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# **Westchester County Board Moving** to Ban Flavored Cigarettes



By Dan Murphy

The Westchester County Board of Legislators is moving forward with legislation to prohibit the sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products. In 2020, New York State banned the sale of flavored vape products, but has not yet taken action against other flavored tobacco products.

The Westchester County law is modeled on existing laws in New York City and San Francisco. The New York City law has survived judicial scrutiny and is based on the fact that the new law will help protect the public health and save taxpayer dollars currently spent on the healthcare of smokers.

The BOL Health Committee has spent much of 2022 discussing the proposed legislation and hearing from a large number of health experts, but also from a few

Supporters of the legislation include POW'R Against Tobacco, African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council, the American Heart Association and Tobacco-Free Kids. All of these organizations had representatives who spoke to the Health Committee and presented the following facts:

Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States and contributed to many forms of cancer, and heart and respiratory disease. 45,000 people in NY State die every year from tobacco related illness.

The estimated financial cost of tobacco use in New York is \$17.72 billion per year in direct healthcare expenses and lost productivity. And every year in New York, 5,800 children become smokers.

The most popular flavored cigarettes are menthol cigarettes. And the opposition over the proposed ban on flavored cigarettes in Westchester has come from several members of the African American community, who claim that the ban would disproportionally impact their community.

Representatives from convenience stores, and tobacco companies, are also opposed to the ban. Both would lose significant revenue if the ban were enacted.

But the opposition from some in the African American community is contrasted by the large amount of data and research that shows the harm that menthol and flavored cigarettes present to young adults and adult smokers.

According to the American Heart Association, "The massive growth in popularity of menthol cigarettes over several decades is the result of the tobacco indus-

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# Is Solar Energy 33% Cheaper than Natural Gas or Oil?



By Dan Murphy

Shahriar Pourreza from Guggenheim investments, (https://www.guggenheiminvestments.com/) shook up the energy markets when he wrote in a recent note to clients that Solar energy is now 33% cheaper than Natural Gas and that wind power is even more affordable.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has drove up the price of both Natural Gas and Oil. OPEC recently voted to cut production in an effort to increase the price of oil. And recent climate legislation in Congress has resulted in even more support for renewable energy, and Pourreza, known by many as an energy market expert, sees blue skies ahead for renewables.

'Solar and wind now present a deflationary opportunity for electric supply costs," the analysts said, which "supports the case for economic deployment of renewables across the US."

Utility companies that have heavy renewable energy supplies, including NextEra Energy Inc. and Allete Inc., will benefit, said Guggenheim. Other utility companies will be looking to increase spending on wind and solar as soon as possible.

Pourreza estimated that solar energy costs right now-Oct. 2022-are 33% less

than Nat Gas or Oil, and Wind energy is 44% cheaper.

Earlier this year, many Westchester communities were given the choice of opting-in to the Westchester Power Program, a clean energy, community choice aggregation program that offer bulk fixed-rate renewable electricity to its member municipalities. Homeowners could opt-out back to Con Ed or NYSEG at any time. By leveraging the collective buying power of over 115,000+ customers to lock in fixed rates, the green energy rates have been lower and residents in the program locked in a rate months ago.

Elon Musk claims that Tesla has sold 343, 000 electric vehicles this year. That's a lot of electricity needed-where can I get some solar or wind power?

**Westchester Democrats Hope Trump** is The Gift that Keeps on Giving Latest Poll: Hochul -50%-Zeldin-46%



Congressman Lee Zeldin, the republican canddiate for Governor, with former President Donald Trump in the Oval Office

By Dan Murphy

The race for NY Governor got a lot more interesting over the past week, with former President Donald Trump endorsing Zeldin, and recent polls have Zeldin closing the gap with Governor Kathy Hochul to 4 points in one poll.

President Trump's endorsement of Zeldin came on his Truth Social media platform on Oct. 16. "I have watched and known Congressman Lee Zeldin for many years. He is a great and brilliant lawyer who was a "must see" for others in Congress when they had a complex legal problem that was holding up legislation. Lee was strong on the Border, Crime, our great Military & Vets (like few others!), and fought hard to protect our 2nd Amendment, and succeeded. Lee Zeldin is a WIN-NER who GOT THINGS DONE. He will be a GREAT Governor of New York, and has my Complete & Total Endorsement. GOOD LUCK LEE!"

But Trump's endorsement of Zeldin was highlighted by the Hochul campaign, which wrote, "With an endorsement from Trump himself, Lee Zeldin now has a formal stamp of approval as the most extreme and dangerous candidate to ever run for governor in New York State history. Becoming the former president's handpicked choice for governor proves Zeldin's full embrace of the MAGA agenda and shows just how out of touch he is with New York voters."

A day after keeping quiet, Zeldin said, "We welcome everybody's support to this campaign. I'm my own man, This race is about Lee Zeldin against Kathy Hochul deciding the future of New York State. It's not about the former president,"

President Donald Trump has not been helpful for republicans in Westchester County. Rob Astorino lost his re-election as county executive in 2017 to George Latimer. But Astorino lost by 16 points, and most believe that not all of that can be attributed to Trump.

