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## WAIVING THE COUNTY SALES TAX ON HEATING FOR RESIDENCES

Effective December 1st, 2022 through February 28th, 2023 we passed a proposal to waive the County sales tax for heating sources (including heating oil, propane, natural gas, electric, coal and wood). One of the many steps we can take at the County level to help our communities tackle the rising cost of living and heat their homes for the winter.



## GAS TAX CAP

Ecstatic to have helped pushed and passed the 'Gas Tax Cap', with the County Executive and colleagues. We voted/passed, to cap sales tax on gas purchases at \$.12 per gallon, the equivalent of the tax drivers would pay if gas was \$3.00 per gallon. The tax relief ran from June 1 through August 31. The relief was designed to help residents struggling with inflationary pressures and uncertainty in gas prices relating to other market factors. To go along with the gas tax cap, the County Executive also suspended fares on the County's Bee-Line bus system for the same period. With NYS and the County both passing versions of the 'Gas Tax Cap', residents saved an average of 20 cents per gallon.



## FOR OUR VETERANS

We passed legislation, which waives all fees for veterans on civil service examinations for Westchester. Through this new law, the County will waive fees to any person who is a veteran of the US Armed Forces who was honorably discharged or released from service under honorable conditions, after serving in the US Armed Forces and their reserves; or in the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, New York Guard, or the New York Naval Militia. Together, we continue to honor the passing of the brave men and women who have fought for and defended our country. We were honored to sign the legislation at the Memorial Day Ceremony, hosted annually by the County at the Lasdon Park Veterans Museum and Trail of Honor in Katonah. **All gave some, some gave all!**



# Westchester County Board of Legislators NEWS

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Fall 2022 Newsletter



## David J. Tubiolo

District 14 ~ Yonkers, Mount Vernon  
Chair, Parks & Recreation Committee

### WILSON'S WOODS PARK



As Chair of the Committee on Parks & Recreation, myself and dear friend Legislator Woodson-Samuels passed legislation renovating Willson's Woods Park. The park is well-known for its waterpark, Willson's Waves, complete with a wave pool where you can body surf on three-foot waves; splash downward on an 18-foot high water slide. The park also has areas for picnicking and fishing.

### TIBBETTS BROOK PARK



Just a quick update following the repairs that have been done at Tibbetts Brook Park, following Hurricane Ida. We have fixed the drains, retaining walls, turf, and much more, making it safe and operational for our community. Special thank you to the Parks Department for completing everything. We have been and will continue to be renovating Tibbetts Brook Park, more updates to come.

Dear Constituent,

It is my honor to serve you on the Westchester County Board of Legislators. I know that the previous two years have not been without their trials and tribulations. However, always keep in mind that I am here for you, and I am always listening.

Over the past calendar year I'm proud to announce that in cooperation with our County Executive George Latimer, we have been able to achieve some amazing milestones in the County:

- **ON PROPERTY TAXES:** Lowered property taxes three years in a row, and aiming for a fourth! In totality, County property taxes are at their lowest point in twelve years!
- **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS:** Additionally, I introduced and passed legislation that raises the income limit on property tax relief for seniors, thus expanding tax relief for the seniors in my district and throughout Westchester County.
- **CAP ON SALES TAX OF GAS:** We were able to pass a cap on the sales tax for gasoline for the summer, saving on the dollar per gallon and giving families relief at the pump.
- **WAVING SALES TAX ON HEATING OF RESIDENCES:** In conjunction with my colleagues, we were able to push through a waiver on sales tax of sources of heating for homes. With the winter coming, we are taking measures to make sure that no one has to make a choice between heating their home and putting food on the table.
- **WCC TUITION REMAINS FLAT:** With the cost of college tuition rising nation-wide, we cannot afford to fall behind in providing access to the American Dream. Education is, and always will be, the great equalizer in access to social mobility. By keeping tuition flat for Westchester Community College, we can keep college affordable for our community.
- **COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS:** Waiving application fees on Westchester County Civil Service Exams through December 31st, 2022.

Making Westchester a more affordable county for our community is one of my top legislative priorities. As your representative on the Board of Legislators, I will continue to advocate on your behalf to improve the quality of life for the hard-working families of our district.

Respectfully,

*David J. Tubiolo*

Hon. David J. Tubiolo,  
Legislator, 14th District



### FIGHTING TO SAVE MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL

The city of Mount Vernon, like every other city and community needs a viable and caring hospital for its residents. We must put people before profit.

