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Windsor FFA Competes in Leadership Development Event



Windsor FFA members competed in the District 4 Leadership Development Events Saturday in Sidney. Twenty-two members competed in speaking contests for both Middle School and High School Chapters. The following students are advancing to Substates March 15th at Schuylerville CSD:

Ag Issues Team- Claire Griffin, Grady Leonard, Verity Sibley, Madalyn Pessarchick- 3rd place team

Sr. People in Agriculture-

Claire Griffin- Placed 1st

Ethan Mies- Placed 2nd

Vanessa Lehr- Placed 3rd

Emily LaClair- Placed 6th

Sr. Creed Speaking- Madalyn Pessarchick- Placed 1st

Jr. People in Agriculture- Hadley Hoover-2nd, Charlotte

DePersis-3rd, Frankie Farkas- 4th, Finley Edwards - 5th

Jr. Creed Speaking- Melanie Blaisure -1st, Joey Platner - 3rd

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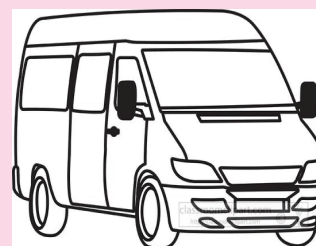
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Mammo on the Move Mammography Van

The Mammo on the Move mammography van will be at C.R. Weeks Elementary School on Tuesday, February 25th from 9am until 2pm. Call 607-798-5723 to schedule an appointment. You do not have to be a Lourdes patient. Your results can be sent to the provider of your choice. We welcome insured and uninsured women. No referral is needed. To



find out if you are eligible for low- or no-cost screenings, call the Cancer Services Program at 607-778-3900.

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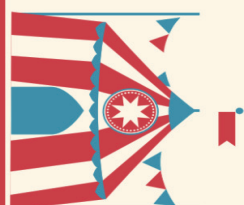
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Palmer Kindness Carnival Feb. 20

Palmer Elementary and Palmer PATS will host a Kindness Carnival on Thursday, February 20th from 5-7 pm. There will be free food, games, and activities, and a basket raffle.

Highlights of the January 8th Town of Windsor Board Meeting

By Carolyn Price

Public Comments

Town of Windsor Resident Jim Donohue spoke about who was being picked for Deputy Supervisor. He said there were three highly qualified to pick from: Daniel Colwell, who has been the Deputy Supervisor, Mark Odell, who has been the Supervisor, and Gary Hupman, who has been here a long time, all of whom could serve ably. Mr. Donohue spoke to Town of Windsor Supervisor, Tim Harting, saying you picked someone without the most experience and a person who did not attend Board meetings when he was running for office. Explain why this person is your choice. Supervisor Harting replied that the role of the Deputy Supervisor differs by Supervisor and both [Supervisor Harting and Deputy Supervisor Beavers] are “wet behind the ears.” Supervisor Harting said that everything is still a Board decision, and he did not need the permission of the Board [for appointing Eric Beavers].

Financial Report

The Board approved the remaining 2024 bills and the January 2025 bills for payment. A resolution was passed to accept 2024 end-of-year budget amendments. Update on Windsor Youth Sports and Recreation (WYSR) Heather Noyd, President, and Mirria Florance, Vice-President, gave the update on WYSR activities. They began their report giving condolences for the passing of Councilman Dan Price. The officers of WYSR also expressed their appreciation to the Board for their continued support. Heather and Mirria showed the organization was growing and flourishing through the increase in number of students participating. They pointed out that they continue to partner with the Windsor Central School District, giving the example that Windsor students will be working with the artist painting the mosaic wall on the concession stand. Councilman Mark Odell said we appreciate you. Councilman Daniel Colwell said they did a great job as committed volunteers. Supervisor Harting asked the WYSR officers if they have any future budget challenges. The officers replied that they are in a healthy place, but they do have the challenge of keeping registration fees low with rising costs. The Board approved the Agreement with the WYSR.

Assessor’s December 2024 Report

It was pointed out that the Assessor is busy with exemptions. In January the assessor will be busy with apportionment letters and on the road assessing, February through April.

Dog Control

The December 10, 2024, Municipal Shelter Inspection Report had less citations. Supervisor Harting reported that Broome County is looking at a consolidated veterinarian, but it will take at least a half of dozen towns to do this.

