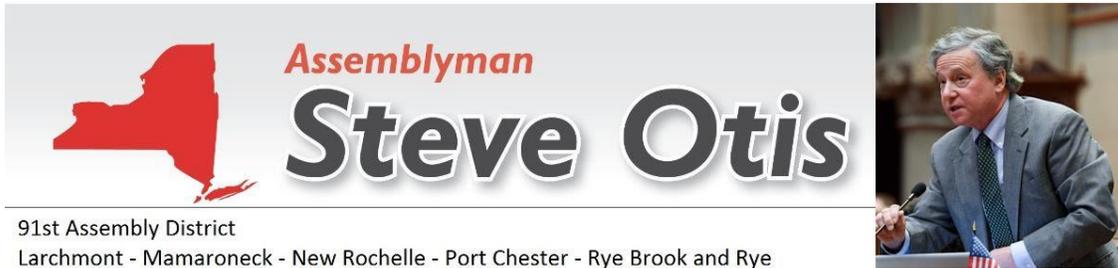


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September 17, 2021

Dear Friends,

This newsletter brings the latest update and guidance regarding storm recovery assistance from all levels of government, updates of other government assistance programs and my thoughts on how to best remember the friends and neighbors we lost on September 11<sup>th</sup>, twenty years ago.

### **Flood Resource Updates**

- The central location of accessing assistance and information is the Disaster Recovery Center located at the village of Mamaroneck courthouse where FEMA, the Red Cross, and the Westchester County Department of Social Services are together in one location in order to assist individuals and businesses in applying for assistance. Also at that location are a number of key state agencies, such as the **NYS Department of Financial Services, the Department of Labor and Homeland Security. *This is the key location to obtain information about what assistance may apply to your situation.*** There are personnel from all these agencies to answer your questions.
- If you are not satisfied with how your insurance carrier is handling your claim, you should file a complaint with the Department of Financial Services

(DFS). The department can review whether your carrier is following the promises made in your policy. ([www.dfs.ny.gov/complaint](http://www.dfs.ny.gov/complaint))

- This Saturday at 11 AM there will be a Spanish language workshop in Port Chester, which will include presentations from various organizations that offer relief to those impacted by the storm. Details are below.
- One challenge has been to get Port Chester residents without cars to the Disaster Recovery Center in Mamaroneck. To address this, I have worked closely with other officials to organize a temporary van service to take Port Chester residents to the Mamaroneck Disaster Recovery Center to meet with assistance agencies. See schedule below:

## **Port Chester Ida Storm Van**

### **Transportation To and From Mamaroneck Disaster Recovery Center**

Mamaroneck Village Court, 169 Mount Pleasant Ave, Mamaroneck

#### **Pick Up Times and Locations:**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 @ NOON & 1PM  
THE PORT CHESTER COURTHOUSE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 10AM & 1PM  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 @ 10AM & 3PM  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 @ 10AM & 3PM  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 @ 10AM & 3PM  
DON BOSCO COMMUNITY CENTER**

For more information,  
email [Arellano@nysenate.gov](mailto:Arellano@nysenate.gov) or call (914) 934-5250



VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER MAYOR MARINO, NYS SENATOR MAYER, ASSEMBLYMAN OTIS,  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATOR BARR & WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE LATIMER

The vans will leave Port Chester to bring ten individuals to Mamaroneck to meet with assistance agencies based on the schedule. The vans should return to Port Chester within about two hours after everyone can meet with assistance officials.

This effort was made possible with the teamwork of the village of Port Chester, the Mamaroneck Disaster Recovery Center, Westchester County, the Carver Center, Rev. Jorge Chocoj - El Shaddai Church, and the officials listed on the schedule above.

- You can also access free transportation to the Mamaroneck Disaster Recovery Center by calling the Westchester Paratransit Call Center at 914-995-7272, Press #1 after you get through. Westchester County Executive George Latimer and his team have been very helpful in these transportation options and all the storm recovery efforts.
- The NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has extended certain tax filing and payment deadlines for taxpayers who were directly affected by Post-Tropical Depression Ida. For more information, visit N-21-3, Announcement Regarding Relief from Certain Filing and Payment Deadlines due to Post-Tropical Depression Ida.

There are additional storm resource links included in this newsletter, including how to volunteer, how to help not-for-profits assisting in the recovery effort and how to help organizations that suffered damage in the storm and need assistance.