State Senator Terrence Murphy lost his re-election in 2018 to State Senator Peter Harckham by a 51%-48% margin, close enough to blame on the Trump factor. In 2020, Astorino ran for the same senate seat against Harckham, and lost by a 51%-48% margin. Both Murphy and Astorino had their photos with Trump printed and televised all over the district. Many believe Murphy should still be in the sen-

Westchester Democrats are hoping that they can play the Trump card again in 2022. And Zeldin would certainly fit into the targeted category; he is a big sup-

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When NY Yankee Harrison Bader homered for the 3rd time in 4 games

### **New Bronx Bomber from Bronxville** You Bader Believe It!

1 By Dan Murphy



in the playoff series against the Cleveland Guardians (formerly the Indians), he became the third Yankee centerfielder to do it, joining Mickey Mantle and Bernie Williams. Center field is hallowed ground for the Yankees, (add Joe DiMaggio to Mantle and Bernie) and Harrison Bader knows it better than anyone. He grew up a Yankee fan in Bronxville here in Westchester. When he was traded from the Cardinals to the Yanks this summer,

it was a dream come true. The Bader family still lives in Bronxville, and his dad, Louis, and his grandfather were Yankee fans. For the playoffs, Harrison has returned to live in the home he grew up in Bronxville, and the place where his father was his first baseball coach, throwing pitches and hitting balls to his son in any baseball field they could

Now Harrison Bader is lifting up his Yankee teammates and helping them, hopefully, to another rematch with the Astros and then the World Series?

"He's electric, really, an electric player. Impact player. Got moxie, got baseball awareness, gets after the ball on defense. A lot of good things to say about that guy," said Yankee ace Ger-

When he was traded to the Yanks, Bader was injuried, and had to wait for his injury to heal before playing, and showing the fans that the trade was worth it. The Yanks gave up relief pitcher Jordan Montgomery in the trade.

Manager Aaron Boone said that Bader, "worked so hard to get back, worked his tail off rehabbing, showing up in a walking boot. And right away trying to just endear himself in the clubhouse, and absolutely has. He loves to play the game. The power showing up here in the postseason for us has been big. It was huge for us."

Bader is not known as a home run hitter before the playoffs, so how is he doing it? Cole told him to "just remaining present, and just play each out, you play each

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### Cop Shot in Bristol, Ct Ambush A Yorktown High School Alum



Bristol, Ct. Police Officer Alec Lurato

All of us in Westchester are praying for Police Officer Alec Lurato, a member of the Bristol, Connecticut police department who was caught in a shootout that killed two officials and injured Lurato.

Lurato, 26, is a 2014 gradutated from Yorktown High School. According to the Connecticut State Police, on Oct. 12 three officers responded to a domestic violence call at a private home. Upon arrival shots were fired at the officers, killing Sgt. Dustin DeMonte, age 35, and Officer Alex Hamzy, age 34, and wounding Lurato.

Lurato was released from the hospital on Oct. 13 after surgery for a gunshot wound. A preliminary investigation has the officers responding to a possible domestic violence 911 call, but now police believe that the call was a false call, with two brothers Nicholas Brutcher and Nathaniel Brutcher, waiting with guns.

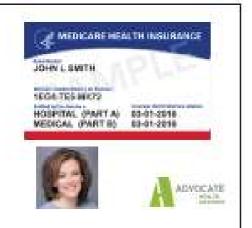
Nicholas Bruther is the suspected shooter was shot and killed. Nathaniel was shot and wounded and it has not been determined if he also shot at police.

Yorktown High School Principal Joseph DeGennaro Tweeted, "Please keep YHS Class of 2014 alum Alec Iurato in your thoughts & prayers. Alec is a police officer in Bristol, CT. He had surgery overnight & is in serious condition after being shot. Alec was a terrific role model at YHS, standout baseball player & an even better person."

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## County Executive Latimer: Flip Your Ballot Over and Vote on Environmental Bond Act



This November, Westchester residents, and all residents statewide, have the opportunity to vote on Proposition 1: New York's Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. If passed, the proposal would allow New York State to borrow up to \$4.2 billion dollars slated to be used to improve and restore New York's natural resources while reducing climate change impacts.

As a part of the democratic process, County Executive George Latimer is urging residents to remember to "Flip it Over" and look at both sides of their ballot when voting this November.

Latimer said: "While we are not advocating for how you vote, it is vital that you make your voice heard and do vote. It is easy to miss this referendum on the reverse side of your ballot, so when voting this year remember to 'Flip it Over."

County Director of Energy & Sustainability Peter McCartt said: "Our planet is facing a crisis the likes of which we have never seen before and the results of this vote will have a large impact on how our State responds. Flip it over. Vote. Make your voice heard."

