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Larchmont - Mamaroneck - New Rochelle - Port Chester - Rye Brook and Rye

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Dear Friends,

Last weekend's multi-community clean-up was a big success. In addition to the normal litter removal, remains from Hurricane Ida added to the debris. I shared in the effort organized by the Town of Rye Sustainability Committee by picking up garbage along the Bowman Avenue clean-up location in Rye Brook.

The sky may have cleared but the impact of the flooding from Ida continues to present staggering challenges to many Westchester families, businesses and not-for-profits. FEMA and the Small Business Administration are still on the ground in Westchester with the FEMA individual assistance application deadline coming up on Friday, November 26th. Below you will find information on the SBA's new local outreach location at the American Legion building in New Rochelle.

I continue to work with federal, state and county officials to address the many flood response, assistance and mitigation issues that are before us. Governor Hochul has made the state response to these issues a priority. Senator Mayer and I have been working closely to seek resources on a number of fronts.

This newsletter includes:

- Veterans Day Events
- Westchester Household Recycling + Zero Waste Day, Playland Nov 13
- Vaccination Updates, including children 5-11
- Small Business Administration Recovery Center Opens in New Rochelle
- Volunteers Sought for Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Emergency Broadband Benefit

I continue to have discussions on flood mitigation and recovery issues with residents, businesses and officials at the federal, state and local levels. Please call my office at 914-939-7028 if I can be of assistance on these or any issue where I can be of help.

Warm regards,





American Legion Post 90, Mamaroneck Veteran's Day Ceremony

Veterans Day was marked by events throughout Westchester and across the country to thank all those men and women who have provided service to our country. Our way of life is made possible through the sacrifice and commitment of the generations who have served our country in the branches of the military. I attended events throughout the Sound Shore. My comments at the American Legion Post 128 City of Rye ceremony are included [here](#).



Part of Westchester County's **Household Recycling Drop Off Days 2021**. An opportunity for residents to protect the environment, support nonprofit organizations, and recycle a large variety of household items.

RAIN OR SHINE!

SATURDAY, NOV 13, 9AM-3PM
Rye Playland Parking Lot

Please wear a mask and stay in your car at all times!

Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be conducting a Household Recycling Day (HRD) event on **Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Playland Park in Rye.**

In addition to properly labelled household chemicals, tires, scrap metal, electronics, appliances, and other special wastes found in a typical household, residents can bring documents for the **Mobile Shredder** and expired or unwanted medications for disposal to the HRD Event.

Generally, the following items are accepted for safe disposal or recycling:

- Properly labelled household chemicals, such as:
 - Household cleaning products
 - Most automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, but not motor oil)
 - Flammable liquids (kerosene, butane, lighter fluid, turpentine)
 - Metal, jewelry, and furniture polishes and waxes; wood preservatives
 - Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides

- Photographic and swimming pool chemicals
- Batteries – only vehicle, rechargeable, or button cell
- Fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs
- Fire extinguishers
- BBQ propane tanks (up to 20 lbs.)
- Mercury containing devices (thermometers and thermostats)
- Electronic waste (TVs, computer monitors and towers)
- Expired or unwanted medications, both OTC and prescription
- Personal documents for shredding (limit of four (4) file-size boxes per household)
- Tires

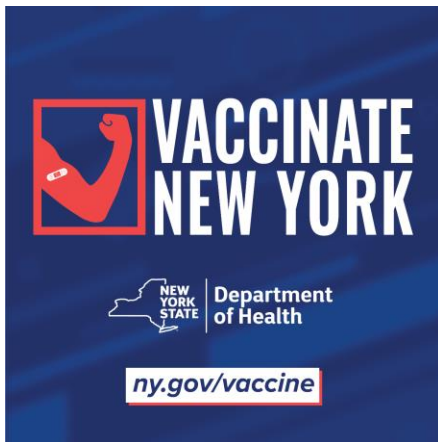
Items that will not be accepted and should not be brought to the Household Recycling Day include paint (both latex and oil), non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (they can be safely discarded in the trash), motor oil, smoke detectors, cell phones, explosives (flares, fireworks, ammunition), construction debris and hypodermic needles. Also, waste from businesses, schools, or other institutions will not be accepted.

Several non-profit and charity organizations will be on hand to collect reusable items from residents as part of the annual **Zero Waste Day**.

- Furniture Sharehouse: gently-used furniture- please see details at www.furnituresharehouse.org
- Rye City Lions Club: prescription eyeglasses
- Community Resource Center: small appliances
- Rye Kicks It Forward: soccer gear

If you are unable to attend the HRD Event, you can still dispose of your hard-to-get-rid-of household waste by making a convenient appointment for the **County's Household-Material Recycling Facility (H-MRF), 15 Woods Road,**

Valhalla. The H-MRF is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment, and accepts the same items that are accepted at the HRD events. For more information about the H-MRF or to make an appointment, visit <https://environment.westchestergov.com/facilities/h-mrf> or call (914) 813-5425.