Since Tropical Storm Ida hit Westchester, I have devoted most of my energies to working with volunteers, not-for-profits and partners at every level of government to help with the delivery of assistance to storm victims. Key tasks have been to help with service delivery needs at the Disaster Recovery Center in Mamaroneck, work with state Red Cross officials, and connect those needing assistance with the right program.

My staff and I are working to help those in need throughout this crisis. We will try and assist anyone impacted by the storm and connect you to appropriate services. Please feel free to reach out to us at [OtisS@nyassembly.gov](mailto:OtisS@nyassembly.gov) or 914-939-7028.

Warm regards,



**VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER**  
**TROPICAL STORM IDA: DISASTER AND RECOVERY**  
**Community Meeting for Information and Support**



**\* Saturday September 18, 11 am**  
**\* 350 N. Main Street, (Courthouse, next to Police Station)**  
**Port Chester, NY**

Representatives will be in attendance from:

- \* **FEMA:** Federal Emergency Management Agency
- \* **DSS:** Westchester Department of Social Services
- \* **Red Cross:** supporting displaced families
- \* Guidance for applying for the excluded workers fund

**INFORMATION: (914) 939-2200 / (914) 934-5250 ext. 8 / (203) 667-3799**



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## **Camioneta en Port Chester por la tormenta Ida**

**Transporte desde y hacia  
El Centro de Recuperacion en Mamaroneck**

Tribunal del pueblo de Mamaroneck, 169 Mount Pleasant Ave, Mamaroneck

**Horarios y ubicaciones de recogida:**

**SÁBADO 18 DE SEPTIEMBRE @ 12PM & 1PM  
TRIBUNAL DEL PUEBLO DE PORT CHESTER**

**DOMINGO 19 DE SEPTIEMBRE @ 10AM & 1PM  
IGLESIA DE SAN PEDRO**

**LUNES 20 DE SEPTIEMBRE @ 10AM & 3PM  
ESTACIONAMIENTO DE NEW BROAD STREET**

**MARTES 21 DE SEPTIEMBRE @ 10AM & 3PM  
ESTACIONAMIENTO DE NEW BROAD STREET**

**MIÉRCOLES 22 DE SEPTIEMBRE @ 10AM & 3PM  
CENTRO COMUNITARIO DE DON BOSCO**

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## **Resources for Storm Victims**



# FEMA

FEMA has a mobile center operating out of  
**Mamaroneck Village Court, 169 Mount Pleasant Ave, Mamaroneck**

[Apply to FEMA](#)

FEMA will be able to offer financial assistance to residents through 'individual assistance' programs.

**Please make sure you are carefully documenting all damage in writing and with photographs, receipts and other documentation.**

Those eligible for assistance are impacted residents with eligible disaster related losses.

- Damage must have occurred during the incident period of the declaration and be a direct result of the incident.
- Eligible losses include non-insured damage/loss to primary residence, damage/loss to eligible personal property.

For more information, and to view the FEMA individual assistance application and required application information please visit <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

If you need further information or assistance you may also call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362. This number is also for users of 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS). TTY users can call 1-800-462-7585. Helpline services are available 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. ET.

**Small businesses** recovering from Ida damage may also qualify for disaster loan assistance from the **Small Business Administration**. For information please visit <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/> or call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY/TDD: 1-800-877-8339)

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## [NYS Flooding Resources and Recovery Assistance](#)

### [Department of Financial Services Flooding Relief](#)

If you have been denied by your insurance company but believe you are entitled to coverage, you may file a complaint with DFS at: [www.dfs.ny.gov/complaint](http://www.dfs.ny.gov/complaint)

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[Westchester County Resource Page](#)

[Westchester County Emergency Services](#)

[Westchester County Social Services](#)

[www.211hudsonvalley.org](http://www.211hudsonvalley.org)



[Fuller Center of Greater NY](#) The **Fuller Center for Housing** is assisting residents with cleanups. If you need assistance, text Jim Killoran at 914-406-3357 or email [jim@fullercenterny.org](mailto:jim@fullercenterny.org). To support the Fuller Center's capacity as either a volunteer or financially, go to [fullercenterny.org](http://fullercenterny.org), or call 914-636-8335.

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### How to Help

#### Local Volunteer Opportunities



[Donate to the Red Cross](#)

Become a [Red Cross volunteer](#)



[Community Resource Center](#) & Coalition for the Community has set up a [recovery fund](#) for families affected.

