

The NYS 103rd Assembly District NEEDS Michael Kelsey

LOCALLY ACTIVE

and invested in the community.



Legislator Kelsey works to give Dutchess County its due

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Speaking at Stanford Town Meeting

"I am so grateful to you for supporting our Trail to the Train and important environmental issues in the area. I am really glad I voted for you."

-- Tonia Shoumatoff, Wassaic



Sticking up for our small towns

Sometimes the greatest challenge for the county's 12 rural towns is being heard. It's too easy for our interests to become overlooked, overpowered or overshadowed by the interests of large towns.

THE COUNTY ACCOUNT

I also had occasion to speak up for our small towns at a recent meeting of the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council, where membership bylaws changes were being considered. The group is comprised of the 11 most populous towns/villages of the county, yet only two of the 12 rural towns have representation on a rotating basis (currently Amenia and Clinton). Similarly, six of the county's eight villages (Millbrook included) have never served as members. This is unjust.

The towns and villages on the eastern side of Dutchess County deserve representation and a voice to plan for quality, safe roads and rail trails (not to mention bus service) in their community just as much as the more populous towns along the Route 9 corridor. A PDCTC membership system that considers surface area of roads rather than population or is inconclusive of all municipal partners should be the end goal.

Michael Kelsey represents the towns of Amenia, Washington, Stanford, Pleasant Valley and the village of Millbrook in the Dutchess County Legislature. Write him at KelseyESQ@yahoo.com.



Millbrook Parade



Reading to Astor Headstart Preschoolers for Agricultural Literacy Week.



Walkway Over the Hudson



Speaking on civic duty at Van Wyck Junior High School.



As a Dutchess County Legislator, Mike has:

- * Sponsored Legislation to Celebrate County Heritage Days.
- * Visited Our Schools and Motivated Students.
- * Given Monthly Reports at Town Board Meetings.
- * Attended Community Days and Veteran's Day Ceremonies.
- * Supported Fire Department Breakfasts and Dinners.
- * Chaired the Eastern Dutchess Coalition on Youth.
- * Written weekly in our local newspapers.
- * Judged 4-H Public Presentations, and Spoken to Scout Groups.

WE CAN DEPEND ON MIKE TO BE ASSESSIBLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN WE SEND HIM TO ALBANY.

"I held an Eagle Scout Board of Review for Tom Ricci last night at Troop 95. One of my questions to him was who would you say has influenced your life greatly, who would you consider to be one of your heroes? Just thought I would let you know it was you. He said you had greatly shaped his life by fostering his interest in hiking, camping and the outdoors so much so that he is majoring in Outdoor Leadership in college. Very well spoken young man who will go places. He said that Mike is the type of person who decides what he wants and goes after it and with will power he always succeeds, I now shape my life in the same mode, decide what I want and pursue it."

Just thought you might like to hear how profoundly you helped this young man. Good job!"

-- Marge Schifini, East Fishkill



Recognizing local youth.

