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COVID-19 Updates

Yellow Zone Restrictions Lifted

Effective yesterday, New York State has lifted the yellow zone in New Rochelle. While this is welcome news, it is not an excuse to let down our guard. COVID rates remain high throughout our region, with nearly 1,000 active cases in New Rochelle. Continue to do your part by wearing a mask, washing your hands, keeping your distance, and avoiding larger gatherings.



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NOURISHALL

The mission of **NourishALL** is to enhance food security for vulnerable residents of New Rochelle, while also sustaining local businesses, through the provision of gift cards to local restaurants during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

You can help to help continue the program benefits to restaurants and our most vulnerable through the COVID-19 crisis, by [donating here](#).



New Rochelle Development

See the website
that covers every
aspect of New
Rochelle's growth
here

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING ON POLICING IN NEW ROCHELLE

WHEN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
TIME: 7PM (for public comments)

VIA ZOOM, YOU MUST REGISTER TO SPEAK

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related to New Rochelle Police Reform.

Feel free to use any of these points when you attend/speak at this public hearing and to write to the Mayor, City Manager, or City Council.

Outdoor workday at Ward Acres Park



Tuesday, February 2, 2021

This program is coordinated through Volunteer New York and is suitable for ages 16 and up (or ages 12-15 with adult supervision). Pre-registration is required.

Volunteers are needed to help to control invasive vines, save heritage trees, and improve wildlife habitats in Ward Acres Park. Depending on the day, activities will include cutting and digging out invasive plants and vines, keeping trails clear and passable, and planting native saplings and shrubs.

Wear weather-appropriate clothes and shoes that can get dirty, and bring water and snacks. Volunteers will meet at the Ward Acres Community Garden (near the corner of Quaker Ridge Road and Broadfield Avenue). Training and some tools and supplies will be provided, and then volunteers will move to the worksite.

Date: February 2, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Ward Acres [View Map](#)

Address: Quaker Ridge Road and
Sussex Road
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Link: [SIGN UP](#)



Regal Offers Socially Distanced Movies

There's nothing like the thrill of a live movie on the big screen. Here in New Roc City's Regal Movie theater, you can once again enjoy the screens of many sizes. There's 4DX, IMAX, RPX. The exciting sound systems and the oh-so-comfortable seats make it all even better!

Seating has been carefully arranged to support social distancing, so grab your mask and head on down. Just follow the scent of that delicious aroma of buttered popcorn.

[Click here](#) to see what's playing and when!



SCHOOL BUDGET PLANNING KICKS OFF; PUBLIC VOTE MAY 18

The 2021-2022 school budget season is underway in the City School District of New Rochelle with the adoption of a calendar of dates to discuss expenditures and revenues, and to then adopt a final budget before the public vote May 18.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Gregory Kern presented the calendar at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday evening. He also presented some preliminary figures, noting that Governor Andrew Cuomo has projected an \$15 billion shortfall in the state's budget, and that the Governor has asked for the same amount from the federal government to fill the gap.

After a year of struggling with a pandemic that has taken its toll around the globe, the District faces some difficult figures. As it stands, state aid figures would give New Rochelle \$588,937 less than in the current year, for a total of \$49,363,834, based on the executive budget.

The consumer price index, a factor in determining the tax cap each year, is 1.23%, its lowest since 2016.

The District will calculate and file the tax cap calculation with the New York State Comptroller on March 1. The preliminary District budget is scheduled to be presented at the Board of Education meeting the following evening, March 2. The public portion begins at 7 p.m.

The budget calendar also includes the earlier Board of Education meetings on February 2 and 23 as occasions when the budget could potentially be discussed. A final budget is scheduled to be adopted on April 20. The budget vote and school board election will be on Tuesday, May 18.

Meetings are currently held via Zoom. Any changes in that format will be announced in subsequent e-newsletters and other channels. The February-March calendar follows here:

February 2, Tuesday: BOE regular meeting, public session 7 p.m.

February 15 - 19: Schools closed - Mid-Winter Recess

February 23, Tuesday: BOE committee of the whole, public session 7 p.m.

March 1, Monday: Tax Cap filed with the NYS Office of the State Comptroller

March 2, Tuesday: BOE regular meeting, public session 7 p.m.

Tentative presentation of preliminary School District Budget

March 9, Tuesday: (Tentative) School Budget Review Session, 7 p.m.

Part I - Community discussion is invited.

March 16, Tuesday: (Tentative) School Budget Review Session, 7 p.m.

Part II - Community discussion is invited.

March 23, Tuesday: BOE committee of the whole, public session, 7 p.m.

Part III - Community discussion is invited.

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NRPL Foundation Cocktails and Conversation 2/4 at 8 pm

The New Rochelle Public Library Foundation has announced the next event in their popular **Cocktails & Conversation** series: On February 4th they will host a discussion with Mark Levine and Danny Greenberg, authors of *"The Trial of the Chicago 7: The Official Transcript,"* which was the basis for the Aaron Sorkin movie currently seen on Netflix.

