



PORT CHESTER RYE BROOK RYE TOWN

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

APRIL 1, 2022 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA DUNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we approach the close of the first quarter of 2022, I am happy to share that exciting things are happening here at the Chamber! I have enjoyed meeting so many of you these past months and learning about your businesses. With the support of the board, the membership, government officials and community members, the Chamber is poised to help its members through networking, marketing, advocacy and education. We are fortunate to have many resources available to businesses and it is my goal to help connect, communicate and advocate for you!

Be sure to check out our newly updated website www.pcrbchamber.net and social media accounts!



You are Invited: State of the County

Westchester County Executive George Latimer invites you to join virtually for the State of The County Address.

Date: Thursday, April 21 2022

Time: 7 PM

[Facebook.com/westchestergov](https://www.facebook.com/westchestergov)

Westchester
gov.com

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

Port Chester Board of Trustees and Rye Brook Mayor and Board of Trustees

On April 5th Port Chester will welcome new trustees John Allen, Juliana Alzate, Joe Carvin and Phil Dorazio, and re-elected trustees Bart Didden and Joan Grangenois-Thomas to the Village Board of Trustees.

Thank you to Dan Brakewood, Frank Ferrara and Alex Payan for your years of service to making Port Chester a better place to work and live.

In Rye Brook, Paul Rosenberg is retiring after nine years as mayor and nine years as a trustee. Thank you for your dedication!

Congratulations to Jason Klein as the new mayor, Sal Morlino as trustee and Stephanie Fischer as returning trustee. They join trustees Susan Epstein and David Heiser, who are not up for election this year.

The Chamber extends its congratulations and looks forward to working with all of you!

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER BENEFITING CHAMBER MEMBER FOREVER FAMILIES THROUGH ADOPTION, INC. (FFTA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD | 4-8PM AT THE RYE RIDGE LOCATION ONLY 100 S RIDGE ST, RYE BROOK, NY, 10573

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE



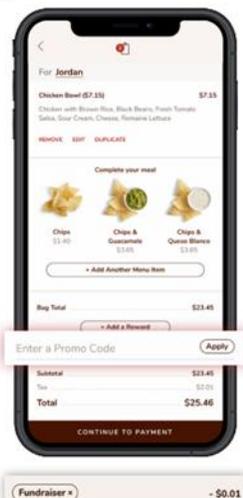
ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the [Chipotle App](#) or [Chipotle.com](#).

Please note all online orders for your fundraiser must be within your scheduled hours and only at the restaurant hosting your event.

- 1 Access the [Chipotle app](#) or order on our [website](#).
- 2 Choose "Pickup" and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser.
Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards your fundraiser.
- 3 Build your order with all your faves.
- 4 Once you're ready to place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the "Enter a Promo Code" section. Don't forget to click "Apply."
- 5 Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery).
Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.

If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.



HELPFUL TIP
Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show "Fundraiser" and an amount of -\$0.01. Don't panic - this is totally normal and how we track the code in our system.



DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **CZ7QZ4G**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Westchester County Accepting Applications for 2022 Business FIRST Grant Program

The Westchester County Office of Economic Development is still accepting applications for the 2022 Westchester County Business FIRST grant program. This year's grant program will provide up to \$17 million to support nonprofits and religious organizations facing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. The application deadline is Friday, April 1 at 5:00 PM.

To be eligible for a grant, the organization's primary location must be in Westchester County. The organization must be currently open with plans to stay open, or temporarily closed with plans to reopen in 2022.

For more information on the application process, visit <https://westchestercatalyst.com/business-first-programs/grants/>.

Governor Hochul Announces Over \$500 Million in Pandemic Relief Distributed to Nearly 29,000 Small Businesses Throughout the State

Governor Kathy Hochul announced nearly 29,000 small and micro businesses throughout New York State have been awarded over \$500 million in grant funds through the COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program. The program was created to provide flexible grant assistance to small businesses, micro-businesses and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations in the State of New York who have experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding is still available for the program. One-on-one assistance, webinars, a call center that has already logged nearly 295,000 calls and materials in 14 languages are examples of support available through Empire State Development, to help small businesses access this critical funding.

To learn more about this and other COVID-19 relief programs, visit <https://esd.ny.gov/business-pandemic-recovery-initiative>. Empire State Development has a network of partner organizations that provide instruction, training, technical assistance, and support services to entrepreneurs and small businesses statewide that will provide assistance with New York State and federal pandemic relief grant and loan applications. For more information visit <https://esd.ny.gov/organizations-available-assist-businesses>.

