



John G. Testa

District 1 ~ Peekskill, Cortlandt, Yorktown



Legislator Testa Helps Bring Legal Services to Northern Westchester

Back in 2013, Legislator Testa fought for funding in the budget to establish a local presence of the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) in the Cortlandt / Peekskill/Yorktown region. The program provides free legal services for eligible Veterans and Seniors as well as their domestic violence program. This year the LSHV opened and Legislator Testa took part in the opening ceremony.

LSHV does not provide legal assistance for criminal charges but does provide a broad range of advocacy and representation to elderly and veteran clients in practice areas including housing, benefits, Medicaid, future planning, and home care cases. If you or someone you know needs legal assistance from LSHV just call 877-574-8529 to get started.



Testa Delivers Funds for Roads



Back in August, Testa announced \$2.8 million in funding for road repairs in Peekskill. Legislator Testa secured the funding through a Bond Act which received bipartisan support in unanimous vote.

The Bond Act provided money to rehabilitate critical sections of North and South Division Street and Crompond Road.

One section of the rehab work will cover a distance of approximately 1.38 miles of South Division Street in the City of Peekskill, from South Street to the Cortlandt/Peekskill Town Line. The other section of road that will be rehabilitated is .31 miles of North Division Street from South Division to Highland Avenue. The projects will include milling, resurfacing, replacement or adjustment of utility castings, concrete curb replacement, installation of handicap ramps, new traffic loops, and new pavement markings. The work is expected to last 9-12 months.



2015 Bipartisan Budget Passes, 5th Straight Year of No Tax Increase

The Board of Legislators passed another zero tax increase county budget for 2015, the fifth consecutive year they have succeeded in keeping county taxes flat. The budget was passed by a bipartisan group of Legislators by 10-7 vote. Following the vote Legislator Testa said "This was a tough budget that required us to make difficult decisions but at the end of our negotiations with the County Executive and Democrats on the Board, we were able to craft a plan that keeps taxes flat, protects the County's favorable credit rating and provides a strong social safety net for our low income families."

Legislator Testa is a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Many department heads, commissioners and county government staff members appeared before the Committee. Their input has enabled members of the Board and the County Executive to reach consensus on some of the more difficult issues in the 2015 budget. The Budget and Appropriations Committee held three Public Hearings on the county budget. The Legislators heard from an array of citizens, non-profits and service providers. One group who spoke and really made an impression on the Legislators were young men from Youth Shelters, The BOL added \$70,000 for the youth shelters, increased funding for childcare for low income working families and legal services for the elderly and the Hispanic community.



Lincoln Depot Museum Opens



On Saturday, October 18, 2014 the Lincoln Depot Museum held its official Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening event. After ten years of persistence the museum became a reality. Through the process of obtaining the historic building in 2003, being awarded the NYS grants to first restore the exterior of the structure and then restore and adapt the interior to hold the planned museum the project kept moving forward. www.lincolndepotmuseum.org



On Topic is designed to bring you pertinent information about Peekskill, Cortlandt, and Yorktown in greater detail than conventional media coverage can provide. On Topic will highlight influential people, special events, and historical information. As the County Legislator for Northern Westchester, John will also keep viewers up to date on the latest issues that affect the local municipalities and residents of Northern Westchester, NY. All On Topic shows are video streamed in their entirety through this site. If you are unable to watch our shows on cable television, you can see them by selecting the link via [youtube/LegJohnGTesta](https://www.youtube.com/LegJohnGTesta). We hope you enjoy watching our programs. Please don't hesitate to offer any suggestions for future shows. We are always looking for interesting topics to cover.

Snapshots from Around the District



Testa Helps Acquire Emergency Vehicle for Northern Westchester

Legislator John Testa worked with his colleagues to put in place an Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) to provide a "Mobile Interoperable Command Vehicle" to the City of Peekskill. The vehicle will also be used in mutual aid situations in Cortlandt Manor and Yorktown. The vehicle became available when Westchester County purchased a new command and communications vehicle through funding provided by a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security.





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Legislator Testa Named Leader of Republican Caucus

At the beginning of the 2014-2015 Legislative term, Legislator Testa was chosen by his colleagues to lead the Republican Caucus. When he was named Minority Leader, Testa said, "I am honored to accept this position. The confidence placed in me by every member of my caucus is one that I take very seriously and I look forward to a productive, positive and collaborative effort for the next two years. I look forward to working with the bipartisan board leadership as well as my Democratic colleagues to serve the residents of Westchester County."

As Minority Leader, Testa has worked with Board Leadership and the Democrats to make one of the most productive years for approving capital projects, infrastructure repairs and legislative reforms that the Board has seen in recent memory.

