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The County Budget

The 2010 Proposed County Budget has been released. Below is a summary of the general approval process for the County Budget:

- County Executive releases proposed version of the budget
- Proposed budget is submitted to the Board of Legislators for review and approval
- Board of Legislators' Committee of Budget and Appropriations (B&A) is the lead Committee for review of the Executive's submission
- B&A Committee meets daily to review each department's request
- To insure public input, the Board of Legislators schedules Budget Hearings; this year's have been scheduled as follows:

<p>Thursday, November 19, 7:00 PM [for residents who live in Yonkers, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, Bronxville, Pelham, Pelham Manor, Eastchester and Tuckahoe]</p>	<p>Mount Vernon City Hall 1 Roosevelt Square Mount Vernon, NY</p>
<p>Monday, November 30, 7:00 PM [for residents who live in Lewisboro, North Salem, Somers, Yorktown, Cortlandt, New Castle, Bedford, Pound Ridge, Mount Kisco, Peekskill, Croton-on-Hudson, Buchanan, Ossining and Briarcliff Manor]</p>	<p>John Jay Middle School 40 N. Salem Road Cross River, Lewisboro</p>
<p>FINAL HEARING: Thursday, December 10, 7:00 PM [for residents who live in Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, North Castle, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, Greenburgh, White Plains, Scarsdale, Elmsford, Harrison, Ardsley, Irvington, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings-on-Hudson, Rye Brook, Rye, Mamaroneck, Larchmont and Edgemont]</p>	<p>Legislative Chambers 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building 148 Martine Avenue White Plains, NY</p>

- Board of Legislators must adopt the budget for the coming year no later than December 27th
- County Executive has veto power over increases made by the Board; a two-thirds vote of all members of the Board is required to override the County Executive's veto.

The current budget keeps WLS's appropriation at the same level as it was for 2009. For a copy of WLS's 2010 Budget Request submitted to County Executive Andy Spano, please [click here](#). A copy of the entire County Budget is available via the County's Budget Department website at: http://www.westchestergov.com/aboutwestchester_budget.htm.

If anyone is interested in attending and/or speaking at one of the public hearings, please contact Elise Burke at the WLS Headquarters at 914-231-3225 for further information. You can also help by calling or writing or emailing one of the [members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee](#).

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