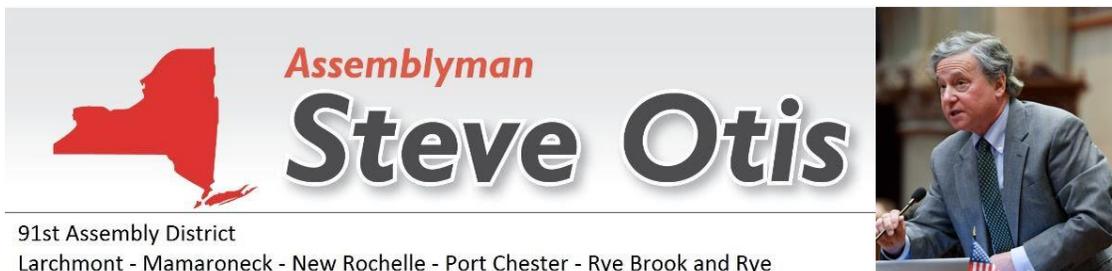


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91st Assembly District

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

November 5, 2021

Dear Friends,

On Saturday I will be participating in a multi-community Hurricane Ida Clean-up with locations in Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye Brook and the City of Rye. The signup information is organized by the Town of Rye and is included below.

This newsletter also includes information for local Arts organizations and artists interested in grant funding. During the state budget process we were able to provide ArtsWestchester \$1 million in state funding for local grants to help ReStart the Arts emerging from the pandemic.

Also included is information from New York State on a variety of small business workshop and grant opportunities. Again, many of these resources were supplemented through my efforts in the budget process. I serve on an Assembly Task Force on post pandemic economic recovery.

Below you will find updated vaccine information for adults and for children ages 5-11. Guidance and availability information will continue to be updated in the upcoming weeks.

This past week Governor Hochul signed my [legislation](#) to extend the ability of villages to manage the processing of unpaid property taxes, an important tool for village financial management. The original reform was passed decades ago and I have sponsored this renewal legislation previously to protect this tool important to villages around the state.

Below you will find:

- Ida Community Cleanup Event
- New Arts Grants Opportunities Now Available
- Small Business Workshops and Funding
- Vaccination Updates

- Internships

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,



HURRICANE IDA CLEANUP

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 6**

9AM - 11AM

CLEANUP LOCATIONS
CITY OF RYE | MAMARONECK
RYE TOWN | PORT CHESTER | RYE BROOK

FREE PIZZA & PRESENTATION
POST CLEANUP: 11AM - 1PM

Enjoy an engaging Climate Change Lunch-and-Learn with Paul Presendieu & Sylvie Binder from Sustainable Westchester food & beverages from the Barley Beach House

Register at: TownofRyeNY.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY at Disbrow Park, 141 Oakland Beach Avenue, Rye. Help remove trash and debris left behind by Hurricane Ida.

TOWN OF RYE COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

CLEANUP: 9:00-11:00 am at five locations (City of Rye, Mamaroneck, Rye Town, Port Chester, Rye Brook)

LUNCH-AND-LEARN: Climate change presentation from **11:00am-1:00pm** under the pavilions at Rye Town Park

REGISTRATION: If you haven't already registered for this event, please visit <https://townofrye.seamlessdocs.com/f/CCRegistration>. Walk-ins welcome.



New Arts Grants Opportunities Now Available

I am thrilled to announce a new funding opportunity of \$1 million dollars made available through the 2021-2022 NY state budget called "ReStart the Arts" that will be administered by ArtsWestchester to support arts and cultural organizations in Westchester and Rockland counties. I have been a long-time advocate for art organization funding. In this year's state budget we included this special funding for ArtsWestchester to assist art organizations seeking to emerge from the limitations caused these groups suffered during the pandemic.

ReStart funds will help arts and cultural organizations engage the talented artists and creative workers who are essential to the recovery of the nonprofit cultural sector. Applications will be available on the [Submittable](#) site in November 2021 and due on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in order to be eligible for consideration.