The book, the authentic record of what happened and what was said at the 1968 trial of the Chicago 7, includes factual descriptions as well as the outrage, the philosophy and the humor evident at the trial of anti-war activists including Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin and Tom Hayden. The movie, which boasts a star studded cast



which includes Sacha Baron Cohen, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Keaton, Eddie Redmayne and Mark Rylance, used the book as its source but is somewhat fictionalized.

The **Cocktails & Conversation** events will take place via Zoom at 8 pm; admission is free but a \$20 donation is suggested – and appreciated. To register go to www.nrplfoundation.org.

Cocktails & Conversation is moderated by **Professor Amy Bass**, Ph.D., NRPL Foundation Board Member, historian and acclaimed author (*One Goal: A Coach, A Team and the Game That Brought A Divided Town Together.*) Participants sign up in advance to receive the Zoom link and the recipe for a signature cocktail to make (and enjoy) at home. The books to be discussed are available for sale by special arrangement from Bronx River Books, a local independent bookstore. (37 Spencer Place, Scarsdale, [914-420-6396](tel:9144206396) or order on line at www.bronxriverbooks.com.) -- Theresa Kump Leghorn

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Feeding Westchester and Meals on Wheels White Plains are two local charities on the list. Simply search for your charity and select. Every little bit helps! --Kathy Meany



**NOW THROUGH JUNE 27: In-Person Show
Features Works by Librado Romero**

Through June 27, [Feeding Westchester](#) presents [Librado Romero: From the Desert to the River](#), an exhibition with eleven (11) features eight acrylic and two watercolor paintings by Librado Romero. Romero evokes a sense of magical realism in his works, which depict the Hudson River and scenes from his childhood in Calexico, California. Gallery hours: Thurs-Sund 12-5pm.

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**WED, FEB. 3:
Virtual Artist Talk with Vinnie Bagwell**

[Cynthia Garcia's ArtistsTalk](#) will continue with artist Vinnie Bagwell this Wednesday. Bagwell is a renowned artist who led the conception and development of the public art project, [crucial Abroad? Meet Bagwell](#), which honors the enslaved Africans who lived at the Philippe Minion Hall in Yonkers, New York. During the event, she will discuss her career as a sculptor and her works, which often reflect black history. Bagwell is 7pm to 8pm. [Click here to register.](#)

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**WED, FEB. 3: "Night In With the Music Hall"
with Singer-Songwriter Matt Sucich**

Wed Wednesday [Live from Music Hall at Lincoln Center](#) continues with a livestream concert that features folk singer-songwriter Matt Sucich via its [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages. In addition to performing in NYC over the years, Sucich has appeared at Willie Nelson's Heartbeater Banquet, the Barely Music Festival and Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival. Begins at 7pm.

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▶ Women March

February 28, 2020 – February 7, 2021

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For as long as there has been a United States, women have organized to shape the nation's politics and secure their rights as citizens. Their collective action has taken many forms, from abolitionist petitions to industry-wide garment strikes to massive marches for an Equal Rights Amendment.



Women March celebrates the centennial of the 19th Amendment—which granted women the right to vote in 1920—as it explores the efforts of a wide range of women to expand American democracy in the centuries before and after the suffrage victory.

On view in the Joyce B. Cowin Women's History Gallery, this immersive exhibition features imagery and video footage of women's collective action over time, drawing visitors into a visceral engagement with the struggles that have endured into the 21st century. *(Curated by Valerie Paley, senior vice president, chief historian, and director of the Center for Women's History, and the Center for Women's History curatorial team)*

Watch a reenactment of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper's 1866 speech, "We Are All Bound Up Together," a highlight of the exhibition. And read about how it came together with Tony nominee Ariana DeBose on the *Women at the Center* blog.

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Nonprofit Leadership and Racial Equity
Report from the Building Movement Project/Race to Lead Survey and Panel
Discussion
February 23, 9:00 AM



**RACE
TO LEAD
SURVEY**

An initiative of Building Movement Project

The nonprofit sector has a racial leadership gap. Studies have tracked the small percentage of people of color in Executive Director/CEO roles for years. Efforts to support and train and inspire and mold aspiring leaders of color are important...but they're not enough to move the dial towards more diverse leadership.

Join Us on February 23 at 9:00 AM

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NEW YORK STATE SENATE **BUDGET FORUM**

ABOUT THE PROPOSED 2021-22 NYS BUDGET
Hosted Virtually by the Westchester State Senate Delegation

Pre-Registration is Required to Testify:

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MAJORITY LEADER
Andrea Stewart-Cousins

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO TESTIFY:

Thursday, February 11, 2021 • 2 PM - 5 PM

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 • 5 PM - 8 PM

The events will be streamed live on Facebook:
[Facebook.com/Andrea.StewartCousins](https://www.facebook.com/Andrea.StewartCousins)
(A Facebook account is not required to watch.)



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