Woods of Windsor

Town Attorney Mark Spinner reported that the Woods of Windsor is not off the ground due to funding. He also noted that Woods of Windsor will have to talk with Code Enforcement Officer Richard Osborne before construction starts.

Highway Report

Code Enforcement Officer Osborne reported that they want to make sure everything works in the new Highway Garage before final approval is given. Highway Superintendent Mike Kithcart reported that HVAC is working better. He also wanted residents reminded that

they cannot park cars along Town roads. Superintendent Kithcart noted that they have nine applicants for an open position in the Highway Department.

History Report

Councilman Colwell reported that the history presentation given at the Town Hall on First Knight was well done. Councilman Hupman noted that the Veterans’ display was especially well done.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Liz Pfister reported that the tax season is underway. She also reported that she performed her first marriage on Friday and that she has two deputies with split time.

Town Hall

Councilman Colwell asked who shovels the sidewalk at the Town Hall. Town Clerk Pfister replied that it was whoever arrives there first.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer Osborne reported that December was a slow month with three permits issued. He said they are putting codes in electronically.

Public Safety Report

Supervisor Harting pointed out from the Eastern Broome Emergency Services report from December, that Eastern Broome Emergency Services is looking at purchasing its last new ambulance in 2025.

Unfinished Business

The Board passed a resolution confirming the appointment of Daniel Colwell to the Town Board and ratifying actions taken at the December 23, 2024, special meeting. Councilman Colwell and Councilman Beavers abstained from voting on the resolution.

Proposed Changes to Town Codes

There was a discussion of proposed changes to Town Code Chapter 48 Sewer Installation and Use. It was pointed out that the original sewer law did not cover what happens if a pump at a residence wears out. Town Attorney Spinner said he was putting proposed changes in legislative form and will introduce as a local law at the February meeting and a public hearing scheduled for March. Town Attorney Spinner also spoke about proposed changes to Town Code Chapter 64 Mobile Homes, Trailers and Campgrounds. He said the proposed changes expand the law for enhanced campgrounds and cabin clusters. Attorney Spinner said the law needs to ensure that there is sufficient water and restrooms. He noted that this is economically a good thing for the Town, and the local law will be introduced at the February meeting.

Board Appointments

Councilman Odell requested to be on the Cemetery Committee with Councilman Colwell coming off that committee. Liz Pfister was added as Marriage Officer to the appointments. A motion was passed to approve the Board appointments.

Federal Holidays

A motion was passed to approve the 2025 federal holidays.

Signers for Town Bank Accounts

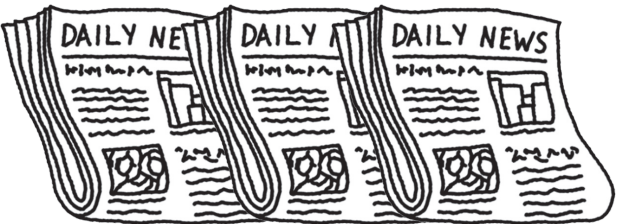
A resolution passed authorizing Town of Windsor representatives as signers for Town bank accounts.

Examination of Chief Fiscal Officer’s Records

Councilman Hupman and Councilman Beavers volunteered to examine the Chief Fiscal Officer’s Records from December 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024. Motion to Change the Date of the Regular February Board Meeting Councilman Beavers made a motion to change the date of the regular February meeting from February 12, 2025, to February 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. During discussion of the motion, Councilman Colwell said it was not fair to the public to post the meeting for the second Wednesday and change the date. He said this is “going down a slippery road.” Councilman Colwell said vendors know when to do vouchers. He said he had planned a vacation around the meeting date. Councilman Beavers withdrew his motion.

Public Comment

Town of Windsor Resident Jim Donohue asked why agenda item 8. B., Memorial Bench for Daniel Price, was on the agenda and then withdrawn. Councilman Odell responded that it was a good intention, but the Town could not fiscally do it. He said that we all love Dan, but we cannot do it with taxpayer money, and it would also be precedent setting. Supervisor Harting said it was deserved and needed, but if do it for one have to do for all, noting Judge Stapleton and previous judges. Supervisor Harting also said it was impractical and there were other ways to do it.



