

91st Assembly District Larchmont - Mamaroneck - New Rochelle - Port Chester - Rye Brook and Rye



September 6, 2022

Dear Friends,

September brings the anniversary of Hurricane Ida and the continued recovery work of every Sound Shore local government to make our communities more resilient to future storms.

Some <u>upcoming meetings</u> are part of these efforts.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> the NYS Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) will hold a public hearing at New Rochelle City Hall to receive comments on their proposed Hurricane Ida Action Plan to use over \$41 million in federal funds to address flood damage and resilience related to housing. See below for plan information and how to comment.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> the Village of Mamaroneck will host a "One-Year After Hurricane Ida Community Meeting" at Mamaroneck Avenue School from 7-8 PM. The meeting will include presentations from the village and the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. More information is available HERE.

Also on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Village of Rye Brook will host a meeting for residents

of Brook Lane with the federal agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, to discuss next steps of a potential buy out of previously flood damaged properties in highly vulnerable locations that are subject to repeated flood damage. Senator Shelley Mayer and I helped bring this program, which previously helped with flood properties in upstate New York, to Westchester communities. The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. in Rye Brook Village Hall, 938 King Street (Main meeting room).

In addition, I will be participating in another regular meeting organized by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to discuss projects in the Blind Brook watershed.

Since Ida, DEC has played an important role in working with Sound Shore communities in reviewing flood studies and projects with the goal of implementing projects that have already been studied.

This week I am also sharing with local governments how they can comment on the NYS GOSR Hurricane Ida Action Plan and on some new funding opportunities for local governments to purchase electric vehicles and install electric vehicle charging stations.

I hope these resources and information are helpful. Please contact me on any issue where I can be of assistance. My District Office number is 914-939-7028.

Warm regards,



## **Hurricane Ida Action Plan**

Public Comment Period Now Open for Recovery Grants to Enhance Resiliency

Hearings To Be Held on **September 8** and **September 13** 

New Yorkers are invited to provide feedback on the plan here by September 28

#### **Hearings:**

In person - September 8 at 6:30pm at New Rochelle City Hall

Virtual - September 13 at 6:30pm (click here for virtual hearing info).

Following the public comment period that is open from now through September 28, GOSR may update the Action Plan based on feedback from the comments and hearings. Any updates will be <u>available here</u>.



Following the devastation of Hurricane Ida in September of 2021, I joined Senator Chuck Schumer, Governor Kathy Hochul and Mayor Tom Murphy at the Sheldrake River in the Village of Mamaroneck.



# One-Year After Hurricane Ida Community Meeting







MAMARONECK SCHOOLS

# Wednesday September 14

7:00 pm - 8:00pm Mamaroneck Ave. School 850 Mamaroneck Avenue

Free & Open to the Public but tickets are required.

As our community marks the one-year anniversary of the floods from Hurricane Ida, the Village of Mamaroneck will host a One Year After Hurricane Ida Community Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00pm at Mamaroneck Avenue School. Village of Mamaroneck Mayor Tom Murphy will moderate a discussion that will include:

- A presentation by Village Manager Jerry Barberio about the initiatives the Village has taken in the past year to mitigate flooding.
- An announcement from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery about new funding available for homeowners and renters recovering from Hurricane Ida.
- · Steps residents can take in anticipation of the next natural disaster.

Resources and print materials will be available from the **Community Resource Center** and other community organizations operating under the **Coalition for the Community** — a collection of hyper local nonprofits, social service agencies and houses of worship working together to develop solutions to community needs.

The **Mamaroneck School District** will provide an interpreter as well as wireless translation equipment so this event can be simultaneously translated for the Spanish-speaking members of our community.

This event is FREE and OPEN to the public; but tickets will be required. Stay tuned. More details about how to obtain tickets and how to submit questions will be posted in late August/early September.