### OPENING DAY OF MEMORIAL FIELD!

After decades of disrepair, we have completed this amazing athletic complex for our children, youth and people of Mount Vernon and Westchester County. The new stadium is equipped with 3,900 seats; a new scoreboard; a lighted field equipped for football, soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey; an 8-lane track; a sound system capable of handling major concerts or events;



3 tennis courts and a skate park. The project utilized MWBE contracts and created nearly 400 labor jobs. The County is co-managing Memorial Field until the final touches are complete. We had a great game between the high schools of Mount Vernon and Yonkers. Thank you to all of our partners in government and of course the people for making this dream come true for the children, students, youth and everyone!

### EDUCATION

We voted and passed on the Westchester Community College (WCC)

Budget 2022-2023!

We've kept tuition flat, providing affordable and accessible education for over 11,000 students and our community.

The county contribution is \$25 M, an increase of \$557,000, including Capital Projects for upgrades of technology, maintenance of buildings, parking facilities, and more.

WCC offers 45 Associates Degrees, 17 Certificate Degrees and 40 short-term programs.

Westchester County and WCC is committed to student success, academic excellence, workforce development, economic development and lifelong learning.

### BERNICE SPRECKMAN COMMUNITY CENTER



On June 10, 2022, we re-opened the Bernice Spreckman Community Center, after being renovated. Yonkers Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department invested over \$500,000 on improvements including: accessible restrooms New LED ceiling lighting; new ADA accessible water drinking fountains; new exterior metal storefront doors/insulated glass panels with ADA door operators. Special thank you to our seniors, senior advocates, Yonkers City Council, Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Parks Department.

### SENIORS-ON-THE-MOVE

Seniors-on-the-Move once again performed another great show!

My mentor/predecessor, Bernice Spreckman, started this show over forty years ago, to keep senior's happy, healthy and social!

As one of the Producers, I'm happy we've continued the legacy of Bernice, as well as, working with our colleagues to al-

locate the necessary funding for this wonderful senior show.



Special thank you to Judy Ayers for coordinating and organizing our amazing show!

### HYATT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Wonderful meeting on Wednesday September 28, 2022 with the Hyatt Civic Association.



Where I discussed legislation we passed to better the community! Community Builds Safety.

### SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HOME OWNER'S TAX EXEMPTION

Myself and my colleague Legislator Vedat Gashi, introduced and sponsored amendment: The Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Home Owner's Tax Exemption. Residents 65 years of age or older whose combined annual household



income is \$29,000 or less now qualify for a property tax exemption. Under the proposed amendment, the combined annual household income would increase to \$50,000, benefitting more seniors across Westchester.

### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Beginning in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson as "Hispanic Heritage Week," and then being enacted into law in 1988, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

We passed legislation for the Pumping Station Rehabilitation Program of the Bronx Valley.

The Jackson Avenue Pumping Sta-



tion will receive an upgrade in everything, making it more efficient and beneficial for our residents.

Flooding more than ever is a recurring issue, we're doing our best to upgrade infrastructure and keep everyone safe.

LD 14 is almost entirely within the Bronx Valley Sewer District.

### RALLY FOR JUSTICE



Joining in solidarity with our sisters and brothers, fighting for justice for victims of sexual violence in Kosovo. Proud to stand with my friends Djellza Pulatani and Suada Dimiri on this solemn occasion.

### WOODLAWN 5K RUN FOR A CAUSE

Thank you to, Woodlawn Run for a Cause, for its 16th annual 5k.



Everyone year they raise funds for charity, this year in support of Van Cortland Park Alliance and Hope & Heroes

### SUPPORTING THOSE WHO PROTECT & SERVE

Glad to be with the good women and men of the Yonkers Police Department at the local YPD Coffee and Conversation Event on McLean Avenue. Additionally in Mount Vernon, my colleague Tyrae Woodson-Samuels and I, helped pass legislation in which Westchester County leased 7 po-



lice vehicles (4 in 2021 & 3 in 2022) to the City of Mount Vernon Police Department for its daily patrols.

### COLUMBUS DAY 2022



Line-painting on Midland Avenue for the Columbus Day Parade! After a 2-year hiatus, happy to be back celebrating the contributions of the Italian-American community.

### 10TH ANNUAL MCLEAN AVENUE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION FALL FESTIVAL



After a two-year hiatus, the McLean Avenue Merchants Association returned with its annual fall festival. I was proud to walk the Avenue and see such a great turnout to support our community and local businesses!