

Dear Neighbor,

I'm here to work and advocate for you. Albany politics has left our community neglected for too long, but I'm striving to change all of that and bring home much-needed resources.

Now, there may be times when you disagree with a decision I make or a vote I cast, but I want you to know that I take each vote seriously. I research the bill, I listen to debate on both sides and then I vote for what I believe to be right for our families. One of the most important parts of my job is explaining my votes to you and keeping you up to date on what I'm doing in Albany and here at home – that's what this newsletter will help me do.

I also want to hear from you. So if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

– Assemblyman Pat Burke



PLACE
1ST CLASS
STAMP
HERE

Assemblyman Pat Burke
1074 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

PRSRRT STD.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Albany, NY
Permit No. 75

Community
update from
**Assemblyman
Pat Burke**



LOOK INSIDE
For an important
update from
Assemblyman
Burke

Assemblyman Burke is working for you in Albany

Protecting our environment

Assemblyman Burke was named chair of the Assembly's Department of Environmental Conservation Oversight Subcommittee. Since his time as an Erie County legislator, Burke has prioritized the protection of our natural resources. Now, as chair of the DEC Oversight Subcommittee, he can ensure the state is doing its part to protect our environment, and more specifically, Lake Erie. Burke is working hard to create a Lake Erie Bill of Rights that would treat Lake Erie the same way a corporation is treated in New York. This means that Lake Erie would have legal rights and its representatives could bring legal action to those causing it harm, helping protect it from the dumping of chemicals, pollution and sewage that have contaminated our water. Burke noted that although he doesn't agree with the courts' ruling that corporations are to legally be considered people, he's going to use that rationale to protect our region's greatest resource, Lake Erie.

"We're incredibly lucky to live along the largest source of fresh water in the world. People die every day because they don't have access to fresh water, wars are fought over it, economies sink or float based on it. We're not only beneficiaries of this resource but also custodians of it and have an obligation to protect it."
- Assemblyman Burke

Ensuring children are vaccinated

Being unvaccinated poses a risk to the entire community. Outbreaks of preventable diseases, specifically measles, are putting our kids in harm's way. This is serious, and Assemblyman Burke believes it's happening because people are choosing to believe celebrities, conspiracy theories and hearsay rather than doctors and medical science. We're fortunate to live in a time when modern medicine protects us from all sorts of illness and suffering. Burke also believes that this is not a religious issue, it's a public health issue. Vaccinations only truly work if a large enough part of the population is vaccinated. By not being vaccinated, you are putting your fellow citizens at risk, especially those who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons. That's why Burke has sponsored a measure to ensure all children attending public schools are vaccinated.

Visit nyassembly.gov/burke to learn about Assemblyman Burke's initiatives, voting record and an explanation of votes.

1074 Union Road, West Seneca, NY 14224
716-608-6099 • BurkeP@nyassembly.gov



Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony on **Thursday, May 23, at 5:30 p.m.** at the **West Seneca Public Library Community Room.**

Assemblyman Pat Burke is seeking nominations for his 2019 Women of Distinction Awards

Do you know a woman who deserves to be recognized for her hard work, perseverance and commitment to helping improve the lives of others? Nominate her to be a 2019 Woman of Distinction! **Nominations must be received by Tuesday, April 30.**

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:	_____	Please give a description of the nominee and her contribution: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Address of nominating individual:	_____ _____ _____	
Telephone:	_____	
Email:	_____	
Name of nominee:	_____	
Address of nominee:	_____ _____ _____	
Telephone:	_____	
Email:	_____	
I wish to nominate the above-named woman for Assemblyman Burke's Women of Distinction Award in the following category:		
<input type="radio"/> Educator	<input type="radio"/> Veteran/Servicewoman	
<input type="radio"/> Businesswoman	<input type="radio"/> Mother of the Year	
<input type="radio"/> Volunteer	<input type="radio"/> Young Women of Distinction	
<input type="radio"/> Other:	_____	

Please clip and mail this form or fill it out online at:
nyassembly.gov/burke



Nomination entry form