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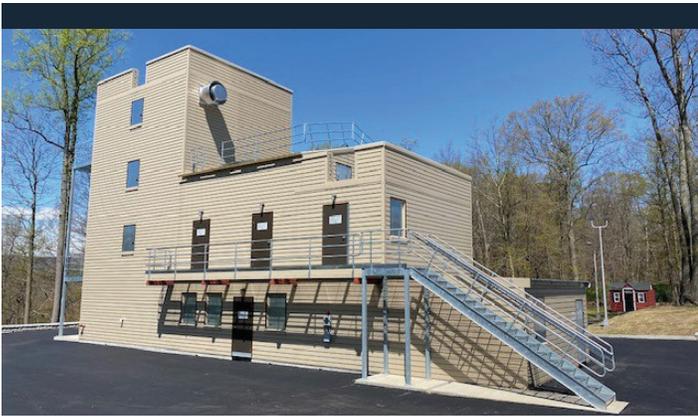
Save Money & Save Our Environment This Summer

Did you know, you can save nearly \$350 annually by switching to WaterSense labeled water-using appliances and fixtures?

In addition to upgrading water appliances and fixtures, great water savings can be achieved by:

- Fixing leaks
- Turning off your faucet when brushing your teeth
- Only running the dishwasher or clothes washer when you have a full load
- Utilizing rainwater to water your garden or wash your car
- Planting drought resistant plants
- Watering landscape 2x a week before 9 AM and after 5 PM to reduce evapotranspiration





OFFICE OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

New Fire Operations Building



The Rockland County Office of Fire & Emergency Services proudly opened their new Fire Operations Building. The multi-use training building includes a number of features including:

- Multiple burn rooms.
- Smoke generating machine and full smoke removal exhaust system.
- Four story tower section with fire escape and balconies to simulate a commercial or multifamily building.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Housing Initiatives

At the County's second Housing Forum on April 19th, our Office of Community Development presented findings from the comprehensive community and affordable housing needs assessment which include:

- 60% of homes in Rockland are single-family detached and average \$700,000.
- The median household income in Rockland is \$100,000, qualifying for a \$260,000 mortgage.
- 4,200 unit housing deficit for those making under \$60,000.
- +40% of Rocklanders spend 30% or more of their income on housing.



As implementing housing falls to towns and villages, we are outlining potential pathways for local governments to utilize to create affordable housing for our workforce," said County Executive Day. "As for my administration, the County is hiring a housing coordinator to lead all affordable housing initiatives. We are also utilizing ARPA funding to create a housing loan fund. This program, approved unanimously by the Legislature on April 16th, will provide direct loans to borrowers for affordable housing projects in Rockland of which proceeds from loan repayments will flow back into the fund for future housing opportunities.

2024 STATE of the County

In March, Rockland County Executive Ed Day highlighted the incredible work of Rockland County Government employees and the continued

growth of Rockland's economy in the **2024 State of the County** Address. Highlights include:

Office of Fire & Emergency Services:

- Awarded approximately \$130,000 for HERROES & Edges College Tuition Reimbursement Program.

Public Transportation:

- Purchasing two dozen new TRIPS paratransit buses.

Veterans Service Agency:

- Secured +\$4 million in n benefits for veterans and their families.

Economic Development and Tourism Office:

- Awarded \$298,650 in Tourism Grants to 31 organizations.

Department of Social Services:

- Trained and certified 26 new foster homes for children.
- Awarded 194 housing vouchers to families.
- Increased Childcare assistance funding by \$2 million.



Human Rights Commission:

- Launched 3 Human Rights Satellite Offices.

Rockland Codes Investigations Unit (RCI):

- Responded to +1500 complaints, issued 53,000 violations and collected \$130,000 in fines.

Office of Buildings and Codes (OBC):

- Conducted +2,000 inspections, issued +12,000 violations, collected \$500,000 in fines.