Earlier this month, the Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a

resolution in support of the Bond Act. If the referendum passes, the \$4.2B Bond Act will fund restoration and flood risk reduction, climate change mitigation, open space land conservation and recreation and water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure.

Some FAQs about Proposition One are:

What will it say? "To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the 'Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022' authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?"

Will my taxes go up? No. New York's Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act does not directly impact your New York State tax bill.

When do I vote? The Bond Act will be on all Early and Election Day Ballots for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

**How do I vote?:** Go to your polling location and vote like you would in any election

More info at https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=NgWe5Kyz4do&pp=QAFIAQ% 3D%3D

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## LOOK Dine in Cinema -Dobbs Ferry: Something Different for a Nice Night Out



By Dan Murphy

For those looking for a new dining and entertainment experience here in Westchester, try LOOK Dine-in Cinema in Dobbs Ferry. My wife and I recently enjoyed our meal, movie, and the combined experience.

LOOK Cinemas was founded by Brian Schultz on the concept of, "what would it be like if you could combine a great hospitality experience with a great moviegoing experience? We are committed to bring communities together," Schultz stated.

We arrived a few minutes before our movie, Amsterdam, began, and we found an inviting bar near the lobby, which was filled with couples and groups enjoying a drink before their movie.

We also found several accommodating staff members, who helped us with our first dine-in movie experience. They got us to our luxury (assigned) seats, which were separated enough from other seats to give us some privacy in enjoying our meal and the film.

Look Cinema-Dobbs Ferry has 8 auditoriums and the size of our theater was ideal: Not too big and cavernous, but not too small and crammed in. Our seats included a tabletop which can be moved to the side after your meal.

A number of choices on the menu provide fresh made options and standard classics, from a charcuterie board, sushi, or standard American classics including shakes and burgers. My wife enjoyed a salmon salad and a glass of wine. For dessert, we shared a fried Oreo dish that was great, and most important, the popcorn was fresh with the right amount of butter. We did not know what to expect from our dining experience at a movie theater, but our LOOK dinner met the standard of a Westchester couple looking for a good meal on their night out.

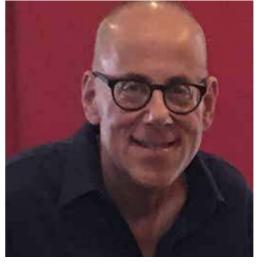
Orders can be made on your phone by downloading the app, or by scanning the menu. Or for those not tech savvy, servers came by to take your order, and delivered the meals at the beginning of the movie.

The movie screen and sound were state of the art. Our theater was about half full, and consisted of mostly couples, enjoying a date night out in some form and different ages.

LOOK Cinema opened in Dobbs Ferry in January of this year, and the theater was immaculate and provided us with a very enjoyable experience. We are debating whether to go back for another date night or bring our daughter for the next dine in movie. We also saw a few ladies out together for a movie and a glass of wine, and several large families, with children of all ages, enjoying the experience, which was something different, after two years of COVID and staying at home.

LOOK Dine in Cinema offers a dinner and movie happening worthy of Westchester County. The location is also ideal, right off the Saw Mill Parkway for easy access and exit. For showtimes and more information, visit www.lookcinemas.com.

# Where's the Babe?



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Oh for the good old days. I couldn't believe what I saw happening at Yankee Stadium Monday night. It seemed like the meteorologists were running the show, not officials from the Commissioners office. The game was between our Yankees and the Cleveland Indians, no wait the Cleveland Guardians is what they are called now.

Back in the good old black and white television days, how many times did we see baseball games played in the rain, player uniforms covered with mud. They played until the weather got so bad that for everyone's safety they had to stop the game. Now, a drop of rain or the threat of rain and everyone is in a panic. Tuesday night there were 'meetings' going on between I don't know who to discuss what they were going to do.

Isn't it the job of the Commissioners Office, American And National League officials and the umpires to determine how to proceed. How did all of these other folks get involved? And the press never told us who was in the meetings!

Let's face it. If the weather calls for rain from 7:30-8:00p.m. with a half hour break and more rain from 8:30-10:00pm you don't have to be Al Roker to realize you are not getting a game that starts in the 6:00 p.m. hour in. Though the season is too long as it is and we had to deal with a baseball strike this year despite the enormous salaries the players get they built in too many days off during the various playoffs and no back up plan in place if and when a weather cancellation required rescheduling games. And don't forget with this cocky playoff system we have, a day game could finish late with the team that wins if it's an east coast team having to travel far to the west coast at the end of the game to play the next game.

But wait a minute, aren't the games played for the fans, or did we forget them in the equation. The fans have to get to the stadium from all parts of the region and sit either in the stands or under cover where the concessions are waiting for the game to begin. Don't we have any sympathy for the fans?

