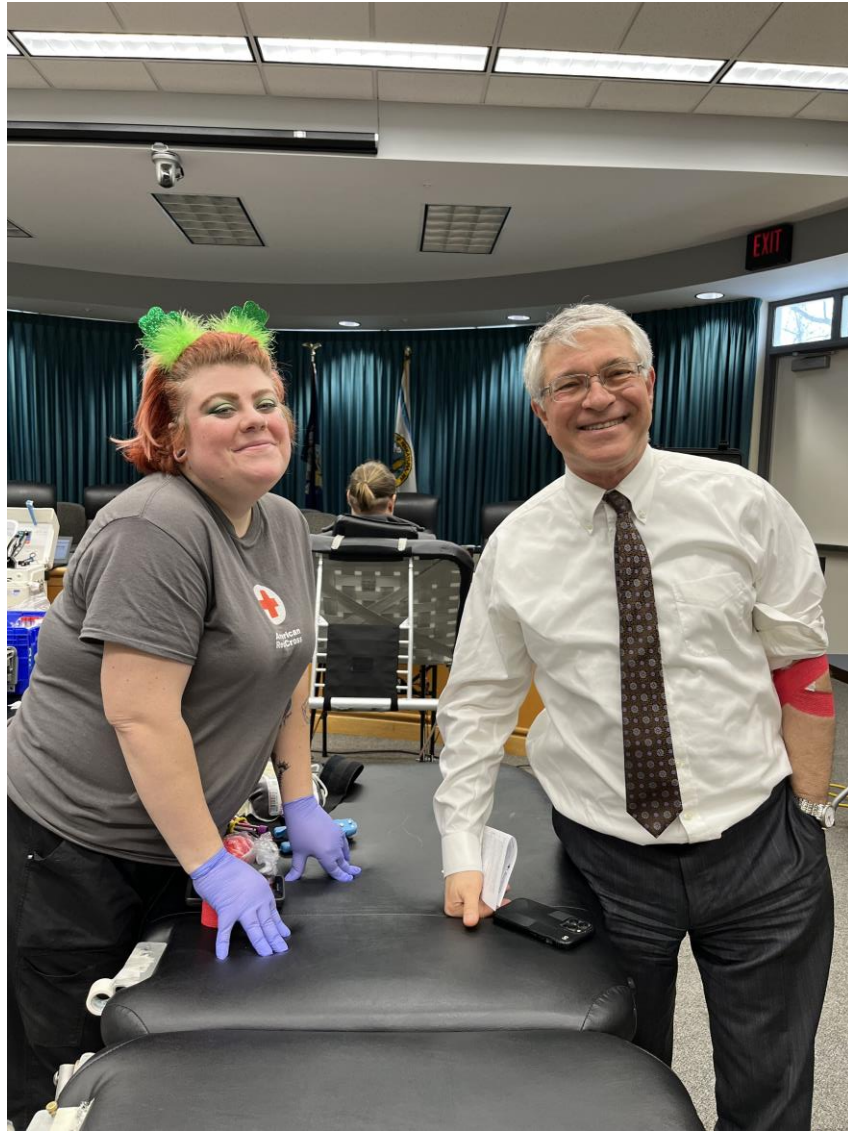


Thank You for Making our Blood Drive a Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in my 2023 Blood Drive, especially Supervisor Jaime Puccioni for allowing us to utilize Niskayuna Town Hall. It was a huge success and with 37 units of blood collected, we surpassed the American Red Cross' goal by 148%! One-third of the participants were first time donors and the donations made will save up to 111 lives in the Capital Region.

It is estimated that every two seconds someone needs a blood transfer, and these donations help to keep us one step ahead. We rely heavily on not just the donation of an individual but of an entire community and I'm so proud to represent such an

altruistic and giving district. We are our strongest when we work together to support each other.



Speaking Up for Our Youth

I participated in the YouthBuild Albany Day at the state Capitol, with over 200 YouthBuild students representing 15 programs statewide. YouthBuild is a non-profit organization that provides education, counseling, and job skills to unemployed American youth.



Honoring the Legacy of the Four Chaplains

I had the distinct honor of speaking at the Four Chaplains event at the First Reformed Church of Schenectady. To learn more about the amazing legacy of the Four Chaplains, click [here](#).



Supporting Gun Safety Advocates

I met with gun safety advocates to discuss the steps we must take to help quell the violence across our nation. Thank you to the representatives from Moms Demand Action and March For Our Lives for coming to discuss how we can make our state a safer place to live and raise a family. The recent school shooting in Nashville, Tennessee, stands out as another unnecessary reminder that something more must be done to protect our children and families from violence.



Tips & Information

Child Care Assistance Program

To help hardworking families access child assistance sooner, the state Office of Children and Family Services launched a new electronic pre-screening tool to accelerate and streamline the application process. For more information, click [here](#).

DEC Employment Opportunities

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced employment opportunities are available for the summer recreational season. DEC operates 52 public campgrounds and five day-use areas throughout the Adirondack and Catskill parks, hiring more than 500 seasonal employees to provide various services. All experience and skill sets are needed, including supervisors, lifeguards, security, maintenance, cleaning staff, and booth workers. Some positions start as early as May, but varying start dates can be accommodated based on school and work schedules. Learn more [here](#).

Guilderland Hazardous Waste Day

The town of Guilderland will be holding a [Hazardous Waste Day](#) on Saturday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Guilderland Highway Department, 6338 French's Mill Road, Guilderland Center.





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