

WORKING FOR NEWINGTON



Congratulations to Michael Santoro for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. The entire town of Newington is proud of your accomplishments and wishes you the best in your future.



It was great to wish Newington resident Casimir Slipski, a happy 100 Years Old with Senator Matt Lesser. Mr. Slipski is a WWII veteran who served in the Navy. We thank him for his service to our nation.



It was great to meet the Governor's Footguard with Lt. Governor Bysiewicz, State Representative Kerry Wood, and Newington resident Stanley Sobieski .



I was proud to stand with so many legislative colleagues, advocates, Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, and Attorney General William Tong to stand up for women and fight against the archaic and backward law passed in Texas.

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Fall Update

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE

GARY TURCO

Dear Neighbor,

Fall time is officially here and it is time to take advantage of all our community has to offer. Whether it is having a backyard cookout with family, a hike up Cedar Mountain, or going apple picking in a nearby orchard, I hope you have a very safe and healthy fall with your loved ones.

I want to wish all of our children good luck with the school year and encourage them to work hard to earn good grades. I also want to thank our school teachers and staff, and parents for all you are doing, especially under these more difficult times.

While the legislature does not meet for our regular session again until February of next year, we may be called in by the Governor for a couple of special session days. In the meantime, I want to hear your ideas for new laws and funding changes for next year and we can start preparing together for the 2022 session.

I hope to see you around town. If there is anything I can assist you with related to state government, please call me directly at 860-240-8735.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Newington at the State Capitol. I look forward to continuing our conversations as we move our state forward.

At your service,

A handwritten signature of Gary Turco in black ink.

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Juvenile Crime Policy Change

Keeping our community safe is a top priority for me. I will continue to help law enforcement and our municipal government while working on bipartisan solutions backed by data and expertise.

It is important to note that the rise in car thefts and break-in crimes has been a national occurrence since the start of the pandemic and is not unique to Connecticut. Previous to the pandemic, these types of crimes had been steadily decreasing. However, we must deal with the times we are in and put in place extra efforts to combat the problem.

A new policy derived from a bipartisan working group has been put in place to ensure repeat offenders receive the appropriate consequences. Starting September 1, the Connecticut Judicial Branch will provide police departments with 24/7 access to juvenile arrest records to ensure that those who need to be, are detained. This policy change was recommended by law enforcement to help reduce the issue of car break-ins and thefts when committed by juveniles.

This very important policy change will help ensure law enforcement obtains the data they need to request the detainment of a juvenile when arrested for a crime. We need to properly prosecute repeat offenders and help law enforcement and the



Judicial Branch work together more effectively. This policy change is a major step in doing so and builds on top of the legislation that was passed during the regular session during the spring. As police chiefs around the state have said, there is no quick fix, and that change to help mitigate the issue needs to be incremental.

Newington will also receive over \$4 million in additional state aid over the next two years from our state budget which can be used to hire more police officers and to take additional measures to combat these crimes and keep our community safe. The town of Newington also has the right to take further measures on a municipal level to help prevent these crimes through increased patrols, the purchasing of cameras and equipment, and providing more assistance to our police department.

Governor Lamont Visits Anna Reynolds School

After hearing from hundreds of students, parents, teachers, and community leaders, I am very excited that Anna Reynolds is receiving the funding it deserves. This session, I am proud to have secured over \$20 million in state funding for the Anna Reynolds Renovation Project.

During the first week of school, Governor Lamont joined me, the Newington state delegation, and local officials in touring the school to discuss the proposed renovations.



The renovation of Anna Reynolds is long over-due and crucial to the academic success of our students. I am excited that this reconstruction will provide a productive learning environment for generations to come.

This renovation will benefit the neighborhood and entire town of Newington as a recreational resource. By investing our school system, we are investing in the future of our community.

I hope all our students have had a smooth transition back to school this fall!



Supporting Local Business

Congratulations to all of the new businesses who have opened in Newington over the past year. Throughout the pandemic, some of our local businesses have been struggling which makes it more important than ever to try and support them every chance we get.



It doesn't have to be "Small Business Saturday" for all of us to support our friends and neighbors. All of the businesses in Newington provide a valuable resource with the goods and services they provide to our community. They also help support our tax base which eases the burden of our local property taxes on homes and cars. Let's help our local businesses thrive once again by supporting them as much as possible.