Submit your QUESTIONS or reserve FREE TICKETS online at: www.villageofmamaroneck.org OR use the QR Code: The Deadline to submit questions is Friday, September 9 at 5pm





## Department of Environmental Conservation, Zero-Emission Vehicle Rebates

Rebates are available to municipalities that purchase (or lease for a minimum of 36 months) an eligible vehicle placed into municipal service at a dealership in New York State on or after Aug. 1, 2020.

All-electric, plug-in hybrid, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are eligible for rebates. For qualified vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of up to 8,000 pounds, rebates are available on a tiered basis:

- \$2,500 per vehicle for those with an electric range between 50 &100 miles
- \$5,000 per vehicle for those with an electric range between 101 miles &
   200 miles
- \$7,500 per vehicle for those with an electric range of 201 or more miles

Vehicles with a weight rating between 8,001 and 14,000 pounds (e.g., trucks, vans, and minibuses) are eligible for a rebate of \$7,500 regardless of electric range.

**Eligibility**: Eligible applicants are municipalities purchasing or leasing for a minimum of 36 months all electric, plug-in hybrid, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

Funding: A total of \$750,000 is available in this round on a first-come, first-served basis.

Deadline: DEC is accepting applications for the Municipal ZEV Rebate Program

on a rolling basis through 4 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2022, or until funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Contact: Myra Fedyniak ; Email: zevrebate@dec.ny.gov ; Website

**Application**. Applications are available in the New York State Grants Gateway <u>HERE</u> under the opportunity name "2022 Zero-emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rebate Program." Applications will be accepted through 4:00 pm on September 30, 2022, or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

## <u>Department of Environmental Conservation, Zero-Emission Vehicle</u> <u>Infrastructure Grant Program</u>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has made funding available for municipalities to install clean vehicle infrastructure including Level 2 (L2) and Direct Current Fast Charge (DCFC) electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) and equipment for dispensing hydrogen to hydrogen fuel cell (HFC) vehicles using hydrogen produced through electrolysis or biogas reformulation.

A total of \$5 million is available for this round of the Clean Vehicle Infrastructure Program, provided by the Environmental Protection Fund, Title 15, Climate Smart Community Projects line. Please note: The NYSERDA Charge Ready Program and the DEC ZEV Infrastructure Grant Program may NOT be utilized together for the same EVSE installation.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are municipalities installing clean vehicle infrastructure. There is no limit to the number of applications a municipality may file, the number of facilities for which a municipality may request grant funding or

the number of units per facility other than the maximum award amounts listed in the Request for Applications.

Funding: There are three maximum grant amounts: \$250,000, \$300,000, and

\$500,000. **Deadline: Sept. 30, 2022** 

Contact: Myra Fedyniak , Email: zevrebate@dec.ny.gov

Website: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html</a>



## New Concealed Carry Laws Take Effect September 1, 2022

New Requirements for Individuals Seeking to Obtain Concealed Carry Pistol
Permits Include Firearm Trainings, In-Person Interview, and Social Media
Review, Among Others

Conceal Carry Restrictions Apply to Sensitive Locations Including Times Square, Bars, Libraries, Schools, Government Buildings and Hospitals Permit Recertification or Renewal Now Required Every Three Years

State Launches New Gun Safety Website to Provide the Public, Gun Owners, and Gun Dealers with a Comprehensive, One-Stop Location for Information About the New Laws

Governor Hochul reminded New Yorkers that strengthened gun laws enacted following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down the state's century-old pistol permitting process take effect Thursday, September 1. The laws contain strengthened background checks and firearm safety and live-fire training for individuals seeking to obtain concealed carry permits; prohibit concealed carry permit holders from bringing their firearms into sensitive locations, including Times Square, bars, libraries, schools, government buildings and hospitals, among others; and require renewal or recertification of permits every three years.

The Governor also announced a new <u>Gun Safety Website</u> to provide the public, gun owners, and gun dealers with a comprehensive information about all of the new requirements under state law.