

New Yorkers Can't Afford to Pay \$200K a Year Pensions to Civil Servants



By Dan Murphy

Kudos to our friends at empirecenter.org, for highlighting the number of retired New York employees collecting pensions of \$200,000 and some up to \$300,000 including a few from Westchester. Read their story and then look for our Westchester neighbors and their exorbitant salaries.

Five Retired New York Educators Collect Over \$300k In Pensions

As state lawmakers consider enhancing retirement benefits for government workers, fresh data from the Empire Center confirms that existing pensions are

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Phillips-Staley's Appearance on Hasan Piker Show Gets Viral Coverage; Dem Leaders Object



NY-17 candidate Effie Phillips-Staley, left, Hasan Piker right
By Dan Murphy

A recent back and forth between Effie Phillips-Staley, democratic candidate for Congress in NY-17, and the Westchester Jewish Democrats and the Democratic Chairs of Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess County Democratic Party's over her sit down interview with Hasan Piker, raises questions about a

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Help A Senior Who May Have Nobody to Warn Them About IRS Gift Card Scams



? Buying a gift card to pay someone?

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Report gift card scams at: ReportFraud.ftc.gov

By Dan Murphy

Whenever most of us go to our supermarket to buy gift cards, one of the standard questions asked is "are you buying this gift card for someone else?"

Most of us wonder why the question is asked? The reason is that a 10-year-old scam targeting seniors is alive and well, and here in Westchester County.

That is what I found out when I recently bought a \$100 gift card. When asked

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We Need A Gas Tax Holiday!

Mayer and Harkham Support Hold on 18 Cent State Tax

What About a Federal Hold on 45 Cent Tax?



By Dan Murphy

15 New York State Senators have signed onto a letter to Governor Hochul, urging her to temporarily suspend the NYS Gas tax. The letter was signed by democrats and republicans, including Westchester State Senators Shelley Mayer and Pete Harkham. The letter, dated March 31, 2026, reads:

Dear Governor Hochul:

We write today in strong support of a New York State gas and diesel tax holiday in response to the recent spike in prices caused by the war in Iran. This increase has disrupted daily life for New Yorkers statewide, from commuting to industrial production to tourism. A gas tax holiday, as was done in 2022, would be a vital step toward helping New Yorkers struggling with these increased costs.

On March 2, in response to President Trump's air strikes, Iran announced the

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Domestic Violence Call in Rye Brook Found Woman Unconscious: She Died Days Later

Hugo Soto-Diaz, left

By Dan Murphy



Thanks to Talk of the Sound, for uncovering the sad story of Samantha Maldacker, who died days after being found unconscious in her Rye Brook home by police on March 30. Her partner, Hugo Soto-Diaz, 30, who lived at the same address on Westview Avenue, was arrested at the time and later charged with attempted murder.

Now, after the death of Maldacker, Soto-Diaz will likely be charged with the murder of his girlfriend-partner. Diaz remains in the Westchester County jail for the attempted murder charge.

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Students on Superintendent's Advisory Council Weigh in on Fairness, Discipline and Voice



Secondary school students on the Superintendent's Advisory Council took a close look at the Mount Vernon City School District's Code of Conduct during a recent meeting with

Superintendent Dr. Demario Strickland at the Education Center.

The Council includes students from schools across the District who meet regularly to share perspectives and help shape the young scholars' experience.

The session on March 18 was designed to move beyond simply understanding the Code and instead focus on how it works in practice, particularly whether

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Families Can Now Eat Fish from the Lower Hudson River for the First Time in 50 Years

Department Issues New Advice for Several Water Bodies Across the State Due to Newly Developed PFOS Fish Advisory Guideline

On April 1, the New York State Department of Health issued updated advice for eating fish caught in waterbodies statewide. The advice provides important health information to New Yorkers who enjoy fishing for food. Declining levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in some lower Hudson River fish mean for the first time in 50 years, anglers and their families can eat some of the fish they catch. New, more restrictive advice was also issued for other waters across New York due to the levels of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) detected in some fish.

“New York State is a beautiful place to fish, and as we kick off the fishing season, the Department of Health wants to make sure people have the latest advice on safely eating the fish they catch,” State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said. “It’s a great day when the Department can relax guidance for certain fish in the lower Hudson River, allowing people who may become pregnant and children to eat fish from one of the most important fisheries in New York State. We encourage everyone to visit us online to get the latest advice for waters across the state.”

Updated Advice for Lower Hudson River

For the first time in 50 years, everyone in the family can now eat some fish from the Lower Hudson River (Rip Van Winkle Bridge in Catskill to the NYC Battery), including striped bass. The Department’s analysis of PCB levels in several fish species allowed the Department to relax advisories based on highly protective PCB guidelines issued in 2020.

The Sensitive Population (people who can become pregnant and children under 15) can now enjoy up to one 8-ounce meal a month of striped bass among some others from this portion of the river. The general population can now eat up to four meals a month.

The Department recommends that everyone not eat Carp and Smallmouth bass from the Lower Hudson due to PCBs. See changes for several other species here.

The contaminant levels in Mid-Hudson fish (Federal Dam at Troy to Rip Van Winkle Bridge at Catskill) did not warrant advisory changes at this time. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) catch-and-release regulation, “take no fish, eat no fish” still applies between Hudson Falls and the Federal Dam in Troy.

Because PCBs stay in the fat of fish, the Department encourages everyone to cut the skin and fat off of fish and cook it so that the fat drips off. This reduces the amount of PCBs in a fish meal by roughly half. People who eat Hudson River crabs can reduce the PCBs by removing the tomalley (mustard, hepatopancreas) and discarding the cooking liquid, which contains most of the PCBs.

Updated Advice Due to PFOS Guidelines

Last year the Department issued new health guidelines to update its advice for eating fish to protect New Yorkers from PFOS – the most common type of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) found in fish. These guidelines consider both the health risks of PFOS as well as the benefits of eating fish and are protective for even the most sensitive populations, including pregnant people and children.

New York is one of a few states to update fish consumption guidance that reflects the emerging science on PFOS. The guidelines were developed as part of the Great Lakes Consortium Best Practices Workgroup which includes New York, other Great Lakes states, Tribal Nations and the Province of Ontario.

Waters with updated advice include Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Upper Niagara River, Mohawk River between locks E20 and E21, Lake Champlain’s Cumberland Bay, Lake George, Seneca Lake and Catharine Creek.

Some waters have specific advice because certain fish have higher levels of chemicals like mercury, PCBs, or PFOS. Check for waterbody-specific advice at www.health.ny.gov/fish. If the water is not listed, anglers should follow the Statewide Advisory or the Catskill or Adirondack advisories when fishing in those regions.

Visit the Department’s website for Health Advice on Eating Fish You Catch, at https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health_advisories/

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens
by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article
Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law by the
City of Mount Vernon

PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Index No.: 2500/2026

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property.

The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule “A” of this Petition which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. A copy of Schedule “A” was filed with the Westchester County Clerk on January 12, 2026, as the City of Mount Vernon List of Delinquent Taxes.

This document serves both as a Petition and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of Filing: All people who have or claim to have an interest in the real property described in this Petition are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the caption above to foreclosure each of the tax liens described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclosure the tax liens described in this Petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part hereof.

Persons Affected: This Notice is directed to all persons owning, having, or claiming to have, an interest in the real property described in this Petition. Such persons are hereby further notified that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the City of Mount Vernon Comptroller, the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having, or claiming to have, an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may, on or before the last day for redemption set out below, redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including applicable interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed up to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Comptroller of the City of Mount Vernon, City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square N, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the affected tax liens thereby satisfied of record.

LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION:

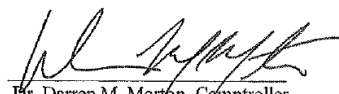
THE LAST DAY FOR REDEMPTION IS
HEREBY FIXED AS AUGUST 20, 2026.

Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this Petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax district setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or Answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all of his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this Petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

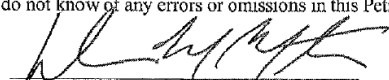
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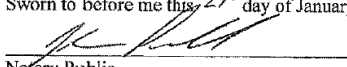

Dr. Darren M. Morton, Comptroller
City of Mount Vernon
Department of Finance
1 Roosevelt Square N.
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, Dr. Darren M. Morton, being duly sworn, depose and say: I am the Enforcing Officer for the City of Mount Vernon. I have read this Petition which I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the City of Mount Vernon Department of Finance. I do not know of any errors or omissions in this Petition.