Friday, January 31, 2025

Glow Up With Kindness Night at Bell 5:30 PM
Location: Bell Elementary (Windsor Central School District)

Monday, February 3, 2025

Bell PTO Meeting at 6:30 PM
Location: Bell Elementary (Windsor Central School District)

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Bell Winter Concert at 6:30 PM
Location: Bell Elementary (Windsor Central School District)
Palmer PATS Meeting at 6:30 PM
Location: Palmer Elementary (Windsor Central School District)

Weeks TPC Meeting at 4:30 PM
Location: Weeks Elementary (Windsor Central School District)

Regular Meeting February 5, 2025 7:00 P.M. - Windsor Town Hall

Waldron Named to NYS Softball Hall of Fame

By Windsor School District

In an 18-year career, former Windsor Central High School softball coach Bill Waldron was a four-time New York State Class B Coach of the Year, won nine sectional championships, three state championships, and 76 percent of his games.

He is also one of 14 people who will be inducted into the New York State High School Softball Hall of Fame in June.

"It came as a surprise. If anything like that were to happen, I figured it would be five to 10 years down the road," said Waldron. "(The recognition) isn't why I coached. I love competition. I love working with the kids and watching them develop. From summer ball, to open gyms, to when you finally get outside in April, it's those interactions you have as you see the pieces of the puzzle come into place."

Waldron's teams reached the state final five times, winning in 2008, 2011, and 2013. His last trip to the final was in 2016. His last appearance in the state semifinal was in 2023. He credits assistant coaches Dean Bixby, Allison Murphy, Tina Taylor, John Tucker, and Becca Griswold for helping his teams continue to succeed.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is that we were able to do it with different generations of players. Some of my teams had stronger pitching, some had better defense, and some better hitting," said Waldron. "Some high schools get a group of kids together for three or four years, then they graduate. We were able to sustain it.

"Each one of the state championship teams was special. The first one in 2008, I had a lot of players who were really into softball and went on to play in Division One. They really stepped it up when they got to college.

"My '11 team was my biggest surprise. We were 20-4. I knew we had a lot of softball experience. We had two pitchers – one threw hard, one with spin, one kept the ball up, the other down. Those kids fought for three years for who would be the number one pitcher. It wasn't until their senior year they realized they needed each other. They just dominated on the mound, we shut out five of the last six opponents and each became Class B Player of the Year.

"In 2013, we had a lot of balance. I had kids who played summer ball and they met Windsor kids and liked it so much they moved into the district to keep playing with those kids. To get to the point where they pick up and move, I didn't see that coming," said Waldron.

Waldron will join his youngest daughter, Kristin (WCHS '08), in the New York State High School Softball Hall of Fame. She was inducted in 2021.

His three daughters, Megan, Jenna, and Kristin, were on Windsor's first-ever state championship team in 2004, a squad that elevated the program before Waldron took it over in 2007.

"All three of my daughters kind of kicked us off. They kicked off the Windsor varsity softball program. Young girls came to our clinics and Klumpp Park, and they would watch those teams," said Waldron. "I only got the opportunity to coach Kristin, but it was one of those things. A lot of girls looked up to them and I stepped in at the right time. We had a lot of girls put in time and effort.

Waldron's induction will be at the Mudville Sports Complex in Herkimer on June 21. He received permission to buck tradition. Instead of only having one person present him with his Hall of Fame plaque, he will have three – his daughters.

"I know they've got big plans," said Waldron. "For me, it was family and softball. I was really lucky."

Village of Windsor General Notices

The Village of Windsor Trustees will be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House located at 107 Main Street in the Village of Windsor.

The Village Office and the Street & Water Department will be closed on February 17, 2025, in observance of Presidents' Day.

4 COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE at 107 Main Street on the following Thursdays from 2:45-3:30 pm. on February 13th, March 13th, April 17th, May 15th, June 12th.. For requests, please call 607-723-8236 ext.322 or email nholmes@4cls.org at least a week in advance of our scheduled stop.