Consumer Protection:

- Investigated 617 complaints, 166 prosecutions and \$66,000 returned to homeowners.

Saving CHILDREN ONE TICKET AT A TIME

A Message from
County Executive Ed Day



Every day in New York State, an estimated 50,000 drivers illegally pass stopped school buses, putting the lives and safety of children at risk.

As a father, and former member of law enforcement, it has always boggled my mind that some drivers believe those few seconds of their time waiting for

a school bus is more important than a child's life.

To make roads safer for our children, the County of Rockland partnered with the company BusPatrol to launch a violator-funded business model allowing districts to equip school buses with cameras on the bus stop-arms at no-cost.

It's been a year since the County of Rockland announced our new child safety initiative aimed at cracking down on drivers putting children at risk. I'm proud to announce that all local districts have opted in. As of March of 2024, over 9,300 tickets have been issued countywide.

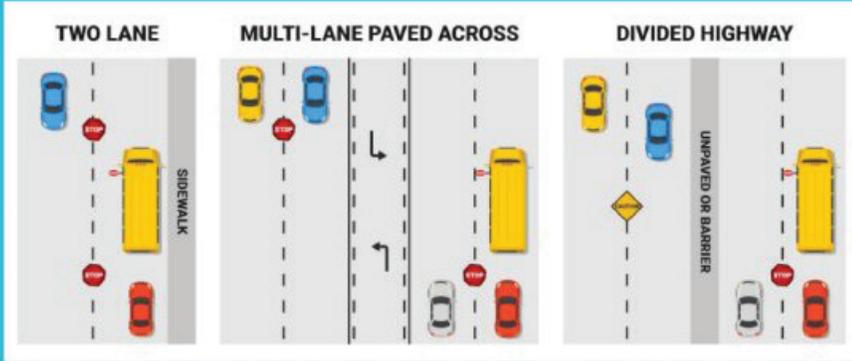


WE REMIND DRIVERS:

- When the school bus stop arm is extended, vehicles in all lanes must stop.
- It is illegal to pass a school bus with its stop arm extended, regardless of the number of lanes or direction of traffic.

KNOW WHEN TO STOP

When a school bus stops and flashes its red lights, traffic approaching from either direction must stop.