Dr. Darren M. Morton, City Comptroller

Sworn to before me this 27th day of January 2026.


Notary Public

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**SCHEDULE A
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
2024 FINAL IN REM FORECLOSURE LISTING**

Serial #	Block/Lot Ext	Owner	Full Address
2024-011	1074.011.000	MCKINLEY, DWAYNE	122 TERRACE AVE ,N
2024-024	1110.020.000	FECTEAU, MATTHEW JAMES	123 SEVENTH AVE ,N
2024-024	1110.020.000	TRISTATE PROPERTY MGMT	123 SEVENTH AVE ,N
2024-025	1117.022.000	L.A.L. GRAMATAN	6 SIDNEY AVE ,E
2024-027	2053.030.000	BECTON, MARGARET	339 FULTON AVE ,N
2024-033	2123.007.000	DEDADENA, LUZ	15 LEXINGTON AVE
2024-033	2123.007.000	KONDAUR CPT'L CORP.	15 LEXINGTON AVE
2024-044	2159.004.000	CALLOWAY, DOROTHY	16 MONTEREY DR
2024-077	3100.031.000	CHRISTIAN, CARON	28 ST PAUL'S PL
2024-079	3109.011.000	SOUTH THIRD AVE	242 THIRD AVE ,S
2024-080	3109.012.000	SOUTH THIRD AVE	242 THIRD AVE ,S
2024-098	4013.118.000	DALEY,ELAINE	118 PELHAMDALE AVE
2024-104	4048.001.314	U.S. BANK TRUST N.A.	325 HIGHLAND AVE
2024-119	1020.007.004	HPC WIRELESS SERVICES LL	514 GRAMATAN AVE
2024-124	1049.014.000	GARCIA, NELSON	532 HIGH ST ,N
2024-125	1049.026.000	MCGRATH, PATRICIA	515 TERRACE AVE ,N
2024-140	1064.029.000	POTTER, REGINALD&SYLVIA	33 TERRACE AVE ,S
2024-141	1064.036.000	PRIME PARADIGM INC.	19 TERRACE AVE ,S
2024-155	1068.004.000	TAM, ORCHAIM	6-8 MOUNT VERNON AVE
2024-157	1070.016.000	MT. VERNON OVERALL	12 BOND ST ,N
2024-161	1072.015.000	3 & 11 NORTH TERRACE	3 TERRACE AVE ,N
2024-162	1072.016.000	3 & 11 NORTH TERRACE	11 TERRACE AVE ,N
2024-165	1076.027.104	CJL 2000 FAMILY TRUST	121 HIGH ST ,N
2024-166	1076.034.000	LINCOLN AVE REALTY NY LL	178 LINCOLN AVE ,W
2024-171	1079.010.000	MASI,MARY ETAL	257 LINCOLN AVE ,W
2024-174	1080.012.000	SCAP, LLC	197 STEVENS AVE
2024-185	1086.033.000	45 N 10TH AVE RESIDENCE,	45 TENTH AVE ,N
2024-195	1097.029.000	TELLONE, MARIE	433 TERRACE AVE ,N
2024-195	1097.029.000	TELLONE, PASQUALE	433 TERRACE AVE ,N
2024-196	1097.030.000	TELLONE, MARIA	433 TERRACE AVE ,N
2024-196	1097.030.000	TELLONE, PASQUALE	433 TERRACE AVE ,N
2024-199	1099.001.000	LAOUTARIS,ANTONIOS ETAL	403 HIGH ST ,N
2024-201	1101.013.000	HING, ANDREW	22 HARTLEY AVE
2024-202	1101.026.000	WHITE, ELISHA & EULALEE	15 ROCHELLE TER
2024-212	1121.028.000	FOUNTAIN FOR THE	6 NORTH ST
2024-218	1135.001.000	HARTLEY PARK TOWERS, LLC	144 CRARY AVE
2024-219	1135.010.000	HARTLEY PARK TOWERS, LLC	30 OAKLEY AVE
2024-226	1150.012.000	LATRONICO, MAURICIO	125 COTTAGE AVE
2024-235	1158.041.000	FICHERA, LEONARD	67 FLETCHER AVE
2024-236	1159.006.000	TELLONE, MARIA & PASQUAL	166 ARCHER AVE
2024-237	1159.017.000	187 COTTAGE AVENUE CORP	187 COTTAGE AVE
2024-249	2055.030.000	PASQUARIELLO,DOMINICK	285 FULTON AVE ,N
2024-251	2058.010.000	61 NORTH FULTON LLC	61 FULTON AVE ,N
2024-252	2060.013.000	GYAPONG, APIENTI	20 CLAREMONT AVE
2024-252	2060.013.000	MCCOOKE, JENNIFER	20 CLAREMONT AVE
2024-256	2068.015.000	SIMMONS,FREDERICK ETUX	173 CLAREMONT AVE
2024-259	2074.013.000	OB CHRISTY HOMES LLC	73 DELL AVE

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I Know a Veteran Who Can't Feed His Family-Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I know of a military vet who can't feed his family anymore. He served in Jordan and Afghanistan, was recently discharged, and is now on a fixed income. Since the Iran War began, for dinner he and his wife either finish their 3 kids leftovers, or if there are no leftovers, they don't have dinner that evening.

Skyrocketing gas prices combined with higher utility bills and soaring food costs account for this distressing situation. Hopefully, he will continue to be able to pay his mortgage.

Mike Lawler supports this president and his war of choice despite the war's increasing the economic hardships thousands of families in our district are facing.

I'm not surprised. Congressman Lawler by voting for the One Big Beautiful Bill(which he now refers to as the Working Families Tax Cut Act because it's so unpopular), is harming veterans by capping Medicaid, reducing SNAP food assistance, and introducing work requirements for benefits. It potentially threatens health coverage nationwide for over 260,000 veterans and limits access to care for those relying on community health services, which is needed now more than ever.

Whether through legislation to benefit the wealthy or by necessity to pay for his and Trump's war of choice, Mike Lawler is ignoring his constituents' needs. We must vote him out and elect someone who will fight to lower our costs and not raise them.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Wendy Holtzman
Peekskill**

Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290
Guided Bird Walk with Saw Mill River Audubon, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Join a guided bird walk.

Free; registration required: <https://parksevents.westchestercountyny.gov/event/guided-bird-walk-with-saw-mill-river-audubon/2026-04-11/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Cookie Decorating Workshop, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages 10 and older can join Caitlin of CM Cookies for a fun workshop to learn all of the tips and tricks of cookie decorating. We will meet inside the activity building; the workshop begins promptly at 1 p.m. \$30 per person.

Register: <https://parksevents.westchestercountyny.gov/event/cookie-decorating-workshop/>

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050

New York Metro Reptile Expo, 9 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Check out over 250 vendor tables full of reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, supplies and more! Adults: \$12 (13+); children (7-12) \$6; ages 6 and under free. Buy tickets at the door.