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Village Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

If you need to get in touch with the Code Enforcement Officer, please call the office and leave your name and number and we will forward it to him. He will get in touch with you soon. (607) 655-2024



Town of Windsor Announcements

UPCOMING MEETINGS

--Regular Meeting February 5, 2025 7:00 P.M. - Windsor Town Hall

TOWN HALL

124 Main Street Windsor, NY 13865 Phone: 607-655-2023 Fax: 607-655-2027

--Town Court – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am – 12pm

--Assessor – Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am – 3pm

--Code – Monday – Friday 9am – 12pm

--Town Clerk – Monday – Thursday 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm, Friday 9am - 12pm

Phone: 607-655-2023 Website: www.windsorny.org

TOWN HALL HOURS

Mon–Thurs: 9A.M. - 4P.M.

Friday: 9A.M. - 12P.M.

Town Hall Closed for

Lunch Daily 12P.M.-1P.M.

Town Clerk's Office is

Open 1st & Last Saturday

of the Month: 9A.M. - 12P.M.

TOWN COURT HOURS

Monday - Wednesday 9:00

A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Court Fax: 607-655-4106



The Windsor Standard



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Windsor FFA Competes in Leadership Development Event

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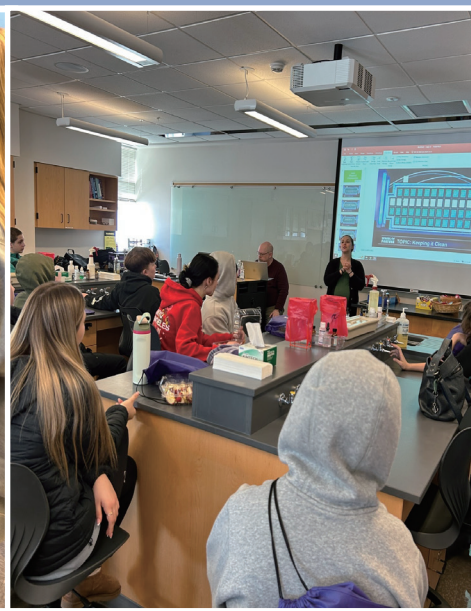


Spark Event

Photos By Windsor School District

Windsor 8th graders were among the 2,300 local students who attended SPARK, a career-exploration event at SUNY Broome on Wednesday.

Students enjoyed hands-on activities such as a flight simulator. The event featured representatives from trades, heavy equipment operation, STEM, health care, manufacturing, and more. They learned about the salaries associated with different careers.



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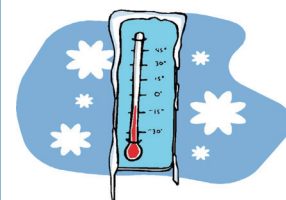
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Harpursville Sweetheart Dance

The Class of 2025 is hosting a Sweetheart Dance for all families with students in grades PreK-12! Bring your Mother, Father, Grandparent(s), or a special family member and enjoy an evening of dancing, actives and refreshments!

When: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025

Time: 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Where: Harpursville Jr./Sr. High Gym

Tickets: \$20/family in advance, \$25/family at the door

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Harpursville Farm & Garden

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W.A. Olmsted Elementary & Jr./Sr. High School Main offices

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Windsor Wednesday Seniors

Schedule for January:

- Jan. 8: Morningstar plays Gospel bluegrass
- Jan. 15: Forever Young Band plays classic country and pop
- Jan. 22: Harpist Lauren Floden
- Jan. 29: Bingo

Windsor Wednesday Seniors meets every Wednesday at the Windsor Community House, 107 Main Street, from 12 noon to 2pm for great fellowship and entertainment. A covered dish lunch is from 12 to 1pm and entertainment from 1pm to 2pm. Seating is at 11:45. Call 607-655-1028 if you have questions.

Broome County Dog Shelter: Volunteers needed!

Due to staff shortages at the moment we are looking for new volunteers for dog walking, cleaning and laundry! If you have applied we are working on setting up an



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Windsor Farmers Market

The Windsor Farmers Market has been a tradition in Windsor for decades. We offer local farmers, crafters and food processors an affordable venue for selling their products and are a regular Saturday morning stop for many local residents as well as the many out of state campers and tourists who visit our lovely lake and river campsites and tourist attractions. Windsor offers both a summer outdoor market and a winter indoor market so many of our products are available year-round, with many vendors also accepting orders for pickup/delivery outside of market hours. Our vendors accept Farmers Market Nutrition Program and Broome County Veterans coupons.

