

## Westchester Mom Says “An Abortion Saved My Life After I Got Leukemia”



Abby Blum with her husband Brian, left

By Bonnie Fuller

Abby Blum, 37, Had to Make an Impossible Choice & Now She Fights for Other Women to Have Reproductive Choices.

Abby, who lives in Westchester, explains, “My husband Brian and I were super excited when I found out that I was pregnant with our third child. I had taken a drugstore pregnancy test because I was already starting to feel nauseous and sure enough, it turned positive.

“My two little girls were three and five at the time and when I went to see my OBGYN, she took routine blood work and then did an ultrasound. She told me that my baby looked great.

“But later that evening, I was surprised when I got a frantic call from my OBGYN. She told me that my white blood cells were extremely high.

“I replied that I didn’t know what that meant and she said: “I think you have leukemia. I want you to come in to see our oncology department tomorrow morning for more blood tests and bring your husband.

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## Trump Car Raffle in Westchester to Help Pay for Care Has Supporters & Detractors

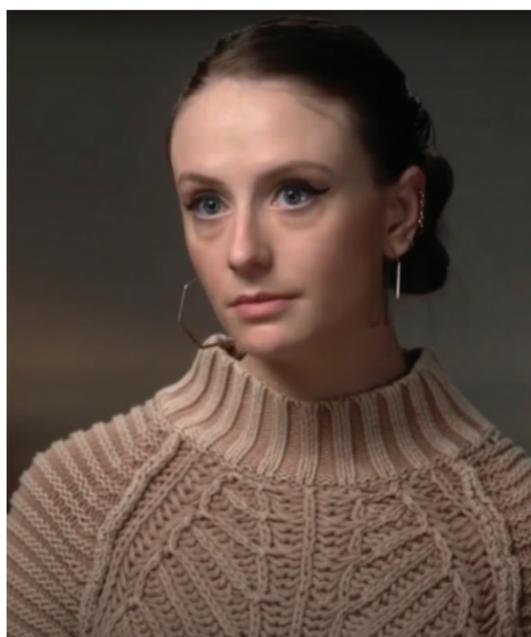


On April 18, Redline Roadhouse, a Bar-Restaurant in Cortlandt Manor, began a raffle, with the winner getting a “Trump Car” painted in Red White & Blue, all in support of our 47th President. Tickets for the raffle are a reasonable \$20. And the cause is great. “This car is being raffled off at the Redline Roadhouse, with 100% of the money going towards the long-term care of a young lady who was injured in a horrific car accident. As mentioned, 100% of the collected funds will be allocated towards her care. If you win, it’s yours to do with as you please. “Raffle tickets are available for purchase at Redline. We welcome everyone to come in, buy a ticket, have a cold beer and enjoy a respectful conversation.”

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## Westchester Native Charlotte Bennett Settles Suit Against Andrew Cuomo for \$450,000

NY Taxpayer Pay; Cuomo Lawsuits Cost Taxpayers \$60 Million



Charlotte Bennett, left

By Dan Murphy

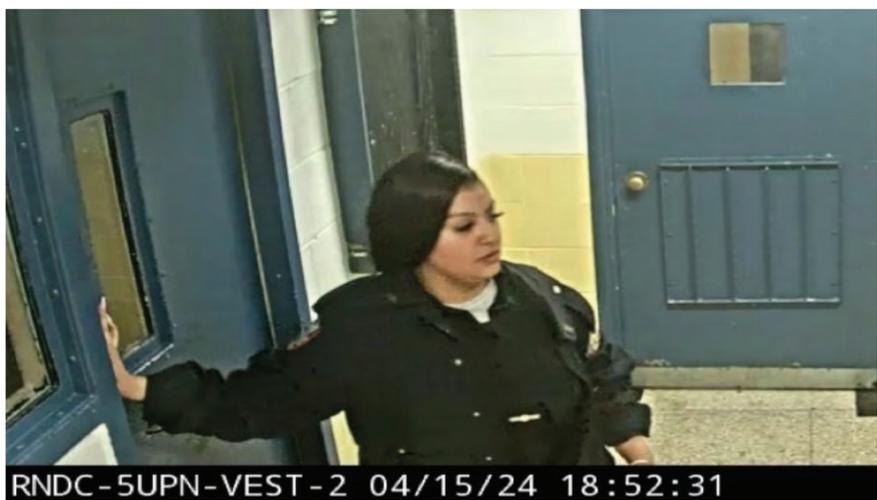
Cuomo Lawsuits Cost NY Taxpayers \$60 Million...and Counting

By Dan Murphy

Westchester native Charlotte Bennett has settled her lawsuit with the State of New York regarding her former boss, Andrew Cuomo, and sexual harassment allegations that she and 11 young women who used to work for the State under Cuomo’s watch when he was Govern-

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## Former Corrections Officer from Mt. Vernon Gets 6 Months For Accepting Bribes- Smuggling Drugs Into Rikers Island



Matthew Podolsky, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that GHISLAINE BARRIENTOS, a former corrections officer, was sentenced today to six months in prison, to be followed by six months of home detention, for her participation in a scheme to accept bribes in exchange for smuggling narcotics and other contraband into Rikers Island. BARRIENTOS previously pled

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## State Senator Pete Harckham- “We are Drowning in Garbage” and Plastics

Packaging Reduction and Recycling Bill Would Save Local Governments Millions

**NEW YORK IS DROWNING IN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC!**

**IT'S TIME TO CUT SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PACKAGING**

BEYOND PLASTICS

By Dan Murphy

“We are drowning in garbage. Previous solutions like landfills and incinerators are insufficient and awful for public and environmental health. We need to get smarter about how we deal with our packaging & plastic waste. This bill promotes innovation & saves taxpayers over \$1B,” said State Senator Pete Harckham, discussing his bill, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, which passed the senate last year but needs to be passed in the Assembly and signed by Governor Hochul to become law.

We support Harckham’s legislation, co-sponsored by Assembly member Deborah Glick. Simply put, Harckham is right, we are drowning in too much garbage, and too much plastic garbage that is not being recycled.

Read it all Online at [Yonkerstimes.com](http://Yonkerstimes.com)

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## Westchester County Police's Mt. Vernon Drug Bust Finds 1.5 Kilos of Coke



WCPD / Narcotics Unit

More great work by the Narcotics Unit and partners! Details are below.

On April 10, 2025, pursuant to a long-term narcotics investigation, members of the Westchester County Police Department executed search warrants at a business and residence in the City of Mount Vernon.

The warrants resulted in the recovery of approximately 1.5 kilograms of alleged cocaine, 3 ounces of alleged crack-cocaine, and 0.5 ounces of alleged heroin. Additionally, precursor materials often used in the cutting and manufacturing of narcotics as well as paraphernalia and packaging allegedly utilized for sale of narcotics, were also recovered.

Roshon J Walker, 49, of West 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, a four-time convicted felon, was arrested and faces multiple charges, including Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, felonies; and two counts of Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia, a misdemeanor.

Walker was arraigned in Mount Vernon City Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail.

The Westchester County Police Department was assisted in the investigation by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration-Westchester, and the Mount Vernon Police Department, NY.

## Westchester Police Arrest Pair Caught with Stolen Car in Yonkers, Sent to Mass. for Other Crimes



WCPD / Patrol Services Division and Real Time Crime

So what do you do when you've just been arrested for driving a car with a stolen license plate, get processed and released? These two geniuses decided their next move was to steal a whole car.

They were doing okay for a while, making their way from Massachusetts to New York. But then they needed gas and went looking for it in the Land of RTC. You know how that story ends. RTC broadcast an alert about the stolen car possibly being driven on McLean Avenue in Yonkers, and WCPD Patrol officers canvassed the area for it and soon had two in custody at a Yonkers gas station.

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## Westchester Parks Foundation Kicks Off Pitch in For Parks on Earth Day



*Mary Benjamin, Director of Volunteer Programs WCPF, with County Executive Ken Jenkins*

Westchester Parks Foundation is getting ready for its largest volunteer event of the year. Started in the late 90's, Pitch in for Parks is the largest multi-day volunteer event that helps get parks ready for peak season. The event kicked off today on Earth Day April 22 at Lenoir Preserve in Yonkers and culminates this Saturday, April 26 at several Westchester County Parks. The annual event, held in partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department, will take place throughout Westchester County Parks. Projects for volunteers, working as individuals, families, corporations, local businesses, or groups, will be held at larger sites including the Bronx River Reservation at Westchester County Center, White Plains; Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson; Glen Island Park, New Rochelle; Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers along with smaller parks throughout the week.

