



COMMUNITY FORUMS

BELOW ARE A LIST OF COMMUNITY FORUMS I HOSTED IN ROCKY HILL AND WETHERSFIELD OVER THE PAST YEAR

“TRASH TALK” - MAKING THE MOST OF THE BLUE BIN AND THE FUTURE OF TRASH
with Blue Earth Compost Inc.

ROCKY HILL-WETHERSFIELD LOBBY DAY

with State Representative Amy Morrin Bello, 28th House District

EPILEPSY ADVOCACY DAY

at the State Capitol

SENIOR LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

at the Rocky Hill Senior Center

RAILROAD FORUM

with Genesee and Wyoming Inc., Rocky Hill Historical Society and the Connecticut DOT

Do you have an idea for an informational forum? Reach out and let us know. We would be happy to partner with you to help make this happen in the 29th District.



2023 CAPITOL UPDATE

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE KERRY WOOD

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Anderson Farm tour on April 16th



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BIG WINS FOR ROCKY HILL & WETHERSFIELD

REP. WOOD HELPS TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE 29TH DISTRICT

- \$30,000 to support the Rocky Hill VFW
- \$2 million from Small Cities Community Development Block Grant for senior housing
- \$500,000 to the town of Rocky Hill to engineer a bridge for the industrial park
- \$500,000 to the town of Rocky Hill to expand the town green
- \$4 million to the town of Wethersfield for the library and other infrastructure improvements

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

\$240 million for our schools

- \$13,195,442 for Wethersfield
- \$6,336,110 for Rocky Hill
- We made historic investments in education with millions of additional dollars allocated in the budget and a number of legislative measures that enhance Connecticut's educational system.

Mental Health Support for Students

- The state is answering the call to help children following the unprecedented learning challenges from the pandemic. Wethersfield public schools will receive \$324,000 to hire and retain school mental health specialists over the next three school years. These funds will support our students so they can excel in and outside of the classroom.

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES THE

LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✓ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✓ Increase Earned Income Tax Credit for lower income workers
- ✓ Expand cuts to retirement savings to benefit seniors

INVESTS:

- ✓ Mental health funding in our schools
- ✓ Both the State & Community College Systems
- ✓ Wage increases for nonprofits
- ✓ Community Investment Funds for local development projects
- ✓ Training & educational programming to expand our healthcare workforce



RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

- Protecting seniors from financial fraud by allowing banks to freeze transactions when they suspect a senior is being scammed
- Established a new coordinator of state services for people with dementia
- Strengthened patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans and streamlined the process for filing complaints
- Expanded eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services (serving those with early onset dementia)
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for services like primary healthcare, physical therapy, and meals
- Increased funding for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels
- Restricted more types of telemarketing calls, texts, and social media solicitations and limited the hours that telemarketing can take place

ELIMINATED EVEN MORE TAXES ON RETIREMENT

- Current law exempts 100% of pension and annuity income from the state's income tax, and we are halfway to phasing out 100% of IRA income for those making \$75,000 or less annually (\$100,000 for joint filers).
- We extended these exemptions to taxpayers making up to \$100,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers) by phasing-out the deduction between 2.5% and 100%, depending on your income.

FUEL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES



Operation Fuel provides emergency energy and utility assistance to households in Connecticut that are facing financial crisis. To apply, visit: <https://operationfuel.org/gethelp/> or call 860-243-2345.

CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS UPDATE

- The Connecticut Office of the Arts will be hosting a conference in October for local musicians to gain industry insight, network, and showcase their talents.
- The "READI Set...Music Conference" will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, in New Haven. This dynamic, one-day event will feature panel discussions, informational sessions, and live music performances, providing an opportunity to celebrate Connecticut's vibrant music scene.