The market operates on Saturdays from 9am-1pm at the Windsor Community house. June-October the market takes place weekly. November-April the market operates every other week and closes for the month of May. It is managed by Pat Van Housen, Donna Frazier and Susan Symonette.

Contact the market: wfmonthegreen@gmail.com
The market can be found on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/WFMatWindsorVillageGreen>



Windsor Village Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you would like to speak to the mayor, call the Village Office to set up a time.
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Eastern Broome Senior Center

27 Golden Lane, Harpursville, NY 13787
Open: M-F, 9 am- 2:30 pm, lunch served around noon

Site Supervisor: Marcie Michalek (607) 693-2069
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January 2025

Mondays:

- Shuffleboard at 9am, Stop in!
- Gentle Yoga -Will Return in the SPRING!
- Canasta- Every Monday, January 6,13,20, and 27at 10:30am All skill levels are welcome.

Tuesdays:

- From 8am- 9:30am, Walk-In Breakfast: Made to order just the way you like! Nice variety, affordable- Volunteered suggested contribution of \$4.00 and \$5.00 for those younger than age 60.
- Mobile DMV: January 7,14,21, and 28 at 9am-1pm Walk-ins are welcome! No appointment is necessary. (No appts during lunch 11:30am – 12pm)
- Music-Jam: Every Tuesday from 10am-12pm. Enjoy a relaxing Jam with other musicians- stop by! All are welcome!

Wednesdays:

- Crafters' Group - Wood Burning: January 8,15,22, and 29 from 9am - 11am (Center CLOSED Wednesday, January 1st)
- Try sharing talents, help each other and be creative! Join Mark to enjoy your hand at wood burning and carving.
- Billiards:10am – 11:30am Enjoy a Game or Practice.

Thursdays:

- January 2,9,16,23, and 30
- Acrylic Painting Group: 9am- 11am Discover Your Talents. All Supplies to Start, Are Ready for You.
- BINGO for Prizes:10am-11:30am Just bring a new item to be used as a prize. No money necessary!

Fridays:

- Shuffleboard: 9am, Enjoy practice or a fun game!
- Gentle Tai Chi: January 3,10,17,24, and 31, from 9:30am-10:30am
- Increase Balance, and Overall Wellness. Perfect For Seniors!

Monday Through Friday: We offer cards, dominoes, and a variety of board games and the Wii.

Town of Colesville News

Win and enjoy

Come Play Every Sunday Afternoon- BINGO
Harpursville American Legion Promptly at 1 pm for an afternoon of fun

Job Opportunity

The Town of Colesville Highway Department is currently accepting applications for a MEO (Machine Equipment Operator) . A full-time position application can be pick up from the Town Hall or please call 607-693-1174.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles

DMV Satellite Office is open in Harpursville Tuesdays from 9 am to 1:00 pm closed between 11:30 to Noon for lunch. Walk-ins welcome!

Recycling batteries

Town of Colesville Has Joined Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). We are asking all residents to become more environmentally responsible by recycling all unwanted household batteries. Please use the drop off box located in the foyer of the Town Hall

Town of Colesville Offices

Offices for the Town of Colesville are located in the Town Hall at 780 Welton Street, Harpursville, NY. The Town Garage is located across the street from the Town Hall.

Town of Colesville Offices



The Town of Colesville lies in the northeast part of Broome County and is bounded on the north by Chenango County, on the east by the Town of Sanford, on the south by the Town of Windsor, and on the west by the Towns of Kirkwood and Fenton. The town was formed on April 3, 1821, from the Town of Windsor. Harpursville is the largest hamlet in the town although it is not incorporated.

Colesville derives its name from pioneer Nathaniel Cole, a revolutionary soldier. He settled here in 1795, on a hill south of Harpursville, known as Coles Hill. He built a tavern there which was in operation as early as 1800. It was the first tavern between Albany and Binghamton. Broome County's Nathaniel Cole Park was opened in the town in 1974 and is located about two miles from the site of its namesake's tavern.

