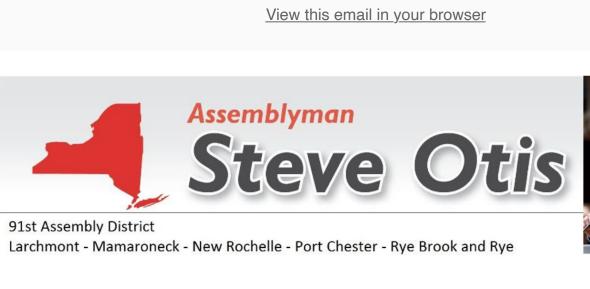
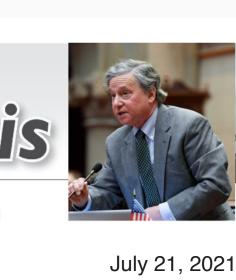
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Dear Friends,





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This update provides updates and access to resources of importance to Westchester.

check the NYS DOH website for up-to-date information.

https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov

On the Covid-19 front, New York has benefited from high vaccination rates and decreases in infections, illness and loss of life. Most serious new cases are impacting non-vaccinated individuals. If you have not been vaccinated, you can

Covid-19 if vaccinated. Reports are that vaccination reduces the severity of symptoms if one is infected. Please follow the latest health advisories, especially related to confined indoor spaces where exposure to infected individuals may be possible. This newsletter covers the following topics:

As a number of cases in the news have demonstrated, you can still contract

Clean Water Funding on the Way Meeting with new Port Chester School Superintendent

United Hospital Site Environmental Cleanup Plan Comment Period Working to Restore Buffer for Residential Neighborhood in Mamaroneck

Child Care Tax Credit Public Health Corp Small Business Resources My staff and I continue to work with small businesses, individuals needing help with unemployment insurance processing, not-for-profits and any issue where we can be helpful. Please call my office at 914-939-7028 if you need assistance.

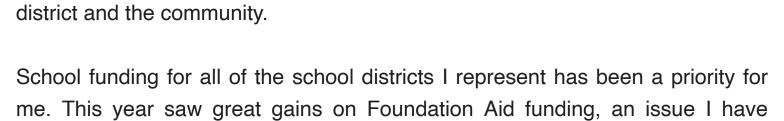
Warm regards,



on the 2021 water grant application process with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation when the application dates are announced.

As I have done in previous years, I will be sponsoring a county-wide workshop

Port Chester Schools Superintendent Dr. Aurelia Henriquez



In our meeting we discussed many of the challenges and successes of the Port

Chester School District and plans for the future. Dr. Henriquez

succeeds Superintendent Dr. Edward Kliszus who retired after serving a

decade as Port Chester's top school administrator. I worked closely with Dr.

championed for many districts across the state, including Port Chester.

Last week I met with Port Chester's newly appointed School Superintendent Dr.

Aurelia Henriquez. Dr.Henriquez brings tremendous background to her new

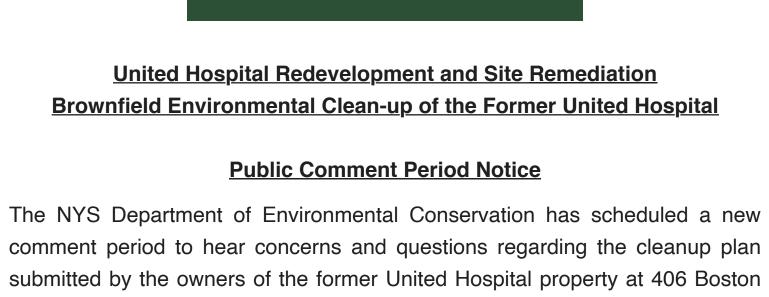
responsibilities, having served in key positions on Long Island. For a start she

has released a 100-Day Entry Plan with a focus on connecting with the entire

Kliszus on state school aid and other issues facing the district. I look forward to the same teamwork with Dr. Henriquez. Throughout the year I am in regular contact with all the school districts I serve. I will be meeting with new Superintendents in New Rochelle and Rye Neck in upcoming weeks.

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The comment period runs from July 21 through August 20, 2021 Please send your questions and comments to:

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(518) 402-9662; william.bennett@dec.ny.gov You can access key documents on the DEC website:

For a project description go to:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C360202/Fact%20Sheet.BCP.C360202.

2021-07-21.RIWP.pdf

For project description in Spanish (en Español):

https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C360202/Fact%20Sheet.BCP.C360202.