Get details: <https://countycenter.biz/event/new-york-metro-reptile-expo-6>

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2024-487	3108.020.000	WILLIAMS & JETER RLTY COR	341 FOURTH AVE ,S
2024-493	3111.016.000	DONIA ASSOCIATES LLC	52 THIRD AVE ,S
2024-499	3112.033.000	GRAEFE, WERNER	15 THIRD AVE ,S
2024-499	3112.033.000	GRAEFE, ERIC	15 THIRD AVE ,S
2024-500	3112.038.000	TEMPLE OF RESTORATION	17 THIRD AVE ,S
2024-502	3114.010.000	230 S 2ND AVENUE CORP	230 SECOND AVE ,S
2024-503	3115.012.000	BIVENS, WILLIAM	338 SECOND AVE ,S
2024-503	3115.012.000	BIVENS, LILLIAN	338 SECOND AVE ,S
2024-512	3119.014.000	RHAMES, SHAUN	444 FIRST AVE ,S
2024-514	3119.042.000	CLARK, MARILYN, & LEE, Y	419 SECOND AVE ,S
2024-517	3121.019.000	GREEN, VIVIEN TRUSTEE	271 SECOND AVE ,S
2024-522	3125.012.000	RASHAS, KAUSER	136 UNION AVE
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2024-526	3126.024.000	BROWN, SUSAN	255 FIRST AVE ,S
2024-530	3128.043.000	STEVEN MARCUS REALTY INC	470 UNION AVE
2024-544	3153.002.000	A & S ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	10 MADISON ST
2024-554	3158.019.000	HAMILTON, YVETTE C.	151 UNION AVE
2024-554	3158.019.000	HAMILTON, CONDELL K.	151 UNION AVE
2024-555	3158.022.000	NYC EARLY LEARNING	137 UNION AVE
2024-558	3159.013.000	ALIF GROUP OF	156 FULTON AVE ,S
2024-562	3163.024.000	LA SALLE NAT'L BANK, TRUS	107 UNION AVE
2024-563	3164.021.000	DAVID C. ROBINSON	25 UNION AVE
2024-567	4003.028.000	GONZALEA, GENNA	0 MARTENS PL
2024-567	4003.028.000	MALAVE, MARTHA	0 MARTENS PL
2024-578	4028.012.000	MAINTAIN-A-CHAIN CORP.	507 THIRD ST ,E
2024-579	4028.024.000	GARCIA, NELSON	128 HILLSIDE AVE
2024-593	4037.013.000	DUQUE, LEONARDO	206 THIRD ST ,E
2024-594	4038.003.000	BOWEN, ADASSA & WILFORD	210 LANGDON AVE
2024-596	4039.014.000	LAJGI, UKE	259 FULTON AVE ,S
2024-611	4051.022.000	ANNIE LEE JOHNSON	318 EGMONT AVE
2024-613	4055.003.101	PERMANENT MISSION OF	20 MILLINGTON ST
2024-614	4055.003.102	PERMANENT MISSION OF	20 MILLINGTON ST
2024-615	4055.003.103	PERMANENT MISSION OF	20 MILLINGTON ST
2024-616	4055.003.104	PERMANENT MISSION OF	20 MILLINGTON ST
2024-624	4059.005.000	DL BUILDERS CORP	310 SENECA AVE
2024-625	4059.008.000	CAREY, ROBERT	326 SENECA AVE
2024-626	4061.055.000	HALL, WILLIAM ETAL	407 FULTON AVE ,S
2024-627	4061.056.000	HALL, WILLIAM ETAL	407 FULTON AVE ,S
2024-628	4063.080.000	CRUMP, MABEL ETUX	413 HANCOCK AVE
2024-631	4065.025.000	CHAMBERS, ERIC JR.	403 SENECA AVE
2024-641	4071.003.000	MARC, EDITH & SOPHIA	432 FIFTH ST ,E
2024-645	4082.033.000	LIMITONE ENTERPRISES, INC	0 SEVENTH ST ,E

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**DEC Reminds New Yorkers:
Statewide Residential Brush
Burning Prohibition to May 14**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton announced that the annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning begins March 16 and runs through May 14. Since 2009, DEC enforces the annual brush burning ban to prevent wildfires and protect communities and first responders during heightened conditions for wildfires.

“Many of us are looking forward to spring weather after a very cold winter, but with the warming temperatures comes increased fire risk,” Commissioner Lefton said. “That’s why we’re once again asking all New Yorkers to abide by the two-month-long burn ban. The more careful you are with fire, the better we can protect our communities and natural resources as well as our Forest Rangers and firefighters across the state.”

Even though some areas of the state are damp or remain blanketed in snow, warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions to arise.

Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall’s debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation.

Each year, DEC Forest Rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often must leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires. DEC continually updates a Fire Danger Map on DEC’s website as a resource to view local conditions.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. Backyard fire pits and campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small cooking fires. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in New York State.

For more information about fire safety and prevention in homes and communities, go to DEC’s FIREWISE New York webpage-<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/wildfires/firewise-new-york>

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White Plains Man Arrested, Charged with Use of a Weapon of Mass Destruction



United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jay Clayton, and Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), James C. Barnacle, Jr., announced federal criminal charges against RAYMOND ELDERS for manufacturing and possessing suspected improvised explosive devices in his apartment in White Plains and detonating them on a residential street. ELDERS was arrested by the FBI and presented yesterday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Judith C. McCarthy in White Plains federal court and detained.

“By allegedly manufacturing dozens of suspected explosive devices and storing them in his apartment, Raymond Elders put everyone in his community at risk,” said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. “But he didn’t stop there. As alleged in the complaint, and over a period of months, he lit these devices and detonated them in his neighborhood in White Plains, causing unexplained explosions that his neighbors repeatedly reported to the police. It should go without saying that anyone who tosses illegal explosives onto New York residential streets should expect to face serious consequences, including federal criminal charges brought by our Office.”

As alleged in the Complaint:[1]

ELDERS, a convicted felon, was captured on surveillance video on at least two occasions in March 2026 igniting suspected improvised explosive devices and tossing them onto Odell Avenue in White Plains. Below are excerpts from surveillance footage obtained from residential premises on Odell Avenue during the afternoon of March 18, 2026:

In response to multiple 911 calls on March 30, White Plains Police Officers responding to the scene found an apparent pipe bomb on the steps of ELDERS’s apartment building. A warrant-authorized search of ELDERS’s apartment returned at least approximately 25 suspected explosive devices, in addition to materials and supplies ELDERS allegedly used to assemble explosive devices. Law enforcement evacuated all residents of the apartment building while

FBI explosives specialists secured the scene. Law enforcement’s analysis of the suspected improvised explosive devices remains ongoing.

An associate of ELDERS informed law enforcement that he has seen ELDERS assemble the suspected explosive devices while sitting on the living room couch in his apartment, which is on the first floor of a multi-family residence.

ELDERS, 65, is charged with one count of use of a weapon of mass destruction, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison; one count of possession of destructive devices after a felony conviction, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison; as well as one count of receipt and possession of explosives after a felony conviction, one count of unlawful possession of destructive devices, and one count of unlawful manufacture of destructive devices, each of which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Mr. Clayton praised the outstanding investigative work of the FBI New York Office Westchester Safe Streets Task Force and Joint Terrorism Task Force, the White Plains Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

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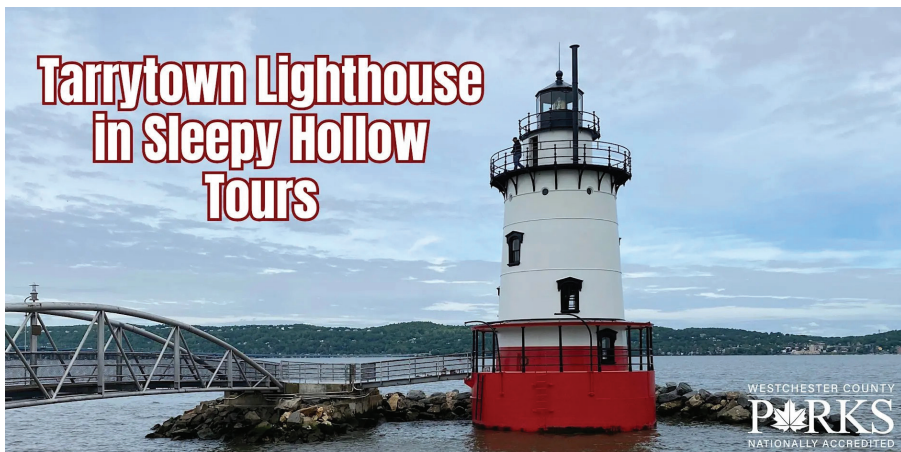
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County Executive Jenkins Announces Reopening of Tarrytown Lighthouse



Public tours of the Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow will resume on Saturday, April 4, inviting visitors to explore one of Westchester County’s most treasured waterfront landmarks. These curator-led tours are free; registration is required.

Tours were halted last June due to vandalism. Repairs have been completed and additional security enhancements are now in place.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “The Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow is one of Westchester County’s most popular destinations. I’m excited to welcome the public back for tours now that the damage has been addressed so residents and visitors alike can learn more about the County’s history and experience this remarkable landmark firsthand. With new security measures in place, we can continue providing meaningful opportunities that connect our community to the stories and structures that have shaped Westchester for generations.”

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O’Connor said: “These tours will give visitors insight not only into the history of Westchester, but into what life was like as a lighthouse keeper. Following last June’s vandalism, our partners, Mace Contracting Corporation, for working diligently to restore the site and implement additional security measures, ensuring these tours continue to provide a comprehensive look at the lighthouse’s role in guiding Hudson River traffic for decades.”

The cast-iron “sparkplug” lighthouse was built in 1883 and remains a striking beacon along the Hudson River. Guests will have the opportunity to climb and explore five decks of the structure during curator-led tours that highlight its fascinating maritime history and architectural significance.

