

News Release



GEORGE LATIMER, Westchester County Executive

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CELEBRATES OLDER AMERICANS MONTH WITH 54TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO SENIORS EVENTS

COVID-19 Vaccinations, Test Kits and Hand Sanitizer will be distributed to Seniors

(White Plains, NY) – In celebration of Older Americans Month, the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services will be holding its [54th Annual Salute to Seniors](#) events at various Westchester County Parks on Wednesdays during the month of May.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “Westchester County’s senior citizens are an important part of our communities, and they deserve to be recognized for the accomplishments they’ve made over the course of their lifetime. We created events like Salute to Seniors many years ago to bring people together and create access to the programs and services seniors need to feel healthy and safe. I am thrilled that the annual Salute to Seniors event is returning in 2022, and I look forward to seeing you there.”

Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services Commissioner Mae Carpenter added: “Salute to Seniors events are celebrations that honor our older persons by connecting them to resources that they care about. This year’s theme, Age My Way, is a testament to the wonderful diversity that we appreciate and admire about our Westchester seniors. We are looking forward to the fun-filled activities that bring our communities together, because quality of life is better when we connect with those around us.”

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O’Connor said: “We are excited to carry on the tradition of hosting Salute to Seniors during Older American’s Month. Following in the footsteps of last year’s success, we bring this event to four of our scenic parks, giving Westchester’s elder residents the opportunity to enjoy nature while providing them with easy access to programs and services that will help them stay healthy and remain independent.”

Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation Commissioner Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., P.E said: “We are proud to partner once again on the Salute to Seniors events and offer free rides to seniors on the Bee-Line fixed-route bus system every Wednesday in May. Transportation is an important issue as we age and our system provides seniors with the freedom they deserve.”

[Salute to Seniors](#) will run from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at four different Westchester County parks on the following Wednesdays:

- May 4: Sprain Ridge Park, 149 Jackson Avenue, Yonkers, NY
- May 11: Ridge Road Park, 287 Ridge Road, Hartsdale, NY
- May 18: Croton Point Park, 1 Croton Point Avenue, Croton-on-Hudson, NY
- May 25: Glen Island Park, Weyman Avenue, New Rochelle, NY

The Westchester County Department of Health will be offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at all upcoming Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPS) Salute to Seniors events. Residents 50 years of age and older are eligible to receive the vaccine. In order to receive a shot, you must provide verification that four months has passed since your last COVID-19 vaccination. If you are receiving your first vaccination you will need to get your second at a local pharmacy or clinic near you. Seniors must bring their vaccination cards to the event if they are interested in receiving the vaccine. Free COVID-19 test kits and hand sanitizers will also be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Attendees will enjoy this year's outdoor events that will feature a boxed lunch, music and information on programs, services and products targeted to the senior community. Parking and admission are free. Reservations are required, as space will be limited. Please call (914) 218-3968 to make reservations.

The Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation will be providing free Bee Line Bus transportation each Wednesday for all four events. Salute to Seniors will operate safely under applicable New York State guidelines in place at the time the events are in session.

At this time, sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available. Sponsorship provides for inclusion at all the Salute to Seniors locations, as well as several print and social media promotions. Exhibitors can choose to showcase at one or all locations. For information about becoming a sponsor or exhibitor, please contact our Event Consultant, Chereese Jervis-Hill at (914) 218-3968 or email EventsCJH@EventsRemember.com.

The event is sponsored by Westchester County Senior Programs and Services (DSPS) and The Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services; and co-sponsored by Westchester County Parks, Recreation and Conservation and Public Works and Transportation.

A special thank you to our gold sponsor New York-Presbyterian Hospital, as well as our silver and bronze sponsors.

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About Westchester County

Westchester County, located in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley, covers 500 square miles and has a population of just over one million. Originally home to Native Americans, who were members of the Lenape tribe, it is today a rich mix of many cultures and landscapes. The County is a blend of bustling cities, quaint villages and picturesque towns as well as open spaces and a network of beautiful parks. Westchester is made up of 6 cities, 19 towns and 20 villages. Westchester County is known for top-notch public schools, and a high quality of life. The County is also an intellectual capital, boasting a highly educated workforce, competitive colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, world changing non-profits, and cutting-edge research centers. Westchester is led by County Executive George Latimer, who took office in January 2018 as the ninth County Executive. Using inclusion and openness as a foreground, Latimer is fighting to make Westchester a destination for all people to live, work and enjoy. Learn more about Westchester County by visiting www.westchestergov.com

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