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Bombshell Allegations Raised About New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson



"I am simply not willing to put myself in the position of being charged with a violation of my profession's Code of Ethics."

-New Rochelle Village Manager Chuck Strome

By Dan Murphy

A report that initially appeared in The Talk of the Sound website, alleging New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson tried to influence his way into a job serving as Development Commissioner for the City, has now expanded into a New Rochelle Ethics Board review, confirmation by other media outlets, and has become the talk of Westchester County.

The allegations are that Mayor Bramson improperly attempted to influence City Manager Chuck Strome to get appointed to the Development Commissioner's post, at a salary of more than \$200,000 per year, through "unlawful influence and coercion."

Included in Koch's initial story, which can be found at <https://talkofthesound.com/2022/03/20/new-rochelle-mayor-improperly-sought-appointment-as-development-commissioner-in-violation-of-city-charter/> is a letter from City Manager Strome that outlines the questionable position that Mayor Bramson put him in while considering the appointment of a sitting Mayor to the position of Commissioner of Economic Development,

Calling the request by Bramson, an "extraordinarily unusual appointment" request, Strome writes, "Although you may disagree, I have always felt that there were two major obstacles for me to consider making this appointment. One is the optics of a professional manager appointing an elected official (politician) to a management position in the city organization. To my knowledge this has never been done.... Secondly, I was very concerned with my reputation as a professional manager and how my peers would react...I have also mentioned that I was concerned about the City Charter implications and the professional ethics implications of making such an appointment," said Strome, who sought two opinions on Bramson's request; one from outside legal counsel, and one from the ICMA, International City/County Management Association.

ICMA found, "appointing a sitting elected official would violate three of the twelve tenets of the Code of Ethics," writes Strome. "It is clear that the Code of Ethics requires the appointment be made after an open, transparent and competitive process."

The ICMA opinion goes on to say, "appointing a sitting elected official to serve in a staff position, even if they meet all of the qualifications, looks like patronage"

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Defund the Police and the Race for Congress, 3rd District-NY



By Dan Murphy

In his State of the Union address in January, President Joe Biden said, "The answer is not to defund the police, it is to fund the police." That comment ended the argument for most Americans about the comments made by some elected officials to defund the police.

Here in Westchester, elected democrats have gone the way of President Biden, supporting the police but reforming police departments where necessary. County Executive George Latimer, for example, has never supported the notion of defunding the police.

One Westchester elected democrat is being challenged for her 2020 Tweets in support of defunding the police. State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, who is running this year for Congress in the newly redrawn 3rd district, which includes the sound shore communities in Westchester and Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, has been criticized by moderate democrats and police organizations for two Tweets.

One from June 6, 2020 says, "We must defund the police." The second Tweet dates June 26, 2020, reads, "Today #TeamBiaggi dropped off 550 meals with Re-think Food NYC to New Yorkers at #OccupyCityHall fighting for budget justice and defund the police. Stay safe and keep up the good work!"

Law enforcement groups on Long Island and in Westchester have criticized Biaggi's Tweets, which have since been removed from her account. "Senator Biaggi, your contempt for law enforcement and support for dangerous legislation empowering criminals is a clear and present danger to all New Yorkers. The legislation you support as well as the anti-police propaganda you project has turned many corners of NYS into the OK corral," stated Nassau County Detectives Association president John Wighaus.

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Drunk Drivers Causing Serious Injury and Death, Getting Lengthy Jail Sentences



David Poncurak, left, and Maggie Deperna, right

Three recent drunk driving sentences handed down by judges on recommendations from District Attorneys tell us that people continue to drive while intoxicated, but that they are being sentenced to lengthy jail time.

Last month, Somers resident Jaime Paucar was sentenced to 8-25 years in state prison for a wrong-way, head-on collision he caused while intoxicated, which resulted in the death of two Ardsley residents. On January 30, 2020, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Paucar drove westbound in the eastbound lanes of I-287 in Harrison when he crashed head-on into the car driven by 57-year-old Jordan Wachtell, whose 17-year-old son and two teenage friends were passengers. A Westchester County toxicologist determined Paucar had a blood alcohol content of .24 at the time of the collision. Wachtell died at the scene. One of the passengers, Eric Goldberg, 17, also died.

Also last month, David Poncurak, 44, was sentenced on March 29, 2022, to an indeterminate term of 2 1/2 to 7 1/2 years in state prison after his plea of guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Assault, a felony. He also pled guilty to Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or of Alcohol.

The District Attorney's Office had requested that the court impose a sentence of 4 to 12 years in state prison. "David Poncurak recklessly got behind the wheel of his car after drinking heavily and using illegal narcotics and placed a mother and her daughter in extreme peril," DA Rocah said.

On July 23, 2021, at approximately 8:25 a.m., Poncurak hit a mother who was carrying her infant child with his car. Both victims were thrown onto the

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Westchester Resident: "I'm Not Filing My Fed. Income Tax;" Wants his Day in Court with IRS



Tony Futia

By Dan Murphy

The Internal Revenue Service, IRS, has consistently been held by Americans as the least popular government agency. Mark Twain said it best when he quipped, "What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist leaves the skin."

As April 15th approaches and all of us are preparing to file our federal income taxes, we sat down with longtime Westchester resident Tony Futia. Futia, 86, is a longtime resident of North White Plains, in the Town of North Castle. He served our country in the Navy and worked for 45 years in the Town of North Castle and served on the Valhalla School Board.

But Tony Futia will not be filing his federal income tax return on April 15, or anytime this year. In fact, he has not filed a federal return since 2014, and has undertaken the ultimate protest against the IRS by refusing to pay his Federal Income Tax based on his belief, and the belief of his organization called, We The People, that there is no law that requires most US citizens in the 50 states to pay their Federal Income Tax.