The structure was originally constructed in response to appeals from local steamship companies seeking assistance navigating the river’s dangerous shoals. For 68 years, it served as a vital guide for Hudson River shipping before being decommissioned in 1961 following the construction of the Tappan Zee Bridge. The lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow is located in Kingsland Point Park off Palmer Avenue. The lighthouse is accessible via a 10-minute walk south along the Riverwalk Path. Parking fees may apply.

Four Westchester teens were arrested last September and charged with arson and vandalism.

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New York’s first Shared Parenting Conference in Peekskill on April 19, 2026, is a high-impact, solutions-focused gathering designed to transform how New York supports children and parents after separation or divorce. Hosted by former Peekskill Mayor André Rainey, Chair of the New York Chapter of the National Parents Organization, the event will feature four nationally recognized leaders in the shared parenting movement, bringing together families, mental health professionals, legal experts, advocates, and policymakers who believe every child deserves meaningful, ongoing relationships with both fit, loving parents. Through powerful keynote talks, real family stories, and clear legislative and policy action steps, the conference will spotlight the human cost of a system that too often sidelines one parent, and will mobilize attendees to advance equal shared parenting as a cornerstone of family law reform in New York. Former Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey said, “For years, I’ve worked to strengthen communities across New York, advocating for justice, equity, and accountability for families navigating the system that’s supposed to protect them. After experiencing firsthand the bias and disrespect from the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services, a moment that reshaped my purpose. I made a promise: no parent should ever have to fight simply to remain in their child’s life. That experience has now grown into a movement.

“On April 19, 2026, from 12 PM to 3 PM in Peekskill, NY, we are hosting New York’s first Shared Parenting Conference & Expo, a historic statewide event dedicated to making New York a Shared Parenting State. This groundbreaking conference will bring six nationally recognized guest speakers, over 30 family and community organizations, and several New York State elected officials together in one room to discuss legislative reform that will shape the future for families in New York. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shared-parenting-conference-2026-tickets-1977853225239?aff=oddtcreator>

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Revolutionary Tales of Westchester and Beyond



Jonathan Kruk, left at Crestwood Library April 12

With the warm weather and bright flowers comes Crestwood Historical Society's first presentation of the year, and it's a great one.

This coming Sunday, April 12, at 1 p.m., we proudly welcome the Hudson Valley's master storyteller, Jonathan Kruk, to Crestwood Library. If you've seen one of Jonathan's historical programs, then you know how captivating and illuminating he is—and those who haven't caught him yet are in for a new treat!

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, Jonathan will

bring a local angle to Revolutionary Tales of Westchester and Beyond, including thieving "cowboys," Washington's activities in Westchester, Benedict Arnold's betrayal, and the women, children, and enslaved people who fought for our freedom. Please be sure to note that this is a special SUNDAY AFTERNOON program, and it's in-person only. We'll have refreshments at 12:30 p.m. and begin the storytelling at 1:00 p.m. All through 2026, we're joining our friends at Crestwood Library in celebrating the library's momentous 100th anniversary. Please check out all their upcoming events! We're also pleased to announce that Houlihan & O'Malley Real Estate has generously underwritten our 2026 speakers.

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growing divide within the party over support for Israel, especially during the ongoing war with Iran.

On March 28, Phillips-Staley, a Tarrytown Board Trustee, appeared on an interview with Hasan Piker. We watched the interview, and so can you at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HiNCF52w0EQ>. Hasan Piker, known online as HasanAbi, is an American Twitch streamer and left-wing political commentator. As of early 2026, he remains one of the most-watched creators on Twitch, where he broadcasts daily to a large audience of millennials and Gen Z viewers.

He has interviewed high-profile political figures, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Bernie Sanders, and Ro Khanna. His 2020 Among Us stream with Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Omar remains one of the most-watched events in the platform's history. He routinely describes Israel as an "apartheid state," citing the treatment of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. He has 1.8 million subscribers on YouTube, but the interview with Phillips-Staley drew 72,000 views. During the interview both Piker and Phillips-Staley referred to Israel as apartheid. Phillips-Staley based her comments on a trip to Israel and Palestine.

The interview immediately drew a response from Suzanne Berger, Chair of the Westchester Democratic Party, and the Chairs of the Putnam, Rockland and Dutchess County Democratic Party's, who issued a long release denouncing Piker and Phillips-Staley's decision to appear on his show. "We, the Chairs of the Democratic Committees of Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties, stand united in strong and unequivocal opposition to the normalization of antisemitic, racist, and misogynistic rhetoric. We must speak up now to express deep disappointment by the appearance this afternoon of NY-CD17 Democratic congressional candidate Effie Phillips-Staley on Hasan Piker's Twitch stream. Her decision represents a dangerous and unacceptable step toward legitimizing rhetoric that has no place in this District, in mainstream Democratic politics, or in any serious political discourse.

"Hasan Piker has a well-documented history of making statements that are profoundly shocking, abhorrent, and offensive. These include explicit anti-American hatred, the invocation of classic antisemitic tropes, the dehumanization of Jews, the downplaying and minimization of horrific sexual violence against women, and other forms of bigotry. For those not familiar here is a sample of the most egregious direct quotes and statements attributed to him from his widely viewed Twitch streams:

- "America deserved 9/11" (while arguing that the United States "totally brought it on itself" in the context of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 Americans).¹
- "I don't have any patriotism in my heart for America."³
- Repeatedly referring to Jews as "inbred".⁴
- "It doesn't matter if f—ing rape happened on October 7th. It doesn't change the dynamic for me."⁶
- Declaring that his "favorite flag is the Hezbollah flag."⁸
- Referring to Jewish critics as "Zionist pigs."

Make no mistake; these are not isolated slips or harmless hyperbole taken out of context. His remarks have rightly drawn condemnation from across the Democratic Party — including current elected officials and former Democratic members of Congress — as well as from national Jewish Democratic and communal organizations. Prominent Democratic voices have spoken out forcefully against Piker and the danger of platforming him:

- Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) stated through a spokesperson in March 2026 that he will not appear on Piker's stream: "Mr. Piker's terrible comments about Jewish people, 9/11, and other areas aren't the kinds of conversations Cory participates in and he will not be joining him on his stream."
- Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY) sent a formal letter to Twitch and Amazon executives in October 2024 calling Piker an "antisemitic voice".

The Democratic Party must draw a firm, unambiguous line. Allowing figures like Hasan Piker into mainstream Democratic spaces, especially through appearances with candidates, normalizes his bigotry, erodes our moral authority when we condemn hate from the right, and risks fracturing the broad, diverse coalition we need to win elections and flip NY-17 in November. Antisemitism, racism and misogyny are not progressive values. They are antithetical to the inclusive and principled Democratic Party we have built. We call on Effie Phillips-Staley to make clear that she rejects his vile rhetoric," end of statement.

The Westchester Jewish Democrats also called on Phillips-Staley to "disavow and apologize for her appearance on Hassan Piker's Twitch.

"The Westchester Jewish Democrats will not stand with any candidate who walks with antisemitism, bigotry, hate, and anti American values. In absence of a forceful apology from Ms. Phillips Staley, the Westchester Jewish Democrats cannot support her in this race, or any other as we view her tolerance and legitimization of Mr. Piker as disqualifying for public service. We call on the Working Family's Party to issue a similar statement in light of their endorsement of Phillips Staley,"

Phillips-Staley responded to the attacks from the four Democratic Chairs.

"The Democratic establishment has long operated with an outdated mentality that alienates the very voters we need to win: the young, the politically disengaged, and those who prioritize human rights. By narrowing our tent and refusing to engage with platforms that reach young people, we are effectively surrendering a generation of voters to apathy or the far right. While I don't align with every word Hasan Piker has ever said, we must recognize the massive value of a platform that engages millions of young people in the democratic process."

Unlike my opponents, Hasan Piker is not running for Congress; he is mobilizing a movement that demands our politics center human rights and favor diplomacy over the reflexive use of military force. As Democrats, our job is to build bridges, not burn them. We should be inviting young people into the process by building a coalition rooted in collective humanity. My mission is clear: I will always fight for universal human rights and Palestinian self-determination, and stand firmly against antisemitism. We win when we grow the movement—not when we cut people out of it."

Phillips-Staley also appeared on Breaking Points, 200,000 views, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxlnqovchvo&t=315s>, where she said, "the Democratic establishment hasn't learned the lesson of the election of Mamdani. You know, we saw all that was thrown at him, right, by Cuomo and his race. And what that did was further alienate all of the young people, all of the people who had previously felt disenfranchised from politics. I'm going to be honest with you, I'm at a complete loss. Why we would sabotage our own party in this way and allow this type of violent framing of anti-semitism of people who in many ways are on the right side of history.