To get to the stadium the fans either had to use gas in their cars and pay ridiculous George Washington Bridge (at \$16 a clip) tolls, parking which could be \$45, pack food they are going to bring with them, find a rain slicker from the last time this craziness happened, pay for a baby sitter etc. etc. Or they can eat the overpriced food from the concession stands and drink overpriced drinks and beer with overpriced peanuts and crackers jacks (do they still come with a prize?)

Let's not forget the schlep those who come by public transit must take. Buses, trains, patience and schedules that might not get them home until very late, soaking wet of course. Sure there are good spirits and camaraderie on the train going to the stadium, but going home after not seeing a baseball game? They are liable to kill each other.

The tolls, the parking fees, the over priced Cracker Jacks. Fans get no money back for that. If their schedule permits and they go to the game when it is rescheduled, they have all these expenses to go through again.

Let's not forget the overpriced tickets which if they can't use they have to quickly put up for sale with Stubmaster or Ticketmaster or if they are close go down to the stadium and sell illegally to other fans. There are so many phony tickets out there you are taking a chance that the tickets you are buying are good. Since many people

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# The STEM Alliance and AT&T Launch Digital Navigator Program to Advance Digital Equity



Andrea Ruggiero, Executive Vice President, Open Door Family Medical Centers

The STEM Alliance of Westchester is teaming up with AT&T to help narrow the digital divide throughout the county with a new digital navigator program called Digital Pathways. The program brings trained, bilingual STEM Alliance digital navigators to partner sites to help clients access free or low-cost digital resources like devices, internet access and beginner tech training. The STEM Alliance digital navigators can assess and track client needs, refer them to relevant resources and follow up to make sure that all of their digital needs have been met. This first-of-its-kind countywide program is being funded by a \$30,000 contribution from AT&T.

With AT&T's support, The STEM Alliance's Digital Pathways program will provide a range of support, including educating residents about the federal government's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) – which provides an up to \$30 credit toward monthly internet or mobile service (up to \$75 per month on qualifying tribal lands) to eligible households. Households typically qualify by income level or if someone in the home receives other support services like Medicaid, SNAP, Free/Reduced Lunch or a Pell Grant. ACP is part of the federal government's \$65 billion initiative to achieve universal connectivity. However, the ACP registration process can be difficult for those who do not have a computer or experience with online portals. Digital Pathways brings help directly to clients in their communities through partnerships with local nonprofits and other community agencies.

In addition to educating eligible residents on ACP, Digital Pathways uses a new platform to evaluate the needs of clients and help connect them quickly to needed digital resources. The STEM Alliance already provides many of those resources, such as their "on ramp" tech education classes that take students from being non-tech users to early-stage tech adopters in just 15 hours. Students also earn a Chromebook for their full ownership and use.

Designed to engage large numbers of eligible residents, Digital Pathways counts on county wide collaboration with community organizations, civic institutions, healthcare facilities, churches, community centers, schools, and large public events to host their navigators. Interactions start with meeting a digital navigator at a local site or event, reviewing the opportunities with the clients and helping with questions eligible residents might have as they enroll for the ACP discount. The STEM Alliance encourages any organizations interested in hosting a Digital Pathways table at an event or at a location with significant foot traffic to contact them to partner. Bringing Digital Pathways to those with need where they live is critical when narrowing the digital divide.

"The Affordable Connectivity Program is a true gamechanger for so many in our country, which is increasingly dependent on digital resources. Digital Pathways is helping to bring internet connectivity to so many who may not have been able to access it previously," said Robin White, Director, AT&T External Affairs. "We are honored to be collaborating with The STEM Alliance to raise the awareness of the ACP initiative and help residents develop digital literacy skills."

Programs such as Digital Pathways that utilize digital navigators have been proven to drive adoption across underrepresented communities because residents feel more comfortable and safer receiving help through locally based, partner organizations. The STEM Alliance digital navigators who reach clients through on-the-ground community partners can provide more individualized attention when discussing digital equity and digital divide needs. A recent nationwide study conducted by the Boston Consulting Group of people who have utilized a digital navigator service such as Digital Pathways revealed how vital trained digital navigators are in helping to bridge the digital divide. The study found that with the assistance of digital navigators:

Almost half surveyed obtained better healthcare, and 40% received support

with basic needs like food, rent, and housing.

More than 65% of those in the study obtained Internet access and/or a computer/tablet at home; among Hispanic and Black Americans, this increased to 72%.

80% reported they are more confident/feel safer using technology. More than 85% said they used the Internet more frequently, and 1 in 3 found a new job or earned a higher income.





# Two Yonkers Cops Called "Guardian Angels for Helping Stranded Woman in Car



Yonkers Police Officers Patrick Paolo, left and Michael Soto right

It's the everyday small acts of kindness that makes a difference in people's lives – here is an opportunity to share one of those acts by 2nd Precinct Police Officers Patrick Paolo and Michael Soto, pictured above. We highlight the #YonkersPD on this page, but police officers all over the country help people everyday – with big problems and small ones. Thank you to our community for supporting your local police, and well done, PO Paolo and PO Soto!