"There is no statute or federal law that requires Americans to pay federal income taxes. When you file, or sign a W-4, you do so voluntarily. Only Federal employees must file and pay federal income taxes. For the rest of us, there is no law that requires us to do so," said Futia, who waited until his wife Martye passed away in 2013 before taking on the IRS.

Futia transferred most of his assets to his children and stopped filing a 1040 seven years ago. The IRS sends him notices of taxes past due with fees and penalties, now at \$88,000 for 2014 & 2017, but has taken no other action. Futia's primary source of income is his pension from North Castle, which the IRS cannot garnish.

Futia, and We The People want their day in court to argue that the 16th Amendment to the US Constitution, ratified in 1913, does not require every American to pay a federal income tax. The amendment establishes "Congress's right to impose a Federal Income Tax." Prior to 1913, there was no Federal Income Tax in the US.

The 16th Amendment does not say, impose a Federal Income Tax on every American citizen. It is this ambiguity, and the fact that Congress had never passed a law requiring everyone to pay a federal income tax, that Futia and We the People, have been asking the IRS, and the courts to answer for more than 20 years.

Futia wants that day in court against the IRS to make this argument. But he has to wait for the IRS, or the US Department of Justice, to bring a criminal action against him for tax evasion. "If I bring an action against the IRS for what I believe are their unlawful actions, I will lose, because the Federal courts always side with the IRS and cite lower court decisions. But if the IRS comes after me, I have the right to request a Jury Trial, and we can get this out in the open. I have a first amendment right to be heard," said Futia.

When most of us file our federal taxes, the IRS reviews what you have agreed to pay, and audits you if their figure don't agree with your figures. Most of the challenges from the IRS come in the form of underpayment from those who filed

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The Easter Bunny is Back in Westchester!



The Easter Bunny is returning to Westchester, with visits at the Cross County Center and Ridge Hill.

The Easter Bunny is returning to the iconic outdoor shopping destination this Spring for photos with families, creating memorable moments that last a lifetime! Photo ops with the Easter Bunny begins on Friday, March 25 and continues through Saturday, April 16. Visitors are encouraged to dress in their Sunday best for photos with the lovable bunny!

“We are thrilled that the Easter Bunny is returning this Spring after a two-year hiatus,” said Liz Pollack, Senior Marketing Manager at Cross County Center. “It is the perfect opportunity to bring some joy and happiness to our shoppers with bright colors and springtime décor, while keeping family traditions alive.”

The Easter Bunny will be located in the former Sprint store, between Ulta Beauty and Champs. Reservations are recommended and NY state mask mandates regarding COVID will be followed. Each child who visits the Bunny will receive a free gift.

Hours are as follows: Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information and reservations, please visit www.crosscountycenter.com.

Ridge Hill also has the Easter Bunny arriving on Saturday, April 2 – Saturday, April 16 at 208 Market Street (across from Old Navy). Reservations are recommended, but not required.

Visit <https://amusemattebookbunny.com/ridge-hill/> to make a reservation and for more information.

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Yorktown Planning Board Approves Kitchawan Farm Solar Project; Town Board OK's Sustainable Westchester's Community Choice Aggregation Program Option for Residents

On March 28, the Yorktown Planning Board approved an 11-acre solar array for Kitchawan Farm. The solar array will have a capacity of 2.67 megawatts. According to the Solar Energy Industries Association's estimate, 2.67 megawatts of solar power generate enough electricity to meet the needs of 438 homes.

“This solar array will serve two important purposes. It will help our community reduce its carbon footprint, while also helping Kitchawan Farm stay in business, which preserves open space,” said Supervisor Matt Slater.

Kitchawan Farm consists of two parcels totaling 23.12 acres located at 716 Kitchawan Road, in the Town of Yorktown. The property is owned by Van Brunt Cochran, LLC.

The farm has been family owned for 170 years. Siblings Alex and Lyndsay Cochran spoke about the farm and the importance of solar to keep the farm going at the Planning Board's September 27th public hearing.

Like the nearby Arcadia Farm, Kitchawan Farm already has roof solar on the property. For the past 12 years, the solar panels on an 1800s barn have operated with no issues.

Kitchawan Farm's solar array is a community solar project, which means that residents will be able to subscribe for solar power generated by the array either with Eco Energy or through Sustainable Westchester.

In other environmental news, the Town Board recently approved legislation that would allow the Town of Yorktown to opt into Sustainable Westchester's Community Choice Aggregation program.

Westchester Power enables municipalities to purchase electricity in bulk for its residents and commercial businesses. Since launching last year, the Sustainable Westchester pilot program has reduced participating customers' electric bills by about \$10 each month.

“This is a realistic step that we can take as a municipality that will protect consumers from unpredictable rate hikes and, depending on future decisions of the Town Board, have significant environmental impacts by having our local energy produced by a green energy source,” said Supervisor Matt Slater.

If the Town Board decides to enroll in the program, the CCA enables Sustainable Westchester to become Yorktown's default electricity provider, allowing it to buy electricity at a contracted fixed rate. Con Edison and NYSEG will continue to handle consumers' billing and they will continue to deliver electricity, maintain power lines, and respond to service outages.

Customers in Yorktown are not obligated to participate in the program. “You can opt in and out of this, which is a very nice feature,” said Councilman Tom Diana. “One thing to keep in mind is that if you ended up opting out towards the end of the billing cycle, it may be one more month that you'd be in the program.”

Approximately 115,000 county residents and small businesses are currently enrolled in the program. “We've done our due diligence. This (action) is just enabling the legislation,” said Councilman Sergio Esposito.