For me as a candidate, what I see are thousands and thousands of young people who mistrust the Democratic Party because they do not see the violence that the state of Israel is perpetrating and that there it is like the Vietnam of this generation.

And so it's almost like there's a generational difference in the reaction, right? For example all of the young people on my team and all of the young people who they talk to they all follow Hassan, they all thought it was extraordinary that I was on Hassan there. So the effect has been thousands of new followers, so many comments, a major uptick in contributions, and people saying to me, what they often say to me, because I've been very transparent about my position on Israel and Palestine, like keep going, like don't stop. Like you are saying the things that people want to hear. And what I hope in the end, is that the party learns the lesson, right? That our job to listen to the public, hear what they're saying represent the positions through a moral lens. And when I say a moral lens, that means we have to fight anti-semitism, which is on the rise. We have to fight Islamophobia which is on the rise. Congressman Mike Lawler said, "Effie Phillips-Staley standing shoulder to shoulder with an antisemite who praised the 9/11 attacks and glorified Hezbollah and Hamas is utterly disqualifying, and so is the refusal of Cait Conley, Beth Davidson, Peter Chatzky, and all of my Democratic opponents to loudly and publicly rebuke it as well," said Congressman Mike Lawler.

Phillips-Staley has the endorsement of the Working Families Party and is running in the democratic primary in NY-17 in June.

Rendezvous with Treason: Yorktown group Presents Revolutionary War performance



Gary Petagine, American General Benedict Arnold and Sean Grady, British Major John Andre.

A dramatic portrayal of the fateful encounter between two of the American Revolution's most intriguing characters will occur on April 17 at the historic First Presbyterian Church.

Rendezvous with Treason depicts the 1780 meeting in Haverstraw of American General Benedict Arnold and British Major John Andre and the

treasonous plot to deliver West Point to the British. The 7:30 p.m. performance is among many activities to remember local events associated with the American Revolution and our nation's 250th independence anniversary. The Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route – New York, in conjunction with the Town of Yorktown Heritage Preservation Commission / Yorktown 250, are hosting the event. Admission is free. Teachers Gary Petagine (Carmel High School) and Sean Grady (Ardsley Middle School) created Rendezvous with Treason. The two men, who met through living history reenactments with the Fifth New York Regiment, spent several years developing the interactive program based upon careful re-

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closure of the Strait of Hormuz. According to the United States Energy Information Agency, around 20% of the world's crude oil and other petroleum products are shipped through the Strait.

At the time, AAA reported that the average price per gallon in New York was \$3.00 for regular gas and \$4.01 for diesel. Since the closure, gas has spiked to \$3.94, and diesel has risen even more sharply to \$5.77, used in much of our farm equipment, commercial trucking, and other key areas of our economy. This increase comes at a time when our farmers, manufacturers, and other industries already face damaging input cost increases from arbitrary and disruptive federal tariffs.

In response, several states are now considering the temporary suspension of State-level gas and diesel sales taxes. Democratic Senator Kelly and Representative Blumenthal have also proposed the Gas Prices Relief Act to temporarily suspend the federal gas tax. New York suspended gasoline and diesel taxes in June 2022, through the end of that year, saving consumers an average of 16 cents per gallon, with some of our counties following the State's lead and partially suspending their own applicable local taxes.

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the gas price increase was costing New Yorkers approximately \$300M per month in additional expenses as of March 23. New Yorkers are already struggling as the Trump administration callously and irresponsibly raises the cost of daily life, from cutting health care subsidies to repealing residential green energy incentives to tariff policies that the conservative Tax Foundation estimates cost the average household \$1,000 in 2025.

Events of the past month have underscored the importance of renewable, domestically produced energy sources. As we must prioritize wind, solar, and other clean, safe energy production, we must also ensure that everyday New Yorkers are not harmed by reckless federal foreign policy that disrupts the oil supply many of us still rely on. A gas tax holiday, whether with triggers tied to price at the pump or a specific timeline, would be a tremendous help to people struggling to afford their daily commutes, visits to family, and business expenses.

We thank you for your consideration and urge swift and timely action on this matter. Sincerely,
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New York last instituted a gas tax holiday in 2022, from June 1 - December 31, which cut about 16 cents per gallon in state taxes. At that time, the average price per gallon in New York was \$3 for regular gas and \$4.01 for diesel. Today, gas has spiked to \$3.94, and diesel averages \$5.77 a gallon.

Assemblymembers Landon Dais and Anil Beephan have also written the Governor.

Part of the reason why public reports claim that Governor Hochul is opposed to the Gas Tax holiday is President Donald Trump. Hochul and other democrats don't want to give relief to a gas spike that is a result of Trump's war in Iran.

Democratic U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer of New York blamed the apparent spike on President Donald Trump, another New Yorker. "Americans are paying a whopping 'war tax' at the gas pump."

We are happy to see Senators Mayer and Harckham supporting this idea. The New York State gas tax is 23.85 cents per gallon, broken down in three parts

Motor Fuel Excise Tax: 8.0 cents per gallon, Petroleum Business Tax (PBT): 15.8 cents per gallon (for 2026), Petroleum Testing Fee: 0.05 cents per gallon.

The Federal Gas tax is an additional 18.4 cents per gallon. Two US senators—Democrats Mark Kelly of Arizona and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut have introduced the Gas Prices Relief Act, which would suspend the 18.4 cent per gallon federal gas tax until October 1st.

Westchester County also has a 4% sales tax on gas per gallon. While there is no proposal to suspend that tax, both Putnam County and Rockland County have capped their sales taxes on gas at \$3 per gallon.

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Notice of formation of METROMEN MUSIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Entity Protect Registered Agent Services LLC. 447 Broadway, 2nd Fl. - #3000, New York, NY 10013, the designated registered agent of METROMEN MUSIC LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. RFB-7614 - Opening Date: 04/24/2026: Purchase of RAE Systems AreaRAE Pro Portable Gas Monitor and RAELink3 Communication Kit (or Yonkers Approved equal) (VB) (UASI- Federal Funds).
2. Bid No. IFB-7615 – Opening Date: 05/15/2026 Demolition, Site Preparation and Remediation at 70 Fernbrook Street. (VB).
3. Bid No. IFB-7618 – Opening Date: 05/01/2026: Twelve Month contract to provide coach bus transportation services for the Yonkers Public School District (NG).
4. Bid No. IFB-7607 – Opening Date: 05/01/2026: Hi Tech Security Gibran School 28 (TN).
5. Bid No. RFB-7616 – Opening Date: 04/24/2026: Furnish and Install of the FLIR M364C marine thermal camera (or Yonkers approved equal) on the Police ESU Marine 1 boat (VB).
6. Bid No. RFB-7595A – Opening Date: 04/24/2026: RE-BID Cafeteria Ductwork Insulation at Martin Luther King School, Jr. Academy (FB).
7. Bid No. IFB-7556A – Opening Date: 05/01/2026: RE-BID Elm Street Bridge Repair (MM).
8. Bid No. IFB-7612 – Opening Date: 05/01/2026: Phase 1 Building & Site Upgrades Lincoln High School (MM).

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Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Feeder Watch, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Beginners to experts are welcome to join Audubon for a wonderful day of viewing our local birds at the Nature Center's feeders.

Details: <https://parksevents.westchestercountyny.gov/event/project-feeder-watch/2026-04-12/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Project Feeder Watch, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Beginners to experts can join Hudson River Audubon to observe and learn about our local birds! Free. Also: April 25.

Get details: <https://parksevents.westchestercountyny.gov/event/project-feeder-watch-2/2026-04-12/>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Wildlife Detective Walk, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Have you always wanted to be a wildlife detective? Well, now's your chance! We will give you a "detective checklist" and go on a hike to look for track clues, animal signs, scat, nests and sounds. Bring your tracking skills! Free.