Dear Mr. Politopoulos:

I am writing to you to tell you of my recent experience with Police Officers Paolo and Posoto. While driving home from New Jersey in torrential rain, I got a flat tire....managed to pull off 87 and pull into a gas station right past Cross County Shopping Center. Unfortunately, noone in the gas station could help. Wasn't too concerned because I have AAA and any time I have called them, they respond very quickly. Keep in mind its still raining and very dark where i had parked and not the best area for a woman to be alone. Anyway, I called AAA and they told me it would be about 30 min for someone to show up. That 30 min turned into 3 hours...I kept calling them and they kept telling me i was next...I was hysterical at this point...I needed to get home. I teach had to report to work the next morning for the first day. The last call to AAA the woman felt sorry for me and called the police....I told the dispatcher my story and she sent a car. Forgot to tell you this...

I was rushing when i left my house and forgot to take my wallet with cash, ID and credit cards. Not a good night.

Police Officers Paolo and Posoto show up, and explain there isn't much they can do for me but can get in touch with another tow company who can come and change my flat, I explain that I don't have money or a credit card...they explain thats a problem. I tell them I do have money at home and could pay the two company the next day, etc. They say that wont work. What they did next for me was just amazing...they pooled togather \$75 of their own money and called the tow company and had my flat changed. I wanted to pay them back, said I could drop off the money the next day and they wouldn't hear of it. I was and still am so touched and thankful for their kind gesture. Soooooo nice of them!!!!!! They were my guardian angels!!!!!!! Please thank them again from me. They are the best!!!!!!

Sincerely, Name withheld

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porter of Trump and even voted to overturn the election of 2020. But the reason that 2022 may be different can be found in recent polling data, which has Zeldin closing the gap against Hochul to alarming numbers if you are a democrat, and enthusiasm for the republicans.

A Quinnipiac University Poll released on Oct. 18 showed Hochul's lead over Zeldin shrinking to just four points, 50% -46%. Two important pieces of this poll are Independents going for Zeldin 57%-37%, and Zeldin supported by 37% of New York City voters, normally a 80% lock for democrats.

"In the blue state of New York, the race for governor is competitive. Democrats have cruised to victory in gubernatorial races since 2006, but Governor Hochul's narrow edge puts Republican Lee Zeldin well within striking distance of her," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Mary Snow.

Two other recent polls did not have the race as close. A Sienna Poll has it 52%-41%, and a Marist Poll has Hochul up by 8.

Hochul and Zeldin have yet to debate each other. Hochul has agreed to one debate on Oct. 25 on Spectrum; Zeldin wants five debates and hasn't agreed to settle for one.

We hope to see at least one debate between the two before Election Day Nov. 8, and before early voting begins Oct. 29.





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Sound View Summit: How the Community Resource Center (CRC) is Rebuilding its Future







Clockwise from the top left (or from left to right): Jirandy Martinez, Luis Zarate, Leonard Aubrey and Nicole Tuck.

#### By Linnet Tse

The Community Resource Center, which has provided critical services to our community since 1998, was devastated by Hurricane Ida just over one year ago. At the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit's October 11 monthly program, the CRC's leadership shared a look back over the past year and a look forward to the future it is planning,

Remembering Hurricane Ida

CRC Executive Director Jirandy Martinez reminded the audience that it was just over 13 months ago – September 1, 2021 – that Hurricane Ida swept through Mamaroneck, displacing 1,000 people, flooding 535 homes, and causing \$18MM in losses alone in the first week. Many families lost everything. The CRC's home at 134 Center Avenue took in 14 feet of water, seriously damaging both their main building and the Worker Center and displacing them.

Martinez described how, despite the CRC's own losses, the dedicated staff aided local families while working from temporary space generously provided by St. Thomas Church. Nearly 300 families were given emergency financial assistance between \$500-\$5,000 per family; support was also provided in a variety of other ways, including helping clients with FEMA paperwork, assisting with housing needs, and helping replace clothing, furniture, appliances, and other items lost in the flood.

CRC Today: Navigating New Challenges

While the CRC has resumed most of its programs and services, thanks to temporary space provided by several community partners including St. Thomas, the Mamaroneck Public Library, and the STEM Alliance, Luis Zarate, Deputy Executive Director, pointed out that there have been a number of challenges.

In their borrowed spaces, there is often little or no private space for clients who need confidentiality in matters involving domestic violence, immigration issues, and wage theft, as examples. In addition, the location of some of their temporary space has also been further away from the community, making access difficult. Finally, Zarate explained that there was a trust factor to contend with. Clients are less likely to attend programs in a location unfamiliar to them. As a result, Zarate said that they are still working to rebuild participation levels in some of their programs.