Pre-registration is encouraged to participate. All tools will be provided, and volunteers should wear clothes that can get dirty and closed toe shoes. For more information on how to volunteer for Pitch in for Parks, visit <https://www.thewpf.org/volunteerwithus>.

Bronx River Reservation, White Plains: (914) 813-5038; Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290; Glen Island Park, New Rochelle: (914) 813-6720; Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers: (914) 231-2870;

Pitch In For Parks, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Volunteers will help with various tasks to clean up the parks before their busy season. Registration required:

Bronx River Reservation: <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr00000tdlW4IAI/2025-pitch-in-for-parks-bronx-river-reservation-white-plains>

Croton Point Park: <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr00000tdiUUIAY/2025-pitch-in-for-parks-croton-point-park-croton-on-hudson>

Glen Island Park: <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr00000tdmnRIAQ/2025-pitch-in-for-parks-glen-island-park-new-rochelle>

Tibbetts Brook Park: <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr00000tdnxgIAA/2025-pitch-in-for-parks-tibbetts-brook-park-nyonkers>

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## Westchester Partners with American Legion Auxiliary to Sponsor Military Family Collection Drive



April is the Month of the Military Child

**Drive Is Gathering New, Unused Items to Benefit Military Families During Month of the Military Child.**

April is the Month of the Military Child, and the Westchester County Veterans Service Agency is proud to be sponsoring the Westchester County Military Family Collection Drive.

The Drive is being spearheaded by the American Legion Auxiliary Eastchester Unit. This is a county-wide effort with the help of several American Legion and VFW posts, as well as other public and private partners including Eastchester Schools, Tuckahoe-Eastchester Lions Club, and more.

The Drive is collecting new and unused items to benefit the children of veterans and military service members from age newborn to teen across New York State. Items being collected include diapers, formula, and hygiene items, clothes, toys, gift cards, and handmade blankets. All donations will be distributed by the New York State Department of Veterans' Services to military-connected families throughout the state.

There are multiple ways to donate:

- Items can be dropped off at the Eastchester Public Library and Eastchester Town Hall through April 25. There will be a final collection and open house at the American Legion Leroy Gregory Post, 40 Bell Road, Scarsdale, on April 27 from 1 - 3 p.m.

- Items can be dropped off at American Legion Post 347, Flint Park, Larchmont, on Fridays in April from 6 - 10 p.m.

- Items can be dropped off at American Legion Post 1195, 215 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, on April 26 from 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Items can be purchased through the event's Amazon wishlist: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NZKG987YLNXF?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NZKG987YLNXF?ref_=wl_share)

- In addition, Eastchester Middle School and Eastchester High School are also running collections for their students through April 25.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "Children with parents in the military may not wear a uniform, but in many ways they serve, just like their parents do. Certainly their sacrifice -- including time away from their parents and often uncertainty surrounding deployments -- is very real, and this is a very real way for Westchester residents to show our love and support to our military-connected families."

Veterans Service Agency Director Josh Gaccione said, "I want to thank Tiana Sloan, president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 979, for launching this inaugural drive to support military children and their families in Westchester. It's not only a wonderful way for our communities to support military families and heighten community awareness of the sacrifice and service of our military families.."

Tiana Sloan, president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 979, said: "Military children face unique challenges, from frequent moves to having parents deployed for long periods and missing milestone moments in their lives to adjusting to new schools and communities. It's our turn to show them we see them, support them, and appreciate them."

To learn more about the collection drive, please contact the Eastchester Unit at [auxiliary979@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliary979@gmail.com) or contact your local American Legion Auxiliary Post.

## Goodbye Pope Francis



By Eric Wolf Schoen

He came upon us in a simple way. Riding with his fellow Cardinals in a tour bus to begin his duties as Pope. He had left his bags or some items from them in the hotel the Cardinals were staying at and he wanted to retrieve them.

He didn't need to send a motorcade or fancy car to get the item. He was a man who one thought would want to enjoy life, instead of traveling the world doing the laborious task of bringing joy Of religion to all of its people.

And he loved his people, particularly those whose lives were challenged with health issues or other problems. He would help them in any which way he could. He loved traveling, and all over the world he has made significant strides in promoting inclusivity within the Church, particularly towards the LG-BTQ+ community and those from diverse backgrounds. His famous statement, "Who am I to judge?" in 2013 was hailed by many in the gay community.

Pope Francis is known for his progressive leadership and focus on social justice, environmentalism, and interfaith dialogue. He has made significant achievements in these areas, including advocating for the poor and marginalized, promoting Laudato Si' (a papal encyclical on climate change), and fostering unity between different religious groups.

Some of his Key Accomplishments include:

**Advocacy for the Poor:**

Pope Francis has consistently spoken out on social issues and emphasized the church's commitment to helping the marginalized.

**Laudato Si' (Environmentalism):**

His encyclical on climate change, Laudato Si', is a landmark document that calls for urgent action on the environmental crisis and champions environmental stewardship.

**Interfaith Dialogue:**

He has actively engaged in dialogue with leaders of other religions, promoting understanding and cooperation between different faiths.

**Reforms within the Vatican:**

He has implemented reforms within the Vatican administration, including streamlining the Curia and appointing more women to key roles.

**Synod on Synodality:**

He convened a synod on synodality, a process of dialogue and deliberation within the Church, which is considered one of the most important events in the Church since the Second Vatican Council.

**Apologies for Abuse:**

He has made historic apologies to survivors of clergy sexual abuse, including an apology for the Church's role in the cultural genocide of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

**Protection of Migrants:**

He has called for the protection of migrants and criticized anti-immigration policies.

**Global Abolition of the Death Penalty:**

Pope Francis has advocated for the global abolition of the death penalty.

**Pastoral Accompaniment of LGBT People:**

He has taught that remarried Catholics can "in certain cases" receive the sacraments and has spoken out against laws criminalizing same-sex relationships.

Francis will be buried in simple wooden coffin with his name on it. We pray the good work he has done will continue with the next Pope, and that his goodness will bring the people of America together again.

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## Congressman Latimer & State Senator Mayer Assist Residents in New Rochelle



**Congressman George Latimer, State Senator Shelley Mayer and their constituent services teams at a Mobile Office Hours event at the New Rochelle Public Library.**

U.S. Representative George Latimer (NY-16) and his constituent services team were at the New Rochelle Public Library on Wednesday to meet with residents and assist them with federal issues, including delayed Social Security payments and IRS tax returns. They were joined by State Senator Shelley Mayer and her Constituent Services and Community Affairs team.

“It was great to be at the New Rochelle Library to hear from residents about issues they are facing, and introduce them to my staff who can help with individual federal issues. The federal government can at times live up to its reputation as a large bureaucracy and that can be difficult for a person to navigate alone,” said Rep. Latimer. “That is what my staff can help with. We encourage residents to stop by our upcoming mobile office hours to receive assistance. I hope to make it to as many as I can.”

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, “I am pleased that my Constituent Services and Community Affairs team and I had the opportunity to join Congressman George Latimer and his team for mobile office hours at the New Rochelle Public Library. As many New Yorkers face uncertainty about the future, it’s important that we meet our constituents where they are and make it clear that we’re available to assist with the issues they face. My team is always ready to help with individual concerns regarding state agencies. I want to thank Congressman Latimer for inviting us to participate and I thank my staff—Christine Fils-Aime, Director of Constituent Services and Community Affairs, and Luis Angel Ochoa, Constituent Services and Community Affairs Associate—for their dedication to our community and their commitment to helping residents access resources and services available to them and intervening on their behalf when necessary.”

- Some examples of what issues can be addressed at mobile office hours:
  - Assistance with Medicare, Social Security, VA Benefits & IRS, including guidance on applications, claims, and resolving pending benefit issues
  - Expedited Processing for Passport Applications, including assistance with urgent and pending passport requests to ensure timely approvals
  - Support for Immigration Cases, including help navigating pending immigration applications, status inquiries, and information on DOJ accredited attorneys and legal aid organizations
- Mobile office hours were also held in Greenburgh on April 22nd at the Theodore D. Young Community Center from 11am-3pm, and in Mt. Vernon on April 24th at the Doles Center from 11am-2pm.

## Two Teens Charged for Stealing Customers Credit Cards and Cell Phones at Trader Joe’s Yorktown



On Friday April 18, a 16-year-old from Queens NYC, stole a credit card and a cellphone from shoppers at Trader Joe’s in Yorktown. The teens name was not released due to his age, but was arrested by Yorktown Police on including fourth-degree grand larceny (felony) and criminal possession of stolen property.

