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NYS Budget & Legislative Session **TOWN HALL**



**Learn about the 2026
State Budget & Legislative Session**

With your local elected officials:



**NYS Senator
Shelley B. Mayer**



**Assemblyman
Steven Otis**



Thursday, June 18 • 7 - 8 p.m.

**Port Chester Senior Center
222 Grace Church St, Port Chester, NY 10573**

RSVP and Submit Questions in Advance:

tinyurl.com/2026TownHalls

Light refreshments will be served

SOMOS 2026 Conference - Panel on Cybersecurity and AI



As part of the SOMOS 2026 Conference in Albany I participated in a panel titled: **AI, Cybersecurity, Broadband & Digital Equity; Protecting & Empowering Latino Communities in New York & the Caribbean.**

SOMOS, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization based in New York State dedicated to uniting the Latino community, advocating for public policy, and empowering youth.

I am pictured with fellow panelists Annmarie Lanese, Founder & CEO, Can Code Communities; Gaby Marano, Capital Markets Technology Dir., Microsoft; and Jose Luis Rodriguez, President/CEO, Caribbean Preparedness and Response (CPR), Inc. Appearing virtually from Puerto Rico was Jesús E. “Nesty” Delgado, Ph.D.,

CAIC, President, Team 1144 who spoke about his work there on digital inclusion. The panel was moderated by David Harsthorn, Strategic Advisor, CPR, Inc. and Director of The Digital Corridor (not pictured).

Bridge to Justice at Remington Clubhouse

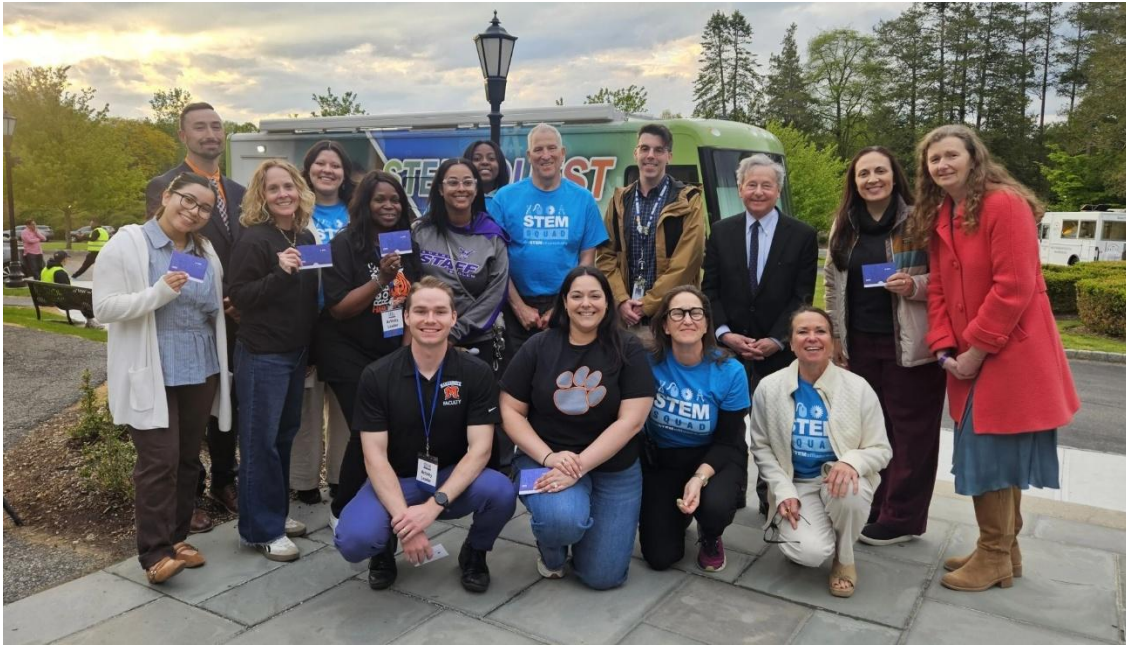


I attended the Bridge to Justice: Youth Empowerment & Community Engagement forum hosted by the Boys and Girls Club in New Rochelle. This free event brought young people and community members together for an important conversation about civic engagement, empowerment, and making an impact.

The highlight of the event was an interview with Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of New York State Court of Appeals, our highest court. Judge Wilson's words brought discussion of the law to real life terms of how the law affects communities. I am

pictured here with the many judges in attendance for the event, Becky Mazzanobile Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, County Legislator Terry Clements.

STEM Alliance STEMTASTIC Annual Event



I enjoyed my time at the annual STEM-tastic event organized by the STEM Alliance and this year hosted at School of the Holy Child in Rye. The event is free and open to the public and allows kids to explore several hands on exhibits in science and technology in support of STEM education. The STEM Alliance is a Westchester based non-profit dedicated to enhancing STEM education and enrichment initiatives, and to ensuring equal access to STEM learning opportunities to all. I have been supportive of their digital equity work to bridge the digital divide and bring greater opportunity to people in poverty.

To learn more visit: <https://www.thestemalliance.org/stem-tastic>

Long Island Sound Day in Albany

I spoke at the legislative breakfast hosted by Save the Sound to discuss important policy decisions that would protect New York's waterways and ecosystems and efforts being made to restore the Long Island Sound. Save the Sound does great work to highlight local efforts and needs with their yearly water quality reports.

To learn more about their work visit: <https://www.savethesound.org/water-monitoring-ecological-health>

Pictured below with Save the Sound's Director of Water Quality David Ansel.



Coffee and Conversation in Rye with Senator Mayer



State Senator Shelley Mayer and I recently held a community meeting in Rye to discuss state budget and policy issues before the Legislature this year. We discussed several issues prominent in the state budget process this year including increased state aid to school districts, local governments, and municipal clean water projects. Meetings are planned for every community on the Sound Shore. Also in attendance were Congressman George Latimer, Mayor Josh Nathan, and other local officials.



Excelsior Scholarship Application Open for 2026-2027 Academic Year

Eligible SUNY and CUNY Students Whose Families Earn Up to \$125,000 Annually Can Attend Tuition-Free College

Enhanced Tuition Award (ETA) Scholarship Provides Up to \$6,000 for Students Attending Participating NYS Private Colleges

Governor Hochul has announced that the application for the [Excelsior Scholarship](#) for new applicants for the 2026-27 academic year is now open. The Excelsior Scholarship, administered by the [New York State Higher Education Services Corporation](#) (HESC), provides eligible full-time students with tuition-free attendance at [SUNY](#) or [CUNY](#) two-year or four-year colleges. Students choosing to attend a participating private college in New York State can receive up to \$6,000 toward their tuition costs through the [Enhanced Tuition Award](#).

More information and full eligibility criteria for the Excelsior Scholarship can be found [here](#).

Blood Emergency

Donors needed.

Schedule now



The New York Blood Center (NYBC) and New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS) have declared **a blood emergency as regional blood supplies have dropped to less than a two-day inventory** ahead of summer trauma season. While summer blood shortages are not uncommon, blood donations in May have been significantly below expected levels, with **collections down approximately 15%** due to a combination of factors affecting our industry.

There are mobile blood drive events across the sound shore. To find a location near you to donate blood, click [HERE](#).



**Homeland Security
and Emergency Services**
Citizen Preparedness Corps



SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters.

The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

WHERE:

Rye City Hall
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

WHEN:

Monday, July 13, 2026
6:00 PM

REGISTER:

*Registration is required
to attend the event.*

To register visit
www.prepare.ny.gov or
scan the QR code



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