Project CRC Rebuild

Operating out of temporary space for the past thirteen months has made the CRC leadership team and Board of Directors acutely aware of how much they need their own space. Board member and Rebuild Committee member Leonard Aubrey, shared that the Rebuild Committee, comprised of four board members along with Jirandy Martinez and Luis Zarate, established three project priorities after extensive discussions with stakeholder groups, including municipal leaders. These included: 1) ensuring continued easy access by their clients; 2) ensuring sufficient space for growing and planned new programs; and 3) affordability while achieving significant protection from future flooding.

According to Aubrey, the Rebuild Committee considered three options: 1) selling the existing building and relocating; 2) elevating or adding a second floor to the main building at the current site; and 3) maximizing flood protection for existing facilities at the current site. After extensive research, the Rebuild Committee has recommended the third option. Aubrey noted that this option meets the committee's priorities and is more affordable compared to the other options.

Planned flood mitigation measures include moving the main entrance up from the current ground level to the first floor, above the base flood elevation; relocating the new mechanicals and generator to the roof of the walkway that will connect the main building and the Worker Center; rebuilding the basement using materials recommended by FEMA for flood mitigation; and blocking the seven basement windows that were a major source of water infiltration during Ida. The plans will also include some enhancements and health and safety improvements including adding plumbing to the Worker Center.

Aubrey shared that the project costs are estimated to be between \$1.7 and \$2.0 million, with over \$900,000 committed/identified. The largest sources of the committed/identified funds include government grants and loans, individual donors, and foundations and community organizations. Their goal is for the CRC to be able to move into their rebuilt space by the end of 2023.

Invitation to Be Part of the CRC's Rebuild Journey

Nicole Tuck, Director of Development, invited audience members to be part of the CRC's rebuild journey by supporting their upcoming Gala on Thursday, November 17 at Beach Point Club. Funds raised from the event will go towards the rebuild. The event will honor the Rev. Tami Burks and St. Thomas Episcopal Church

for information on the CRC;s "Help Bring Us Back Home" Gala.





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# Investigation Continues for Shooting on Bee Line Bus in Yonkers



On Oct. 7, Westchester County Police announced that they are investigating a shooting that occurred at 5pm on 10/7/22 aboard a Bee-Line bus in Yonkers. The incident occurred at 5:02 p.m. on South Broadway at Ludlow Street., A No. 4 line bus was traveling north and stopped at Ludlow Street to discharge passengers. At that time, several shots rang out on the bus and an 18-year-old man was struck.

The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries to his legs and is being treated at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx. The circumstances of the incident are under investigation by WCPD detectives with assistance from WCPD Patrol officers and the Yonkers Police Department.

Anyone with information is asked to call the County Police Tips Line at 1-800-898-TIPS (8477).

Westchester County Police continue their investigation into a shooting on a Bee Line Bus in Yonkers on October 7. The incident occurred at 5pm on South Broadway on a No. 4 bus. As the bus stopped at Ludlow Street to discharge passengers, two shots were fired inside the bus.

One shot missed the intended victim and went into a seat. The second bullet hit the intended victim in one leg and exited and struck his other leg. The victim is stable and expected to fully recover.

But the shooter has not yet been located or interviewed by the Westchester County Police, who are the lead law enforcement agency in this case because the incident happened on a county bus.

The person of interest is believed to be a invenile and has not been located to

The person of interest is believed to be a juvenile and has not been located to be interviewed. Some indications from the incident point to the shooting being gang related, but the investigation continues.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Westchester County Police at 914-864-7701.

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are working at 4:00 p.m. chances are the ticket seller will have offer a discount to the buyer, adding more cost to what should be a pleasant relaxing experience.

No matter where the ball goes, you are talking about a problem that Major League Baseball could have solved for itself. They knew the rain was going to pass during game time. Cancel the game early in the day so people don't start traveling. That's what they would have done if they cared about the fan.

But why do I feel if Yogi, Mickey, the Babe, DiMaggio and the old timers were playing they would have gotten the game in. This column is filed earlier than when the Guardians (that's what they call Cleveland now) and the Yankees will finish the American League Division Series, so all I can say is 'Let's Go Yankees!'

Rats and Garbage

It's disgusting when you come home at 6 p.m. and you see bags of garbage on the street. New York City Mayor Eric Adams has come up with a solution. Businesses and residential properties can only put their garbage out after 8 p.m. This way, you don't have to see it early in the day. Let's face it, laws allow garbage to be put out at sunset. This makes it very visible. 8:00 p.m.? Not so visible. In NYC the only way you can put garbage out earlier than sunset is if your garbage is in a closed container or garbage can. What happened to garbage cans? At least things looked neater!

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Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.





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Application for Authority of ALLIED REAL ESTATE PHILADELPHIA, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/13/2022. Formed in PA 4/6/2005. Office loc.: West-chester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to 2200 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103. The office address in PA is 2001 Hamilton St., Ste. 304, Philadelphia, PA 19130. Cert. of Organization filed with the Secy. of the Commonwealth, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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PLLC: 1 Columbia Ave Apt A10 Hartsdale NY 10530. Westchester County. The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of process to the PLLC at: 1 Columbia Ave Apt A10 Hartsdale NY 10530. No specific dissolution date. The purpose of the PLLC is to provide acupuncture services.