The teen purchased more than \$2,300 of merchandise with the stolen credit card.

The stolen phone was tracked by law enforcement to the Taconic Parkway, where the teen was driving back to Queens, but was stopped on the parkway in Mt. Pleasant and arrested with the credit card, stolen phone and merchandise.

The stolen phone and credit card theft were two different incidents that occurred on the same day.

The teen was charged as a youthful offender and was released to an adult guardian with an appearance scheduled for April 24 at the County Courthouse.

Pickpockets primarily target easily accessible items like wallets, cell phones, and purses. They often focus on items that are stored in loose-fitting pockets or open bags. Mobile phones are particularly favored due to their value and the personal information they store.

Pickpocketing crimes have been on the rise in recent years, putting victims and the police tasked with apprehending criminals at heightened risk. The iconic image of suave pickpockets in the movies makes them appear clever, possessing the fine hand skills of a surgeon. But truth be told, these petty thieves usually prey on vulnerable people such as our valued elders and students.

It attracts criminals who prefer to avoid physical violence and can abscond valuables before victims realize they’ve been targeted. And such weaponless crimes typically do not garner long incarcerations, should they get caught. These are things potential victims may not know about pickpocketing.

Pickpockets often work in teams, with one or more distracting you while another steals.

Distractions may include physical bumping, sandwiching, or attracting your attention.

Pickpockets consider student backpacks a primary target for electronics, money, valuables, and credit cards.

These are ways to make your presence unappealing to pickpockets. Firmly hold pocketbooks, backpacks, and other carrying cases.

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## Housing Markets North of NYC Exhibit Continued

### Strength Despite an Atmosphere of Uncertainty

Despite an atmosphere of uncertainty from rising mortgage rates, stubborn inflation and geopolitical frictions, the residential real estate markets North of NYC exhibited remarkable adaptability and, in many cases, quiet strength in the first quarter of 2025, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Q1 2025 Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Market Report released today.

“From south to north, a familiar pattern has re-emerged: as affordability continues to be tested in Southern Westchester, buyer activity has radiated outward. Lower Westchester, historically one of the most competitive areas, saw resilient pricing and a slight uptick in sales,” said Liz Nunan, President & CEO of Houlihan Lawrence.

“But as inventory remained limited and prices climbed, buyers expanded their search parameters geographically, first into Northern Westchester, then into Putnam, and increasingly into Dutchess. This outward flow has created a subtle ripple effect, with each ring absorbing demand from the one below it,” Nunan added.

In Westchester County, single-family home sales rose 8.5% compared to Q1 2024. This was accompanied by a 5% increase in the average sale price, which reached \$1.18 million. Despite a notable rise in average days on the market, from 39 to 67, the sale-to-list price ratio remained a robust 101.5%, suggesting that well-positioned homes are still finding ready buyers.

In Putnam County, total sales volume declined 9% versus Q1 2024, but that headline masks a more nuanced reality. Median prices rose 10%, indicating that demand has not disappeared, it has simply shifted upmarket.

Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess Markets at a Glance-(Q1 2025 vs Q1 2024)

#### WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Homes Sold: Up 9.4%

Median Sale Price: Up 4.5%

New York City Gateway-(Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham, and Yonkers)

Homes Sold: Down 1%

Median Sale Price: Up 1%

Lower Westchester- (Bronxville, Eastchester, Edgemont, Scarsdale, Tuckahoe)

Homes Sold: Up 6%

Median Sale Price: Up 4%

Rivertowns-Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Tarrytown, Briarcliff Manor, Elmsford, Irvington Ossining, and Pocantico Hills

Homes Sold: Up 20%

Median Sale Price: Up 5%

Greater White Plains-Greenburgh, Valhalla and White Plains

Homes Sold: Up 42%

Median Sale Price: Up 13%

Sound Shore-Blind Brook, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye City and Rye Neck

Homes Sold: Down 3%

Median Sale Price: Up 6%

Northern Westchester-Bedford, Byram Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah-Lewisboro, North Salem and Somers

Homes Sold: Up 16%

Median Sale Price: Up 19%

Northwest Westchester-Croton-on-Hudson, Hendrick Hudson, Lakeland, Peekskill and Yorktown

Homes Sold: Up 2%

Median Sale Price: 0%

PUTNAM COUNTY-Brewster, Carmel, Garrison, Haldane, Lakeland, Mahopac and Putnam Valley

Homes Sold: Down 8%

Median Sale Price: Up 10%

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Please register online at [www.PromNationalNetwork.org/events/](http://www.PromNationalNetwork.org/events/)

Prom season is here and once again Westchester County is partnering with Operation Prom to make sure that every high school senior in Westchester can look fabulous on the big night, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Operation Prom's Prom Formal Wear Giveaway will be held at the Westchester County Center Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 4.

Wonderful and stylish dresses and tuxedos, as well as shoes and accessories, will be available to high school seniors who bring a school ID or report card on Friday, May 1 from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dresses, but not tuxedos, also will be available on Sunday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., after which there will be a public dress sale until 2 p.m.

The County is making available free Bee-Line bus fare to the County Center for the event for students who show their high school IDs.

Friday reservations can be made online at <https://forms.gle/V8jP-SJqqmT7nk4m87>

Saturday reservations can be made online at <https://forms.gle/9KzCU4ao1QtucfrD8>

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Notice of Formation of Claritas Consulting LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/25/25. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 85 Windsor Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of JJJ Roadside Solution, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01-07-2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Joel Armando Mena, 25 Knowles Street, Yonkers, New York 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the State of New York (SSNY) on 02/03/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC, 1585 Central Park Ave, Unit 157, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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 130 FRANKLIN AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 68 North Steet, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. 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 the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

#### SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortland, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567 Approximate amount of lien \$432,385.27 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee  
David A. Gallo & Associates LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Manhasset, NY 11030  
File# 7777.122

#### LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, on April 22, 2025, duly adopted Resolution No. 53-2025 making a Determination and Findings pursuant to Section 204 of the New York Eminent Procedure Law ("EDPL") for the acquisition of certain real property located at 76 a/k/a 70 Fernbrook Street a/k/a 8 Watergrant Street (Tax Section 1, Block 615, Lot 1) known as the "Parcel", comprising the leasehold interest of All County Bus, LLC ("All County Bus") in connection with a certain "public project" (as such quoted term is defined in the EDPL; and collectively referred to herein as the "Project") consisting of facilitating the productive reuse and redevelopment of the Parcel, (one of eight (8) total adjoining parcels (the "Park Site"), subject to the existing leasehold, through the undertaking of (A) environmental remediation of the Park Site, and (B) structural improvements for climate resiliency, and (C) the reuse and redevelopment of the Park Site as a waterfront public park, including playground and recreational facilities, pursuant to the EDPL, all in connection with serving the public use, benefit or purpose described herein.

The findings made by the City Council are summarized as follows:

1. The proposed acquisition of the Parcel in connection with the undertaking of the Project will serve a public use, benefit and/or purpose because it will advance the overall general prosperity and economic and social welfare of the residents of the City by returning the underutilized and derelict Parcel to productive use and by attracting and accommodating appropriate and allowable development and end user(s), and thereby, among other things, (i) allowing for the provision of additional and much needed public park and open green space and allowing for safe, welcoming and convenient access to recreation amenities for the residents of the City and the general public thereby to promote their health, safety, wellness and general welfare, (ii) create employment opportunities, (iii) combat economic stagnation at the Parcel through stimulating, promoting and/or supporting new and/or existing economic revitalization and redevelopment efforts, (iv) decrease the negative impacts associated with large vacant buildings within the City, (v) enhance the overall functionality and/or attractiveness of the area and surrounding area, (vi) as appropriate, may include, but not limited to, compliment and/or advance any public purpose contemplated by the Yonkers Comprehensive Plan and the Ludlow Master Plan.

2. The location of the Project within which the Parcel is located was determined based upon information in the Comprehensive Plan, the Ludlow Master Plan, the Hudson River and potential of providing open green public park space and its potential for continuing to spur economic revitalization and redevelopment in the surrounding areas of the City. No alternative locations exist in the City that are being considered for the Project.

3. A coordinated State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") review of the Project was completed whereby the City Council concluded that the Project, including the acquisition of the Parcel, will not result in a potential significant adverse impact on the environment. The acquisition of the Parcel and the completion of the Project will positively impact the residents of the City, thereby expanding the benefits of the City's parks and recreation areas, advancing the creation of additional job opportunities, and otherwise supporting the general prosperity and economic welfare of the City's residents.