According to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the CCA allows local governments to work together through a shared purchasing model to put out for bid the total amount of electricity and/or natural gas being purchased by eligible customers within the jurisdictional boundaries of participating municipalities. Eligible customers will have the opportunity to have more control to lower their overall energy costs and to spur clean energy investment.

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- Paul B., wound healing patient

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Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Appoints Ardsley Resident to Opioid Settlement Board



New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins has announced the appointment of Ardsley resident Stephanie Marquesano to the State's Opioid Settlement Board. The board will assist in distributing up to \$1.5 billion to communities across New York State to invest in opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery programs. The funds come from settlements negotiated by Attorney General Tish James with the various manufacturers and distributors responsible for the opioid crisis.

"I'm proud to appoint Stephanie Marsequano to the Opioid Settlement Board," said Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "I've known Stephanie for some time, and her commitment and passion stems from a personal loss. I've worked with her and am fully supportive of her efforts in advocating for families with children battling opioid addiction. She believes, as I do, that treatments for substance abuse and mental health need to be integrated. I can think of nobody more deserving of this appointment."

In 2014, Ms. Marquesano founded the Harris Project after she lost her 19-year-old son, Harris, to opioid addiction. The organization advocates for implementing integrated treatment opportunities to improve the lives of teens and young adults diagnosed with a co-occurring disorder, a combination of one or more mental health challenges and substance misuse and/or addiction.

"I am honored to have been appointed by Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins to serve on the Opioid Settlement Board," said Stephanie Marquesano, President of The Harris Project. "I bring my perspective on the importance of funding programs that integrate care and treatment across the continuum for those with mental health and substance use disorders. This Board provides a critical framework to go beyond rubber-stamping the status quo; ensuring and encouraging the implementation of evidence-based and promising practices statewide."

Because of legislation championed by the Senate and Assembly, the \$1.5 billion in settlements will go to the areas devastated by this epidemic for the development of new services and support. As a result, Westchester County will receive between \$10-18 million and the City of Yonkers will receive over \$5 million.

Senator Stewart-Cousins appointed Marquesano to the board after the New York State Association of Counties nominated her. She joins the Senator's other appointees, Lawrence Brown, Joshua Lynch and Joyce Rivera, on the 21-member advisory board.

NYS DMV Announces New White Plains Office to Open in Fall 2022

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced it is opening a new modern office in White Plains. The new office will be located at 1 Maple Ave, White Plains, NY and is expected to open to customers in early Fall of this year. The existing DMV office located within the White Plains Mall closed on March 31.

Until the new office is open, customers are encouraged to visit our website at DMV.NY.GOV to complete their transaction online or to schedule a reservation at a nearby location. To make the transition as easy on the community as possible, the DMV will open a short term, temporary office in Tarrytown just a short drive from White Plains, while the new location is being constructed. This temporary office, located at Sleepy Hollow Hotel and Conference Center at 445 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591. It will be open for 60 days beginning on April 4. The DMV will also increase its capacity to serve customers at the nearby Yonkers office and will explore additional temporary locations as needed.

"We are very excited to find a new home in White Plains as we work to reimagine the way we serve New Yorkers and strive to transform our customer service," said DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder. "Our new office will be located just a few short miles from our former home in the White Plains Mall and it will allow us to offer our customers the best possible experience. We look forward to the grand opening of this new location in early fall. For more information about the DMV, visit dmv.ny.gov.

TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 5, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 5, 2022, authorizing the reconstruction of various sidewalks and curbs in said Town, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$300,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$300,000 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation," an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to reconstruct various sidewalks and curbs in and for the Town; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$300,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$300,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$300,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is ten (10) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: April 5, 2022

Eastchester, New York Linda Laird, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester Westchester County, New York

My State of the City of Yonkers



By Eric W. Schoen

A friend came to visit me last week. As a way to pick up a few extra bucks, he does Uber Eats, the food delivery service so popular in our area. He was driving in Yonkers doing his deliveries and we got together for coffee. 'Eric, do they ever pave the streets in Yonkers? I live in Middletown, New York, and I have never seen streets in such bad shape as in Yonkers. Your streets are killing the bottom of my car!'

I could not disagree. With cold patch in the winter and hot patch when the weather gets warm, our Public Works crews 'patch' the streets of our fair city during a good part of the year. But yes, I said to my friend the bottom of my car like the bottom of many of your cars takes a beating in Yonkers. And let's not forget the flat tires caused by potholes that dot the Yonkers landscape.

As I was listening and reading about all the wonderful accomplishments of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano's administration in his State of the City address presented in the recently (long overdue) renovated Lincoln High School auditorium, all I could think about was the many streets in Yonkers that are in desperate need of repaving. Repaving Yonkers streets has always been a political thing, with Councilpersons and Mayors trading off street repaving for Budget and Capital Improvement Program votes. This caused many streets in bad shape being 'missed' because residents in the affected areas lacked clout or their elected officials having 'other priority streets' to reward supporters and districts where the elected official came away victorious.

I'd like to share with you some things crucial to Yonkers which the Mayor with so many true accomplishments didn't have time to mention. Double Parked Cars. Cars parked illegally in handicapped parking spaces. Cars parked illegally in spots not meant for car parking. Cars illegally parked with City of Yonkers related placards that are not ticketed when their meter runs out. Placarded cars that are given a 'free ride' because someone somewhere has directed enforcement agents not to touch them. City of Yonkers government vehicles driven by higher ups parked illegally or double parked and not ticketed.

Have you ever driven the stretch of Yonkers Avenue from Central Avenue to the topless bar and viewed how many cars are double and triple parked blocking vehicles from transversing the road? It's often impossible for legally parked cars to get out of their spaces without honking and searching for the drivers of the illegally parked cars.

