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August 5, 2022

Dear Friends,

Last week featured my annual clean water grant workshop and various community activities throughout the Sound Shore. This update includes resource information on mental health, Real ID licenses and a new national suicide hotline. New York State has distributed additional Covid-19 assistance to local governments as has the federal government.

For Real ID, please take note that there is an advantage to your getting your new driver's license now rather than waiting for a rush in early 2023.

- Clean Water Grant Workshop
- Real ID Driver's License
- State Grants for Crawford Park
- New 24/7 Suicide Prevention Lifeline – Call or Text 988
- Volunteer Opportunity with The Sharing Shelf – August 13
- Covid-19 Relief Update
- Port Chester/Rye Brook Kiwanis Picnic

I hope these resources and information are helpful. Please contact me on any issue where I can be of assistance. My District Office number is 914-939-7028.

Warm regards,



Clean Water Infrastructure Grant Program

To view the forum [CLICK HERE](#).

Video credit: LMC Media



At the Jay Heritage Center carriage house for the EFC clean water infrastructure grant workshop, from left to right: Kevin Peraino, Jay Heritage

Center; Peter Linderoth, Save the Sound; Assemblyman Steve Otis; Suzanne Clary, Jay Heritage Center; and George Drapeau, Construction Industry Council.

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Last week I hosted my annual Clean Water Infrastructure grant workshop with members of the Environmental Facilities Corporation, the state agency responsible for reviewing the applications in the competitive grant process that provides state funding to municipalities on a variety of water infrastructure projects.

My goal every year is to encourage Westchester local governments to take advantage of the clean water grant program. The local workshop helps by providing direct access to EFC staff and by highlighting the annual grant round.

Since 2015 the program has provided \$1.8 billion in grants to local governments, including over \$55 million to Westchester municipalities for important clean water projects. Statewide water infrastructure grants have been awarded to over 800 projects in almost 500 communities. More information can be found on the EFC website linked below.

Governor Hochul has announced the 2022 Round for \$255 NYS Clean Water Grants. The application, available [HERE](#), has a deadline of 5pm on September 9, 2022.

EFC's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grants: EFC is providing competitive grants for projects that fund water quality infrastructure for wastewater and drinking water projects that protect or improve water quality and/or protect public health. Municipalities may submit applications for multiple

projects, including wastewater, sewer and drinking water projects.

Intermunicipal Water Grant (IMG) Program: EFC provides grants to assist municipalities that are working together on water quality infrastructure projects. Grants are available for both drinking water and sewage treatment works, also referred to as clean water projects that serve multiple municipalities.

Environmental Bond: The 2022 Environmental Bond Act proposal includes funding for projects of importance to local governments in future years if approved by the voters in November.



Upgrade Your License to a REAL ID

The deadline to get a REAL ID is May 3, 2023 – after that, a standard license will no longer be accepted to board a plane or enter federal facilities. With same-day and next-day appointments available at most DMV offices across the state, now is the best time to upgrade and avoid the last-minute rush.



Get your **REAL ID** today.



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or Enhanced ID to board a
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Get one today and avoid a last-minute rush.

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State Grant Funding to Support Crawford Park Recreation Projects



Senator Shelley Mayer and I joined Town Supervisor Gary Zuckerman to announce that \$325,000 in state funding has been awarded to the Town of Rye to make improvements to the ball field and walking trail at Crawford Park that is located in Rye Brook. State grant funding will support ball field improvements and reconstruction to the popular one-mile trail system in the park.

Here are the statements from our press conference:

Assemblyman Steve Otis said: “Step by step, project by project—the Town of Rye has burnished and enhanced Crawford Park to a place never before matched. Today we celebrate two important recreational improvements, the trailway and the ball field. These projects reflect just some of the many ways Town of Rye residents have been drawn to Crawford Park. Add to the list: the Mansion, the gardens, accessibility improvements for disabled individuals, all

electric maintenance equipment and the outdoor event areas. Congratulations to the Town of Rye, the Town Board, the Friends of Crawford Park and Supervisor Gary Zuckerman for having the vision to make the park the exceptional destination it has become. I am very pleased to help with state grants for these recreation projects, as well as past support for other Town of Rye grants.”

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said: “Outdoor recreation has fantastic benefits on both our mental and physical health. I was pleased to secure state funding to improve the ball field where children will develop a love for sports and learn the value of teamwork for many years to come. Thank you to Town Supervisor Gary Zuckerman and the Town of Rye for your continued commitment to making Crawford Park a hub for all residents and surrounding community members to enjoy.”

Rye Town Supervisor Gary Zuckerman said: “The reconstruction of the one-mile walking/jogging path that circles Crawford Park and the rehabilitation of the soccer-football-baseball fields marks another step in the rejuvenation of our beloved Park. Previously, we totally renovated Crawford Mansion into a true Community Center, constructed a fully accessible Universal Playground, and added an accessible gender-neutral family bathroom and a kitchenette to the Pavilion. We are extremely grateful to Senator Shelley Mayer and Assemblyman Steve Otis for their assistance in securing State SAM grants in the total amount of \$325,000 to aid in the financing of these necessary improvements which will benefit the residents of the Town of Rye and all visitors.”

Rye Brook Youth Soccer Club President Tony Paterno said: “Rye Brook Youth Soccer has enjoyed a relationship with Crawford Park for about 20 years so that we can run the Village soccer program that accommodates 450 kids, grades K-12. It was a pleasure to be included by the Town of Rye in the NYU Urban

Planning Capstone project this past Spring that gave us an opportunity to contribute to the community vision that is laying the groundwork for the next 20 years at Crawford Park.”

Friends of Crawford Park President Laura Klein said: “The Friends of Crawford Park are very happy with the Town’s decision to renovate the 20-year-old walking path. It’s a wonderful feature of the park. The community loves it and it is worth maintaining.”

Experiencing a mental health crisis?
Call or text 988

The **new 24/7 National
Suicide Prevention Lifeline**
can help people dealing
with mental health or
substance use crises.



The Sharing Shelf | BACKPACKS TO SCHOOL

BACKPACKS TO SCHOOL Community Packing Day

JOIN US TO PACK BACKPACKS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED

**SATURDAY
AUGUST**

13

10AM - 12PM

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CHILDREN UNDER 17 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENT

MASKS ENCOURAGED | ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE VACCINATED

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Governor Hochul has also announced \$387 million is being delivered to 1,452 local governments across the New York State to help boost their pandemic response infrastructure. The announcement is part of the State's [ongoing preparation efforts](#) to tackle any potential pandemic-related surges this fall and winter. This financial backing is made possible by the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, part of the American Rescue Plan Act, which provides relief for smaller local governments who have shared in the public health response.

Port Chester Kiwanis Picnic and Awards Night



On Tuesday I joined members of the Port Chester/Rye Brook Kiwanis Club as they awarded High School Scholarships and honored Port Chester Youth Baseball. Kamp Kiwanis Kampers, and Key Club and Builder's Club Members at Crawford Park.

Port Chester/Rye Brook Kiwanis has a long history of supporting scholarships and activities important to the youth of the community. If you would like to get involved, you can reach them at pcrbkiwanis@gmail.com