4. The City Council has given due consideration to the record of public comments raised at the hearing held March 25, 2025 as well as public opinion and concerns, if any, expressed through the SEQRA process associated with the Project. Based on due consideration of the foregoing, the City hereby makes its Determination and Findings in accordance with the EDPL in connection with the acquisition of the Parcel by condemnation, if necessary, in connection with the undertaking of the Project.

Copies of the complete text of the Determination and Findings may be examined or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, Yonkers City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701

Dated April 22, 2025

Vincent Spano  
City Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. 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 THE LLC, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. 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, Republic Registered Agent Services Inc. 54 State Street Suite 804 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of SteenShots LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: 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, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## NY Schools Plan To Spend Nearly \$32K Per Student

New York school districts holding budget referendums next week plan to spend an average of \$31,929 per student, according to a new analysis from the Empire Center.

The data, collected as part of the state Education Department's Property Tax Report Card and visualized as part of the Empire Center's annual School Budget Spotlight, detail spending plans for 666 districts that will go before voters on May 16. One-sixth of those districts (111) plan to spend at least \$40,000 per student, and 31 plan to spend at least \$50,000.

In total, the districts are on track to have increased per-pupil spending by 45 percent over the past 10 years, one and a half times the rate of inflation during that time.

Despite receiving record-setting levels of state aid in the just-enacted state budget, districts are poised to also increase property tax levies an average of 2 percent.

The largest proposed increase is in the North Country's Chateaugay Central School District, which plans to increase its levy by 22 percent. Four other districts—Montauk (19 percent), Roscoe (12 percent), Town of Webb (11 percent) and *Blind Brook-Rye (11 percent)*—have proposed property tax levy increases over 10 percent.

Fifteen districts plan to override the property tax cap, meaning they need 60 percent of voters to approve the budget. In another 276 districts, the proposed property tax levy comes within \$1,000 of the district's property tax cap, indicating property taxes would likely have risen higher in the absence of the cap.

The largest proposed reduction is in Long Island's William Floyd Union Free School District, which plans to cut its levy by 17 percent. Ten other districts proposed smaller tax levies than last year's, and another 92 districts plan to keep their tax levy unchanged.

Federal data show New York spends 89 percent more per-pupil on K-12 education than the national average, and 36 percent more than Massachusetts.

Property Tax Report Card data do not include the "Big 5" school districts (New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Yonkers, Syracuse) which do not hold budget referendums. The analysis excludes two districts that filed incomplete data (Green Island and Bolivar-Richburg).

The overall average spending in Westchester County school districts is \$36,613 per student. Enrollment remains flat, with a less than 1% decline.

Putnam County averages \$38,216 per student and has an enrollment decline of 1.26%.

## Groundwork Hudson Valley's Saw Mill River Clean Up-April 26



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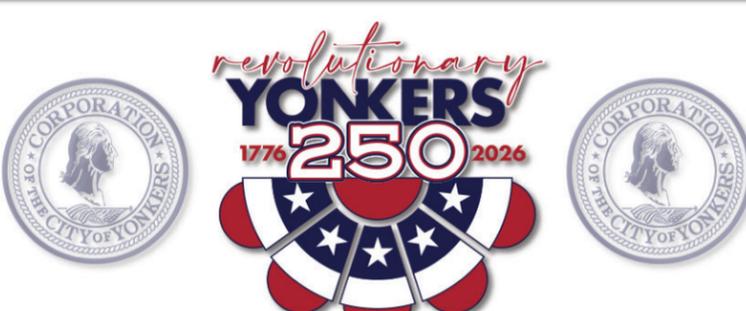
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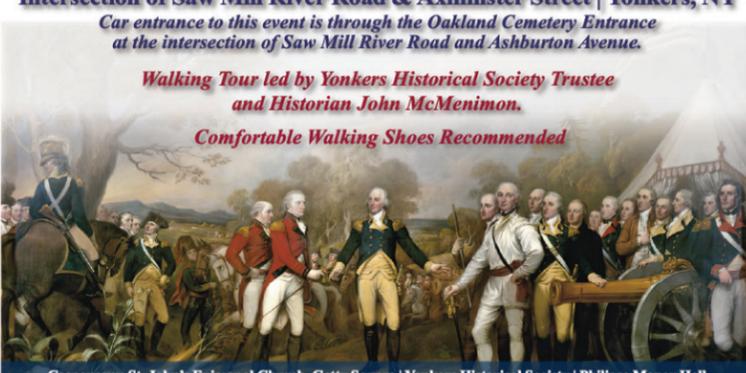
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## Lakeland & Walter Panas HS Girls Golf Team Make History at Hollow Brook Golf Club



On April 3, history was created at Hollow Brook when the girls golf team from Lakeland and Walter Panas High School competed in their first ever competitive golf match. The 6 girls played against Wappingers High School and although they suffered a narrow defeat, all of them can be proud of being part of something extra special.

Hollow Brook was not only proud to host this special occasion but can also take pride in the fact that 4 of the 6 girls started this journey by being part of our PGA Junior League program from an early age. Keep up the great work Girls!

Hollow Brook Golf Club is located at 1060 Oregon Road in Cortlandt Manor. Phil Eyre is the PGA Professional at the club.

Visit [www.golfhollowbrook.com/](http://www.golfhollowbrook.com/), to learn more.

## Llama on the Loose in Mt. Kisco Apprehended



There's llama on the loose on Kisco Avenue!

We get all kinds of interesting 911 calls, and that one came in to Commo at 10:09 a.m. today. Turns out it was an actually an alpaca that was on the lam, but still a pretty good initial description compared to some we get. The alpaca was soon rounded up safely thanks to the quick response of Officers Mirko and Rodriguez.

Turns out the alpaca had slipped out of a trailer near Hotel MTK on Pat Reilly Way. Then it made its way over to Kisco Avenue near the Land Rover dealership. (Maybe it was looking to upgrade its ride?)

In any event, our officers transported their new furry friend back to the Green Street precinct, where it was soon reunited with its grateful owner.

We're taking a guess here, but we think somewhere there's a kid's birthday party that went on just as planned.

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Please RSVP to Annette Volino at  
[AnnetteVolino@yahoo.com](mailto:AnnetteVolino@yahoo.com) or (914) 704-0583  
Please send check to Annette Volino at 385 Kimball Ave. Yonkers, NY 10704 or  
Venmo @EastYonkersKiwanis. Please indicate the name of the nurse honoree.

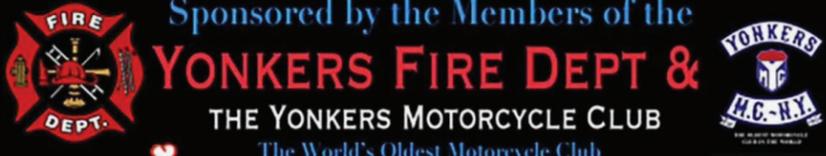


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## IGT Donates Advanced Technology to Family Service Society of Yonkers to Enhance Educational Programs



Students using computer equipment donated by IGT

International Game Technology (“IGT”), a global leader in gaming technology and innovation, today announced a donation of advanced technology to the Family Service Society of Yonkers (“FSSY”) as part of its global After School Advantage (“ASA”) program. This donation, which includes 15 Acer Gaming Laptops and a Pearington 20-Device Mobile Charging and Storage Cart, is poised to make a lasting impact on FSSY’s educational programs, enhancing learning opportunities for students in the Yonkers community.

The Family Service Society of Yonkers, a longstanding community organization dedicated to supporting youth and families, provides licensed after-school programs for students at sites across the Yonkers City School District. These programs focus on homework help, social and emotional support, arts instruction, and learning in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (“STEM”), along with recreational activities. IGT’s cutting-edge technology donation will equip Yonkers students with the educational tools and software necessary to develop digital literacy, academic proficiency, and essential critical thinking and problem-solving skills in an increasingly technology-driven world.

This contribution will not only enhance the physical resources available to students but also demonstrate IGT’s commitment to supporting educational equity and bridging the digital divide in underserved communities.

“Investing in our youth is investing in the future of Yonkers,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Thanks to IGT’s generous donation, students in our community will have access to the tools and technology they need to succeed in an increasingly digital world. Family Service Society of Yonkers continues to provide invaluable support for our families, and partnerships like this ensure that our young people have every opportunity to thrive.”