Organizations may apply for a fixed amount between \$2,500 to \$25,000. Priority will be given to proposals that emphasize the hiring of creative professionals in the realization of the project and those that incorporate a community engagement component. Secondary priority is given towards projects that engage creative professionals in efforts to rebuild audiences.

[ArtsWestchester](#) staff will host information sessions in November and conduct ongoing technical assistance sessions, by appointment, to facilitate the application and review the process.



**Upcoming Events for Empire State Development -
Economic Development Updates**

NEW: SBA Webinars on: PPP Forgiveness, Grants for R&D, How SBA Helps Your Business, Blogging, Business Plan Writing, and Marketing Strategies

- Starting a Business at 50+ **November 10, 2021, 9:30 am – Register [HERE](#)**
- PPP Forgiveness Application – **November 18, 2021, 11:00 am – Register [HERE](#)**
- Marketing Strategies with Neuro-Marketing Concepts – **November 18, 2021, 2:00 pm – Register [HERE](#)**

New York State Innovation Summit – November 8-9, 2021

- NYSTAR and FuzeHub invites you to join us for the New York State Innovation Summit on November 8-9, 2021 at the Turning Stone in Verona, NY. This multi-day event for NYS organizations that want to showcase and discover new and emerging technologies that support innovation and drive business growth.
- The summit will be held in person at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY.
- Learn more and register as an exhibitor or to attend [HERE](#)

**NEW: [New York State Council of the Arts \(NYSCA\) Capital Funding Webinar](#) –
November 10, 2021 at 11AM**

- Please join NYSCA's Capital Team on Wednesday, November 10 at 11AM for a webinar with an overview of the NYSCA Capital Project Fund including topics such as eligibility, timeline, and application materials.
- The webinar will also include a live Q+A session and you may submit questions in advance.
- Register for the webinar [HERE](#).
- To review the guidelines for Capital Funding, see the Round 4 section of NYSCA's website [HERE](#)

**Innovating Forward 11th Annual New York State MWBE Forum – December
14-16, 2021**

- The 11th annual New York State Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Forum is the premier opportunity for MWBEs from across industries to forge new professional connections and become more competitive in an ever-changing market.
- **Hybrid Event: In-Person & Virtual Forum Experiences**
 - - Day 1 Laying the Foundation
 - Day 2 Roadmap to Success
 - Day 3 Boundless Opportunities
- Register [HERE](#) to attend the MWBE Forum

Expanded Eligibility for the [COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program](#)

The \$800 million program was created to provide flexible grant assistance to currently viable small businesses, micro-businesses and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations in the State of New York who have experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Businesses with revenues up to \$2.5 million, up from the previous threshold of \$500,000, are eligible for grants and are now encouraged to apply.
- The limitation for businesses that received Federal Paycheck Protection Program loans has been increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Please visit nysmallbusinessrecovery.com/ for more information or to apply. For language assistance, guidance on eligibility requirements or any additional questions, please contact the program's call center at 1-877-721-0097



#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](https://www.vaccines.gov)

Area Pop Up Vaccine Clinics for 12+:

- November 13, 2021 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
 - **Rye High/Middle School**, Middle School Gym, 3 Parsons St. **Rye**, NY 10580
- **Ongoing Vaccine Clinics:**
 - **White Plains Vaccination Clinic**
134 Court St., White Plains
Fridays from 10-1pm
Walk-ins accepted; offers Pfizer

Westchester County Department of Health will be holding **Pfizer vaccine booster clinics**, by appointment only, every Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at 134 Court Street in White Plains. To be eligible to **receive a Pfizer booster dose**, you must have completed your original Pfizer vaccine series **at least six months ago and you must fall into one of the following categories:**

- 18+ who lives or works in a [high-risk setting](#)
- 18+ with [underlying medical conditions](#)
- 65 years and older



My Port Chester district office is currently accepting applications for fall and spring internships from high school and college students. Interns will engage in legislative research, participate in hearings and events, letter writing and constituent services.

Although internships are unpaid, we will work with you to provide documentation for school credit and letters of recommendation. If interested, please contact Lisa Urban at urbanl@nyassembly.gov.