This is unfair to those who abide by the laws and park legally or put money in the meters. Which is most of us. Next time you get hit with a ticket, look for cars around you that have meters that have run out or placards in the window and are not ticketed. Bring it or send it to the hearing to show the 'selective enforcement' that exists. Mayor Spano early on said he was going to do away with this 'special treatment,' but I notice and you good readers have told me it exists more now than ever!

You have seen them all over town. Signs that list the posted speed and the actual speed you are driving at. I read a posting on Facebook from a gentleman in the Park Hill section of town taking credit for getting these speed signs in his neighborhood. This my friends is 1980's technology. Yonkers and New York State, particularly in this post pandemic (we pray) world need to get serious just like New York City has done around schools with speed camera programs. Give our police officers speed guns where they can target and ticket those going over the speed limit.

Put up speed cameras and see how quickly the word gets around. Generating needed revenue for Yonkers!

Red Light Cameras. How can I mention cameras without mentioning them. If Yonkers is going to continue a 'State Approved' (though our State officials clearly note they are doing it only because Yonkers officials want it) Red Light Camera program, the traffic lights at Red Light Camera locations have to be calibrated in line with the law. Not happening in Yonkers. Get a Red Light ticket, ask the Hearing Officer to see records as to when the street light was calibrated. Can't be produced? Ask what you are being charged for and tell the official the cameras green to yellow to red timing is out of sequence. Refuse to pay the ticket. Be aggressive and don't let Yonkers rip you off of \$65!

The Yonkers Parking Authority like most cities in Westchester needs to put little stickers on meters telling parkers the days and hours meters are in effect and what days the meters are not in effect. And properly placed street signs with the same

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"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 5, 2022, authorizing the acquisition of various trucks, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$425,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$425,000 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation," an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to acquire various trucks for use in and for the Town, including (a) a dump truck, at the estimated cost of \$230,000, and (b) a roll-off truck, at the estimated cost of \$195,000; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$425,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$425,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$425,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: April 5, 2022 Eastchester, New York
Linda Laird, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester Westchester County, New York

The Bronxville Pops Concert Band 2022 Concert Series

The Bronxville Pops Concert Band will be presenting their annual live 2022 concert series on Wednesday's in July. The Band has been presenting FREE concerts for 48 years. Support over the years has been from business and individuals from Bronxville and surrounding communities.

The concerts, featuring music from the great American Songbook, will be performed on the Great Lawn in front of The Bronxville High School on Wednesday July 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 8PM

Donations may be mailed to Box 284, Bronxville NY 10708.

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In Westchester, the Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester, and President Keith Olson, have criticized Senator Biaggi for "trying to prevent police from obtaining the very same equipment that helped save lives of civilians and police in Yonkers today," and for her comments on Defund the Police, "Here's a great example of an absolutely clueless elected official."

The new 3rd -NY congressional district includes many moderate democratic communities in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties. About 60% of the district is Long Island and 40% Westchester.

While several candidates have announced their run for this Congressional seat, currently held by Tom Suozzi, who is running for Governor, three candidates considered by democrats we spoke to have the best chance of winning the primary in June.

Senator Biaggi, is running in the progressive democratic lane. Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan is running in the conservative -democratic lane, and small business owner and political advocate Robert Zimmerman is in the middle lane.

Lafazan has criticized Biaggi's comments. "I am alarmed by my latest primary opponent State Senator Alessandra Biaggi's comments that "we must defund the police." They are wrong and they don't represent the values of our district. Police officers, like teachers, nurses, and other frontline workers, deserve our support not our scorn. They play vital roles in our community. And tearing them down shows a callous disregard for their dedication to public safety," said Lafazan.

But Lafazan is also being challenged for an apparent flip flop on the issue of defunding the police. Tracey Edwards, regional head of Long Island NAACP, said that Lafazan originally supported the Defund the Police and Black Lives Matter movement, before changing his tune last year to support the police.

Zimmerman said, "We can't make progress with polarizing rhetoric and demagoguery. We can support the police and stand with the police and achieve real reforms. We can achieve real progress through more training, more community policing, and more outreach into the community. This has been done throughout the county and law enforcement realizes the urgency to do so," said Zimmerman, who has the endorsement of NYC Comptroller Tom DiNapoli and has raised over \$900,000 without accepting any corporate PAC money.

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hood of the car, which Poncurak then crashed through the storefront of a barbershop on Lake Avenue in Yonkers. The crash trapped both victims under the vehicle, and Yonkers Police, with the help of bystanders, were able to lift the car off the victims. Poncurak had a blood alcohol content of .13 and illegal narcotics in his system at the time of the collision.

This week, Maggie Deperna, 38, from Mahopac, was sentenced to 6 to 18 years in state prison for driving drunk in Mahopac on Route 6N last year, when she hit a pedestrian. James Crecco, who was getting out of his car when Deperna's car hit him. She fled the scene. Crecco died from his injuries.

Putnam County Court Judge Anthony Mole sentenced Deperna who pled guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide.

Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tandy. "It's a stupid and senseless thing to do. There's no reason for it."

For the Jaime Paucar sentencing, the victims statements were compelling. A surviving passenger said: "I still have nightmares... To me, you are the boogeyman... We were just four people going to a basketball game. We could have never known your name or who you were but you were selfish... You killed one of my best friends, Eric Goldberg. You killed Jordan Wachtell... You changed the lives of the Goldbergs, Wachtells and Rosens forever. You were the one who made my friends cry... You're the one who made families all over Ardsley mourn. It's not fair, and for that, I cannot give you my forgiveness."

