

Dear Constituent,

Below please find my latest Resource Roundup message, containing information about helpful programs, services, and opportunities from New York State government and other entities serving Assembly District 95. If you know of anything that should be included in a message like this, please feel free to send it to <u>district95@nyassembly.gov</u>.

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New York State Eclipse Resource

If you are planning to check out the eclipse, visit <u>iloveny.com/eclipse</u> for tips on the best locations and guidance on how to enjoy the eclipse safely.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

# Don't let home heating bills freeze your budget!

More than 1.7 million New Yorkers received heating aid last year. You may be eligible.



There is still time to apply for the second round of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) - applications will be accepted through next Friday, April 12. New Yorkers who have used up their regular and first emergency benefits may apply. HEAP, which is overseen by the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance, is federally funded and can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes. Learn more and apply for HEAP at <u>https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/</u>.



# Free tax filing for New Yorke

If you are still completing your taxes, be sure to look into IRS Free File. The IRS Free File Program is a public-private partnership between the IRS and many tax preparation and filing software industry companies who provide their online tax preparation and filing for free. It provides two ways for taxpayers to prepare and file their federal income tax online for free:

- Guided Tax Software provides free online tax preparation and filing at an IRS partner site. Our partners deliver this service at no cost to qualifying taxpayers. Taxpayers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) is \$79,000 or less qualify for a free federal tax return.
- Free File Fillable Forms are electronic federal tax forms, equivalent to a paper 1040 form. You should know how to prepare your own tax return using form instructions and IRS publications if needed. It provides a free option to taxpayers whose <u>AGI</u> is greater than \$79,000.

Click here to learn more about Free File and start filing.

#### FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING APARTMENTS

#### MAPLE COMMONS

43-45 Maple Street, Croton-on-Hudson, New York





➢ Building & Community Features -↔

Newly Constructed 32-Unit Development consisting of two two-story buildings located in the scenic village of Croton-on-Hudson. Situated within walking distance to Metro North Hudson Line & Amtrak with Westchester Bee Line Bus Service directly in front of building. Easy access to local retail stores and restaurants. Education and healthcare are conveniently close with Croton-Harmon High School, Croton Free Library, and Phelps Memorial Hospital nearby. Nearby recreation activities within close proximity at Duck Pond Park, Dobbs Park and Vassallo Park. Also within walking distance are Senasqua Park and Croton Landing directly on the Hudson River. Community features include common area high-speed Wi-Fi and pet-friendly policies and an on-site pocket park. Developer: Regan Development.

Unit Type Affordable Apartment	# of Units at 30% AMI	Rents at 30% AMI	# of Units at 50% AMI	Rents at 50% AMI	# of Units at 60% AMI	Rents at 60% AMI	# of Units at 80% AMI	Rents at 80% AMI
1 Bedroom	1	\$765	3	\$1,315	6	\$1,591	1	\$1,989
2 Bedroom	2	\$921	2	\$1,582	5	\$1,913	1	\$2,405
3 Bedroom	1	\$1,055	3	\$1,818	5	\$2,200	2	\$2,964

Area Median Income AMI	30 % AMI	50% AMI	60 % AMI	80 % AMI \$82,240 \$94,000 \$105,760
1 Person	\$30,840	\$51,400	\$61,680 \$70,500 \$79,320	
2 Person	\$35,250	58,750		
3 Person	\$39,660	\$66,100		
4 Person	\$44,040	\$73,400	\$88,080	\$117,440
5 Person	\$47,580	\$79,300	\$95,160	\$126,880
6 Person	\$51,090	\$85,150	\$102,180	\$136,240

\* Maximum Household Income and Rents Subject to Change. Hot Water Included. Selection by lottery. Occupancy Spring 2024 APPLY ON-LINE: https://www.housingactioncouncil.org

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT HOUSING ACTION COUNCIL (914) 332-4144 | hac@affordablehomes.org | www.housingactioncouncil.org





This month, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) is holding a series of online public forums where you can share your insights on critical transportation issues, needs, and opportunities in the areas of freight, active transportation, and accessibility services with regional transportation experts. Information shared during these 90-minute interactive virtual forums will be collected and used in the update of Moving Forward 2055, the next Regional Transportation Plan for New York City, Long Island, and Lower Hudson Valley. The topics, dates, and meeting links are listed below. Visit NYMTC's movingforward2055.org for updates and to learn more.

