



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Legislative Update & Upcoming Events

[SHELLEY B. MAYER](#) May 20, 2022

Dear Friends,

As a New Yorker and someone who has lived and spent time in Buffalo, I am devastated by Saturday's hate-filled shooting in the heart of the Black community that cut 10 innocent lives short. My heart is with their families and friends, and all those who have been impacted by this tragic event.

As EMS week comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to recognize the dedicated EMS personnel who provide critical care in emergency situations. Unfortunately, many of these workers lack access to health insurance and retirement benefits, which has led to a shortage of EMS personnel. I remain committed to fighting for these benefits and for EMS to be recognized as an "essential service."

Below you will find information on upcoming events - including a tenants' rights information session being held tonight at the Don Bosco Community Center, and a healthy gardening program I will be hosting tomorrow morning at the Eastchester Public Library. We will be giving away free seeds and strawberry seedlings at the gardening event – I hope to see you there!

As always, if there is anything my office can assist you with, email me at [smayer@nysenate.gov](mailto:smayer@nysenate.gov) or call (914) 934-5250. We are distributing free COVID-19 test kits Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you or someone you know is in need of a test, please do not hesitate to reach out or stop by to pick one up.

Warm regards,

Shelley Mayer

State Senator, 37th District

[Read the full community update here.](#)