

September 12, 2023

Dear Friends,

Yesterday was September 11th, a day that remains a day of heartache and inspiration, a day of memories of friends we lost and the lives they lived and of the bravery of first responders who served with valor as our country was attacked. Last night I attended community ceremonies to remember, unite, pray, and share our reflections together.

This newsletter highlights some events of the past week and updated resources and information.

Last Tuesday I traveled to Albany to attend a bill-signing ceremony where Governor Hochul approved legislation I sponsored with Senator Shelley Mayer on student governments in high schools and a bill I co-sponsored on providing families information about the availability of AP course opportunities in high school.

Below you will find:

- Bill signing ceremony
- Hommocks Ribbon Cutting
- New Rochelle Street Fair
- Rye recreation Food Truck Festival
- Storm Preparedness
- Internships
- TSA Pre-check Enrollment

As always, do not hesitate to contact me or my staff on issues in this e-mail or any matter in which I can be helpful. My office number is 914-939-7028.

Warm regards,

Governor Hochul Signs Bills to Support High School Student Government

Programs and Access to AP Courses



I joined Governor Hochul for a bill-signing ceremony at Tech Valley High School in Albany, including legislation I sponsored with Senator Shelley Mayer requiring that every High School offer a student government program and another bill on AP courses.

With support for democracy threatened in our country and around the world, it is more important than ever that we find ways to bolster the understanding on how democracy functions. High school is one place to help share the idea that democracy is not just a form of government but that it also requires the learned skills of deliberation, cooperation, compromise, and the ability to listen carefully and respect the views of others.

The location of the ceremony at a high school specializing in science and

technology training was especially important given my Chairmanship of the Assembly Committee on Science and Technology. I was able to talk to several of the students and administrators about the exciting teaching methods at the school.

You can watch a video of my remarks by <u>clicking the image below</u>. You can also read the Governor's full press release <u>HERE</u>.



Ribbon Cutting for New Playspace at Hommocks Middle School



I joined the Larchmont-Mamaroneck non-profit Fields For Kids, school leaders and local elected officials for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new outdoor athletic space at Hommocks Middle School in Larchmont. Fields For Kids has a long history of working with the school district, and town and village local governments, to expand and enhance the athletic facilities in Mamaroneck and Larchmont. Their volunteer efforts and fundraising have helped develop many projects. The play area at Hommocks will benefit over 1,200 middle school students. I have worked with Fields For Kids in the past and have

supported youth sports and park projects in every community in the Sound Shore Assembly District I serve.

New Rochelle Street Fair

On Sunday I attended the popular New Rochelle Street Fair which is held in front of and around City Hall. The event brings together local not-for-profits, city departments, food trucks and area arts and crafts vendors. I am pictured here with Francis Okelo of New Rochelle Rotary, Tom Geoffino, Director of the New Rochelle Public Library and head of New Rochelle Rotary and Pastor Joseph Smart of Faith Covenant Church.



Rye Recreation Food Truck Festival



I recently attended the 6th annual Rye Recreation's Annual Food Truck event at Recreation Park. The popular event brings families and the community together for food, live music, and other activities. I am pictured here with retired Rye City Superintendent of Recreation Sally Rogol, who came back to the popular event she helped originate.



Storm Preparedness

As we enter the height of hurricane season, please refer to this guide from NYS Department of Health on <u>Storm Preparedness</u> and sign up for the emergency notifications for your municipality on their respective websites and sign up to receive alerts. In addition, below are emergency contacts for area utilities.

Water

Veolia Emergencies: 1 877 426 8969 Westchester Joint WW (914) 424-4371

Electricity - Con Edison 1-800-752-6633 **Gas** - Con Edison 1-800-752-6633

Report and Track Con Ed Outage

Verizon- 1-800-VERIZON (Download Verizon Services App)

Optimum- 718-860-3514

Mamaroneck - Notify Me

Rye City - Code Red

Rye Brook - Code Red

New Rochelle - Swift 911



In addition to internships I offer through my Port Chester office, the NYS Assembly has a full-time internship based in Albany for the January - June legislative session. This program has been a launching pad for many students considering a career in public services. The 2024 Assembly Internship Program applications are now available for students, colleges, and universities.

Please visit <u>nyassembly.gov/internship</u> to learn more about next year's internship program.

Westchester County Airport to Host TSA Recheck Enrollment this Month

Limited-time Opportunity Returns to HPN Starting September 18

Westchester County Airport (HPN) will be hosting a TSA PreCheck® enrollment event in collaboration with <u>IDEMIA</u>, a TSA PreCheck authorized enrollment provider. Travelers will be able to enroll at the terminal arrivals area near the

baggage claim carousel at Westchester County Airport, located at 240 Airport Road in White Plains, from Monday, September 18 through Friday, September 22 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. each day. The program is open to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals and lawful permanent residents.

The enrollment process is quick, convenient and <u>even faster when the</u> <u>application is completed online</u> beforehand. The in-person enrollment requires that applicants provide <u>proof of identity</u>, <u>proof of citizenship</u>, <u>fingerprints and a photo</u>. IDEMIA offers TSA PreCheck enrollment for \$78 and if approved, travelers get a five-year membership with the program.