

**CITY OF RYE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager

SUBJECT: Enclosures - Council Packet

DATE: September 6, 2013

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 9-1 Notice from the New York State Department of Public Service regarding the Lifeline Discount Telephone Service Program.
- 9-2 Notice from Westchester County regarding the *Golden Harvest Dance & Talent Show for Seniors* to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.
- 9-3 Legal Department Update from the Corporation Counsel dated September 6, 2013.
- 9-4 Meeting notice for the week of September 9, 2013 is available on the City website www.ryeny.gov under Calendar.

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August 26, 2013

Dear Consumer Leader:

I am writing to ask your help in raising awareness of the Lifeline Discount Telephone Service Program and encouraging eligible consumers to enroll. Lifeline Discount Telephone Service is a program designed to make basic telephone service more affordable for income-eligible consumers.

Consumers qualify for Lifeline by participating in one of a number of federal assistance programs OR by having income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. Recently, the Federal Communications Commission updated its rules governing program eligibility and non-duplication of support to improve program efficiency and ensure those that need support can receive it.

September 9-15, 2013 has been designated as National Telephone Discount Lifeline Awareness Week. The New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) is joining other state agencies, local human service organizations, and local telephone companies to promote Lifeline Awareness Week and focus attention on this important program.

We invite you to spread the word about these programs during Lifeline Awareness Week and throughout the year. We have enclosed a "sample sheet" identifying the materials we have available to assist you in educating your constituents about these programs and encouraging them to enroll. We have also enclosed a self-addressed, postage paid card if you would like to order copies of these free materials.

We ask you to join us in raising awareness of this important program by posting information about it in your offices, distributing information to your staff and consumers you serve, forwarding this information to other organizations in your community that serve low-income consumers, writing an article for a local paper that reaches consumers, and posting a link on your organization's website to the Lifeline page on our www.AskPSC.com consumer website. An outreach "toolkit," available on the Web site, provides sample outreach materials that you can download and tailor to meet your needs.

If you have any questions about the Lifeline Program or **Lifeline Awareness Week**, please feel free to contact Lorna Gillings at (518) 474-1788 or at lorna.gillings@dps.ny.gov. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Patrice O'Connor

Utility Consumer Program Specialist

The NYS Lifeline program helps income-eligible consumers stay connected and save money on their monthly telephone bills.

The NYS Public Service Commission has developed outreach materials to assist you in educating consumers about Lifeline and encouraging them to enroll. These tools include a consumer education brochure, as well as partner resource materials, such as posters and tabletop displays. All materials are also available in Spanish.

**PARTNER
WITH LIFELINE**

Do I qualify for Lifeline?
You are eligible for Lifeline if you are an eligible household member as of January 1, 2013, and you meet the following requirements:

- Supplemental Security Income
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- Long Term Care
- Family Assistance
- Senior Rent Assistance
- Other public benefits

How does Lifeline work?
Qualifying household members for Lifeline through participating telephone companies and receive a discount on their monthly telephone bills. The Lifeline benefit includes:

- Monthly service credit of \$25.00 per month for service through local landline or service provided to a member of the household who lives in a rural area.
- Free service for certain Lifeline customers.

Can I get more than one discount?
Eligible consumers may only receive one Lifeline benefit at a time. However, the discount can be applied to multiple lines of service, such as landline and mobile service.

How do I apply?
You can apply for Lifeline through participating telephone companies and the NYS Public Service Commission. For more information, visit www.AskPSC.com or call 1-888-ASKPSC1.

Usted podría estar ahorrando hasta **\$250** por año en su compañía.

You could be saving as much as **\$250** per year on your local telephone service. **Start Saving Today!**

New York State's Lifeline Discounted Telephone Service helps income-eligible consumers stay connected and save money on their monthly telephone bills.

For more information about the Lifeline program, visit the NYS Public Service Commission's web site, www.AskPSC.com or call 1-888-ASKPSC1.

Save Money on Your Phone Bills brochure: The brochure is designed to educate consumers about the Lifeline program. It provides information on eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Save as much as **\$250** per year on your local telephone service.

Take a brochure today!

Income eligible consumers can save money on their monthly telephone bills.

For more information, visit the NYS Public Service Commission's web site, www.AskPSC.com or call 1-888-ASKPSC1.

Save money on your phone bills.