The mother of Eric Goldberg said: "Eric was only 17 1/2 when he was killed. He had his whole life ahead him.... He had so many hopes and dreams for the future that I know he would have accomplished. All of this was taken away from him and us on January 30, 2020. Eric would be a sophomore in college now, and while most parents visit their children in college, I go to visit my son at the cemetery... There's no sentence that could ever be given that would justify taking Eric's life and Eric away from us."

These three cases should be further example, and proof, that nobody should be allowed to drive drunk, for the danger of risking the lives of innocent people, but also for those who still drive drunk, you could be spending years in jail.

The Picture House Film Center's Centennial Celebration Come to a Close



Anniversary of 1921 Theater Ends with Successful Fundraising Gala and Rings in a New Century

The Picture House Regional Film Center's year-long centennial events came to a close on Friday, March 11, 2022 at the much anticipated Centennial Celebration at the beautiful Glen Island Harbour Club overlooking Long Island Sound in New Rochelle. Picture House supporters from Westchester County and beyond came together to revel in a century of film and community and celebrate a momentous year marked most notably by the film center's expansion to a second 1920s era theater in Bronxville, NY.

The Centennial Celebration honored Senator Chuck Schumer with the Second Century Award, Janet Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester with the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Michaela Jaé Rodriguez, who received the Cicely Tyson award from the incomparable Billy Porter. Other notable presenters and guests included NY State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, NY State Assembly Member Amy Paulin, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, Westchester Director of Economic Development Bridget Gibbons, Bronxville Mayor Mary Marvin, and Pelham Mayor Chance Mullen. Proclamations of support from State Senator Shelley Mayor were presented at the celebration as well.

Senator Schumer led the charge for the creation and passage of Save Our Stages legislation which provided a vital lifeline to the nation's venues, cultural organizations, and performance spaces during the pandemic.

Laura deBuys, Executive Director and President of The Picture House, said "Weathering 100 years is no small feat and is absolutely worthy of celebration. Because of Save Our Stages, we are also celebrating the beginning of our second century. Without this legislation and the generosity of our supporters, we would not be here today with two re-opened theaters after long pandemic closures. As we move forward into our second century, we do so with a focus on our mission, understanding that we must continue to build bridges, improve access and equity in the arts, and share our tears and our laughter for many years to come."

Westchester County Household Recycling Day

Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities, DEF, will be hosting a Household Recycling Day (HRD) on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at FDR State Park! After a successful event in 2021, DEF will be returning to FDR State Park and accepting old medications, chemicals, electronics and other materials from County Residents.

At HRDs, service works on a first-come-first-served basis, and in extreme weather when working conditions are deemed unsafe, events may be cancelled or terminated early. The Mobile Shredder is available at all HRDs, but be advised that on occasion the Mobile Shredder unit can reach its maximum capacity for paper shredding before closing time. Although infrequent, residents should be aware of this and open minded of the possibility of an early closure. On the day of an event, residents can call the County's Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5425 to check on a cancellation or early closure.

For a list of acceptable items visit <https://environment.westchestergov.com/residents/household-recycling-days>

If you cannot make an HRD event, you can visit DEF's Household Material Recovery Facility (H-MRF) located on the Grasslands Campus at 15 Woods Road, Valhalla, NY. The permanent facility accepts the same items as the HRDs and is open year-round. Household hazardous waste and other items worthy of special handling are accepted from Westchester County residents on an appointment-only basis. For more information about the H-MRF or to make an appointment, visit <http://environment.westchestergov.com/new-h-mrf> or call (914)813-5425.

For more information on what to bring to this event, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call (914) 813-5425.

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Department of Correction Event Centered on Empowerment, Perseverance, Community Service



Elder Wilhelmina Coleman, holding flowers, was honored for her service

On March 30, 2022 the Westchester County Department of Correction hosted an event that was designed to provide support and inspiration for twenty-five female residents in their care. Keynote speakers, Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz and Council Member Corazon Pineda-Isaac made onsite presentations that centered on empowerment, perseverance and community service.

In the spirit of empowerment and perseverance, the Correction Department and City Council members formally recognized and honored an amazing woman, Elder Wilhelmina Coleman.

Coleman has been providing Protestant services at WDOC for over 33 years. At 93, she has dedicated her life to helping others in her community and at many area facilities. During her discussion with the residents Coleman said: "I'm delighted to be back here in person with members from my outreach ministry to provide spiritual support and guidance. I encourage each of you to take advantage of the programs and services at WDOC and in your communities upon return home. I'm also overwhelmed by today's unexpected special recognition and want to thank County Executive Latimer, Commissioner Spano and Majority Leader Diaz."

Diaz shared her life story in an effort to demonstrate the valuable life skills learned in reference to problem solving, managing obstacles and becoming a leader in her community. Diaz encouraged the women to commit to turning their lives around by taking advantages of the resources available at WDOC and in the community.

Diaz said: "As a public servant elected to a position, I feel it's my civic duty to empower as many individuals as I can to ensure there is hope. Change is coming, the road ahead may look far, but continue on the path and you shall be successful."

Spano addressed the group saying: "It's especially gratifying to formally recognize Elder Coleman during Women's History Month because she has been a trailblazer in her community and beyond for over 50 years, selflessly devoting her life to supporting those in need, including incarcerated individuals. Similarly, we are grateful to have Majority Leader Diaz and her colleagues from the Yonkers City Council volunteer to spend time with our female residents, offering support and encouragement that is sure to impact them during and after their periods of incarceration."

The event provided the WDOC female residents with an opportunity to listen to inspirational life stories, ask questions and explore how the Yonkers City Council members could be a resource for them once they transition back to their communities

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION FOR MEN LIVING WITH LOSS

Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: It's Okay to Grieve, Let's Talk: An Open Discussion for Men Living With Loss. It will held via ZOOM video conference on Tues., April 12, from 7 - 8 pm NY time.