Windsor FFA NYS Chapter of the Year

By Windsor School District

The New York State Agricultural Society has named the Windsor FFA chapter its Chapter of the Year. Windsor FFA has expanded its reach over the past year, increasing its growing capacity at the 6.7-acre land lab at Windsor Central High School, and adding two calves and a steer to develop a large-animal land lab. The NYS Ag Society was particularly impressed by Windsor FFA's placement and stocking of farm stands in three low-income areas of the district.

"The one piece that really got the attention of the judges' panel is our ability to help feed our community," said Windsor agriculture teacher Tina Miner-James. "Transportation is a limiting factor to get fresh produce and we took a farm stand to them."

"Having a sense of community was a big part of it. The kids are taking ownership of it. When they're out there doing the produce, they're trying to see, 'Oh, this stand liked this produce more,' so they were starting to make a recognition between what the community wants and making that step," said Windsor agriculture teacher Jessica Swingle.

"It's a really big deal. It's really important. It showcases how much work we were able to do here in Windsor, and to be recognized for what we have done is amazing," said Windsor FFA Treasurer Claire Griffin.

"We've put hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of hours into what we do over there (at the land lab). Our mission is that no kid goes hungry in our district," said Mrs. Miner-James.

Harpursville Central School District Board of Education meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year:

February 5
March 5
April 16
May 7
May 20 budget vote
(1:30-8:00 PM W.A. Olmsted Elementary Gym)
June 11

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Money in Your Pockets: Governor Hochul Proposes Sending 8.6 Million New Yorkers an Inflation Refund Check as First Proposal of 2025 State of the State

By Governor NY

Proposal Would Deliver \$3 Billion by Taking Excess Sales Tax Revenue Driven by Inflation and Giving That Money Back to Everyday New Yorkers
\$500 Payment For Families Making Less Than \$300,000; \$300 Payment for Individual New York Taxpayers Making Less Than \$150,000
Governor Has Delivered More Than \$5.5 Billion in Supplemental Payments, Tax Relief and Rebates Since Taking Office

As her first proposal for the 2025 State of the State, Governor Kathy Hochul today proposed New York State’s first-ever Inflation Refund, which would deliver about \$3 billion in direct payments to around 8.6 million New York taxpayers statewide in 2025. This new refund would send a payment of \$300 to single taxpayers who make up to \$150,000 per year, and a payment of \$500 for joint tax filers making up to \$300,000 per year. Today’s announcement is one of several proposals to help address the cost of living that will be unveiled as part of the Governor’s upcoming State of the State.

“Because of inflation, New York has generated unprecedented revenues through the sales tax — now, we’re returning that cash back to middle class families,” Governor Hochul said. “My agenda for the coming year will be laser-focused on putting money back in your pockets, and that starts with proposing Inflation Refund checks of up to \$500 to help millions of hard-working New Yorkers. It’s simple: the cost of living is still too damn high, and New Yorkers deserve a break.”

Governor Hochul’s proposed Inflation Refund is a one-time, direct payment that will reach New Yorkers throughout every corner of the State, as seen in the following regional breakdown:

Region	Estimated Recipients
New York City	3,645,000
Long Island	1,344,000
Hudson Valley	986,000
Western New York	620,000
Finger Lakes	542,000
Capital Region	502,000
Central New York	340,000
Southern Tier	263,000
Mohawk Valley	208,000
North Country	163,000
Total	About 8.6 Million

Governor Hochul is proposing this new Inflation Refund to help address the impacts of inflation on the cost of everyday goods in the years following the COVID pandemic.

In recent years, New York State has experienced growth in sales tax revenues that exceed historical averages. This growth has been driven largely by price inflation. With that in mind, Governor Hochul’s proposal will use that surplus growth to provide a one-time payment to New Yorkers. This payment would be granted to New York State taxpayer filers regardless of homeownership or parental status.

New Yorkers who recently filed tax returns will be eligible for the payment. Taxpayers who are single, head of household, or married filing separately, will be eligible if their income was no greater than \$150,000. Res-

ident couples filing jointly will be eligible if their income was no greater than \$300,000.

If this proposed Inflation Refund is passed by the State Legislature, payments will be made starting Fall 2025.

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- Governor Kathy Hochul

NYSUT President Melinda Person said, “Working families across New York know that the current systems are not working for them and NYSUT is glad the Governor is listening to this collective voice. We must seek out solutions that address the ever-increasing gap in income and wealth between the super-rich and the rest of us, and this proposal is a good first step.”