NYS Lifeline tabletop display: This holder can be placed on a counter or tabletop and loaded with copies of the Lifeline brochure for your constituents to take home with them.

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El Servicio de Teléfono con Descuento del Estado de Nueva York, ayuda a consumidores de ingreso elegible, a mantenerse conectados y ahorrar dinero en sus facturas mensuales de teléfono.

¡Pida a su proveedor de telefonía que lo registre hoy mismo!

Para más información, visite www.AskPSC.com o llame al 1-888-ASKPSC1.

NYS Lifeline Discounted Service poster and pads: These promotional materials can be hung on the wall of your office. The poster includes tear-off sheets with contact information that consumers may take for later use. There are three versions to choose from, so you can select the styles that best represent your constituents.



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ROBERT P. ASTORINO
Westchester County Executive

GOLDEN HARVEST

DANCE & TALENT SHOW FOR SENIORS

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CENTER
198 CENTRAL AVE. WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

10:30 A.M. DOORS OPEN

11 A.M. TALENT SHOW

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

12:30 P.M. - 3 P.M. DANCING

FEATURING
STOLEN MOMENTS
ENTERTAINMENT

FREE ADMISSION | FREE PARKING

BOX LUNCHES AVAILABLE

- Lunches include: chicken salad sandwich, salad, cookie and juice.
- Suggested lunch contribution is \$4.
- Outside food may not be brought into the County Center.
- Concession stand will be open.

For lunch and table reservations, please call

(914) 813 - 6416 or

(914) 813 - 6449

To register for the talent show, please call

(914) 813 - 6300



GOLDEN HARVEST

DANCE & TALENT SHOW

FOR SENIORS

Reservation deadline:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Table reservations are required as seating is limited.

Make checks payable to WCDSPS and mail to:

Golden Harvest

Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs & Services

9 South First Ave., 10th Floor, Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Westchester residents only, ages 60 and older.



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PARKS
WESTCHESTER COUNTY

KATHLEEN O'CONNOR
Commissioner



MAE CARPENTER, COMMISSIONER
Westchester County Department of
Senior Programs and Services

**CITY OF RYE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Rye City Council
FROM: Kristen K. Wilson, Corporation Counsel
SUBJECT: Litigation Update
DATE: September 6, 2013

CLAIMS

A notice of claim has been filed by Ronald Matossian of 39 Grandview Avenue. The notice states that the passenger side mirror of his car was damaged when he struck a garbage container that was too close to the street. The claim has been forwarded to our insurance carrier.

TAX CERTIORARI

CARROLL v. CITY OF RYE

A Notice of Appeal in this matter was filed in the Appellate Division, Second Department.

THE TOWN OF RYE AND THE RYE TOWN PARK COMMISSION v. THE ASSESSOR and Board of Assessment Review of the CITY OF RYE

A Notice of Appeal has been filed in connection with this matter.

WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS v. CITY OF RYE

Counsel for Westchester Joint Water Works and the City of Rye have both filed a notice of appeal.

LITIGATION

BEAVER SWAMP BROOK – (DEC Administrative proceeding)

The Town/Village of Harrison has decided to retain outside counsel on this matter – Thomas Fucillo, Esq. from Syracuse. Discovery is still on-going and the adjudicatory hearing will be during the weeks of November 4, 11 or 18th.

BASSETT v. CITY OF RYE

The Appellate Division, Second Department issued a decision reversing the lower court decision of Judge Berliner that set aside the jury verdict and remitted the matter back to him to consider whether a new trial should be granted.

CASPI v. CITY OF RYE

The Court has granted extensions for filing motions and responses. Motions for Summary Judgment must be filed and served on or before August 30, 2013. Opposition papers must be served and filed by October 16, 2013 and Reply papers by November 14, 2013.

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.

PANETTA v. PLANNING COMMISSION (declaratory judgment/42 U.S.C. 1983 claim)

I attended a settlement conference on July 18, 2013. A trial date has been calendared for February 4, 2014.

BUTLER v. PLANNING COMMISSION

The City's reply brief was filed and served on June 10, 2013. This matter is fully submitted.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE IVES AT RYE v. CITY OF RYE

The City has served its Answer with Affirmative Defenses.

CITY COURT

Routine calendar with no unusual dispositions.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristen K. Wilson
Corporation Counsel

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