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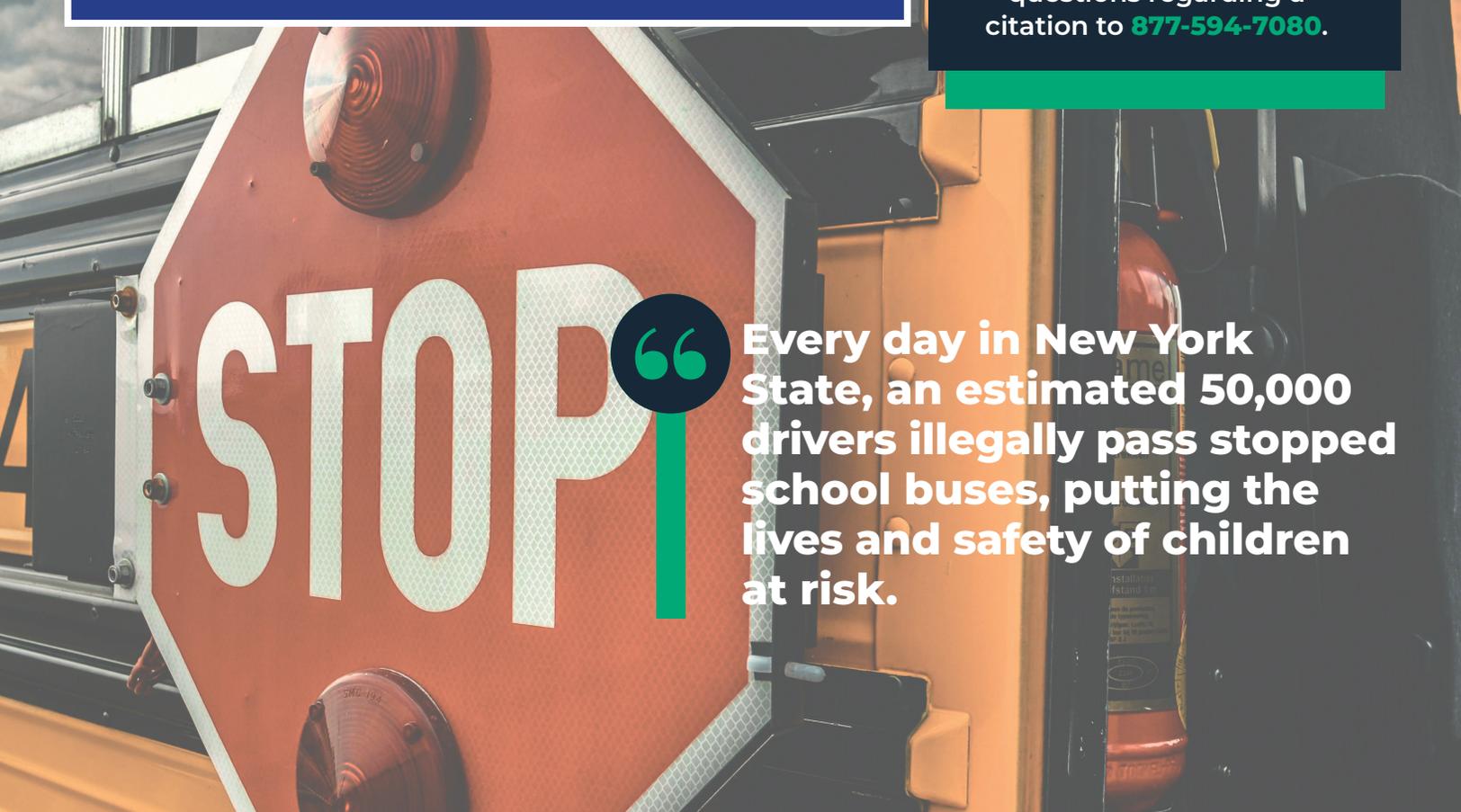
Drivers caught by cameras illegally passing activated stop-arms on school buses will be issued the following penalties by mail:

\$250
1st Violation

\$275
2nd Violation

\$300
3rd Violation
(within 18-month period)

Citations can be paid at [AlertBus.com](https://www.alertbus.com). You can also submit payments or ask questions regarding a citation to **877-594-7080**.



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County Completes Payments On \$96 Million Deficit Bond



County Executive Ed Day and Deputy Budget Director Steve Grogan are proud to let residents know that the County made the final payment to the \$96 million deficit bond in March, reflecting the County's disciplined practice of balancing operations and controlled spending.

County Executive Day affirms that the administration will continue to practice conservative budgeting and careful expenditure controls that have contributed to our successive years of positive financial performance.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Grand Opening of the Cove

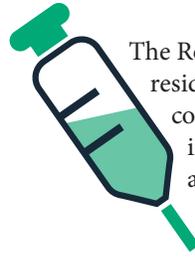


Rockland County Executive Ed Day and Social Services Commissioner Joan Silvestri hosted a ribbon cutting for "The Cove," a brand-new transition space for kids and teens waiting for a foster home.

The safe, cozy, and welcoming space within the Department of Social Services will provide children a safe space to feel comforted and valued as they wait on a foster home. The colors chosen, including blues, grays, light green, and lilac, have been shown to promote mental wellness, comfort, and calm, and were selected for that purpose.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Residents Urged to Get Immunized



The Rockland County Department of Health advises residents to stay protected from measles as cases continue to surface across the United States, resulting in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to issue an advisory. Measles is one of the most contagious viruses on earth with 90% of unvaccinated people exposed to the virus becoming infected.