Get details: <https://parksevents.westchestercountyny.gov/event/wildlife-detective-walk/>

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE
HIGH COURT
FAMILY DIVISION

IN THE MARRIAGE OF:

FRANCINE EUDENE BERNABE

APPLICANT/WIFE

- AND -

RHODNY BERNABE

RESPONDENT/HUSBAND

of No. 2 Arthur Street, Yonkers, New York, USA

TAKE NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that on the 29th day of December 2025 an Application was filed in the Family Division of the High Court of Barbados by Francine Eudene Bernabe of No. 11 Castle Terrace, in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island for an order pertaining to the child of the marriage. Further, on the 4th day of March 2026, an ex-parte Application of the Applicant/Wife was heard for substituted service and an order was made by the Hon. Madam Justice Wanda Blair for service to be effected by an advertisement in a newspaper with circulation in New York, USA. This advertisement constitutes notice of the proceedings on the Respondent who may contact the Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant or the Registry of the High Court of Barbados to obtain copies of the pleadings.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Respondent shall respond or object to the Application pertaining to the child of the marriage within twenty-eight (28) days from the publication of this advertisement by filing an Affidavit in the High Court of Barbados showing cause why the order should not be made. This matter is set for hearing on the **29th day of May 2026**.

In the absence of any objection as aforementioned the Court may proceed with the Application and grant the orders sought accordingly.

Dated the 10th day of April 2026

Ms. D. N. Carrington

Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant/Wife

First Floor One Welches, Welches, Saint Thomas, Barbados

As New Yorkers Face Health Insurance Cliff,

Legislators Urge State to Act

Bills sponsored by Assemblymember Amy Paulin and Senator Gustavo Rivera would use state funding to continue Essential Plan access for moderate income New Yorkers.

Nearly half a million New Yorkers on the Essential Plan could lose their coverage this summer

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By Jie Jenny Zou

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State lawmakers are announcing legislation this week to ensure health care coverage for nearly half a million New Yorkers set to lose their insurance in July as a result of federal cuts.

The bills, sponsored by Assemblymember Amy Paulin and Senator Gustavo Rivera, would direct the state to use its own funds to continue Essential Plan access for moderate-income New Yorkers. The flagship program provides free or low-cost healthcare to 1.7 million residents and has been instrumental in helping the state achieve near-universal insurance coverage.

The bills represent the first major proposal from state leaders to protect Essential Plan enrollees from policy changes enacted under the megabill President Donald Trump signed last year. Under those changes, New York lost a chunk of federal funding for the Essential Plan on January 1.

Earlier this month, the state secured federal approval to retool the plan — averting a “worse-case scenario” that could have ended the program entirely. The maneuver preserves coverage for 1.3 million New Yorkers, but an estimated 450,000 to 470,000 enrollees are set to be disenrolled in July.

None of the budget proposals introduced earlier this year by Governor Kathy Hochul, the Assembly, and the Senate address the impending coverage cliff, frustrating health care advocates who have been urging lawmakers to take action for months.

“There’s been a resistance generally, and I get it, to not have state dollars be responsible for the federal debacle, but we’re talking about human beings,” Paulin said of how current budget negotiations have evolved. “We’re trying very hard to work cooperatively to put forward a plan that could save them.”

State health officials are planning to mail notices by early April to New Yorkers losing coverage, directing them to seek out insurance from employers or purchase plans through the state’s exchange. Advocates have noted that few will likely be able to afford the plans, whose monthly premiums rank among the most expensive in the country.

Rivera’s bill would also set up a state-funded premium assistance program to make those plans more affordable, and other measures specifically addressing new restrictions on certain legal immigrants on the plan.

“These are the people who go to work every day and generate billions in economic activity,” Rivera wrote in a press release of the impacted New Yorkers. “This bill will protect basic healthcare access and mitigate the harm of these cruel policy choices.”

Paulin’s bill is expected to be released soon.

The bills do not allocate any specific funds, but Paulin said she hopes the effort “catches fire” and prompts deeper discussion about how much the state is willing to spend. A recent report by the Community Service Society of New York estimated that extending coverage for New Yorkers who will otherwise be kicked off the Essential Plan could cost \$2.3 billion a year. The nonprofit has been among several organizations urging state lawmakers to consider various options to avoid imminent coverage loss.

Hochul’s budget proposal, which assumed New York might not get federal approval to tweak the Essential Plan, earmarked \$2 billion to insure a subset of enrollees the state is legally mandated to provide health coverage for, regardless of federal support.

Now that the state got federal approval to rework the Essential Plan, the state could redirect that \$2 billion to cover New Yorkers getting dropped from the program, said Michael Kinnucan, director of health policy at the left-leaning Fiscal Policy Institute.

“We have the moral obligation to cover this population,” said Kinnucan, who supports legislative efforts to use state funding to continue Essential Plan coverage. “The money is there.”

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Notice of formation of Senara & Co, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/29/2026. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served is 455 Tarrytown Road, Suite 1307, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of JJ VILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 64 Mountindale Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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enforcement is fair and consistent for all students.

Students rotated through a series of stations, each featuring a real excerpt from the Code of Conduct paired with a focus question.

Using a color-coded system, they placed green stickers where the Code made sense, yellow where they had questions and red where they felt changes might be needed. Sticky notes and group discussions allowed them to expand on their thinking.

Among the topics was the prohibition of cell phones during school hours. Rather than debating the rule itself, students were asked to consider how it is enforced and whether that enforcement is consistent across schools and student groups.

Another station examined students’ rights during short-term suspensions, including the requirement that students be informed of alleged misconduct and given an opportunity to respond, with parents notified within 24 hours. Students reflected on whether they were aware of these rights and whether they are upheld in practice.

The concept of restorative practices — when a person who harmed another takes responsibility and makes amends — also prompted discussion. The Code emphasizes accountability, relationship-building and problem-solving over purely punitive measures. Students were asked whether that philosophy aligns with their real-life experiences in schools.

An additional station explored bullying and cyberbullying, with students considering whether the Code’s definitions match what they see among peers, and whether online behavior is treated with the same seriousness as in-person incidents.

The dress code also was examined, with questions about whether expectations are applied equitably regardless of gender, body type or background.

The session began with an icebreaker “Survival Challenge,” in which students worked in groups to develop step-by-step plans for scenarios such as being stranded in the wilderness, shipwrecked on an island or trapped in a snowstorm.

The activity set the tone for collaboration and problem-solving that carried into the Code of Conduct discussions.

LaJuan White, Assistant Superintendent for Student Personnel Services, encouraged students to take their involvement a step further by joining the District’s Code of Conduct Committee. “The Code of Conduct is almost like a handbook that sort of guides the rights that students have, that parents have and that school staff have when dealing with behavior and behavior violations and things like that,” Ms. White said.

She noted that while administrators, parents and teachers are represented on the committee, student voices are currently missing. “We didn’t have students and we need students, so I’m just putting it out there,” Ms. White said. “We are in need of student representation.”

She emphasized that participation is voluntary and open to students who want to help shape policies that directly affect them. “You have a voice, right? The fact that you’re even here, your voice matters ... whether you’re a kid, teenager, adolescent, you have a voice, and your voice is important,” said Ms. White, who added that students are at the center of the Code’s purpose.

“The most important person in the Code of Conduct are students and how we protect you and how you all are protected by all the stakeholders,” she said.

Dr. Strickland reinforced that message, encouraging students to think about fairness and their role in improving the system. Sharing a personal example from his own school days, he underscored the importance of student input.

“So sometimes things are not fair,” Dr. Strickland said. “If you think that you want to help make things fair for your peers, you may want to join this committee.”

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**FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BROOME**

In the Matter of an Article 6 Custody/Visitation Proceeding

File #: 48643

Docket #: V-02381-25

Kylie J. Luckie-Klenovic (Petitioner)

Johnnie D. Evans (Respondent)

**SUMMONS - PUBLICATION
(VIRTUAL)**

Gianni Evans (DOB: 02/01/2020)

To: Johnnie D. Evans
Address is Unknown

A petition under Article 6 of the Family Court Act has been filed with this Court requesting the following reliefs: Custody.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear **VIRTUALLY** before this Court on:

Date/Time/Part: **May 12, 2026 at 03:00 PM in Part G for 15 minutes.**
Purpose: **Initial Appearance and Virtual Courtroom - TEAMS**
Presiding: **Hon. Brett S. Noonan**

to answer the attached petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

Virtual appearances may be held via video or phone. To update your contact information, e-mail or call the court and provide your name, phone, e-mail address, docket number(s), and date/time of court appearance.

Court E-mail: BCFCGeneralDelivery@nycourts.gov or Court Phone #: (607) 240-5799

FOR VIDEO, CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:
<https://notify.nycourts.gov/meet/0vb6m4>

FOR PHONE, CALL THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER AND ENTER THE MEETING ID
Phone: 1-833-262-7886 Meeting ID: 545 994 010#

For information on how to install/use Microsoft Teams to participate in virtual court proceedings, visit:
<https://nycourts.gov/appear>.

