

VICTORIA GU

State Senate
— District **38** —

October Newsletter:
Early Voting Begins Oct 14th.
Vote By Nov 3rd



SETH
MAGAZINER
CONGRESS

VICTORIA
GU
State Senate
— District **38** —

DEMOCRAT
Jack Reed
U.S. SENATE

**CANVASS WITH
CONGRESSMEMBERS
FOR SENATOR GU!**

Meet at 105 Franklin St, Westerly
Sun Oct 11, 2:45 – 4:45pm
Sign up at victoria4ri.com/volunteer

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Election Day is less than 4 weeks away, and we're busy knocking doors and getting the word out! Our Congressmembers Jack Reed and Seth Magaziner are coming down for a volunteer event on October 11th and we'd love for you to join (victoria4ri.com/volunteer)

We really rely on your grassroots support to reach people, so here are the list of ways you can help.

Sign Up to Volunteer

How You Can Get Involved

- Write a Letter to the Editor in support of my re-election (usually less than 250 words; you can email it to editorial@thewesterlysun.com see victoria4ri.com/news and scroll down to News and Community Support (Sep/Oct 2024) for examples)
- Sign up to canvass with our Congressmembers on Oct 11th and/or another weekend prior to election day: victoria4ri.com/volunteer
- Sign up to hold GU & other Democrat signs at the polls on election day: victoria4ri.com/volunteer
- Host a neighborhood meet-and-greet: You can reach out to me if you want to invite your neighbors to meet me and/or local Democratic candidates
- Request a lawn sign, especially if you're on a busy road: victoria4ri.com/lawn-sign

What's On The Ballot This Year

The Secretary of State is sending out a [Voter Information Guide](#), and page 8 is an overview of the bonds that voters are asked to approve or reject on the ballot. I want to give a special shoutout to the **Green Bond (Question 5)**. Rep. Spears and I advocated for and secured **an additional \$5 million in the Green Bond for municipal resiliency projects**. One example: Westerly received funding for a flood wall around one of the wastewater treatment pump stations in Westerly. This ensures that our critical infrastructure keeps running during a storm or severe flood.

How to Vote:

- Request a mail ballot by Oct 13th at (mailballot.sos.ri.gov)
- Early voting starts Oct 14th at your town hall during normal business hours
- If you already have your mail ballot filled out, you can drop it off at your town hall ballot drop box
- **Tuesday Nov 3rd** in person at your polling place (see vote.ri.gov)

Find your polling place for Nov 3rd

Spring Ave Hearing Oct 20th 5:30pm at Westerly Senior Center

CRMC will be conducting another hearing on Spring Avenue and Susan Cornacchia, a lay witness, will continue to testify about the history of Spring Ave Extension.

Westerly Candidate Forums: Thursday Oct 9th 5:30pm and 7:30pm

This Thursday: Tune in at 5:30pm for the Westerly Town Council candidate forum and 7:30pm for the State Senate candidate forum.

All Westerly forums will be live streamed on the League of Women Voters South County YouTube channel. The live stream can be accessed at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZLQIE_4RYAyJvKUwljPwiA

Thursday Oct. 15th, candidates for Westerly School Committee will convene for the third Westerly forum. It takes place from 5:30 to 7 p.m., followed by the Rhode Island State Representative District 37 forum from 7:30 to 8:30.

Meet-And-Greets



Westerly Democratic Candidate Night

Tavern 265
Oct 22, 2024 5:30-7:30pm
265 Post Rd, Westerly, RI
RSVP: victoria4ri.com/events

Come to Tavern 265 on Oct 22nd 5:30pm to hear from the local Westerly Democratic candidates! RSVP at victoria4ri.com/events

Recap: Westerly Rail Advocates Happy Hour



We had a great happy hour with the Westerly Rail Advocates to give updates on our efforts to bring more frequent, affordable service to Westerly Station. RIDOT is awaiting the next round of Federal Railroad Administration grant funding to open up to apply for mini-high platforms at Westerly Station, and Rep. Magaziner has put in an earmark request.

The vision is straightforward: better regional rail connecting southeastern Connecticut west toward New Haven and New York and east toward Westerly, Providence and Boston.

There will be many opportunities to make your voice heard: I encourage you to sign up for action alerts at westerlyrailadvocates.com

In southern CT and RI, we already share an economy, a workforce and the Northeast Corridor. Now we need rail service that reflects the region we already are. 🚆 🇺🇸

Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Celebration @ Grey Sail

There were many great conservation projects on display at Grey Sail including invasive species management. Thanks in

part to Senator Sosnowski's legislation, RIDEM has begun treatment, along with a new plant survey and a boat greeter to educate visitors about preventing the spread of the invasive hydrilla. The federal government has also allocated \$500,000 for hydrilla treatment, building on a \$250,000 SNEP grant for watershed protection. Protecting Wordens Pond means protecting the headwater of the Pawcatuck River—and it's great to see this work becoming reality.



Westerly Rehabilitation Center Ribbon Cutting

A wonderful day celebrating the ribbon-cutting of Westerly Rehabilitation Center!

With more than 40 years of history serving the Westerly community, this marks an exciting new chapter focused on compassionate care, recovery, and community. Congratulations to the entire team ✂️❤️



Westerly Catch-A-Curl Youth Surf Competition

It was a beautiful day connecting with the next generation of surfers—and future defenders of ocean access! 🌊🏄
It was inspiring to see young people build confidence in the water while developing a deeper connection to our coast. Experiences like these remind us why protecting public access to our ocean and shoreline matters for generations to come. Thank you to everyone who made this day possible!



See you in the neighborhood!

There were several neighborhoods Rep. Spears and I canvassed where every household had a dog, and I couldn't resist taking some pictures.

Thank you for the great conversations so far. I get a lot of my ideas for bills from the community. Oftentimes people just want to bring up an issue with their local road, and if it's a state road, I'm happy to triage it and bring it up with RIDOT.



LIHEAP: Low-Income Heating Assistance Program

A lot of people I talked to are starting to fill up their tanks with heating oil for the winter, and we are definitely experiencing sticker shock.

Please share this with a neighbor, friend, or family member who might benefit.

Rhode Island's **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** can help eligible households pay heating costs.

You may qualify if your household income is **at or below 60% of Rhode Island's median income** for your household size. You **do not need to be receiving public assistance**, and you can **rent or own your home**.

How to apply: The 2026–27 application period is now open. [Apply online](#) or contact your local Community Action Agency for help with the application.

👉 Learn more and apply: <https://dhs.ri.gov/programs-and-services/energy-assistance-programs-heating/low-income-home-energy-assistance-1>

[View email in browser](#)