**Moving Freight - NYMTC Regional Freight Forum:** A conversation with regional experts and participants on how trends in manufacturing, cargo delivery, and consumer behavior could impact the region's transportation system and change personal and business transportation needs. Click to join: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 3:00-4:30 PM or 7:00-8:30 PM.

**Moving Actively - NYMTC Regional Active Transportation Forum:** A conversation with regional experts and participants on active transportation (biking, walking, or rolling) trends, priority projects, and gaps in safe connections for all users. Click to join: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at <u>3:00–4:30 PM</u> or <u>7:00–8:30 PM</u>.

**Moving Accessibly - NYMTC Regional Human Services Transportation Forum:** A conversation with regional experts and participants on mobility needs for human services transportation, healthcare transportation access, and transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Click to join: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 3:00-4:30 PM or 7:00-8:30 PM.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is seeking feedback from residents on their priorities as it works to increase the accessibility of its system. <u>Click here to take</u> the MTA Spring 2024 Railroad Accessibility Survey. The feedback gathered will inform how MTA programs and initiatives can be improved for its ridership.

The Westchester County Department of Planning is asking for the public's help in crafting its Consolidated Plan, a five-year plan to assess affordable housing needs and development goals. Once completed, the plan helps to inform the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on how federal funding should be allocated through the Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and Emergency Solutions Grants programs over the next five years.

To ensure the success of the County's next Consolidated Plan, the Planning Department is asking for community feedback from residents, business owners, nonprofits and public housing authorities through online surveys. <u>Click here to</u> <u>participate as a resident and here to participate as a different type of stakeholder</u>.

You are invited to participate in a survey, "Live Well & Age Well: The Planning Ambassadors for Aging Program" to let Westchester County know about your housing, transportation, health, and general well-being needs. The survey is being conducted by the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services, Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services, and Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service's Ravazzin Center as part of the larger initiative focused on aging policy. <u>Click here to learn more and complete the survey</u>.

# Westchester County Parks Job Fair - Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Muscoot Farm, Katonah.

Attendees can apply on the spot to the numerous positions in the Westchester County Parks Department including Naturalists/Educators, Nature Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, and Recreation Attendants. Locations span the entire Westchester County Parks system at our 50+ facilities. Job descriptions are available here.





### The **Biggest** Party of the Spring!

Learn about the trades. Enjoy food, music, entertainment and more!

For further information contact: DLividini@pnwboces.org



### **CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION Regional Union Information Event**

## April 17, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

MAIN TECH CENTER 200 BOCES DRIVE, YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY 10598



### **UNION PARTNERS**

- Allied Trodes Local 1087
- Boilmakers Local 5
- Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 Carpenters Locals 251 & 279
- Electricians Locals 3 & 363
- Insulators Local 91
- Iron Workers Locals 40, 197 & 580
- Laborers Locals 17,18, 60, 235 & 754
- Plumbers & Steamfitters Locals 21 & 373
- Metallic Lathers Local 46

#### CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION -Neil Boyle DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT/CEO

Lynn Allen, Ed.D.

#### Sheetmetal Workers Local 38 • Teamsters Locals 445 & 456

Todd Currie

Louis T. Riolo

Carpenters NASRCC

Painters Local 113

• Roofers Local 8

North Atlantic States Regional

**COUNCIL of CARPENTERS** 

NYC Council Carpenters

- BOARD MEMBERS

Richard Kreps

Cotherine Lilburne

NYC Operating Engineers

Locals 15, 137 & 825

#### more partnerships to come!

## Tina Mackay

James M. Ryan, Ed.D.

