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Keeping You Informed

The first message today is about **vaccine clinics for children 5 to 11 years old**, followed by a message about helping families in which kids are being raised by grandparents or someone else other than a parent. After that, 'tis the special season to help those in need with holiday giving. Then see the notice about enhanced federal funding of **SNAP** benefits, meeting a need that I continue to see personally in my work at food pantries.

Then see how you can get up to date on current trends in the housing market.

Finally, we have our new BOL rules about our online **Public Comment Session**, at the beginning of each of our full Board meetings, in which anyone can make a speech of three minutes (or less) about anything they want to tell us about. Compare that with a **Public Hearing** on a particular law or financial appropriation, in which the speaker's three-minute speech must relate to the topic at hand. A very important public hearing will be the one on Wednesday, December 8, when we will listen to any and all of your comments on the proposed 2021 County budget.

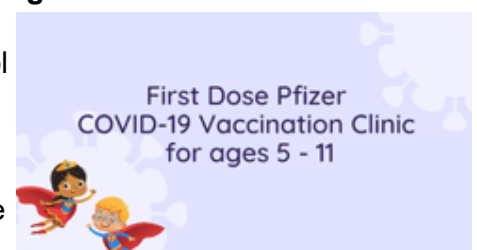
Westchester County Hosts Vaccine Clinics for Eligible Kids

Westchester County is encouraging parents to make appointments to get children ages 5-11 vaccinated. The County has partnered with local school districts to host clinics in the schools and at the County Health Department. Contact your local district to find out when clinics will be at your child's school.

The County put together this [video](#) showcasing local children receiving the vaccine and getting their reaction, to help encourage others to "Kick COVID-19 to the Curb."

A first dose Pfizer vaccination clinic for eligible children ages 5-11, scheduled for White Plains, Nov 20, is already fully booked, but you can check this [link](#) to see if appointments there open up. A parent or guardian must be present for any child to receive a vaccine.

For information about new clinics as they are scheduled please check back regularly at the County DOH website: <https://health.westchestergov.com/>





KINSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM



The [Family Service Society Kinship Support Program](#) has supported grandparents and other relatives raising children in Westchester County since 2002. They offer a variety of services to enable and empower relative caregivers to provide a safe and nurturing home for their children and to keep the children out of the foster care system.

Services include:

- Case management services to assist families with obtaining benefits such as TANF caretaker grant, Medicaid, SNAP
- Educational workshops for both caregivers and children, family engagement activities, and caregiver and youth support group meetings
- Emergency assistance and respite support
- Food, clothing and holiday donations, as well as assistance with other needs

The program helps families get through periods of crises and to develop stability. These services not only help caregivers develop parenting strategies, they also support health and social-emotional wellness of the family, and provide new and enriching experiences that help the family to bond and break away from everyday pressures. For children, supportive programming helps develop social and communication skills, leadership qualities and academic success.

To make a referral for a kinship family who has custody of a child, whether formal or informal, please contact Carolyn Fluckinger, at cfluckinger@fssy.org or call 914-963-5118, ext. 525. They have staff who can support both English and Spanish speaking families and will make necessary accommodations to support kinship all families.

Annual Give a Gift Provides gifts to children of New Rochelle families in need during the holiday season



TO SPONSOR A CHILD AND/OR FAMILY CONTACT : THE NEW ROCHELLE YOUTH BUREAU at YOUTHBUREAU@NEWROCHELLENY.COM OR AT (914) 654- 2045, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, M – F

\$230 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR NEW YORKERS IN NOVEMBER

All SNAP Households to Receive the Maximum Level of Food Benefits

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that all New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will receive the maximum allowable level of food benefits for November. All households participating in SNAP—including those already at the maximum level of benefits—will receive a supplemental allotment later this month, bringing in roughly \$230 million in federal funding into the state's economy.

SNAP households in all counties outside of New York City should see these benefits between now and Nov. 19. Those SNAP households in the five-county New York City region should see their benefits post between today and the end of the month.

The emergency assistance supplement will be provided to households that do not ordinarily receive the maximum allowable benefit per month on SNAP -a federally funded program administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Those households already near or at the maximum benefit level will receive a supplemental payment of at least \$95.

As with the prior months, the payments will be delivered directly to recipients' existing Electronic Benefit Transfer account and can be accessed with their existing EBT card. Like regular SNAP benefits, the

supplemental benefits can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. Any unused SNAP benefits will be automatically carried over to the following month. Every dollar invested in food benefits can generate up to \$1.54 in economic activity, according to a federal study quantifying the impact of SNAP on the U.S. economy. The study also found that an additional \$1 billion invested in new SNAP benefits could support roughly 13,560 jobs nationwide. Find more information on the emergency supplemental SNAP benefits, including answers to frequently asked questions, [here](#). New Yorkers can check their eligibility for SNAP and apply online by visiting mybenefits.ny.gov.



Housing Update

The Housing Market Outlook for 2022

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 @ 11:00AM

- This is a FREE Event
- Register Now: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y4hVt_m0SrKMA9uLkHTm5Q

The Pattern for Progress Center for Housing Solutions convenes industry leaders for a virtual panel discussion exploring the many angles of housing and real estate.

This month Pattern for Progress is pleased to host David Legaz, President of the New York State Association of Realtors, Richard Haggerty, CEO at Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, and Joseph Rand, Chief Creative Officer at Howard Hanna | Rand Realty and Executive Director for Broker Public Portal, to explore the real estate housing market during and coming out of the COVID-19 Pandemic, as well as an outlook for the real estate market as we approach 2022.



Main Street Hudson Valley Annual Conference 2021

Why Main Street Matters

December 8, 2021 @ 9:00AM – 11:00AM

- This is a FREE Event
- Register Now: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LzywEe-qRXqGJqINvg5sTA

Main Streets are often a crucial component of a community's identity, a physical representation of how a community wants to be perceived. In recognition of the importance of main streets as drivers of economic growth, social connectivity, and cultural experiences, Pattern for Progress is pleased to introduce a new initiative called "MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley," a regional resource center providing a comprehensive approach to strengthen main streets through commerce, community and culture and to host the first annual "Main Street Hudson Valley Annual Conference."

Register Now!

Remote Participation Procedures for Public Hearings, Public Comment for Meeting of November 22

The Board of Legislators' next regular meeting will take place on Monday, November 22 at 7 p.m.

To watch: As always, the meeting will be streamed live on the Meeting Calendar section of our website, <http://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>.

To speak: The Board has re-established remote participation procedures for those who would like to speak during the meeting.

These procedures have been instituted to protect public health, pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021 -- which allows public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access and authorizes meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call.

We welcome your participation.

To speak via the Board's Webex online teleconferencing system, please register at <https://bit.ly/3nqowMK>; Event number: 2429 060 3972, Event password: PublicHearing (no space).

When you register, you will be asked to select from one or more of the following speaking opportunities:

- **#1. Public Comment Session**, lasting up to 30 minutes.
- **#2. Public Hearing on Amending Chapter 475 of the Laws of Westchester County** -- removing the expiration date of tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance service members. More information: <https://bit.ly/3HpSdp3>

People also may speak at the public hearing by phone, by calling 1-844-621-3956 at the start of the meeting and using the access code: 2429 060 3972

Speakers will be called in the order of registration.

Comments may also be submitted in writing by emailing:

BOLPublicHearingComments@westchesterlegislators.com or mailing them to the Clerk of the Board of Legislators, 148 Martine Ave., 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601.

Written comments must be received by November 22, 2021 at 5 p.m.