CSEA President Mary E. Sullivan said, “This tax rebate is welcome news for CSEA members struggling with their finances. CSEA applauds Governor Hochul for doing the right thing for the working people of New York.”

District Council 37 Director Executive Henry Garrido said, “It is clear from the many conversations with our members that the rising cost of living remains the greatest challenge facing working New Yorkers. Governor Hochul understands this deeply — and it’s exciting to see her put forth innovative ideas like New York’s first-ever Inflation Refund, which will create new ways to address the impacts of inflation and deliver much-needed financial assistance to New Yorkers. I look forward to working with the Governor to advance this important proposal and I am grateful for her continued focus on the issue of affordability.”

NYS Public Employees Federation President Wayne Spence said, “One thing all New Yorkers can agree on is the cost of living is too high. Governor Hochul’s proposal for a new Inflation Refund represents the kind of thinking we need to help make it easier for New Yorkers to live, work, and raise a family in our state. This initiative would provide a little relief for working families and the public employees of PEF who work so hard to serve them. I’m glad the Governor is taking on this critical issue and look forward to working with her and the Legislature to deliver meaningful support to those who need it most.”

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, “Governor Hochul’s proposal is a much-needed, bold step toward easing the financial burdens faced by New Yorkers. There are tough conversations happening at kitchen tables all across New York, and this initiative aims to lighten those conversations while reflecting a deep understanding of the challenges our residents face and a commitment to ensuring economic relief reaches every corner of the state.”

Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union President Stuart Appelbaum said, “Too many working people struggle to survive in today’s economy and in a world of gross inequality. This announcement will provide necessary financial assistance for many working people across our state, and we fully support it. These hard

working New Yorkers worry every day how their families can survive. We applaud Governor Hochul for focusing on their struggles and advocating for their needs.”

United Way of New York City CEO and President Grace Bonilla said, “Governor Hochul’s proposed inflation refund is a critical step in addressing the affordability crisis impacting so many New Yorkers. As highlighted in our True Cost of Living report, 50 percent of New Yorkers struggle to make ends meet. Rising rents, utility bills, grocery prices and child care costs are pushing families to their breaking point. We witness these challenges every day and this refund is the type of direct investment needed to provide relief. We deeply appreciate the Governor’s leadership and commitment to creating a more equitable and affordable New York for all.”

FPWA CEO Jennifer Jones Austin said, “I applaud Governor Kathy Hochul for leading New York State and the nation, for seeing that like millions of people throughout our country, hard-working New Yorkers are struggling to get by, get ahead and stay ahead, and for doing something about it. The recently released, first-ever national True Cost of Economic Security measure, tells us that what is keeping individuals and families from thriving economically is insufficient resources that haven’t kept up with modern-day, essential costs of living. In moving to increase resources to families in the State through initiatives such as expanded eligibility for child care tax credits, tax relief, tuition assistance and now, inflation refund payments, the Governor is showing leadership and positioning New York to be a model when it comes to providing its residents with the resources they need to secure their economic future, and to live with dignity.”

Governor Hochul’s “Money in Your Pockets” Agenda

This proposal is the latest step in Governor Hochul’s ongoing commitment to help address the cost of living by putting money back in the pockets of New Yorkers statewide.

Since taking office, the Hochul Administration has delivered more than \$5.5 billion in supplemental payments, tax relief and rebates, as well as expanding access to child care assistance and paid leave for families and pregnant women.

- These past efforts have included:
- More than \$4 billion in tax relief for middle-class New Yorkers and homeowners.
 - Over \$600 million in extra payments for families receiving New York’s child tax credit and the Earned Income tax credit
 - Expanded eligibility of New York’s child tax credit to cover kids under 4 years old.
 - More access to child care assistance, with eligible families paying less than \$15 per week.
 - Nearly \$600 million in gas tax relief for everyday New Yorkers.
 - More than \$200 million in additional food assistance for low-income kids.
 - Expansion of New York’s Tuition Assistance Program to make education more affordable.
 - The nation’s first-ever paid prenatal leave law, so pregnant workers don’t have to choose between a paycheck and a checkup.
 - Expansion of New York’s paid family leave program to cover more workers statewide.