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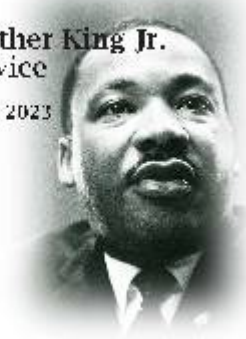
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations

Join The Inter-Religious Coalition of New Rochelle for our Annual Dinner and Service on Friday, January 13

The Inter-Religious Coalition of New Rochelle invites you to the...

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner & Service

Friday, January 13, 2023
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Service



6 pm Dinner (sponsored by IRCNR), 7pm Service at Temple Israel of New Rochelle, 1000 Pinebrook Boulevard, New Rochelle. Min. Mark McLean will deliver the sermon

\$30 pp/sponsor a youth to attend

RSVP to ircofnewrochelle@gmail.com

Three options to pay:

1. Zelle. Search for giveircoalition@gmail.com

2. Mail check to: The Inter-Religious Coalition of New Rochelle, P.O. Box 256,

New Rochelle, NY 10804

3. Bring payment to the dinner.

Questions? Contact Deborah Maher at ddjahmaher@gmail.com

This is an event that has been dear to me and Deb since we moved to New Rochelle in the mid-90s. We humbly help carry on the tradition originally created by two local Civil Rights giants, Rev. Dr. Vernon Shannon, formerly of St. Catherine A.M.E. Zion Church on Lincoln Avenue, and the late Rabbi Amiel Wohl of Temple Israel on Pinebrook Boulevard. In fact, Deb is currently Vice President of the IRCNR and is working hard to get attendance numbers for this evening of fellowship back up to pre-pandemic strength!

Next week, I will be writing about my legislative priorities for the coming year. They will, of course, be built around principles of equity that Dr. King advocated.

The County Reminds You to Check Your Energy Bill This Winter!

Westchester County suspended sales tax on home energy costs (home heating oil, propane, natural gas, electric, coal, and/or wood) from December 1 – February 28, 2023. The suspension should reflect the County portion of 4%, however, residents of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains and Yonkers can see a reduction of 1.5% as these cities have their own sales tax.

Landlords and renters will be eligible depending on the structure of the unit's heat and electric use. The initiative is administered by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance; the vendors will not be assessing sales tax as directed by the State. The sales tax will automatically be taken off the bill.

If you do not see a change on your home energy bill, contact the County right away at (914) 995-2900

Nominations Needed for 2023 Westchester County Public Health Awards

The Westchester County Board of Health is now seeking nominations for the 2023 Public Health Service Awards. The Board wants to recognize adults, young people and not-for-profit programs whose volunteer efforts have demonstrated creativity and compassion, and who helped improve public health in Westchester.

The Board encourages community leaders, healthcare professionals, educators, and residents to nominate worthy people or programs by January 9 using the nomination forms at <https://health.westchestergov.com/news/public-health-awards>.

[The Dr Harold Keltz Distinguished Public Health Service Award](#) is presented annually to a person or community-based organization, whose efforts have made an extraordinary contribution to the public health of Westchester residents but who is not professionally engaged in public health work..

[The J.R. Tesone Youth Public Health Service Award](#) is an annual award to a student up to age 21 for their creative contribution to public health in Westchester. The award was created in 2014 in memory of J.R. Tesone, a Board of Health member with a lifelong commitment to Westchester children.

These awards will be announced and presented in April to spotlight National Public Health Week and the honorees and their achievements will be featured on the Health department's web pages

From Our Friends at the New Rochelle Council on the Arts ...

Thursday, January 26

- **Welcome to New Rochelle Event:** Outreach to new residents downtown through meet-and-greet event at NRPL

Sunday, Feb. 5 - Wednesday, March 1

- **Tracing Our Roots: New Rochelle's Black History,** Lumen Winter Gallery, New Rochelle Public Library

Saturday, February 11

- **11th Annual Black History Month Celebration:** Collaboration with the Westchester Alliance of Black School Educators (WABSE) and the New Rochelle Black History Month Committee(NRBHMC) at New Rochelle High School's Whitney M. Young Auditorium. This year's event will be entitled [Celebrating the Harlem Renaissance](#)