



Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive

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ASTORINO ANNOUNCES SENIOR LAW DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 20 Seniors and families can get free advice from legal, financial and geriatric care experts

County Executive Robert P. Astorino today announced that the 16th annual Senior Law Day will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, at the County Center in White Plains. The free event will feature 18 workshops on elder law topics, plus free 15-minute, one-on-one consultations with some of the county's leading legal, financial and geriatric care experts. Parking is also free.

"This year we are especially focused on positioning Senior Law Day as a resource for residents of *all* ages," Astorino said. "Aging is a lifelong process, and Westchester has the programs and partnerships to assist at every stage."

An estimated 6,000 seniors, family members and caregivers have benefitted from Senior Law Day since it began in 1999. The program is expected to attract more people than ever this year thanks to an advertising campaign across the Metro-North Railroad that will be supported entirely by private sector funds.

Senior Law Day will provide a wealth of useful information and resources, including:

- Workshops covering everything from estate and financial planning to health care and affordable housing, taxes, wills, trusts, and much more, including two workshops in Spanish.
- A free copy of "MAP: My Aging Plan," a booklet that details what individuals and families can do from their 20's through their 80's and beyond to age successfully.
- Review of long-term care policies (participants should bring a copy of their policy to the event).
- Copies (upon request) of the 16th edition of "Elder Law Q&A: An Introduction to Aging Issues and Planning for the Future," in both English and Spanish.

Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit www.westchestergov.com/seniors or call (914) 813-6300 to sign up. Seniors can register for the one-on-one consultations on the day of the event.

Questions can be emailed anytime to seniorlawdayinfo@gmail.com or tweeted to @seniorlawday.

Senior Law Day builds upon the county's award-winning Livable Communities initiative, which aims to empower Westchester's older adults to remain in their homes as they age with dignity, independence and civic involvement.

"I get many questions from seniors and families, like: 'When do I get started with estate planning?' and 'Should I continue to pay premiums for long-term care insurance?'" said Mae Carpenter, Commissioner of the County's Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPA). "Senior Law Day is a great resource where seniors and their families can begin and continue planning their journey into aging."

Senior Law Day is presented by DSPA, the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services, and the Ninth Judicial District of the New York State Office of Court Administration.

Steven A. Schurkman, Esq., a partner with Keane & Beane in White Plains, is chair of the annual Senior Law Day program and author of "Elder Law Q&A." His associate, Sarah A. Steckler, Esq., is program manager.

Please visit <http://www.seniorlawday.info> for a wealth of useful information. The publications mentioned above are also available at <http://seniorcitizens.westchestergov.com/senior-programs-and-services/publications>

Sponsors of this year's Senior Law Day are Amoruso & Amoruso, LLP; Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP; Collaborative for Palliative Care; Cuddy & Feder, LLP; Elder & Family Mediation Services of NY, LLC; Ely J. Rosenzweig & Associates, P.C.; Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano, LLP; Glassman & Brown LLP; HTG Investment Advisors Inc.; Hyman & Gilbert; Interim HealthCare of Greater NY; Keane & Beane, P.C.; Lamson & Cutner, P.C.; Littman Krooks LLP; Lob Planning Group; PVA Insurance Group/Long Term Care Resources; Robert Leitner, CFP, RIA, Financial Advisory Network; Rosenthal & Markowitz, LLP; Shamberg Marwell Hollis Andreycak & Laidlaw, P.C.; The Bristol Assisted Living; The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale; United Hebrew Geriatric Center; Valorie Joy Promisel, Esq.; Westchester Elder Care Consultants, LLC; Westchester Library System; Woodlawn Cemetery.

This year for the first time, members of the public can truly become part of this public/private partnership by becoming a Friend of Senior Law Day. For more information on how to donate, please call Martha Marzano at (914) 813-6435 or visit <http://www.seniorlawday.info/sponsors/>.