Open to men nationwide who have lost a spouse or partner to breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer, regardless of how much time has gone by. To learn more or to register, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 by 5 pm (NY time) on Monday, April 11.

It is never possible to prepare yourself for the loss of a spouse or partner. Learning how to cope with the grief and the impact on your life is hard to do alone. Speaking with others who've also been through it is an excellent way to learn and feel less alone.

A facilitator who has also lost his spouse to breast cancer will lead the discussion, including following topics: There is no one way to grieve - no right way, and no wrong way; Understanding the challenges and uncertainties that accompany loss; Dealing with unexpected "trigger points" and reminders; Coping with loneliness, holidays; Giving yourself permission to move forward.

The open discussion format provides a safe and supportive venue to talk with others coping with similar challenges. Share concerns, experiences and information with others who've been there too. To learn more, visit www.supportconnection.org or call 914- 962-6402.

Westchester Parks Foundation Seeks Volunteers for Pitch in for Parks Clean Up



Weeklong Event Takes Place Throughout Westchester April 18 - 23

Westchester Parks Foundation is seeking volunteers of all ages for Pitch in for Parks, its largest volunteer program. The annual event, held in partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department, will take place throughout Westchester from Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 23, rain, or shine. This year the event is made possible by Gold Sponsor Triton International. Pre-registration is required.

Joe Stout, Executive Director of Westchester Parks Foundation stated: "Last year we expanded the program to a weeklong event and had 828 volunteers spread across 14 locations throughout Westchester County that collected a record breaking 1,923 pounds of trash and removed 14,545 square feet of invasive species. This year we are looking to increase those numbers and encourage Westchester residents to help participate in an Earth Day activity right in their own community."

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Year after year the community comes together for the greater good to take part in the largest park cleanup in the county. I'm continuously in awe and thankful for everyone involved and I'm looking forward to another successful event!"

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "The Pitch in for Parks event is one of the most important events held each year to get our parks ready for our busiest season. Thank you to the Westchester Parks Foundation for continuing the program to help keep our parks clean and safe for park-goers!"

Volunteers, working as individuals, families, corporations, local businesses, or groups, are needed for trash clean up, clearing trails and shorelines, restoring wildlife habitats, removing invasive vines from trees, painting, raking, and preparing and planting flower beds. Projects will take place at the following locations throughout Westchester County Parks:

Monday, April 18 – Pitch in For Parks Kick Off, Lenoir Preserve in Yonkers

Tuesday, April 19 – Thursday, April 21 – volunteer projects throughout the parks

Friday, April 22 – Earth Day Volunteer Project, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale

Saturday, April 23 – Glen Island Park, New Rochelle; Tibbets Brook Park, Yonkers; and Bronx River Reservation at Westchester County Center, White Plains; and Blue Mountain Reservation, Peekskill.

Volunteers will be separated in shifts to practice safe social distancing. All tools will be sanitized, and hand sanitizing stations will be available for volunteers. Pre-registration is required to participate.

For more information on how to volunteer for Pitch in for Parks, visit <https://www.thewpf.org/volunteer/pitch-in-for-parks/> Click here to pre-register: <https://westchesterparksfoundation.eventbrite.com/>.

Free Rabies Vaccines for Westchester Pets April 24 in New Rochelle

Westchester County residents can bring their dogs, cats and ferrets for free rabies vaccinations on Sunday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Stamen Animal Hospital, 61 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle. Appointments are required. Call 914-632-1269 for more information. An adult must supervise all pets. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers and dogs must be on a leash. Under New York State law, dogs and cats must receive their first rabies vaccine no later than four months after birth. A second rabies shot must be given within one year of the first vaccine. All animal bites or contacts with animals suspected of having rabies must be reported to the Westchester County Health Department at (914) 813-5000.

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information. All I hear are complaints from our elderly residents who have drama using the electronic parking machines in and around the downtown area particularly around the library. New York City has a program that works and doesn't require the input of a license plate number. If Yonkers feels people with extra time on their tickets and no license numbers are going to share the extra time with other parkers, get over it! And Merchants, keep pressure on City Hall and the Parking Authority to keep the free 10 minute parking buttons, just enough time to run and and pick up something quick.

On to our schools. Though some would call into question the results of assessments giving during the Covid crisis, our schools are accomplishing achievements greater than the rest of Big 5 cities in New York State and frankly better than the state as a whole. Kudos to Superintendent Quezada and Administrators, Teachers and Civil Service Staff who are working under difficult, challenging situations. Mayor Spano's recent appointments to the School Board have a deep understanding of the needs of our students.

As our student population is largely on the west side of town, I am glad to see new Schools like the Sotomayor School breaking ground. This and the addition of other schools in West Yonkers is going to have to lead a most difficult discussion to the return of neighborhood schools that use to exist in our city. Bussing is taking up too much time for our students and their families and hampers traffic morning and afternoon throughout much of Yonkers. And it is costly. Before the student population shifted east we had many schools on the west side of town that were decommissioned and put to other uses. Now that we have schools opening on the west side of town there will hopefully not be a need for all the bussing that occurs. Desegregation is not the problem that it was when the issue was taken to court.

Yes, when I graduated Yonkers High School in 1978 the schools on the east side of town had many more resources than those on the west side of town. Buildings on the west side of town were in worse shape than the new schools in the east part of town. Slowly that is turning around after oh so many years. This discussion will be a tough one for Yonkers until we can be sure every students across our city gets the same quality education. But it's a conversation that has to take place.