#### Frank Schnecker

Neal Haber

EMPLOYER PARTNERS

Michael Simpkins

County Executive George Latimer invites you to join us at

# WESTCHESTER **Diverse Abilities** JOB FAIR

# APRIL 30

**OPEN HOUSE** 11AM - 1PM ONE-ON-ONE 1:30PM - 3PM

### WESTCHESTER COUNTY CENTER

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT PART TIME EMPLOYMENT SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

This job fair is open to all people who are differently abled. Come and connect with White Plains employers and interview on the spot.

EMPLOYERS INCLUDE:

Amazon, Good Temps, Liberty Lines Transit, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Southern Westchester BOCES, Westchester County, and more.

Pre-registration is required. All registered attendees will receive a follow up email to sign up for time slots to meet with interviewers.



### Save the Date

April 19, 2024 10:00am – 12:00pm ET

> SUNY Westchester Community College 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY 10595 (Student Center Events Room) Parking lot 8 is closest.

Open to Public

#### **RSVP NOW**

Scan QR Code to RSVP

### **Women's Health Awareness Fair**

Join us on Friday, April 19th at 10am at SUNY Westchester (Student Center Events Room) for the Women's Health Awareness Fair, hosted by NYP Westchester/Columbia University Irving Medical Center, SUNY Westchester Community College, Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS), and Livable Communities!

Attendees will have access to expert clinicians from Columbia and health resources focusing on women's health, including breast, heart, lung, mental health, and more. Don't forget to take advantage of free blood pressure readings and enjoy complimentary refreshments. RSVP Today!



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Veterans and Gold Star Families now have FREE LIFETIME ACCESS to New York State parks.



Veterans and Gold Star Families should always be recognized and honored for the incredible sacrifices they've made for our country. A new law in effect as of April 1 gives them free lifetime access to state parks, historic sites and recreational facilities in New York State (Ch. 616 of 2023). <u>Click here to learn more about eligibility requirements and apply for the Lifetime Liberty Pass</u>.

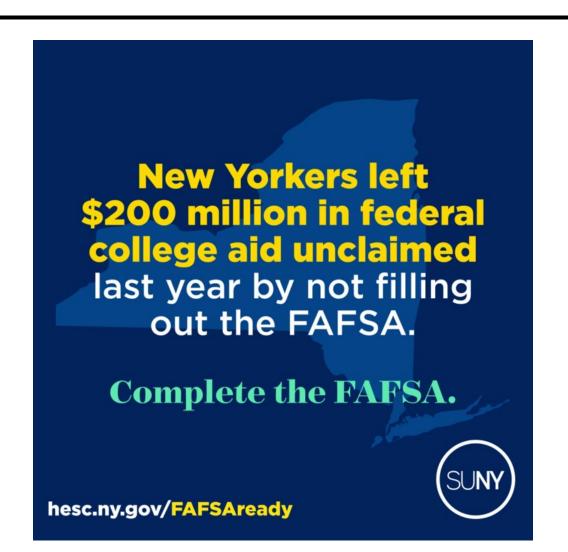
New York State is the top community solar market in the country! If you are unable to install your own solar panels at home for whatever reason, consider enrolling in community solar. <u>Community solar</u> is a solar farm that generates electricity to be shared by members in a community, and participation can reduce your electric bills in some cases. Click here to learn more and find a community solar project.

**Community Solar Opportunity with Sustainable Westchester** 



Philipstown residents: click here to schedule a free energy consultation with a local expert from Sustainable Putnam. Learn more about changes you can make to make your home more energy efficient, which can help you lower your costs and increase the comfort of your home.

Does your internet service meet your needs? Help New York State make smart investments in internet infrastructure. Submit public comment on your internet conditions and share this link broadly: <u>https://register.broadband.ny.gov/</u>



Did you know that last year, NY high school students left over \$200 million in federal aid unclaimed by not filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? The FAFSA is free, and opens the door to federal and state aid and other scholarships. However, this spring FAFSA completion rates are down more than 30% compared to this time last year. April 15-19 has been designated FAFSA completion week and there will be events around the state. Make sure that students in your life know about filling out the FAFSA application. Students and families who need help can go to https://www.hesc.ny.gov/fafsaready for events and support services near you.