[Coalition for Community Volunteer and Donation Needs](#) and [SignUp Genius](#)

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One night One show  
One community

A concert to benefit the

**Community Resource Center**

Mamaroneck

**FLOOD RECOVERY FUND**

AN EVENING OF JAZZ, ACOUSTIC GUITAR, CLASSICAL,  
MUSICAL THEATER, AND MORE ...

**Sunday, September 19**

7-9PM

Rye Town Park

\$75 per person

**BUY TICKETS**

**BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS AND YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGES**

[Mamaroneck Chamber of Commerce](#) is collecting funds to support businesses.



[Larchmont-Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force](#)



[United Way offers Grants to Non-Profits](#)



[Furniture Sharehouse](#) is accepting furniture donations to help flood victims.



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**Remembering September 11th**



This weekend I participated in September 11th ceremonies in Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, Port Chester, Rye and Rye Brook in remembrance of those taken from us on that day 20 years ago, and to honor the courage and sacrifice of the first responders. Below are my comments at the City of Rye ceremony where I served as mayor in 2001.

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**Statement of Assemblyman Steve Otis**

**City of Rye Ceremony September 11, 2021**

We are joined here today by a common desire and bond to honor together the precious members of our community taken from us twenty years ago.

We are all drawn to think about today in many different ways. We share many conflicting emotions at the same time.

Marking twenty years also brings an added layer of reflection.

This community was so terribly shaken by September 11, 2001. At the time we came together in shock, fear, love for those killed and love for their families.

Days after the attack we gathered together on the village green for an evening candlelight vigil led by clergy from throughout Rye, probably one of the most crowded events held on that lawn. We mourned, prayed and cried together.

The memorial services for the fallen were at capacity, often with many standing in the back or at the sides of the house of worship.

In December 2001 we honored three of Rye's fallen who were hockey players with a memorial hockey game to benefit their families. It was attended by hundreds.

In individual ways, we all reached out to comfort and help the families and friends in that moment of shock and need.

Later, in the effort led by the families of those who died, we built our September 11th Memorial Gazebo that includes the signatures of the fourteen members of the Rye family taken from us. Rich in Rye history, the gazebo is a reproduction of the gazebo that once stood behind the Square House from the early days of the last century until the 1930s.

Later the Chris Mello Award was created and continues to be part of the Rye Harrison football game.

We honor the first responders everywhere. The sacrifices they made on September 11 are the sacrifices all first responders are prepared to make as they do their jobs on a daily basis. The twenty-year mark amplifies the magnitude of the loss. Twenty years of time without friends and family. Twenty years of missed occasions, births, weddings, graduations, the moments of family and community life where their absence is felt.

Our responsibility as a community and as individuals is to remember these beloved people as we knew them, as they lived, as they were part of our lives. Think of them in happier days, in the activities we shared, in the laughter and joy of family and friendship. We can remember them best and honor them most fully by making them live today in the memories we choose, the moments of joy we summon back, in our reflecting on the fullness of their lives and what we continue to miss today.

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### **Emergency Rental Assistance Funds Now Being Processed**

On her first day in office, Governor Hochul expressed her commitment to accelerate the distribution of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds to help New Yorkers with housing as they continue to recover from the economic loss caused by the pandemic. New York now leads the nation in delivering these funds to qualifying property owners for the benefit of tenants who could not make

rent payments. In the last two weeks the results have been significant, as outlined in the Governor's press release [HERE](#).

In addition, Governor Hochul announced that over \$850 million of the Excluded Workers Fund were approved for distribution, with \$250 Million in benefits already released and an additional \$600 underling going final verification. Additional information can be found [HERE](#).



## Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Households adversely affected by COVID-19 can qualify for up to **12 months of past due rent, three months of future rent** and up to **12 months of overdue utility bills**. Applications accepted beginning June 1.

For more information, visit [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](https://otda.ny.gov/ERAP)



### FEMA is Hiring in Westchester

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has an immediate need to employ **residents of Mamaroneck and Yonkers** as temporary local hires. Local hire employees are local residents who aid in the recovery of the community and help their fellow citizens in the recovery process. Apply for this exciting opportunity!

Hiring window runs from 09/13/2021 to 10/18/2021 and will close when **600 applications** are received which may be sooner than the closing date. Learn more [HERE](#).



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