Students who attend school in Yonkers must reside in our city. It is illegal for students to attend the Yonkers Public Schools if they don't live in Yonkers. I see way to many students being dropped off and picked up in cars, some with New Jersey license plates. If a child lives in Yonkers his or her parent or guardian should have no fear of supplying the district with current documentation. This has been done in neighboring communities and by the time it is the turn for the parents to bring in documentation, when they don't live in the city the students 'magically' disappear and return to their home districts. Why? Because an aggressive Board of Education and City can go after them for the cost of tuition in the district for the child. Remember. Kids in the district illegally are taking away resources from children who live in Yonkers.

So, some issues that I feel are important for Yonkers, a city on the move. I'll have more thoughts in future articles like what has to be done in Getty Square, not the most glorious place to travel through to get to all of our great waterfront has to offer. Good luck Mayor Mike Spano in continuing work to once again make Yonkers, 'The City of Gracious Living!' We are here to support you!

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

NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 5, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution. LINDA LAIRD, Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 5, 2022, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PURPOSES IN AND FOR THE TOWN, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$90,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$90,000 BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to (a) construct playground renovations, at the estimated cost of \$50,000; and (b) fencing improvements at various parks, at the estimated cost of \$40,000.

Amount of obligations to be issued and	\$90,000
Period of probable usefulness:	five (5) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 5, 2022 Eastchester, New York

LEGAL NOTICE

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
LINDA LAIRD Town Clerk Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 5, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$128,238; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$128,238 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION. Object or purpose: to construct various improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, including tree removals and irrigation system design

Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$128,238
Period of probable usefulness:	five (5) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York. Dated: April 5, 2022

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER DYNASTY, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST CGSRE ACQUISITION CORP, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered October 22, 2021, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Courtroom 200, White Plains, NY on April 29, 2022 at 2:30PM, premises known as 68 Runyon Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 3 Block 3112 Lot 59+60. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,792,943.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #50855/2019. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the WESTCHESTER County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml>) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee CLAIR GJERTSEN & WEATHERS PLLC 4 New King Street, Suite 140 White Plains, NY 10604 50855-2019

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COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
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INDEX: 51116/2020
DATED FILED: 03/11/2022
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-against-

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Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty

(30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED: Elmsford, New York

March 3, 2022

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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.

Katherine McLaughlin, Esq.
Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Elmsford, NY 10523
Phone: (914) 345-3020

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose of a mortgage covering premises described as follows:

40 Fanshaw Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10705

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.

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Janet C. Malone, J.S.C. dated June 21, 2021 and filed June 28, 2021

Help for Homeowners in Foreclosure

New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully.

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Sources of Information and Assistance

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.

To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at (800) 342-3736 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>.

Rights and Obligations

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Foreclosure Rescue Scams

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and self-dealing.”

“I am simply not willing to put myself in the position of being charged with a violation of my profession’s Code of Ethics.... most of my peers in the profession would have dismissed this idea out of hand...I believe that ..appointing a sitting elected official to a professional position could be a violation of the City Charter and is most certainly a violation of my professional code of ethics. I am not willing to do that,” writes Strome.

On March 20, the Editor of Talk of the Sound, New Rochelle resident Robert Cox, filed an ethics complaint which states, “it has come to my attention that an elected official in the City of New Rochelle sought to use his elected office to enrich himself by obtaining through coercion, actual or implied, a job with an annual salary exceeding \$200,000, plus benefits, which he is not qualified under the New Rochelle City Charter, that he subjected a public officer to unwarranted assaults on their integrity, and that he sought to usurp the authority of the City Manager...and in doing so may have violated the New Rochelle City Charter, the New Rochelle Ethics policy, and New York State law.”

The four page complaint, includes references to the City Charter, including Article VII, Section 76 which states required qualifications for Commissioner of Economic Development as “reasonable knowledge of traffic engineering and planning,” and “not less than 10 years experience” in the same areas.

In the complaint, Koch alleges that when asked, Mayor Bramson told him, “Chuck (Strome) and I had informal conversations about the possibility-but a shift like that is just unworkable on multiple levels, and I did not apply.” However, the letter from Strome indicates that Bramson has much more interest in the position.

Strome is leaving his position as City Manager and retiring. But before the departs, he appointed Kathy Gill to the position of Deputy City Manager, in an effort to have her promoted to City Manager when he leaves. Koch claims, in both his stories and his complaint, that Bramson is trying to block Gill’s appointment, in the hopes that he can appoint someone favorable to his future employment goals.

Koch calls the whole incident an “attempted coup d’etat by the Mayor to circumvent the City Charter, and to install a puppet City Manager who would appoint Bramson. It appears that any attempts by Bramson to become Commissioner of Development have been dashed, by Koch’s reporting, Strome’s memo, and the Ethics complaint. Plus a new Commissioner of Development has already been hired.

Bramson has been elected Mayor four times, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2019, easily winning reelection, but has announced (before this incident) that he will not seek reelection to a fifth term when his current term ends in 2023.

The Journal News, LoHud.com, ran a feature story on this matter on April 2. In that story, Mayor Bramson denied any wrongdoing and said that he is “fully confident that all of the conversations involved were entirely ethical.”

Instead of looking for his next Gig, Bramson’s future as Mayor is now in doubt. One New Rochelle insider told us, “this basically ends Mayor Bramson’s political career. I’m not sure if there is enough to warrant his resignation but it was a stupid idea. If he wanted another job, he could have looked to the private sector or perhaps in county government. Now, instead of his future, there is the fear that he might have to resign or lose the confidence of the city council and the democratic party.”