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at-bat, as just a singular event. And you just go from there and keep repeating it until the game is over."

"You definitely visualize it. You have a dream about it. Yes, I was obviously a Yankees fan growing up. My dream has always been to play major league base-

Bader has had more than 100 of his family and friends at the home playoff games. He attended Horace Mann school in the Bronx.

# LEGAL NOTICE IRRIGATION SYSTEM REHABILITATION FOR LAKE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE

Notice is hereby given that the Office of the Eastchester Town Clerk will receive sealed bids for "IRRIGATION SYSTEM REHABILITATION FOR LAKE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE", located at 660 White Plains Road, Eastchester, New York 10709.

All proposals shall be on a lump sum basis and include all turf irrigation system construction work under a single Contract. Segregated proposals will not be accepted. In general, the work includes the installation of a fully functional turf irrigation system. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the site on **November 2, 2022** at reserved time slots. Contact Greens Superintendent Eric Yount to select a time slot at (914) 398-9325.

Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time on November 30, 2022 at the Office of The Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents will be made available at 2:00 PM on October 28, 2022 and may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk.

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain Insurance and Bonds required for the Work. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract Amount.

All bids shall be submitted either in person or by mail in an opaque, sealed envelope clearly marked "IRRIGATION SYSTEM REHABILITATION – LAKE ISLE COUNTY CLUB", addressed to: Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709. Unless otherwise permitted by law, no bids may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date of the bid opening.

**TIME OF COMPLETION:** 180 calendar days from Notice to Proceed. The Town Board reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any or all bids.

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# Tamika Coverdale Appointed Mount Vernon City Court Judge



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Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard announced the appointment of Tamika A. Coverdale as the newest Mount Vernon City Court Judge. Coverdale was sworn in on October 17, at City Hall, and was selected through a competitive vetting and interview process with the Mayor's Judicial Committee, chaired by William Wagstaff III, Esq.

Judge Coverdale will fill the vacancy left by the passing of Judge William Edwards. Mayor Patterson-Howard said, "The diverse Judicial Committee was comprised of members of all walks of life that have both impacted and been impacted by the justice system to create a diverse panel of thought. I thank the judicial committee for once again coming together and evaluating and elevating the candidates, and I am grateful for all the applicants, reaffirming my belief that Mt. Vernon is wonderful place to work full of talented professionals with a heart for service. I am confident in Tamika Coverdale's leadership, judicial knowledge, and compassion that she will bring to the Mt. Vernon City Court,"

Judge Coverdale said, "I am honored that Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard has afforded me the opportunity to continue to serve the people of this great city in the role of City Court Judge. I look forward to bringing the same dedication and leadership skills in working that compliment my colleagues on the Mount Vernon City Court to ensure equality, justice, and fairness in our judicial system as well as protecting the safety and well-being of our residents and families.

Prior to this appointment, Tamika A. Coverdale most recently served as Senior Counsel and Officer of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at The Legal Aid Society of Westchester County. Having begun her education at Cardinal Spelman High School (Bronx, NY), Ms. Coverdale continued at Howard University where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and then went on to earn a Juris Doctorate at the University of Maine School of Law, after which she was admitted to the NYS Bar in 2000.

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try's intense and persistent targeting of Black communities, women and youth. These are the findings of a new research study by Stanford Medicine, and the AHA."

"This study is a compelling addition to the overwhelming evidence showing that tobacco companies directly target populations including Black communities, women and youth with menthol cigarettes, which make it easier to get hooked and are much tougher to quit than other tobacco products," said Rose Marie Robertson, M.D, and medical officer of the American Heart Association. "They should no longer be sold."

Menthol cigarettes are used by 85% of Black people who smoke and 44% of women who smoke, compared to 30% of non-Hispanic white people who smoke. More than half of teens who begin smoking start with a menthol brand. Numerous studies have shown that the cooling sensation of menthol cigarettes makes them easier to inhale deeply, which leads to a higher dose of nicotine and a stronger addiction as compared to other cigarettes.

Other data presented by supporters of a flavored cigarette ban include:

- This legislation will NOT lead to the arrest and incarceration of more Black and Brown New Yorkers. The law only restricts the sale of menthol cigarettes across the county's retail network. It will still be legal to use or possess menthol cigarettes in Westchester.
- This bill will NOT cause Westchester to suffer massive losses to its tax revenue because of a restriction on the sale of menthol cigarettes. Tobacco sales have been declining for several years, and any additional decline would be offset by a decline in the exorbitant health-care costs that are placed upon Westchester because of smoking-caused illnesses.

We spoke with County Legislator Jewel F. Williams- Johnson, Chair of the BOL Health Committee, about the proposed law. "This proposed legislation would ban all flavored tobacco products, not just menthol cigarettes. We are moving forward because of the health implications for those who use the product and kids who have increase attractiveness because of the flavoring."