Looking to Start a New Venture? Apply for Launch1000

Applications are currently open for [Launch1000](#), an online, self-paced program that gives people the skills and knowledge to take their idea and generate a second income, a business, or a non-profit or social venture. Westchester County is providing this program in response to the significant economic disruption experienced since 2020 due to COVID-19. Building on the success of the Launch1000 program in 2021, this year's program continues with the goal of enabling Westchester residents to start a business or develop an income stream for themselves and their families. New to this year is a Dual Language cohort. (English and Spanish Program) where participants will be supported by bilingual coaches and mentors. For more information about the Spanish/English program, visit: <https://westchestercatalyst.com/launch1000-espanol/>. All County residents are eligible to apply.

Join the **U.S. Small Business Administration on March 31, 2022** for an online event celebrating **Women's History Month**.

The discussion will focus on financial wellness for women-owned small businesses, the importance of increasing equity and access to opportunities that help uplift and support women entrepreneurs, and [SBA initiatives and resources](#) that support existing women-owned small businesses and new startups as they pivot and grow in a post-COVID world.

[Register](#)

**Governor Hochul
Announces Applications
Now Available for Fast
Tracked Permits for Craft
Beverage Manufacturers**

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the State Liquor Authority is now accepting applications for new permits to allow craft beverage manufacturing businesses the ability to manufacture and sell alcoholic beverages while their liquor license is pending. These new permits can generally be processed and approved in less than 30 days, compared to applications for new licenses that currently take an average of six months, expediting the time it takes to open new craft beverage manufacturing businesses throughout the state.

These permits allow businesses to manufacture and sell alcoholic beverages for a period of six months, or until the full application is approved, for a fee of just \$125. The new permits may be extended for a three-month period for an additional \$50 fee if necessary. The application for craft manufacturers to apply for the new temporary operating permits are available [here](#).

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION &
WESTCHESTER COUNTY**

INVITE YOU TO A

**Thousands of
Jobs, Dozens of
Employers**

**Friday
4/22/22
1:30-4:30pm**

**Healthcare
Career
Fair**

TO ATTEND:

- Be Prepared to Interview
- Bring multiple copies of your resume
- Bring Picture ID

LOCATION:

WCC's White Plains Education & Training Center
303 Quarropas St., White Plains, NY 10601
4 blocks from the White Plains Train Station
Steps from the Bee-Line
Public Parking nearby

Learn more: email Aurora Zahm at azahm@westchester.org
Register: <https://bit.ly/35W35xf>

**FULL, PART-TIME
POSITIONS EMPLOYERS
ARE HIRING FOR:**

- Accounting
- Administrative/Clerical
- Clinical (Non-nursing)
- Food Service
- Hospitality
- Management/Supervisory
- Nursing
- Nursing Support
- Security
- Many More



THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY
Office of Economic Development & The New York Power Authority
INVITE YOU TO OUR FIRST

CATALYST for

DIVERSITY

BUILDING CONNECTIONS
CONSTRUCTION, TRADES AND MWBES



Wednesday, April 6 | 8 a.m. to Noon

New York Power Authority (NYPA), 123 Main Street, White Plains, NY 10601

Come and join our community conversation between County government, the private sector, Trade Unions, and Minority and Women Owned Businesses Enterprises (MWBEs).

Panel discussions will focus on:

- What's new in Westchester and how to get a contract
- A discussion on best practices for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - Bridging the Gap: Next Steps for Success

To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3hbmkn9>

For more information, call (914) 995-2936

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Westchester County Executive

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

[en Español](#)

Department of Emergency Services Releases Fire Safety Video Following Multiple Major Fires in the County

In the wake of major fires that caused loss of life or significant property damage, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and the Department of Emergency Services are providing residents with practical tips on how to prevent fires and increase the odds of survival if one occurs.

