



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Community Paramedicine, Mental Health Aid for Schools, Around the District

SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER August 14, 2023

Dear Friends,

Another busy week in the district and unpacking in our new office. Let me reassure my Port Chester/Rye Brook friends I have not left them, and will be back regularly! (In fact, I visited the Port Chester Unity Day on Saturday – wonderful event!)

I was saddened to learn of the deaths of Patrick Moore, former Westchester Assistant District Attorney and Bob Steves, former Mayor of Scarsdale. My thoughts are with their families and friends during this difficult time.

I urge everyone to be on the alert for the spotted lanternfly, which has been found in our district. This invasive species can cause significant damage to parks and wooded areas, as their feeding makes plants vulnerable to disease and attacks from other insects. Juvenile spotted lanternflies are black or red with bright white spots, while adults resemble moths with spotted white wings that are red underneath. If you find any, it is best to kill them. The Westchester County Parks Department is evaluating non-toxic ways to eradicate this invasive insect. You can help by reporting sightings to [parksinfo@westchestercountyny.gov](mailto:parksinfo@westchestercountyny.gov) with your location, contact information and pictures.

The aftermath of the wildfires on the Hawaiian island of Maui is devastating, and many residents have been left in need. If you wish to make a donation, you can find [links to verified aid organizations here](#).

The school year begins in less than a month, and I am excited to partner with United Way of Westchester and Putnam Counties for a Back to School Teacher and Student Supply Drive. The drive will run from Monday, August 7 through Friday, August 25. Read below for information on drop-off locations and items requested.

We are busily settling into our new office in White Plains! Our new address is 235 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 400. Our phone number has not changed, and you can always reach us at 914-934-5250 or email me at [smayer@nysenate.gov](mailto:smayer@nysenate.gov). We are still unpacking, but please stop in to see us!

Warm regards,  
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Read the full Community Update [here](#).