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The Village of Port Chester also has a dedicated page with relevant information. Proper cleanup of the site and how the cleanup process is conducted is

Senator Shelley Mayer and I want to see a safe cleanup and are both following this process as is the Village of Port Chester. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions.

Working to Restore Buffer for Residential Neighborhood in Mamaroneck

State Senator Shelley Mayer and I have been meeting with Metro-North

leadership to address removal of trees and vegetation in a residential

neighborhood in Mamaroneck along the New Haven line tracks. The railroad

important to protecting the public health on, and surrounding, the property.

was originally planning to use the site for a storage area along the tracks. Through our discussions, the railroad has agreed to find a location in a nonresidential area. Senator Mayer and I are working with affected homeowners to

identify ways to restore the buffer and with Metro-North to find solutions. County Executive George Latimer has provided help from Westchester County and both the Village and Town of Mamaroneck support addressing the issues raised by the neighborhood. Rye Arts Center & Rye Rotary Club Join in Fundraising Effort for Education The Rye Arts Center and Rye Rotary Club have teamed up to do a fundraising

project to support local education programs. If you drive by Rye's Village Green

on the Boston Post Road, you will enjoy the sight of giant butterfly sculptures

created by local artists using aluminum and steel sculptures to create original

The exhibit will remain on the Green throughout the summer. Smaller butterflies

are exhibited in storefronts and businesses in Rye. The butterflies are now

available for purchase in an online auction. Net proceeds from the auction as

well as sponsorships will be utilized for educational programs and scholarships

works of art.

credit.

for students in our area. For more information and to place your bid visit: https://www.ryeartscenter.org/ryesabove . **Advance Federal Child Tax Credit Payments Start in July**

Important changes to the Child Tax Credit will help many families get advance

payments of the credit starting this summer. The IRS will pay half the total

credit amount in advance monthly payments, which began July 15. Eligible

individuals will claim the other half upon filing of their 2021 income tax return.

These changes apply to tax year 2021 only. If you did not file your taxes this

year, you need to register with the IRS <u>HERE</u> in order to receive the child tax

For every child under the age of 6, families will get up to \$3,600 under the

\$3,000, or \$250 per month. This is a significant increase from past years when

the credit was \$2,000 per child, ages 0-16. The amount starts phasing out for

families with higher incomes, above \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly,

expansion, or \$300 per month. For every child ages 6-17, the amount is

or \$112,500 for single parents who file as head of household.

<u>Open</u> Up to 1,000 Fellows to Be Trained by Cornell University and Deployed for Public Health Operations

Rolling Applications Can Be Submitted Here

Governor Cuomo announced that applications are now open for the New York

State Public Health Corps Fellowship Program, a first-in-the-nation program

<u>Applications for the NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program Now</u>

that will assist with immediate COVID-19 response and vaccination efforts and strengthen local and statewide workforce capacities required to respond to future public health emergencies. This program will provide up to 1,000 fulltime, paid positions with placements at the New York State Department of

Health, local health departments except for New York City, or other public health partners throughout the state. Fellows will complete online coursework and receive a Public Health Essentials Certificate from Cornell University, as

outlined in the Governor's 2021 State of the State Address. Fellows selected for the program will include recent graduates and students advanced in their graduate public health studies; individuals from nursing, medical, dentistry, pharmaceutical and allied health programs; retired medical professionals; emergency preparedness and other New Yorkers who will receive an intensive public health training curriculum developed by Cornell University. Once selected for the New York State Public Health Corps Fellowship Program, fellows will complete Cornell University's Public Health Essentials Certificate Program, offered by the Master of Public Health Program. The program will assist in New York's ongoing COVID-19 vaccination and response operations and establish an emergency response public health capacity that lasts beyond the current pandemic. Individuals are

SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAMS

Empire State Development

Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program

Other key programs and information:

encouraged to apply here.

Restaurant Resiliency Program Restaurant Return to Work Tax Credit NY Forward Loan Fund ArtsWestchester Grant Program grants@artswestchester.org NYS Council of the Arts help@arts.ny.gov Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program - FAQ Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program - Program Overview Help Navigating State and Federal Small Business Assistance Programs



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Rye Arts Center and Rye Rotary Combine Efforts to Support Education

round of \$500 million in clean water funding was included this year with the biggest share going to the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant program I helped establish in 2015. Save the Sound does a tremendous job promoting water quality efforts in Westchester and Connecticut and is a major advocate for environmental policies in Albany. All of the forum presentations were exciting and timely.