In a newly released safety video, personnel in the DES Fire Services Division focused on three critical safety messages:

- **Get Out, Stay Out, Call 911 immediately.** Do not re-enter a burning home or apartment once you are out safely. Fires can double in size every 30 seconds. Stay outside and let responding firefighters know if any persons or pets are still inside. Report any fire, no matter its size, immediately so help is on the way promptly.
- **Close the Door.** The simple act of closing the door to a room where a fire has broken out can save lives and significantly reduce property damage. A closed door limits the supply of oxygen to a fire and prevents the rapid spread of deadly smoke and flames. If you have to flee from a fire, close the door as you leave. In apartment buildings or office settings, this includes closing the door from a hallway to a stairwell.
- **Handle Lithium Ion Batteries Properly.** Lithium Ion batteries that power cellphones, laptops and other devices are an increasing source of fire in Westchester and elsewhere. When these batteries are not charged, stored or handled properly, they can overheat and cause a fire. Do not leave lithium ion-powered devices on fabric surfaces such as pillows, beds or couches.

More practical tips on fire prevention and safety are available on the DES website:
<https://emergencyservices.westchestergov.com/>.

View safety video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yc9lcfDtmY>

COVID SUPPLIES

THE CHAMBER STILL HAS A LIMITED SUPPLY OF KN95 MASKS AND COVID TESTS AVAILABLE COURTESY OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE. WHILE COVID NUMBERS HAVE DECREASED DRAMATICALLY IN RECENT WEEKS, PLEASE REMAIN VIGILANT. VACCINES AND BOOSTERS ARE INTEGRAL TO STAYING HEALTHY AND SAFE.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND VACCINATION SITES:

<https://health.westchestergov.com/157-covid-19-updates/2807-vaccine-information>

NEW PORT CHESTER SANITATION SCHEDULE 2022 – DOWNLOAD HERE!

https://www.portchesterny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1096/f/uploads/2022_sanitation_calendar_with_maps.pdf



Events and Trainings

Taking Action



April 7, 2022 8:30-11am
Pace University
861 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville
Kessel Student Center

Charting an Anti-Racist Path Forward in Westchester's Nonprofit Sector

A REPORT BASED ON
COMMUNITY REFLECTION,
EDUCATION AND DIALOGUE

\$25 members • \$45 non-members



BREAKFAST, NETWORKING, PRESENTATION, PANEL AND BREAKOUT GROUPS

SPEAKERS & PANEL:

Marvin Krislov,
President, Pace University

Anahaita Kotval, President, Nonprofit Westchester; CEO, Lifting Up Westchester

Dr. Alexandria Connally, NPW Racial Equity Consultant, CEO and Founder of Culturally Responsive Environments and Discipline

Michelle A. Nicholas, Chair NPW Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Senior Vice President, Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Community Development PCSB Bank

Karen Cheeks-Lomax, CEO, My Sisters' Place

Maria Dautruche, Director, Center for Racial Equity, YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester

Joanne Dunn, Executive Director, Youth Shelter Program of Westchester

Tiffany S.W. Hamilton, Chief Diversity Officer, Associate Vice President - Diversity & Inclusion, Pace University

Jirandy Martinez, Executive Director, Community Resource Center

Theo Oshiro, Co-Executive Director, Make the Road New York

REGISTER AT npwestchester.org/upcoming-events



REGISTER HERE: <https://npwestchester.org/event-4568863> This event is for organizations and businesses of all kinds. Please use the special code **NPWNF21** for a special price

Relieve the stress of finding child care Free assistance for working parents

The Child Care Council of Westchester's specialists are available to help working parents at all income levels find safe, reliable child care so they can work without worry or distraction. There is no charge for these services, and the Child Care Council's assistance often reduces a tremendous burden of stress.

The Child Care Council can provide:

- Lists of regulated **child care providers, after school programs, summer camps**, and a complete "Nanny Guide"
- **Tips and checklists** to help parents recognize safe, quality care and check a child care provider's compliance/violation history
- Information about **financial resources**, including scholarships, subsidies, tax credits, and dependent care assistance plans (DCAP's) that may be available
- Names of child care providers who meet certain criteria, like those approved to administer medication or who may have experience with special needs children

For employers, the Child Care Council has professional material prepared that you can distribute to your employees or display at your place of business. They can accommodate your employees who live and work in other locations, connecting them with sister agencies throughout the region.

Get help for your employees or your family today by calling: (914) 761-3456 x140.

For more information about the Council, visit www.childcarewestchester.org.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Westchester County Office of Small Business and Chambers of Commerce

Westchester County Office of Economic Development

Office of Nancy Barr, Vice Chairwoman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

Pressroom: Official News from the Office of the Governor

Small Business Administration newsroom

Westchester County Government newsroom

Westchester Catalyst

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