If you fail to appear as directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

Dated: March 20, 2026

Anne M. Simms, Chief Clerk

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Brett S. Noonan of the Family Court, Broome County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Broome County.

Lawmakers Call for Investigation Into Women's Prison, Citing New York Focus Article

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Two women have died by suicide and a third from cancer at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, the reporting found. Rebecca McCray New York Focus

Two New York lawmakers called on the state prison agency to investigate apparent suicides and allegations of deteriorating conditions at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, following New York Focus reporting last week that three people died over four weeks at the women's prison.

"This recent and alarming spate of suicides is tragic, and what is most tragic is that they may have been preventable," wrote New York State Senator Pete Harcham and Assemblymember Chris Burdick in the letter, sent to the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) on Friday. "There is an urgent need for an independent, dispassionate investigation that delves into the quality of care for those suffering from mental illness, and whether there are conditions at BHCF that aggravate such illnesses," he added.

The deaths at the prison mirror a statewide trend in 2026, according to the Correctional Association of New York, which monitors the state's prisons. Last year, 130 people died in DOCCS custody, but if this year's deaths continue at their current pace, roughly 180 incarcerated people could die.

In December, Burdick and Harcham visited Bedford Hills and spoke with members of the Incarcerated Liaison Committee, representatives of the prison's general population who communicate concerns to prison administrators. Committee members told the lawmakers that following the recent appointment of Deputy Superintendent of Security Michel Blot, there had been "significant changes in their schedules and privileges" that were negatively impacting mental health. They were now required to sign up for showers, for instance, during limited windows of time that often conflicted with prison jobs and programs. This meant many women were going without showers for days, according to currently incarcerated people and prison watchdogs. Thomas Mailey, director of public information for the prison agency, disputed the claim that shower access was limited or eliminated.

People close to Manuela "Mannie" Morgado, who died last week, noted that she had lived in Fiske Cottage, an honor dorm that afforded its residents certain privileges and insulated them from many issues affecting the general population. But Morgado had recently received a disciplinary ticket that could send her to the general population dorms, they said. Word of the stricter conditions in the general population living areas had made their way to Fiske.

Morgado's official cause of death, as well as that of Tracy Morales, which advocates and people incarcerated at Bedford Hills also attributed to suicide, will be formally determined by the county medical examiner's office, according to Mailey. The State Commission of Correction reviews all in-custody deaths, Mailey noted. Deaths not attributed to natural causes or ongoing medical conditions are investigated by the New York State Police and DOCCS's Office of Special Investigations.

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

Attempted Murder now Murder, continued from pg 1-

Below is the release from the Rye Brook Police on the original call.

On the morning of March 30 2026, Rye Brook Police Department patrol units were called to a residence on Westview Avenue for a report of a dispute. Upon arrival, responding officers located a 37-year-old female assault victim inside the residence, unconscious and not breathing. Officers began CPR on the victim and detained a male party in the residence. Port Chester Rye Rye Brook EMS arrived on scene shortly thereafter and administered lifesaving measures. The victim is currently in critical but stable condition.

Rye Brook Police detectives began an investigation with the assistance of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety. Subsequently, Hugo Soto-Diaz, age 30, who resides at the address of the incident, was charged with 2nd Degree Attempted Murder and was arraigned at Rye Town Court. Mr. Soto-Diaz is currently being held at the Westchester County Jail.

The story from Talk of the Sound can be found at <https://talkofthesound.com/2026/04/07/rye-brook-woman-dies-days-after-alleged-strangulation-on-westview-avenue>.

generous compared to national norms.

For newly retired educators statewide (not including New York City) with at least 30 years of service, the average maximum state pension benefit was \$78,097, according to data released recently by SeeThroughNY, the Empire Center's government transparency website.

That amount was almost five times the 2022 median for Americans over 65 who had retirement income other than Social Security.

According to the Census Bureau, only about half of Americans over 65 had any retirement income beyond Social Security and other government benefits. Of those who had such income, the median amount in 2022 was \$17,160.

The data were obtained by the Empire Center from the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS), which finances pensions for teachers, superintendents and other school professionals.

The figures reflect the maximum allowable pension benefits for each retiree in 2025, including cost-of-living adjustments and other supplements the retiree received, if any.

Since 2008, SeeThroughNY has annually posted all available salary and pension information for state and local employees. The data are publicly available thanks to the Empire Center's years-long effort to protect the public's right to access pension records, including the names of retirees, which culminated in a landmark 2014 Court of Appeals decision.

Among the new retirees, 431 or 15 percent were eligible for pensions over \$100,000. **The highest was a benefit of up to \$164,158 that went to Andrew Verboys from the Scarsdale Union Free School District. Other top recipients included:**

Avis Shelby, retired from the Haverstraw-Stony Point school district, \$157,602; Gerald Cozine, retired from Great Neck, \$156,844; Michael Chiapparelli, retired from Mamaroneck, \$156,800; Juanita Bryantbell, retired from Uniondale, \$155,414.

Among all retirees, including those from previous years, five were eligible to collect pensions of more than \$300,000 last year. Of the 172,533 retirees who received benefits in 2025, 69 were eligible for pensions of more than \$200,000, and 6,322 were eligible for pensions over \$100,000. The top five recipients were:

James Feltman, retired from the Commack school district in 2010, \$328,968; Sheldon Karnilow, retired from Half Hollow Hills 2011, \$325,404; Carole Hankin, retired from Syosset in 2013, \$322,510;

James Hunderfund, retired from Commack in 2006, \$320,043;

Louis Wool, retired from Harrison in 2021, \$311,966.

Reflecting regional salary differences, average pensions among the new career retirees were highest among those retiring from New York City suburban districts. As in previous years, Westchester County had the highest average pension at \$98,910 for its 211 new retirees in 2024-25. The Long Island counties of Suffolk and Nassau averaged \$97,713 and \$96,277 for 363 and 338 retirees. The top 10 new pensions all went to retirees from downstate counties.

Here's Westchester's top Retired Educators and their pensions of more than \$200,000. -All from the NYS Teachers Retirement System.

1-Wool, Louis N-Harrison Central Schools \$311,960--retired in 2025

2-Mustich, Peter J Rye Neck Union Free Schools \$244,468-retired 2016

3-Taddiken, Nancy LEdgemont at Greenburgh Central Schools \$238,754-ret 2013

4-Silverstein, Mark K Hawthorne-Cedar Knolls Union Free Schools \$221,943-ret- 2020

5-Glassman, Phyllis Ossining Union Free Schools \$215,627-ret 2013

6-Ferraro, Barbara A Rye Neck Union Free Schools \$213,378 ret- 2021

7-Lauro, Dennis R, Jr-Pelham Union Free Schools, Westchester 2 BOCES \$209,322 ret-2013

8-Lichtenfeld, Robert V Katonah-Lewisboro Union Free Schools \$208,379-ret-2007

9-Pierorazio, Bernard P Yonkers Public Schools \$207,781-ret-2014

10-Connolly, Kenneth J Lakeland Central Schools \$203,098 ret--2010

11-Marien, Joanne ASomers Central Schools \$202,137 ret--2010

12-Simpson, Sandra A Westchester 2 BOCES \$201,683 ret--2015.

Read the story, with more data on pensions and salaries at <https://www.empirecenter.org/publications/five-retired-new-york-educators-collect-over-300k-in-pensions/>.

EmpireCenter.org references the fact that state lawmakers consider enhancing retirement benefits for government workers. This concerns plans to amend Tier 6 of the New York State and Local Retirement System. For most of us, this issue is either too complicated to put time into to learn about. Most may see a push by the major unions in the state to get this past and say why not? But then these same Westchester residents and taxpayers complain when their taxes go up, and above the tax cap. When I saw all of the pressure being put on Governor Hochul and the State legislature to pass Tier 6 reforms I thought, who is going to pay for this?

