



New York State Senator, 35th District
Senate Democratic Leader

**ANDREA
STEWART-COUSINS**
News



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Photo: Senator Stewart-Cousins confers with Westchester County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky, Assemblyman Tom Abinanti, Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner and a DOT engineer at the Lawrence Street intersection.

Making Safety Improvements at Lawrence Street Intersection with Saw Mill River Parkway in Ardsley

(Ardsley - April 21st) Changes in the traffic patterns of Lawrence Street was what brought the Department of Transportation on site, thanks to the intervention of Senator Stewart-Cousins, Westchester County Legislator Shimsky, Assemblymember Abinanti and Greenburgh Supervisor Feiner, and will be making safety improvements at the busy intersection with the Saw Mill River Parkway in Ardsley. The commitment came after local elected officials and community members met with a NYSDOT traffic engineer on April 21st.

Senator Stewart-Cousins' commended the DOT's response as a step in the right direction. The NYSDOT plans to make pavement markings on the Saw Mill in advance of the northbound Saw Mill at Lawrence Street, to indicate that the right lane is also the turning lane. Additional signage is also being considered. The DOT has scheduled the improvements to be completed in August. [More..](#)



Teaming up with Red Cross to Offer Fire Safety

(Yonkers - April 23rd) Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the Senate Democratic Leader, has teamed up with the American Red Cross to provide a lifesaving fire safety program that involves the installation of new tamper-resistant, long-battery life smoke detectors. Together, they have focused on helping at-risk communities, like southwest Yonkers, where there have been numerous fires. Senator Stewart-Cousins highlighted the effort during a news conference at School 13 in Yonkers. This initiative is part of a nationwide effort by the American Red Cross to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires by 25 percent over the next five years. [More..](#)

Fighting to Make College Affordable

(Albany - May 9th) The Senate Democratic Conference unveiled a policy package to reduce the costs of college and increase success rates in achieving a degree in New York State. The initiative, detailed in a white paper released titled ‘College in New York State: Affordability and Success’ presents solutions to financial barriers faced by New Yorkers seeking higher education and details a package of policy proposals for consideration to increase affordability, reduce student debt, and increase college success. This white paper was generated by the Senate Democratic Policy Group and is part of the Conference’s overall mission to make New York a more affordable state to live, work, and raise a family.

“Education is the great equalizer in our society and we need to do more to ensure all New Yorkers are able to achieve, and pay for, a quality higher education,” Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said. “Too many men and women in our state have been denied access to a higher education due to financial constraints, or found that continuing their education was simply too expensive and were forced to enter the job market without a degree. These New Yorkers deserve help from their state government, and that is precisely what the Senate Democrats are trying to provide.” [More..](#)



Photo (L-R): Senator Stewart-Cousins, Olivia Moxey with her winning poster, Lilliana Mandras (another poster contest participant), Art teacher Sarah Glickman and Albert Leonard Middle School Principal John Barnes.

Congratulating Earth Day Poster Contest Winner for 35th Senate District, Olivia Moxey of New Rochelle

(New Rochelle - May 19th) Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins visited Albert Leonard Middle School in New Rochelle to congratulate Olivia Moxey, grade 6, for being selected by the State Senate as the 2016 Earth Day poster contest winner for the 35th Senate District. The New York State Senate sponsored the poster contest for children in grades K-6 and selected the winners independently of the Senator. The theme of this year's Earth Day celebration is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

"Olivia's colorful and thoughtful message to recycle and 'save the earth' is one that we should all embrace," said Senator Stewart-Cousins. "I congratulate Olivia and all of the participants in this year's contest. I also commend the parents and teachers for their involvement and efforts to encourage our children to be creative and environmentally conscious." [More..](#)



Westchester Women's Hall of Fame Induction

(Tarrytown- May 6th) Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins was inducted into the Westchester Women's Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown on May 6th. Senator Stewart-Cousins is the 32nd woman to be recognized for her outstanding contributions to Westchester County.

"I'm honored to follow in the footsteps of so many great Westchester women inducted into this Hall of Fame including Hillary Clinton, Suzi Oppenheimer, Janet DiFiore and Lois Bronz," said Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "I look forward to continuing our important work to create greater opportunities for women and their families in Westchester and across New York State."