I joined Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Shelly Mayer, County Executive George Latimer, and other officials at the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Center to spread the word about the availability of vaccinations for children in the 5-11 age group. Vaccines are now widely available at local health centers, pharmacies and pediatricians' offices. Governor Hochul also announced a new promotion called 'Vaccinate, Educate, Graduate' - for young New Yorkers. Parents and guardians of children ages 5 through 11 who receive their first vaccine dose by December 19th can enter the State's incentive program for a chance for their child to win a full scholarship to any two- or four-year SUNY or CUNY college or university. The Governor's announcement can be found [here](#) with additional vaccination information found below.

VACCINATE, EDUCATE, GRADUATE

Vaccine Incentive Scholarship



Parents or legal guardians of children ages 5 to 11 who received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can **enter for a chance to win a full-ride scholarship to any two-year or four-year NYS public college or university for their child!**

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC. 19 AT 11:59 P.M.

#VaxToSchool Campaign - Full List of Sites Updated Weekly [Here](#)

Governor Hochul announced New York State's Excelsior Pass [Blueprint](#), a national framework to aid in the development of digital health credentials. **Download the Blueprint [Here](#)**

Vaccines available for 5-11 at vaccines.gov

VACCINATE, EDUCATE, GRADUATE. Young kids might not be thinking about college yet, but we know parents are! 5-11 year-olds who get their vaccine can enter for a chance to win a full-ride scholarship to any SUNY or CUNY school. Parents & guardians can go [online](#) or call 1-833-697-4829 to enter.

10 Winners per Week for Five Weeks with First Winners Announced November 24; Drawing Schedule Available [Here](#)

VAX FOR KIDS RESOURCES. Our [Vax for Kids website](#) gives parents all the information they need to make the decision to get their children vaccinated, and

we're making it even better. New posters, graphics, certificates, and stickers are [available for download](#) now and will be in doctors' offices across the state soon.

VAX BADGE STICKER CONTEST. We're launching a contest for parents and guardians to submit their child's vaccine sticker designs. Submit an image of your design to me (@GovKathyHochul) via social media, say where you're from and use the hashtag #NYVaxForKids. Lucky winners from across the state will be selected to be featured on our "I'm Vaccinated" stickers!



U.S. Small Business
Administration

**SBA Relocates Westchester County Businesses Recovery Center
for Businesses Affected by Remnants of Hurricane Ida**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced it will be relocating the Westchester County SBA Business Recovery Center (BRC) to the New Rochelle American Legion Post #8 to help businesses affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. The disaster declaration covers both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA.

The Center locations and hours of operation are:

Business Recovery Center (BRC) Westchester County

American Legion Post #8 112 North Ave.

New Rochelle, NY 10801

Opens on Monday Nov. 8 at 9 a.m.

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (EST)

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may include a sump pump, elevation, French drain or retaining wall to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/> and should apply under SBA declaration # 17147, not for the COVID-19 incident.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at DisasterAssistance.gov or download the FEMA mobile app. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Businesses and individuals may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or emailing DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

Loan applications can also be downloaded at sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Dec. 6, 2021. The deadline to return economic injury applications is June 6, 2022.



Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman

The Tri-County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is in need of Certified Ombudsman volunteers. Ombudsmen advocate for older adults and people with disabilities who live in nursing homes, assisted living, and other adult care homes. Ombudsmen help residents and their families understand and exercise their rights to quality care and quality of life. To learn more about becoming a Certified Ombudsman, please visit: Nursinghome411.org/ltcop/volunteer or email: Volunteerinfo@LTCCC.org

Educating Empowering Advocating



The New York State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program services are made possible through funding from the New York State Office for the Aging and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living.

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Tri-County LTC
Ombudsman Program
10 North Street
Cold Spring, NY 10516
914-500-3406
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The Long Term Care Community Coalition is proud to host the Tri-County LTC Ombudsman Program. Visit our home page, www.nursinghome411.org, for free information and resources.

LTCOP Helpline:
1-855-LTCOPNY
1-855-582-6769

www.ltcombudsman.ny.gov



Office of the State
Long Term Care
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Kathy Hochul
Governor
Claudette Royal
State Ombudsman

[Funding Still Available: Eligible Households Can Sign Up for Emergency Broadband Benefit](#)

- You may be eligible to receive up to \$50 off your monthly broadband bill through the FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB). Please visit <https://getemergencybroadband.org/> to find out if your household qualifies, and to sign up.
- Visit the [Broadband Benefit Consumer FAQ for more information about the program](#). A full list of participating New York internet service providers is [available here](#).