Another leader in the New Rochelle Democratic party said that relations between Bramson and Strome were great until this happened. The two were recently seen at an event in New Rochelle sharing a drink together. “That was a show to make it appear that everything is OK. But lets see what the Ethics Board says and what law enforcement says about the allegation. I think everyone believe that Chuck Strome is a wonderful public servant, and for him to make those allegations against the Mayor after the two have worked together for decades, is a big deal.”

Many have also commented to us about the source of this story and complaint, Robert Cox. We believe that the most important part of this story is the memo from the City Manager. And the Ethics complaint filed by Mr. Cox has the legalese and professionalism of being penned by an attorney. This story has merit regardless of where it came from, just ask Journal News reporter David Propper.

a return.

But for those who like Futia, have not filed any return, the IRS really isn’t sure how to proceed. “There are many of us who do not file a return every year, but I’m doing this on principle. The IRS doesn’t want people to know about this, and I challenge the people of Westchester to imagine if you find out that you have been paying your federal income taxes for all of these years and you didn’t have to?”

“Show me the law that requires me to file a tax return and I will do it. I will give anyone \$10,000 if they can show me a law that requires me to pay my Federal Income Taxes,” said Futia, who knows that he could go to jail if he is convicted, but still refuses to pay. I’m willing to take that risk for my children and grandchildren.

And if Futia is somehow ‘made famous’ by what he is doing, it may result in more attention given to him by the IRS. Famous Americans who get in trouble with the IRS are prominently audited and prosecuted. Just ask Martha Stewart, Willie Nelson and now Hunter Biden.

Several IRS agents have also joined the We The People movement and agree with Futia that the Federal Income tax is not mandatory for most Americans. Joe Banister, was an IRS investigator who resigned, wrote a book, Investigating the Federal Income Tax, and was successful in court against the IRS.

Other IRS agents have also resigned from their jobs, refused to file in protest, and lost in court and spent time in prison, which underscores the danger of fighting the IRS. This is why most people, corporations, and the media don’t want to report on or support what Futia and We the People want a discussion on. The ‘Don’t mess with the IRS’ slogan has been followed by millions of Americans for more than 100 years.

One logical question to Futia and We the People’s argument is how would we fund our government without an income tax paid by all? Their answer is-most education costs are paid for by property taxes. Our roads and bridges are paid for by gas taxes, and most of the federal government is not funded by our income tax. In fact, we are borrowing Trilliond to operate the federal government, so many of the programs that you may enjoy are being paid for by future generations through the Federal debt, now at \$30 Trillion, that they will have to pay.

“The federal income tax revenues collected only pay for Federal employee benefits and pensions and for payments on the federal debt,” said Futia.

The other legal argument that Futia and We the People want to make is that the costs to operate the federal government should not be paid through a federal income tax but by equally apportioning the costs to the states, with the hope that wasteful federal government spending could be found, reduced and halted.

“There is no law that says that the average American citizen has to pay an income tax. Most people don’t want to hear about this. They want to go about their lives and pay their taxes and be left alone. But I think there are many of us out there who wonder, where are my tax dollars going and how much of it is wasteful spending.”

Twenty years ago, We the People had thousands of members. They were placing full page ads in the NY Times and USA today, and were having events at the national press club, televised on C-Span. Then several roadblocks were placed in their way by the IRS, according to Bob Schulz, founder of We the People Foundation.

“By the end of 2002 we had collected thousands of signatures and had four petitions before the government . The people were entitled to answers to our legitimate questions. We never got answers and in 2003 the IRS summoned our organizations records and my records,” said Schulz, who had previously gone on a hunger strike to try and highlight this cause.

Over the next 15 years, the roadblocks by the IRS appeared to work. There has been little written about the constitutionality of the Federal Income Tax, and We the People slowed to a halt.

In 2007, Futia asked the Town of North Castle to stop withholding federal income taxes from his paychecks. That request was denied. In 2022, Futia wrote back to the North Castle Town Board. “I have learned of the IRS’s unconscionable practices of harassing, abusing and silencing many accomplished learned Americans.. and a growing number of people questioning why they should fund a government that violates their rights and then refuses to be held accountable.”

With both Futia and Schulz in their 80’s the time is now for a confrontation with Uncle Sam and the IRS.

“What happened before 1913 and before we had a federal income tax? Our government worked and operated. The question is not whether the government has the power to tax the people, but whether the government is abusing its constitutionally limited power to tax. They know that me and Bob are in our 80’s. But I’m still waiting to be heard and for someone to show me the law. We are not fanatics, and we will not be silenced. The IRS refuses to respond to me, and I argue that there is no law that mandates most Americans must pay a federal income tax. I argue that everyone who files is filing voluntarily.”

Futia also believes that he has a right to be heard in court based on the last ten words of the First Amendment which give every citizen the right to be heard “and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. “We have that right, and I challenge the people of Westchester, and our elected officials to learn more about this and educate yourselves.”

A We the People comeback is underway, with the help of Futia and others, and events will be scheduled soon. Futia and We the People will be taking an advertisement out next week in our papers and online at YonkersTimes.com with more details on the \$10,000 reward.

There are many more details regarding Futia and We the People’s arguments, which can be found at We The People of New York, Inc. 2458 Ridge Rd., Queensberry, NY 12804. (518)361-8153.. www.givemeliberty.org

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TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 5, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

“Bond resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 5, 2022, authorizing the resurfacing of various streets in said Town, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$900,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$900,000 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,” an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to resurface various streets in and for the Town; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$900,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$900,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$900,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: April 5, 2022, Eastchester, New York
Linda Laird, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York



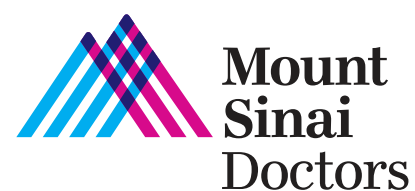
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