Camille Murphy, Executive Director of the Women's Research and Education Fund (WREF) that selects the annual honoree, said, "Leader Stewart-Cousins has been a fighter for the women of Westchester County advocating for greater equality and to improve their lives. We are proud to recognize her for her decades of leadership in our community. She is an outstanding addition to this Hall of Fame and an inspiration to all of us." [More..](#)



Building a Community Garden for Earth Week

(Yonkers - April 20th) Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the Senate Democratic Leader, celebrated Earth Week by creating a new community garden for freshly-grown produce in Yonkers. The idea for the garden followed a meeting with Food Bank for Westchester, during which they expressed an interest in being able to provide more fresh produce. Senator Stewart-Cousins wanted to do her part, and as a result, contacted local experts at Greyston and Groundwork Hudson Valley to assist in building a new community garden. Greyston identified a vacant lot that Max Braun, a family-owned meat and food processing company, agreed to donate. The garden is located at 94 Woodworth Avenue (corner of Ashburton Avenue), and will be known as the Max Braun Community Garden. The City of Yonkers helped clear the lot of brush.

Senator Stewart-Cousins thanked the community partners who came together to complete the project including: Food Bank for Westchester, Greyston, Groundwork Hudson Valley, the YMCA of Yonkers, Sarah Lawrence College and the City of Yonkers. “In time, this once vacant lot will become a valuable resource for those who contribute their sweat equity in the neighborhood,” said Senator Stewart-Cousins. “We know that healthy eating including fresh produce is so important, yet it can be expensive. With our community partners, together, this urban garden will provide a sustainable and nutritious balance of food for the volunteers, right here in Yonkers.” [More..](#)

In The Community



(New Rochelle - May 6th) Honoring Penney & Gerry Klingman with a Senate Proclamation for their dedication and support of Hope's Door at the organization's Spring Gala. Hope's Door mission is to end domestic violence and to empower victims to achieve safety, independence, and healing from the trauma of abuse. Hope's Door, located in Pleasantville, provides shelter and services to victims in Westchester County. To learn more about Hope's Door, visit <http://HopesDoorNY.org/>. [View..](#)



(New Rochelle - April 28th) Senator Stewart-Cousins joined College President Judith Huntington and Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul at the College of New Rochelle to discuss women's leadership. Leader Stewart-Cousins spoke of her role as Leader of the New York State Senate Democrats and encouraged young women to aspire to leadership roles in whatever field they choose. [View..](#)



(Yonkers - April 21st) Honoring Karen Beltran, President of the Yonkers PTA at the Yonkers Council of Parent Teacher Association's Scholarship Fundraising Dinner. The Yonkers Council of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) are members of the Westchester East Putnam Regional PTA, New York State PTA and National PTA. All of these organizations are dedicated to improving and expanding educational opportunities for children and public education by working with families, the community and businesses. [View..](#)



(Elmsford - April 16th) Let's play ball! Opening day is always a great day for the young Little League players in Elmsford and Senator Stewart-Cousins was among those cheering them on. The honor of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch belonged to Ronnie Mitchell (not pictured), a former player with the Houston Astros and currently with the NY Mets organization. [View..](#)



(Tarrytown - April 8th) Celebrating ArtsWestchester with Janet Langsam, the CEO of the wonderful arts organization that continues to create new opportunities to showcase arts of all kinds. Congratulations to this year's honorees: Donald Cecil, in memory Jane Cecil, Historic Hudson Valley, Katonah Artists' Association, Sills Family Foundation, The City of Yonkers, The Rye Center, Fred Smith, and Ray Blue. [View..](#)



(White Plains - April 7th) Senator Stewart-Cousins joined elected officials and union representatives outside of the Legal Aid Society of Westchester, in support of UAW workers Region 9A Local 2325 who are fighting for a new contract. [View..](#)

In Other News

- [Senator Stewart-Cousins's Session Remarks on Abusive Head Trauma/Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week \[Video\]](#)
- [Senator Stewart-Cousins was featured in a recent LoHud Column by Phil Reisman entitled "Verizon strike occupies Main Street"](#)
- [Senator Stewart-Cousins' Op-Ed: Albany must act now to help child sex abuse victims seek justice](#)



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