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December 28, 2021

Dear Friends,

This newsletter includes new information on Covid-19 testing opportunities. It is also expected that the supply of tests will increase in January, as the federal government is pushing for an increase in production and availability of at-home antigen testing kits.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance to shorten the recommended time for isolation from 10 to 5 days for everyone who is asymptomatic, as long as one is wearing a well-fitting mask. Last week Governor Hochul announced [guidance](#) to shorten the isolation window for our critical workforce from 10 to 5 days to help essential workers and small businesses get through this variant. Both state and federal guidelines will continue to be subject to modification. We should also follow common sense and be especially considerate of others who may have health conditions that make them more vulnerable to the virus.

Vaccination and getting the [booster shot](#) remain important if you want to maximize protection against more severe or life-threatening consequences from an infection. During the holiday season, when we may be in contact with more vulnerable family

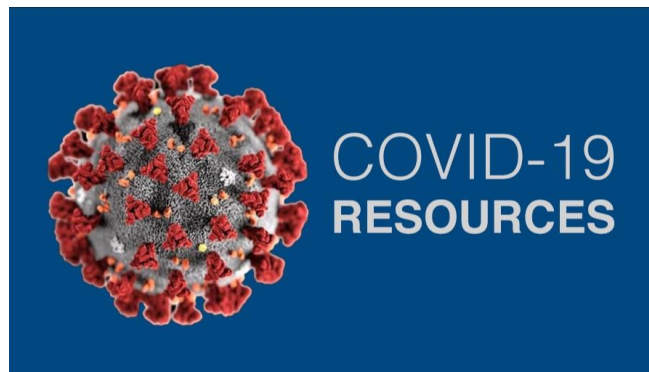
and friends, it is especially important to maintain periodic testing or testing after you have been potentially exposed.

Included in this newsletter are:

- Updated testing information
- Assistance for NY Homeowners
- Property tax exemptions allowance
- Village of Mamaroneck Grant for Seawall project
- Upcoming Mamaroneck Library Program

The past two years have been unprecedented and challenging in many ways. Some of those challenges will continue into 2022. My hope is that we meet those challenges with energy and hope in the new year. For you, your family and friends, may 2022 bring the happiness, love and joy that we all hope for in the best of times.

Warm regards,



## Covid-19 Testing Sites

[NYS Testing Site Directory](#) by zip code

Call (914) 202-4530 or visit [Westchester Medical Center](#) for testing in Valhalla.

Visit the [CVS COVID-19 Testing](#)

[Walgreens Drive Thru Testing](#)

[Forme Medical](#) White Plains

[City MD](#) Urgent Care Centers

Free PCR COVID-19 testing is available at the Westchester County Center starting Wednesday, December 29. This testing is **appointment only – walk ins will not be accepted**. Appointments will only be available 3 days in advance. Testing is for anyone experiencing symptoms or anyone who has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. **The testing is not for travel**. Testing is available for all ages, including children and infants.

Starting around 3:00 P.M today, tests can be scheduled here:

<http://www.westchestergov.com/health>

Testing will be conducted through the below schedule:

- o Dec. 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- o Dec. 30, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- o Jan. 3, Noon – 4 p.m.
- o Jan. 4, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- o Jan 5, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- o Jan 6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- o Jan 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- o Jan. 10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- o Jan. 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Municipalities will also be distributing KN95 masks. Masks are also available for pick up on Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at 35 Walker Road in Valhalla.

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**First in the Nation \$539 M Homeowner Assistance Fund for Eligible New Yorkers at Risk of Foreclosure or Displacement**

Funding Will Help Low- and Moderate-Income Homeowners Impacted by the Pandemic Stay in Their Homes

To Learn More, Residents Can Visit the [HAF Website](#) or Contact the New York State Homeowners Assistance Fund Call Center at 1-844-77-NYHAF

Applications Accepted Beginning Monday, Jan. 3, 2022

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that New York State is the first state in the nation to receive U.S. Department of the Treasury's approval to launch its Homeowner Assistance Fund, a program that will provide up to \$539 million to help eligible homeowners avert mortgage delinquency, default, foreclosure, and displacement. Applications will be accepted beginning Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

<https://www.nyhomeownerfund.org>

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### **Supporting Vulnerable Homeowners Amid Winter Surge**

Governor Hochul signed an [Executive Order](#) to help support vulnerable homeowners amid the current surge of COVID-19 cases. The Executive Order allows local governments to lift an in-person renewal requirement for property tax exemptions for low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Under the Governor's Executive Order, local governments can automatically renew 2022 benefits for all property owners who received the benefit in 2021 unless the locality has reason to believe an individual has changed their primary address, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or passed away.