Legislator Johnson said that earlier this year, the Health Committee changed the enforcement of the law if passed. Now the Westchester County Department of Health will issue violations to any store that is selling flavored cigarettes, and not the county police or any law enforcement agency.

"This bill targets businesses and not individuals. So, if a person is selling individual cigarettes on the street, (known as loosies) they would not be affected by this law. The bill is targets to retail owners, and not a person walking along the street with a cigarette. I hope this comes across loud and clear."

Legislator Johnson said that health implications are the reason for the law. "Tobacco use remains the primary cause of preventable death. And the financial cost of tobacco use in Westchester and New York State, are in the billions."

"We also know that 5,000 children become smokers in NY because of the flavors. They are initiated into tobacco use and then they turn into daily smokers. The taste of regular cigarettes is harsh to a first-time smoker, but the flavors like menthol, cools and numbs the throat. Those types of cigarettes are appealing to get people to start smoking, and tobacco companies use flavored tobacco as a progression into other nicotine," said Leg. Williams-Johnson.

"This bill doesn't target black people and I get peeved when I hear that. Instead of being mad at this bill, we should be mad at the tobacco industry for targeting black people. They have desperately preyed on the black community."

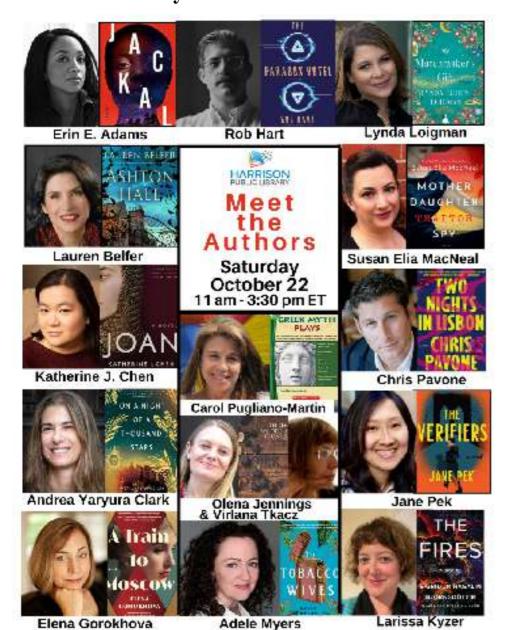
"I believe that I have a majority on the Board to pass this, although there is some pushback who prefer that the focus be on education instead of a ban. We plan on adding funding in next year's budget for education and for nicotine patches. But we need to approach this from as many angles that we can. I'm hoping that Westchester can lead the way in our region."

Speakers against the flavored cigarette ban have included the media publication Black Westchester, and Gwen Carr, mother of Eric Garner, who was killed by the NYPD for selling loose cigarettes. "We believe this county law will affect Black communities more than White communities. Depending on the data used, it is estimated that 74% to 95% of Black Americans smoke menthol cigarettes, and only 22% to 36% of White American smoke menthol cigarettes. Policies like a menthol cigarette ban will increase crime. Increase police interactions. The number of people being pulled over and stopped will increase. The number of innocent Black men in jail will increase. Increase black market sales of menthol products from jurisdictions where it is legal. Let's also remember that youth smoking is at an all-time low of 3.3 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). At the same time, overall crime rates since the pandemic have increased," writes Black Westchester.

Gwen Carr, wrote to the Westchester BOL against the law. "When you ban a product sold mostly in Black communities but do not have the same ban in other communities, you must consider the fairness of such an approach as well as the reality of what will happen to that very same overrepresented community in the criminal justice system....If Westchester County Legislators decide to move forward with the proposed menthol ban without such consideration, it will unleash an unintended consequences storm in our community, which many members of our community would find quite discriminatory. We cannot afford to stand by and let that happen," wrote Carr.



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### Westchester County Associations's Home Visiting Awareness Campaign Quilts Revealed



L-R-Limarie Cabrera, Director of Data/Operations & Finance for WCA, Rebekah Raz, former Development Manager for WCA and the developer of the idea for the Hope Quilt Project, Allison Lake Executive Director of WCA, Angel Gray Program and Policy Manager for WCA

On Sept. 28, the Westchester Children's Association (WCA) unveiled five quilts from their Hope Quilt Project at the Westchester Children's Museum at Playland Park in Rye. The year-long project was developed to raise awareness of the importance of early childhood supports. Early childhood home visiting services provide individualized support and guidance to families with children ages 0-5 in the home setting and provide connections to needed services. The lack of program capacity and funding in Westchester and New York State has caused eligible families to go without this critical resource. In Westchester County, 95.2% of eligible children are not receiving home visiting services; these programs are effective in decreasing abuse and neglect, increasing school readiness, and improving maternal and child health outcomes. Westchester Children's Association advocates for the expansion of home visiting programs at the county and state level so that every eligible family can have access. For more info, visit Villagesquaresquilters.com and wca4kids.org. com.

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