At IGT, we recognize the power of technology in shaping the future of education and career opportunities for young people,” said Tom Iapoce, IGT New York Account Development Manager. “We are proud to support the Family Service Society of Yonkers in their mission to provide students with the tools and skills they need to thrive. Through our After School Advantage program, we aim to bridge the digital divide and create meaningful educational experiences that empower the next generation.”

As part of IGT’s Sustainable Play™ initiatives, After School Advantage is the company’s flagship community program, devoted to providing youth with access to technology at digital learning centers in communities where IGT operates. IGT is a global leader in the lottery and gaming industry and has promoted the advancement of tech literacy and STEM opportunities by providing young people access to technology since the After School Advantage program was founded in 1999.

To learn more about IGT’s After School Advantage program, visit [IGT.com](http://IGT.com).

## Yonkers Man Pleads Guilty for Antisemitic Attack on Jewish Barber



From October 2024; Yonkers barber Slava Shushakova, 51, enlisted the help of Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz to place a new mezuzah on the doorpost of his Classic Touch Yonkers Avenue barber shop at 797A Yonkers Avenue, Photographs © 2024 Robert Kalfus.

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Ahmed Al Jabali, 34, of Yonkers, pleaded guilty on April 17 to Assault in the Second Degree as a Hate Crime, a class C violent felony, following his vicious, antisemitic assault on a Jewish barber in the City of Yonkers.

DA Cacace said: “Hate has no home in Westchester County. The rise in antisemitic hate over the last several years is disturbing and completely unacceptable. Today and every day, my office stands with the Jewish community of Westchester and will seek justice for victims of antisemitic violence.”

On Aug. 29, 2024, Al Jabali entered the Yonkers barbershop of Slava Shushakov and asked for a shave. Al Jabali grabbed a pair of barber’s shears and called Shushakov an “[expletive] Jew.” He then repeatedly attempted to stab Shushakov and ended up slashing him in the arm and hand, all while continuing to yell antisemitic slurs.

Al Jabali is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge James McCarty on May 29.

Mr. Shushakov said: “No one should have to go through what I went through. This attack is a reminder that we have a lot more to do to eradicate hate and antisemitism in Westchester County. I want to thank DA Cacace and the Yonkers police for helping me get through this difficult time and for making sure I could get justice.”

The case was investigated by the Yonkers Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Elizabeth Shumejda and Luis Felix.

Shortly after the incident took place, Shushakova said, “You don’t hide from antisemitism. You need to shine a light on it and call it out and stand together.”

Shushakova’s shop, Classic Touch Yonkers Avenue barber shop, is located at 797A Yonkers Avenue. Come in for a haircut.

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. IFB-6841 – Opening date: 05/30/2025: First Police Precinct (730 East Grassy Sprain Road, Yonkers, NY 10710) shooting range HVAC upgrades (KS).
2. Bid No. RFB-7438 – Opening date: 05/16/2025: furnish and install Creston, or Yonkers approved equal, audiovisual equipment in a City provided mobile command vehicle (FB).
3. Bid No. RFB-7439 – Opening date: 05/16/2025: Purchase of Skydio, or Yonkers approved equal, drones, software, and related services (CA).
4. Bid No. RFB-7440 – Opening date: 05/09/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide Kia vehicle repair parts and repair services as needed (FB).
5. Bid No. RFB-7441 – Opening date: 05/09/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide mechanical joint fittings and ductile iron pipe per AWWA and ANSI specifications as needed (AC).
6. Bid No. RFB-7442 – Opening date: 05/16/2025: Purchase of Autel Robotics, or Yonkers approved equal, drones and accessories (VB).
7. Bid No. RFB-7443 – Opening date: 05/09/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months to purchase various Clow Valve, or Yonkers approved equal, water distribution valves (KAS).

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But Hareckham caught our eye with his bill when he said that local governments could save millions but reducing the amount of recycling they have to collect and transport.

Local governments in New York could save \$1.3 billion over 10 years if state lawmakers force big businesses to reduce the amount of plastic they use to package food and other products, according to a report by the environmental group Beyond Plastics. In the eight Hudson Valley counties that include Rockland and Westchester, the savings would exceed \$100 million, largely by reducing what local governments spend to truck and dispose of plastic waste in incinerators and landfills, a tab that falls to taxpayers, the report says.

In New York, plastic accounts for about 14% of the 18 million tons of waste that ends up in landfills and incinerators, according to state figures.

A measure in Albany would force companies that do at least \$5 million in business in New York to reduce by 30% the amount of plastic they use in their packaging over 12 years.

Opponents have dubbed the bill, sponsored in the Assembly by Democrat Deborah Glick, as the “Cheese Ban Bill,” claiming it will cost consumers more to buy a single slice of cheese wrapped in plastic.

State Sen. Pete Hareckham, the chair of the senate’s environmental conservation committee, said the report is the first to highlight the financial implications of continuing to wrap products in plastic.

Less than 6% of plastic gets recycled, while the rest ends up in landfills and incinerators. In New York, plastic accounts for about 14% of the 18 million tons of waste that ends up in landfills and incinerators, according to state figures.

Hareckham’s bill – the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act – passed the Senate last year but failed to make it to an Assembly vote on the last day of the 2024 session. It’s been reintroduced this year.

The measure would force companies that do at least \$5 million in business in New York to reduce by 30% the amount of plastic they use in their packaging over 12 years. And all forms of packaging – glass, cardboard, paper, metal and plastic – would have to be recycled at a rate of 75% by 2052. There will be about 3.8 million tons of packaging waste generated this year, equal in weight to 10 Empire State Buildings, the report notes.

“State legislators have a choice,” said Judith Enck, Beyond Plastic’s president. “Do they let this crisis worsen or do they take action this legislative session?”

“New Yorkers concerned about the impact waste and plastics are having on our environment should be elated: this is the strongest Extended Producer Responsibility legislation in the country,” said Hareckham. “Our goal here is to reduce waste, plastics and toxins, all of which this bill accomplishes. This incredible achievement shows what ordinary people statewide can do when working together with a shared purpose. We have prevailed over some of the most powerful special interests ever to oppose a single bill in this state—and for good reason. New Yorkers are ready for a lot less plastic waste in their communities.”

High recycling costs have led to increased taxes and recycling limitations; in addition, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) notes that the state’s 25 municipal solid waste landfills could be full within 15 years.

Judith Enck, former EPA Regional Administrator and president of Beyond Plastics, said, “Passage of this transformational plastics reduction bill will protect people’s health and the environment and save tax dollars. There was massive opposition by the plastics, chemical and fossil fuel industries, which was overcome by significant public support for the bill. Immense thanks to Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins and bill sponsor Senator Pete Hareckham for passing this bill which will reduce plastic pollution in the Hudson River, the Bronx River, Long Island Sound and other cherished water bodies.”

A new poll just released by the Siena College Research Institute finds that nearly three-quarters—73%—of the respondents favor requiring all companies with an annual net income of over \$1 million to reduce packaging on their products, a key component of the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA) sponsored by New York State Senator Pete Hareckham and Assemblymember Deborah Glick, chairs of the Environmental Conservation Committee in their respective legislative houses.

We also support passage of the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, which would double the \$5 cent fee for bottle returns to \$10 cents. The \$5 cent bottle fee has been the same since 1982.

We acknowledge that if Hareckham’s Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act passed and is signed into law, many businesses, large and small, will be forced to comply, and they will pass on the cost of compliance with their customers.

But the figures highlighted by Hareckham are disturbing and warrant immediate action. All of us in Westchester should realize that we are consuming far too many plastics in our everyday lives.

## Musical May! A Children’s Book Week Party! At the New Rochelle Library



### Musical May! A Children’s Book Week Party! At the New Rochelle Library

Saturday, May 3  
2:00 - 3:30 pm

Get into the groove & join us for a music-themed celebration in honor of Children’s Book Week with special guests & activities that are sure to inspire a love of literacy and libraries. The afternoon includes:

Award-winning picture book author Jyoti Rajan Gopal sharing her book *One Sweet Song*, an ode to the power of music and community.

Meet & Greet with Pete the Cat!

Make & Shake Tambourines!

Location: Children’s Room

### Westchester County Police, continued from pg 2-

Milford, Mass. PD wants them back, so they were booked here and remanded to the County Jail. Job well done by Real Time Crime and POs Peluso and McGloin!

On Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, at 7:23AM, the Milford Public Safety Communications Center received an emergency phone call reporting a stolen vehicle from the Holiday Inn Express, located at 50 Fortune Blvd. in Milford. The caller relayed to communications personnel that he had started his vehicle to warm it and while heading back into the hotel, noticed two white males acting suspiciously in the area.

Milford Police Detectives and patrol units conducted a search of the area with negative findings of the reported stolen vehicle. A review of hotel CCTV footage showed the suspects in question entering and stealing the vehicle at 7:17AM. In checking additional video evidence, Detectives discovered the two suspects were transported to the hotel by a Hopkinton, MA Police Department marked unit prior to the theft. In communicating with Hopkinton Police, MPD Detectives were able to identify the two males as Anthony Carter, 46, of Wichita, Kansas and Christopher Carter, 40, of Cleveland, North Carolina.

In addition to providing the suspect’s identities, Hopkinton Police advised MPD Detectives that the two were criminally summonsed in their town for driving a vehicle with stolen plates attached, before being courtesy transported to the Milford hotel where the crime occurred.

At 3:00PM, through use of multi-agency, crime-tracking technology, the suspects were apprehended by Westchester County Police Department while driving the stolen Honda Accord.

Both suspects are charged with the following crimes and are believed to be tied to another vehicle larceny in the area.

### Former Corrections Officer gets Six Months, continued from pg 1-

guilty before U.S. District Judge Gregory H. Woods, who imposed today’s sentence.

Acting U.S. Attorney Matthew Podolsky said: “Ghislaime Barrientos smuggled drugs and other contraband into Rikers Island in exchange for more than ten thousand dollars in bribes. Barrientos not only abused her position of public trust as a corrections officer, she made Rikers Island less safe for inmates and officers alike. Corrupt corrections officers have no place in our jail facilities, and this Office will continue to work to rid our jails of those who take advantage of their positions to enrich themselves.”

As reflected in the Complaint, Information, and statements made in court: BARRIENTOS, a former New York City Department of Correction (“DOC”) correction officer, conspired with others to smuggle contraband, including cocaine, smokeable synthetic cannabinoids (known as “K2”), and food to inmates housed at the Robert N. Davoren Complex on Rikers Island in exchange for thousands of dollars in bribe payments.

In addition to the prison sentence, BARRIENTOS, 37, of Mount Vernon, New York, was ordered to forfeit \$11,866.

Mr. Podolsky praised the outstanding investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York City Department of Investigation.

This case is being handled by the Office’s Public Corruption and Narcotics Units. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Coyle is in charge of the prosecution.

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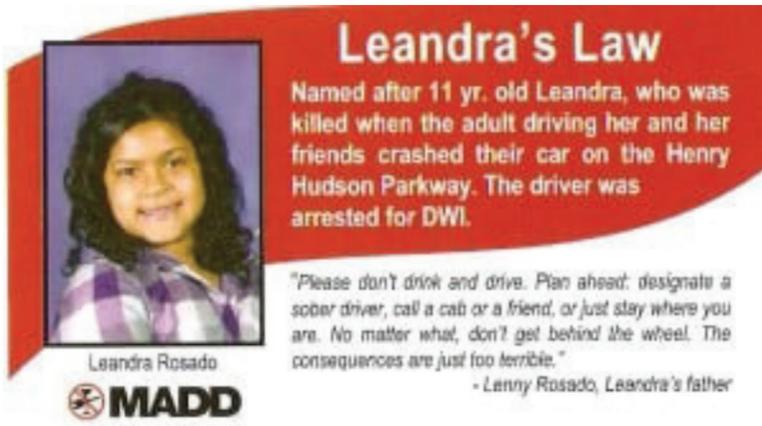
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# Leandra's Law-Enforced in Rye; Mom Pulled Over Drunk with Three Kids in the Car

Charlotte Benneftt, *continued from pg 1-*



Leandra's Law in New York State, formally known as Chapter 496 of the Laws of 2009, is a law that strengthens penalties for driving while intoxicated (DWI) or impaired by drugs when a child is in the vehicle. Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law).

On April 20, 2025, at approximately 11:13 p.m., Troopers from SP New Rochelle conducted a traffic stop on a 2014 Toyota Camry traveling northbound on Interstate 95 in the City of Rye for multiple violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

While interviewing the operator, identified as Claudia R. Ruiz, age 40, of Greenwich, Connecticut, Troopers observed signs of intoxication. Ruiz was administered standardized field sobriety tests, which she subsequently failed.

Troopers discovered three children—ages 1, 6, and 11—were also in the vehicle at the time of the stop. Ruiz was taken into custody and transported to SP New Rochelle for processing, where she provided a breath sample resulting in a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.11%.

Ruiz was charged with the following offenses:

- Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law) – three counts (E Felony)
  - Driving While Intoxicated (Unclassified Misdemeanor)
  - Multiple Vehicle and Traffic Violations
- Ruiz was issued an appearance ticket returnable to Rye City Court on May 13, 2025.

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Bennett settled for \$450,000, with \$350,000 going to her attorneys. The cost of the settlement will be paid for by the taxpayers of New York, as are the legal bills for all of the other sexual harassment claims against Cuomo, who is now running for Mayor of New York City. Cuomo's legal bills in the Bennett matter ran to \$9 Million, making one NY taxpayer (Me) wondering why this case was settled years, and millions of dollars ago.

Bennett served as an assistant and health policy adviser to Governor Cuomo from 2019-2020. In 2021, when she came forward with her allegations, after another alleged victim, Lindsey Boylan came forward.

She filed another lawsuit she filed personally against Cuomo, but dropped that suit after Cuomo's attorneys sought her gynecological records.

Bennett's attorney Debra Katz said, "Ms. Bennett's allegations were later supported by findings from the New York Attorney General's Office and the U.S. Department of Justice," Ms. Katz said in the statement. "Ms. Bennett is looking forward to moving on with her life."

But Cuomo spokesman Rich Azzopardi differed saying, "The attorney general's discredited 2021 report about Governor Cuomo was pure politics from beginning to end, all at taxpayer expense, and today's nuisance settlement proves it."

Bennett's personal suit against Cuomo alleged that he subjected her to degrading sexual harassment on the job and accused her of lying when she came forward with the accusations.

Governor Hochul commented through a spokesman, "This settlement was mutually agreed upon by the parties and allows the State to minimize further cost to the taxpayers." But others blamed Hochul's administration for dragging out the Bennett case.

Erica Vladimer, co-founder of the Sexual Harassment Working Group said, "Hochul spent \$2.5 million dragging Charlotte Bennett through court proceedings... this unnecessary prolonging of legal proceedings could have easily been avoided."

NY Attorney General Letitia James investigated all of the allegations against Cuomo and found all 11 credible. But Cuomo has blamed NYAG James for what he calls the further politicization of the allegations against him.

Two more lawsuits against Cuomo for sexual harassment remain. A female state trooper has also filed suit against Cuomo. She claims that Cuomo touched her inappropriately. The State has spent \$8.6 Million on that case already, and the trooper may be Cuomo's most difficult accusation to ignore.

And a lawsuit by former Cuomo staffer Brittany Commisso, remains.

And five months ago, Cuomo filed a lawsuit against Bennett and Katz for defamation.

Bennett also claims that Cuomo top staffer Melissa DeRosa and others knew about the allegations.

When she was 23 and Cuomo 64, Bennett claimed that Cuomo asked her sexual questions about her love life.

When all of the allegations became public, Cuomo resigned in 2021, primarily for the harassment allegations but also for the nursing home deaths under his watch during COVID.

The COVID-Nursing Home allegations continued to linger against Cuomo.

While we differentiate the allegations made against Cuomo, (mostly verbal harassment with some touching and groping), with sexual rape allegations and criminal charges against Harvey Weinstein and P. Diddy, the fact that Governor Cuomo, assuming that he said and did these things to 11 woman is creepy and troubling, and should disqual him from becoming Mayor.

But he is currently leading the democratic field for Mayor, with five other candidates in the mix.

Melissa DeRosa wrote a book and mentioned Charlotte Bennett in it. She writes,

In the summer of 2020, DeRosa was alerted by a staffer named Charlotte Bennett told coworkers that she had an experience with the governor in which he asked her inappropriate questions about her dating and social life and made her feel that he was hitting on her."

When asked by Cuomo what's wrong in the car the next day, DeRosa snaps

"What's wrong with me? Charlotte Bennett. Why did you engage with her."

Some believe that DeRosa's book confirms that "She knew about what Cuomo did to Charlotte Bennett, believed Charlotte Bennett, and continued to cover up what Cuomo did."