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**Mayer and Otis Announce the Village of Mamaroneck to Receive \$450,000 Grant for Mamaroneck Harbor Seawall Project through New York State's Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program**

Senator Shelley Mayer (SD-37) and Assemblyman Steve Otis (AD-91) announce that the Village of Mamaroneck will be the recipient of a \$450,000 grant from New York State for the Mamaroneck Harbor Seawall Project. The grant, which is funded by the New York State Department of State through the State's Environmental Protection Fund will provide funding for the design phase of the damaged stone seawall at Harbor Island Park.

**Senator Mayer said,** "I am so pleased the Village of Mamaroneck will receive significant funding for the reconstruction of the Harbor Seawall. This project will help mitigate flooding and restore a crucial recreational space for Mamaroneck residents and those throughout the region. We have much work to do to ensure our communities increase their resiliency in the face of increasingly severe and frequent storms. This grant underscores New York's commitment to helping communities make those investments."

**Assemblyman Otis said,** "Mamaroneck's waterfront is a vital part of the life and history of the village. Maintaining and investing in our coastal infrastructure is essential to protecting Mamaroneck's use of our Sound Shore for the community. This major state grant will help in that effort. We are very appreciative of the support of Governor Hochul and the NYS Department of State in supporting this project."

**Village of Mamaroneck Mayor Tom Murphy said,** "This grant will allow our residents to safely enjoy their waterfront. I wish to thank Senator Mayer and Assemblyman Otis for their leadership and efforts on behalf of Mamaroneck."

When complete, the project will provide flood and erosion control and address structural integrity concerns at the foot of the harbor, improving resiliency to Mamaroneck's waterfront community and encourage additional waterfront

recreational activities for residents and visitors. The grant will be matched by \$150,000 of village funds.

The \$450,000 grant is part of Governor Kathy Hochul's recent announcement of more than \$525 million in economic and community development funding through Round XI of the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative. This includes grants awarded through the NYS Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program funded under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

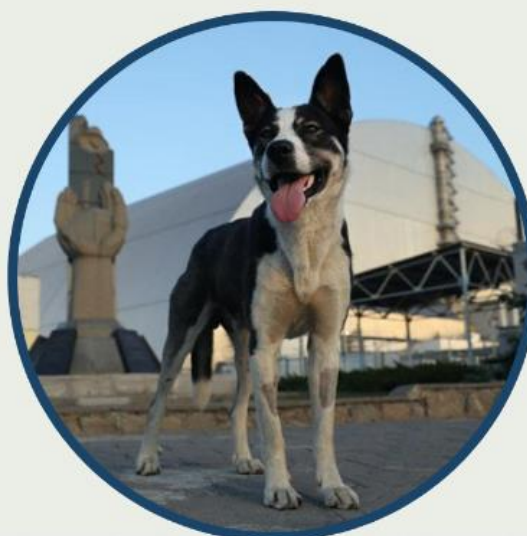


**THE DOGS OF CHERNOBYL:  
35 YEARS LATER  
A STORY OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE**  
**Sponsored by Friends of Mamaroneck Library**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 @ 7PM ON ZOOM**

**REGISTER AT [MAMARONECKLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS](https://mamaronecklibrary.org/events)**

**Presented by Stephen Quandt**



Through the use of video, photos, narration and humor Stephen tells about his service caring for the newest generation of dogs remaining in the still radioactive 30 kilometer "forbidden zone" perimeter of the shuttered Chernobyl plant.

"This presentation blew me away. Quandt's humorous and lighthearted telling of his experience working with the dogs and the people who remain at the Chernobyl site is truly an emotional uplifter." - Amber, Librarian

While Stephen was with the ASPCA, he met Dr. Jennifer Betz who became a good friend and later became the Medical Director of the Dogs of Chernobyl project which he joined in 2019. Since then Stephen worked for the Animal Care Centers of New York City and has a private practice.

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