- All children should receive an MMR vaccine at 12 to 15 months of age. A second dose is routinely given at 4 to 6 years of age but may be given as soon as 28 days after the first dose.
- Adults who have had only one dose of vaccine in the past are recommended to get a second dose of vaccine for the best protection.
- Adults who are unsure of their immunization status may try to get their immunization records OR discuss testing for immunity with their physician.
- Anyone who travels internationally should have two doses of MMR vaccine.
- Children 6 to 11 months of age who are travelling outside the U.S. should receive one dose of MMR prior to international travel.

For more information on immunizations or RCDOH clinics contact 845-364-2520.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Shield Yourself from Contracting Scammers

With Spring finally in the air, we know for a fact many homeowners plan to take on projects to either enhance their home lifestyle or the beauty of their homes, but did you know an estimated 1 in 10 people has fallen victim to Home Improvement Contracting Scams? In fact, last fall one Rockland County family was scammed out of \$55,000. As the weather warms our Office of Consumer Protection urges residents to:



- Avoid unsolicited contractors
- Pay only when job is complete
- Get a written contract
- Utilize a licensed contractor

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (845) 364-3901 or via email at CPLCAL@co.rockland.ny.us.

Save the date

ROCKLAND COUNTY
Youthfest 2024
24TH ANNUAL EXPO - FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 11am - 3pm
Rockland Community College Fieldhouse
145 College Rd, Suffern

Vendors, giveaways, demonstrations and entertainment

Help Shape the County You Love!

Join Rockland County's Boards and Commissions

Members of Rockland County's Boards and Commissions can help impact policies and shape equitable laws while serving in important Voluntary Advisory Capacities

- Agricultural & Farm Protection Board
- Arts in Public Places Committee
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Electrical Examiners
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Health
- Board of Towers
- Community Services Board
 - Chemical Dependency Subcommittee
 - Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee
 - Mental Health Subcommittee
- Disability Advisory Council
- Environmental Management Council
- Fair Housing Board
- Fire Advisory Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Home Improvement Licensing Board
- Human Rights Commission
- Industrial Development Agency
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Office for the Aging Advisory Council
- Park Commission
- Planning Board
- Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Sheet Metal Examiners Board
- Rent Guidelines Board
- Rockland County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Rockland County Traffic Safety Board
- Sewer Commission
- Workforce Development Board
- Youth Bureau



For more information, please email:
BoardsAndCommissions@co.rockland.ny.us
 or use QR Code



Rockland County PERSONNEL



Visit our website to learn more about employment in Civil Service and to search for a variety of employment opportunities available to you within Rockland County.
<https://mycivilservice.rocklandgov.com/exams>



Rockland County Volunteer Fire & EMS Personnel RECEIVE COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE

If you are in good standing and meet the minimum qualifications, the County of Rockland can help you pay for college!

HERRO AND EDGES PROGRAM

The HERRO Program reimburses up to \$6,000 in tuition annually for any college. The EDGES Program waives tuition at Rockland Community College.



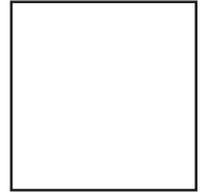
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845-364-2100

Board of Elections

845-638-5172

Office of Buildings & Codes

845-364-3700

Consumer Protection

845-364-3901

County Clerk

845-638-5070

County Executive

845-638-5122

Economic Development & Tourism

845-364-2170

Fire & Emergency Services

845-364-8800

Health Department

845-364-2512

Highway Department

845-638-5060

Human Rights Commission

845-364-3884

Mental Health

845-364-2378

Office for People with Disabilities

845-364-2378

Rockland Codes Investigations

845-364-2585

Social Services

845-364-3300

Personnel

845-364-3737

Planning

845-364-3434

Probation

845-638-5544

Public Defender

845-638-5660

Public Transportation

845-364-3333

Rockland County Sheriff

845-638-5400

Youth Bureau

845-364-2929

Veterans Service Agency

845-638-5244