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Kids' Community Farm-to-Table with Fiddleheads Cooking Studio, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Ages 7 through 13 will make their own breakfast, fresh from the farm! \$20; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kids-community-farm-to-table-with-special-guest-fiddleheads-cooking-studio-tickets-1291219445119?aff=oddtcreator>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Community Farm-to-Table with Fiddleheads Cooking Studio, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Ages 14 and up can harvest and prepare a bountiful spread to share! \$25; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-farm-to-table-tickets-1291241460969?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Pond Patrol: Exploring Water Quality Indicators, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

In this free, hands-on program, ages 10 and up can venture to our ice pond to search for macroinvertebrates—small aquatic beings that tell us a lot about the health of our water and ecosystem. You'll discover how the presence or absence of these critters can help us assess water quality and environmental well-being.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pond-patrol-exploring-water-quality-indicators-tickets-1301346595699?aff=ebsoporgprofile>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Medicinal Plant and Tree Tour, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. An urban naturalist will lead a walking tour to look at over 20 plants and trees at Lasdon that have medicinal qualities that are used to treat physical and mental conditions. Also: May 24; June 14.

Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/medicinal-plant-and-tree-tour/2025-04-26/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Migratory Bird Watch, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Join us to learn about bird identification and migration. We'll start at the feeders and then stroll around the preserve to observe all of its birds.

Merestead Estate, Mount Kisco: (914) 864-7958. Mushroom Walk, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Naturalist Taro Ietaka will lead this mushroom-basics walk-and-talk for those new to mycology or anyone who needs a refresher. Reminder: Collecting at County Parks is prohibited, but you can still get some great photos and tips. Meet at the carriage house parking area on the south side of 455 Byram Lake Road. The program will run in light rain, but worse weather will cancel the event.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Earth Day Giveback, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering and giving back to the trails you love! Pre-registration is recommended. Please call the nature center at (914) 428-1005.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050. The 2025 Fair & Affordable Housing Expo, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Participate in workshops on affordable housing, grants for first time homebuying, fair housing, eviction prevention and more (offered in English and in Spanish). Details: <https://countycenter.biz/event/2025-fair-affordable-housing-expo/>

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Goats on the Go!, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Kids ages 12 and older can join us for our Walk with Us program, during which they can take a pygmy goat on a walk around the farm! This hands-on experience allows children to provide important socialization, enrichment and exercise for our animals. It's a fun and meaningful way for kids to connect with animals while learning about responsible animal care. \$20 per person. Also: May 17, 24; June 28. Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goats-on-the-go-tickets-1267377523289?aff=ebsoporgprofile>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. What is a Vernal Pool and Why Do We Need Them?, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn about some of the reservation's unique ecosystems that wildlife call their homes and how they improve our environment.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Fire-building and S'mores, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. You probably know how to build s'mores, but do you know how to build a fire? Learn safe fire-building techniques and practices. Gather around the fire afterward for s'mores! Registration is required by calling (914) 835-4466.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

It's Bamboo Time Again, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Learn how to ID golden bamboo, how to remove bamboo and create tangible items from this grass. Please bring gloves. All tools will be provided.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Also: May 4, 11, 25; June 8, 15, 22, 29. \$25; registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-04-27/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. April Community Farm Workday. Work together to plant potatoes. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes. Registration required: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2025/04/27/april-s-community-farm-work-day/522020>

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"I was in complete shock. That night, I barely slept. "But I decided to go for the extra blood tests the next morning by myself because I'm a strong independent woman and I remember thinking, 'why do I need to have my husband here with me for blood tests'.

"A local oncologist had also arranged for me to have a bone marrow biopsy later that day, so Brian did come with me for that test.

"Before doing the procedure the oncologist explained that he believed I had CML – chronic myeloid leukemia – and that there was a great drug available to treat it called Gleevec. Patients who took it would have the same life expectancy as someone who had never had the cancer.

"He said that the majority of patients responded beautifully and taking Gleevec daily meant I would live a normal life.

"However, the problem was that I was pregnant. It would not be safe at this early stage in my pregnancy for the fetus if I took this medication. Potentially, I could take Gleevec after 20 weeks of pregnancy but I was only at 8 and a half weeks.

"The oncologist said that there was an alternative form of immunotherapy treatment that would be safer for my baby which we could try in order to keep the CML in check until I reached 20 weeks of pregnancy.

"I very much- wanted this baby and the bone marrow biopsy confirmed that I did in fact have CML so I met with a maternal-fetal medicine doctor at New York Cornell Hospital in NYC a few days later.

"She was supportive of me doing everything I could to keep my pregnancy and reassured me that the leukemia itself would not hurt my baby. My husband and I decided that I would use the immunotherapy treatment which involved giving myself injections every day.

"I spent the next month in bed, super nauseous, tired and losing weight. I was having headaches every day and daily blood tests showed my white blood count continuing to soar.

"I arranged to see another leukemia specialist at Memorial Sloane Kettering Hospital in NYC for a second opinion but while I was there she insisted that I needed to be hospitalized.

"We need to monitor you and we need to do a CT scan. We need to make sure that you don't have a brain bleed," she said. "You could have a stroke. It's not safe for you with your high white cell count to be walking around." She sent me over to New York Cornell Hospital to get admitted immediately.

"My husband and I were stunned. We had expected to be away from home for a two hour appointment and suddenly we had to worry about who would take care of our kids. How long would I have to stay in the hospital?

"Luckily, my brother and sister-in-law live close by and were able to be with our girls overnight, while my parents took over the next morning. Having family was everything at that time.

"During my hospital stay, my oncologist told me that it was no longer safe for me to continue my pregnancy. My older sister and I had a long talk about what would happen to my girls if something happened to me while I was trying to save my unborn child. If I wasn't there for my kids, how would they be OK?

"It felt like an impossible choice but I decided to go ahead and have an abortion so I could start the treatment I needed to save my life. I had made it to just shy of 12 weeks.

"For me, the abortion was a medical necessity. And in hindsight I realized that in the post Roe V Wade era, I was lucky to be in a state where I had access to it and all the healthcare that I needed.

"If I had lived in a state like Texas which bans abortion from conception., my story would have had a very different ending. I didn't choose to get cancer and to have to make the decision to get an abortion but that's what happens in life and I want other women to be able to make that choice if they need or want to.

"My parents have always been activists for women's rights. So that's something that I've always cared about. And having two sisters and now daughters, it's impossible not to want to give your children a country where they have just as many rights as you did.

"Because of this and my experience with CML I feel passionate about sharing my story and the necessity of abortion access. A few months after my diagnosis I was connected to the Harris presidential campaign.

"Her staff explained how important reproductive rights were to her and to this election. I agreed to begin speaking at Harris campaign events.

"My first was with the Second Gentleman, Doug Emhoff, in New Hampshire. I'm not a public speaker and my heart was racing but the Harris staff were so encouraging, that they made me feel brave.

"I wanted voters to understand that abortion is healthcare. It is a fundamental right and it affects everyone – not just women. It affects a whole family. It saved my family.

"A year after my diagnosis I was flown with my older daughter, now 6, to Houston for a rally for Vice President Harris and we both met Kamala. She was so genuine and caring.

"I have always feared that Donald Trump would try to ban abortion all across the country, including here in New York and Westchester. Now he is implementing everything in Project 2025 and that plan includes specific ways to end abortion nationwide.

"My twin sister lives in Austin, Texas but she has decided after what happened to me that she will move to Colorado.

"She realizes that if something happened to her there, she wouldn't be able to get an abortion. She also doesn't want to live in a state that doesn't believe that women should have the same rights as others.

"Today, I am 37 and have almost reached full remission of my CML. I feel like myself again and am continuing to be both a mom and a reproductive rights activist. Women across the country need to be able to make their own reproductive choices again – we deserve better!"

**Bonnie Fuller is the former CEO & Editor-in-Chief of HollywoodLife.com, and the former Editor-in-Chief of Glamour, Cosmopolitan, Marie Claire, USWeekly and YM. She is on the Action Fund Board of Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic and can be followed on her Substack at: <https://bonniefuller.substack.com/>**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF JEFFERSON SUMMONS WITH NOTICE --X Index No. EF2025-00000794, Date Summons Filed: 02/17/2025 JESSE FELDMAN, Plaintiff, -against- JACOB WARREN a.k.a. JACOB WARREN-NAGER, a.k.a. JULIAN WARREN, Defendant –X Plaintiff designates Jefferson County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is CPLR Sec. 509. Plaintiff resides at 50 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222. ACTION FOR DIVORCE To the above named Defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. David Centeno, Esq. David Centeno Law, PC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 767 Third Ave., Suite 2400, New York, NY 10017, (866) 830-2064 NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL Section 170 subd. (7) - the relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months. The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional relief demanded is: That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance. Neither party is seeking maintenance as payee as described in the Notice of Guideline Maintenance. That the parties do not require payment of counsel and experts' fees and expenses. That both parties may resume the use of any prior surname.

