

**CITY OF RYE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager

SUBJECT: Enclosures - Council Packet

DATE: October 7, 2011

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 10-1 Notice regarding the Mobile Disaster Recovery Center which will be available at Harbor Island in Mamaroneck on October 6, 7 and 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 10-2 Notice regarding an Open House at the Rye Meeting House on Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- 10-3 Notice regarding an Archeology Workshop at the Rye Meeting House on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 10-4 Legal Department Update from the Corporation Counsel dated October 7, 2011.
- 10-5 Notice regarding a Loan Modification Program sponsored by Community Housing Innovations on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 through Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 10-6 Meeting notice for the week of October 11, 2011 is available on the City website www.ryeny.gov under Calendar.

Disaster Center at Harbor Island October 6, 7 & 8

FEMA and the NYS Office of Emergency Management (SOEM) have been coordinating with the Westchester County Office of Emergency Management and the Village of Mamaroneck to schedule an assignment of a Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC) to open for 3 days at Harbor Island Park.

The dates and times will be Thursday October 6th, Friday October 7th and Saturday October 8th, with hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., weather permitting.

With Westchester being declared a disaster area by President Obama, residents and businesses are eligible to apply for disaster aid, along with local governments and nonprofit agencies. Residents and business may apply in person, online or by phone.

Applications will be accepted until the end of this month.

The first step is to register: by calling FEMA's registration number 1-800-621-3362; or online at www.disasterassistance.gov. For those with speech or hearing disabilities, use the TTY number at 800-462-7585. **FEMA strongly advises people to register by phone or on-line in advance of visiting the disaster center.**

Join us!

OPEN HOUSE

at the

MEETING

HOUSE

624 MILTON ROAD,
RYE, NY

SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 9

1-4pm

FREE ADMISSION

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

www.rye.org/2010/09/09/open-house/



The Committee to Save the Bird Homestead
Presents

SEARCHING
for
HIDDEN
HISTORY

A HANDS-ON
ARCHAEOLOGY
WORKSHOP

There were at least two other structures between the Bird Homestead and the Meeting House. Join archaeologist Sara Mascia of Historical Perspectives, Inc. as we use the tools and techniques of archaeology to search for long-hidden evidence of the past.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15
930AM TO 2PM AT
THE MEETING HOUSE
ADULTS AND STUDENTS 12 AND UP
\$40.00

Registration required. \$40 per person. Pay at the door. Tools will be provided. Bring lunch or buy lunch nearby at break. Water and soda will be supplied. To register, contact: preservehistory@earthlink.net or 914-967-0383.

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Rye City Council
FROM: Kristen K. Wilson, Corporation Counsel
SUBJECT: Litigation Update
DATE: October 7, 2011

CLAIMS

A notice of claim has been filed by Jeffrey and Julianne Laverty of 740 Forest Avenue. The notice states that a fence on their property was damaged when branches from a City tree fell on it after Hurricane Irene. The claim has been forwarded to our insurance carrier.

LITIGATION

BEAVER SWAMP BROOK – (DEC Administrative proceeding)

The City filed an appeal challenging the Negative Declaration issued by the Department of Environmental Conservation in connection with Harrison's Project Homerun. Harrison and DEC Staff now have an opportunity to oppose the appeal. Neither Harrison nor DEC Staff filed an appeal.

BASSETT v. CITY OF RYE

The time for plaintiff to appeal the Order of Judge Berliner setting aside the jury verdict and denying plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees has expired.

CASPI v. CITY OF RYE

The discovery deadline has been extended to October 31, 2011. A conference in this matter is scheduled for October 27, 2011. The deposition of the Plaintiff's father has concluded and the depositions for the defendant will be scheduled to take place between now and the end of October.

R.B. CONWAY V. CITY OF RYE

A Settlement Agreement in connection with this matter has been signed and will be filed with the Court.

DELLI PAOLI V. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals reaffirmed the Board of Architectural Review's decision to deny the application at their May meeting.

SHEW v. CITY OF RYE

A Notice of Appeal to the Appellate Division, Second Department has been filed on behalf of Paul Shew seeking to overturn the Decision and Order rendered by Hon. Gerald E. Loehr in this case.



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October 4, 2011

Dear Mayor French,

Community Housing Innovations, Inc. (CHI), a Westchester-based non-profit housing agency, is writing to ask for your help in getting the word out to your constituents who may be in danger of default on their mortgages or are facing foreclosure. All our services are free of charge.

We at CHI are trying a different approach, called the CHI Fast Track[™] Loan Modification program, to address this most critical issue. Typically homeowners facing this problem will have only phone contact with the banks holding their mortgages, with these calls often ending in confusion, frustration and additional delays.

Instead, by special arrangement with JP Morgan Chase, we are offering homeowners the opportunity to meet directly with their underwriters **who have the authority to make on-the-spot decisions as to eligibility for loan modifications.**

The meeting details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, October 25 – Thursday, October 27

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Meetings are scheduled on an hourly basis, with some evening appointments available.

Place: 190 E. Post Road, 3rd. floor, White Plains, NY

Requirements: Pre-screening meetings with counselors from HUD Approved Housing Counseling agencies. To schedule, please call 1-877-HUD COUNSELING (1-877-483-2686) to be assigned to one of our approved agencies to begin the process. Please call Peter Spino at (914) 595-0980 for additional information.

There is no charge for any of these services or for attending the three-day event. CHI and its partner non-profit housing counseling agencies have held three of these events within the past year and have been successful in advising over 300 families and achieving a loan modification or other relief for close to 90 families.

The cooperation of your office is essential to our outreach efforts.

While we welcome all homeowners who are facing default, only **JP Morgan Chase customers will be eligible for the October meetings.** Others will form the applicant pool for future events of this nature.

If you have any questions please email Connie Elkinson, at celkinson@communityhousing.org. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander H. Roberts
Executive Director

Save Your Home from Default or Foreclosure

Meet privately with a
JP MORGAN CHASE Loan Specialist

WHO

Homeowners in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam with a **JP Morgan Chase Mortgage**

WHEN

Tues., Oct. 25th - Thurs., Oct. 27th
By appointment only

WHERE

190 East Post Road, White Plains, NY
(Third Floor)

There is no charge for our services.



Sponsored by

Community Housing Innovations (CHI) in collaboration with Housing Action Council, Rockland Housing Action Coalition and Putnam County Housing Corporation

CALL NOW

1-877-HUD-COUNSELING

1-877-483-2686 EXT. 1

Peter Spino Jr, Esq.