I received the following from the NYS Association of County, Town and Mayors. **NYS Association of County, Town and Mayors on Tier 6 Reform: State Must Pick Up the Costs**

Statement NYSAC, NYCOM, and NYAOT on Proposed Amendments to Tier 6 of the New York State and Local Retirement System As we approach the April 1st start of the new state fiscal year, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), and the New York Association of Towns (NYAOT) are closely monitoring for proposals to amend Tier 6 of the New York State and Local Retirement System. The legal and fiscal impact of these changes warrant additional consideration by every state lawmaker. Nearly 60% of county, city, town, and village employees participate in Tier 6, meaning any modifications will have substantial fiscal implications for local governments across New York. The timing of these proposals, alone, warrants serious attention. The New York State and Local Retirement System determines employer contribution rates annually based on a variety of factors, including fund valuation as of March 31, as well as regular updates in actuarial assumptions related to retiree longevity, pension benefit changes, wages, and more. The current employer contribution rate for municipal employees stands at 17% of payroll. While the pension fund had been projected to achieve double-digit returns that would stabilize employer contributions for 2027, recent stock market volatility has significantly altered that outlook. Current projections now anticipate single-digit returns, which will create additional upward pressure on employer contribution rates—pressure that local governments cannot easily absorb.

Our position is unequivocal: if the State of New York chooses to amend Tier 6, the State must fully fund all costs associated with those changes. This is not only a matter of fiscal necessity—it is a matter of law. Section 25 of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law requires that the State bear the financial responsibility for pension benefit enhancements. This provision was specifically enacted in recognition of the enormous fiscal liability pension enhancements create for local governments, which they have no ability to control. It further ensures the fiscal stability of the pension fund going forward while maintaining affordability for local taxpayers—goals that are undermined if the State shifts new costs onto localities. To ignore Section 25 now would be to disregard the clear legislative intent behind its enactment and to signal to every local government in New York that state commitments to fiscal protection can be set aside whenever they become inconvenient.

Counties, cities, towns, and villages already operate under severe fiscal constraints—the property tax cap, rising costs for essential services, and the growing burden of unfunded state mandates. Any increase in employer pension contribution rates resulting from Tier 6 amendments would force local governments to make impossible choices: cutting essential services, eliminating positions, or seeking property tax increases that local taxpayers cannot afford. NYSAC, NYCOM, and NYAOT urge the Governor and Legislature to ensure that any Tier 6 changes are accompanied by a full state commitment to cover the resulting costs—and to resist the impulse to pass those costs on to local property taxpayers.

the question, I said no, but followed up to ask about how bad the same is still impacting seniors, most of who have no family or close neighbors to help them stay away from this trap.

"I get a lot of seniors buying gift cards, and even when I ask them the question, they say no, but when they come back two and three times, we try to contact law enforcement of someone who can help them," said a customer service rep at the Stop and Shop in Somers.

The IRS gift card scam is a fraudulent scheme where a caller poses as an IRS agent to trick you into paying a "tax bill" using gift cards. The IRS will never ask for or accept gift cards as payment for a tax bill.

How the Scam Works

Initial Contact: A scammer calls, texts, or emails you, often using a spoofed caller ID to appear as if they are calling from the IRS.

The Threat: They claim you owe back taxes or have been linked to criminal activity. They may threaten immediate arrest, deportation, or revocation of your driver's license.

The Demand: You are told to buy gift cards (often iTunes, Google Play, Target, or Walmart) and provide card numbers and PINs.

The Theft: Once the scammer has the codes, they can drain the funds immediately.

Red Flags to Watch For

Requesting Gift Cards: Any request for payment via gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency is a definitive sign of a scam.

Immediate Payment Demands: The real IRS typically initiates contact through the U.S. Postal Service and provides an opportunity to appeal any amount owed.

Threats of Law Enforcement: The IRS does not threaten to bring in local police or immigration officers to have you arrested for non-payment.

Unexpected Contact: The IRS does not initiate contact by email, text, or social media to request personal or financial info

How to Report the Scam:

Treasury Inspector General (TIGTA): Use the IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting form or call 800-366-4484.

Federal Trade Commission (FTC): File a complaint at [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov) and mention "IRS Telephone Scam".

IRS Phishing Email: Forward suspicious emails to phishing@irs.gov.

Other ways seniors are tricked:

Demand that taxpayers pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they owe. All taxpayers should be aware of their rights.

Threaten to bring in local police, immigration officers or other law-enforcement to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.

Revoke the taxpayer's driver's license, business licenses, or immigration status.

Sometimes arrests are made, both here in the US and in India, dating back to 2017. But the problem still exists, and it is more prevalent than you might think, here in Westchester.

A good story that describes the problem for you to read is titled, Exclusive: How Indian scammers built a multi-billion-dollar global fraud empire; "Across India, thousands of unemployed young people like Khatri are quietly fueling a multi-million-dollar cyber scam industry that snowballs by the day.

"What was once a fringe criminal activity has evolved into a parallel economy, complete with training centers, managers, performance targets, and international revenue flows, all cloaked behind a screen and an English accent."

<https://www.trtworld.com/article/23e1fe1c3220>.

A good resource on ways to prevent fraud can be found at the Westchester Department of Consumer Protection and their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/WestchesterConsumerProtection>.

The best way to help is to try to reach out to a senior in your neighborhood, church, or community group that may be a likely target.

It's unclear if legislators and the governor will agree. Paulin noted the governor's budget proposal put that money aside strictly in the event that the Essential Plan ended. All three budget proposals also call for hefty reimbursement rate increases to health care providers, which would complicate the overall financial picture. Kinucan is among a group of health care advocates who have criticized lawmakers prioritizing provider rate increases over the coverage cliff.

"The bottom line is there's been no agreement with the three [budget proposals] of what it is we have to spend," Paulin said.

The Paulin and Rivera bills represent a significant departure from the legislature's approach to federal cuts. Last fall, top Democrats declined to return to Albany for a special session to address the imminent impact of federal cuts to Medicaid and other benefits programs — effectively punting the issue to the current budget season.

Earlier this month, both chambers' budget proposals stopped short of allocating state funds to fully replace the cuts. It's unclear how much traction the eleventh-hour proposals could get at this stage of negotiations. The state's fiscal year starts on April 1, but in recent years lawmakers have delivered a final budget weeks or months late.

The measure is likely to encounter strong resistance from Hochul, who has centered her budget proposal this year on "affordability" but has been reluctant to raise taxes on the wealthy. She has insisted the state cannot afford to backfill federal cuts. The governor's office declined to respond to a list of specific questions, but pointed to recent interviews where Hochul said she is continuing to work with federal officials to figure out a path forward for New Yorkers who are dropped from the Essential Plan.

Essential plan enrollee Chris Sahar, a substitute special needs teacher in Queens, is among those likely to become uninsured in July. Sahar, who also works as a church organist and a musical composer, relies on the plan to manage Hashimoto's disease, an autoimmune disorder that requires medication and regular checkups. "The Essential Plan this year has taken away the stress of worrying over high health care costs, and the zero monthly deductible has made it easier for me to put more money into my retirement," said the 59-year-old. As a substitute teacher, Sahar is not eligible for employer-provided insurance or paid leave unless he is able to consistently increase his shifts.

Like many New Yorkers enrolled in the Essential Plan, Sahar earns too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to purchase a plan on the state's exchange. Sahar currently falls in the tier of users that earn between \$31,921 and \$39,900 as a single person — or 200 to 250 percent of the federal poverty level — a demographic ineligible for coverage starting in July. Sahar was previously enrolled in Medicaid for years while his career took a backseat to caregiving for his mother, who was suffering from metastatic breast cancer. "I think the best thing I ever did in my life was take care of my mom in her last years," he said, noting how the experience also left him "haunted" by how financially devastating a diagnosis could be.

The Essential Plan's impending coverage cliff is just the first of several seismic changes coming to the state's healthcare landscape as a result of federal cutbacks. New work rule requirements for Medicaid that kick in next January are projected to result in hundreds of thousands more New Yorkers losing their health coverage over the next year and a half. Similar work rules for food assistance kicked in earlier this month.

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search. The production allows Arnold and Andre an opportunity to tell their respective sides of the story and the motivation behind a plot that could easily have crushed the American cause for independence and effectively ended the American Revolution.

Grady (who portrays Andre) and Petagine (Arnold) are the actors, writers and living historians who bring these characters to life. Dressed in authentic period attire throughout the performance, they will be available after the play for questions and discussion.

"This is one of many upcoming events that celebrate the formation of our great republic," said Supervisor Ed Lachterman. "Yorktown has a yearlong commemoration planned, and most of these events are posted on our Revolutionary Yorktown 250 web page."

The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown is located at 2880 Crompond Road. To park for the event, enter the paved parking lot off Route 132.

The Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route – New York, Incorporated and the Town of Yorktown Heritage Preservation Commission / Yorktown 250 organizations thank the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown for generously granting the use of their space for this presentation.

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