That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper. The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution. NOTICE OF ENTRY OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS (D.R.L. 236) Rev. 1/13 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE ORDERS MAY BE DEEMED A CONTEMPT OF COURT PURSUANT TO the Uniform Rules of the Trial Courts, and DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW Section 236, Part B, Section 2, both you and your spouse (the parties) are bound by the following AUTOMATIC ORDERS, which have been entered against you and your spouse in your divorce action pursuant to 22 NYCRR Section 202.16(a), and which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action, unless terminated, modified or amended by further order of the court or upon written agreement between the parties: (1) ORDERED: Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fee in connection with this action. (2) ORDERED: Neither party shall transfer, encumber, assign, remove, withdraw or in any way dispose of any tax deferred funds, stocks or other assets held in any individual retirement accounts, 401k accounts, profit sharing plans, Keogh accounts, or any other pension or retirement account, and the parties shall further refrain from applying for or requesting the payment of retirement benefits or annuity payments of any kind, without the consent of the other party in writing, or upon further order of the court; except that any party who is already in pay status may continue to receive such payments thereunder. (3) ORDERED: Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including, but not limited to, further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except in the usual course of business or for customary or usual housing expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action. (4) ORDERED: Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

(5) ORDERED: Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect. IMPORTANT NOTE: After service of Summons with Notice or Summons and Complaint for divorce, if you or your spouse wishes to modify or dissolve the automatic orders, you must ask the court for approval to do so, or enter into a written modification agreement with your spouse duly signed and acknowledged before a notary public. NOTICE CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE (Required by Section 255(1) of the Domestic Relations Law) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that once a judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both you and your spouse may or may not continue to be eligible for coverage under each other's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan. NOTICE OF GUIDELINE MAINTENANCE If your divorce was commenced on or after January 25, 2016, this Notice is required to be given to you by the Supreme Court of the county where your divorce was filed to comply with the Maintenance Guidelines Law ([S. 5678/A. 7645], Chapter 269, Laws of 2015) because you may not have counsel in this action to advise you. It does not mean that your spouse (the person you are married to) is seeking or offering an award of "Maintenance" in this action. "Maintenance" means the amount to be paid to the other spouse for support after the divorce is final. You are hereby given notice that under the Maintenance Guidelines Law (Chapter 269, Laws of 2015), there is an obligation to award the guideline amount of maintenance on income up to \$228,000 to be paid by the party with the higher income (the maintenance payor) to the party with the lower income (the maintenance payee) according to a formula, unless the parties agree otherwise or waive this right. Depending on the incomes of the parties, the obligation might fall on either the Plaintiff or Defendant in the action. There are two formulas to determine the amount of the obligation. If you and your spouse have no children, the higher formula will apply. If there are children of the marriage, the lower formula will apply, but only if the maintenance payor is paying child support to the other spouse who has the children as the custodial parent. Otherwise the higher formula will apply. Lower Formula 1. Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 20%. 2. Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 25%. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 = Result 1 Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40% of Combined Income\* = Result 2. Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero. THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE LOWER FORMULA. Higher Formula 1. Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 30% 2. Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 20% Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 = Result 1 Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40% of Combined Income\* = Result 2 Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero. THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE HIGHER FORMULA. \* Combined Income equals Maintenance Payor's Income up to \$228,000 plus Maintenance Payee's Income. Note: The Court will determine how long maintenance will be paid in accordance with the statute. (Rev. 3/1/

## Westchester County Police Warn of “Geek Squad” Style Scam

From the WCPD / General Investigations Unit: Another day, another scam.

Unfortunately, there is no shortage of fraud cases coming into our General Investigations Unit and no shortage of good people being victimized by scams. The elderly are often the targets. In a current case, the victim received an email that appeared to be from the “Geek Squad” at Best Buy. The victim clicked a link in the email and was taken to a website that seemed legitimate and included a phone number for “customer service.”

Once that number was called, the victim then allowed the person on the other end to access her computer remotely, giving them access to check her banking records. A fraudulent edit of the bank account was then created that showed the victim’s bank balance was inflated. The claim was made that funds were deposited in error to the victim’s account and someone would be coming by the house to pick up cash to rectify the problem.

The victim was bullied into going to the bank right away to withdraw the “accidental funds” (all while the phone call remains active, so the scammers can listen and coach them what not to say). Then someone comes to pick up the money.

This scam has the hallmark of so many others. Scams often involve unsolicited phone calls or emails, suspicious links, callers who create a sense of urgency and who make demands to resolve the matter with cash or gift cards. This is a big red flag: Legitimate companies or government agencies will never ask for payment in that fashion. A few tips from GIU detectives:

Be suspicious of unexpected emails or text messages. Always conduct your own online search to locate a company/agency phone number or website rather than call the number or click a link provided to you. Don’t grant anyone access to your personal computer unless you are certain who you are dealing with.

Never agree to pay for any service or make any reimbursement with gifts cards. That has scam written all over it.

Do not allow any stranger to come to you home to collect cash as “reimbursement.” Do not let anyone keep you on the phone to bully you into going to a bank or coach you on what to say. When in doubt, ask a trusted friend or relative if the situation seems legitimate before taking any action. Do not hesitate to call police to report these incidents.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 73778/2024

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY  
BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST,

Plaintiff,  
vs.

RANJIT PERSAUD, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the place of trial situs of the real property

### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

337 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550

Section: 165.45, Block: 1100, Lot: 23

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

### NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$440,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 29, 2007, in Control Number 463380234, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 337 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

### NOTICE

#### YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: March 28th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq.

900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, NY 11590

516-280-7675

### *Westchester Parks Events, continued from pg 13-*

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, deadheading, potting up, and more. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-04-27>.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Citizen Science: Getting Started with iNaturalist, eBird, Merlin and Seek, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

During this indoor-outdoor class, ages 13 and older will learn about citizen science through applications you can use right on your phone! They will help you identify plants, animals and insects, and the data collected can be used for research.

Free; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/citizen-science-getting-started-with-inaturalist-ebird-merlin-seek-tickets-1291301671059?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Vernal Pool Exploration, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

What’s a vernal pool? Learn how to identify a vernal pool, what the species are that need these areas and ways to protect these important areas. Afterward, we’ll hike out to visit our vernal pools here at the farm.

Free; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vernal-pool-exploration-tickets-1267470140309?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Archaeology! Exploring the Past, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

NYS Archaeological Association’s Lower Hudson Chapter presents an informative and fascinating lecture and event about the archaeology of our area and around the world. Free.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

History Hike, 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Learn about the preserve’s rich history during a 3-mile hike. Hiking shoes are recommended.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Squirrels Foraging, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Squirrels exhibit fascinating forging habits that vary significantly throughout the seasons. We’ll talk about various resources that they find, such as buds, nuts, seeds and insects.

### *Trump Car Raffle, continued from pg 1-*

Tickets sales have been good. “We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone for the overwhelming response we received today regarding the sale of raffle tickets. It is greatly appreciated,” posted Redline Roadhouse on Facebook, ([www.facebook.com/redlineroadhouse](http://www.facebook.com/redlineroadhouse)).

The three Facebook posts about the Trump Car Raffle have resulted in over 1300 comments. And yes, given the hyper-partisanship nature of our politics, the comments were split, in favor and opposed to the idea. Here are some comments:

Would be better letting people take swings with a sledgehammer. \$10 per swing

You’d probably make twice as much money if that car wasn’t one big political advertisement.

That is the problem with this country.... Everyone puts their pride and political views in front of helping our community. If we all just stuck together and helped out... This would be a better country. Shame on everybody on here that has a negative comment. It’s not about you or your views it’s about helping someone.

Wanna burn it win it. Wanna drive it win it. Who cares. Just help a family!

Home town eatery taking care of home town lady. We should all agree no matter what the side of the isle you’re on , this is absolutely awesome in thought and caring. Whoever wins it do as you will but nobody should be trashing this fundraising job.

The car is an American made Dodge Charger. Redline Roadhouse is located at 5739 Albany Post Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY. But a ticket and check out the car.

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