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Cuomo Resigns, Lt. Gov Hochul to Take Over; Stewart-Cousins to Remain Senate Leader



"I agree with Governor Cuomo's decision to step down. It is the right thing to do and in the best interest of New Yorkers. I am prepared to lead as New York State's 57th Governor."

New York's next Governor Kathy Hochul

By Dan Murphy

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo resigned from his office on August 10 at 12 noon, effective August 24. Cuomo's decision comes just six days after an independent report from NY Attorney General Letitia James confirmed and validated sexual harassment allegations from 11 female employees in and around Cuomo.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that he thanks the women "who came forward with sincere complaints." "It's not easy to step forward, but you did an important service. And you taught me and you taught others an important lesson. Personal boundaries must be expanded and must be protected," said Cuomo who added that he accepts "full responsibility."

"This is not to say that there are not 11 women I truly offended. There are. And for that, I deeply, deeply apologize. I thought a hug and putting my arm around a staff person while taking a picture was friendly, but she found it to be too forward. I kissed a woman on the cheek at a wedding and thought I was being nice, but she felt that it was too aggressive. I have slipped and called people 'honey,' 'sweetheart' and 'darling.' I meant it to be endearing. But women found it dated and offensive. I said on national TV to a doctor wearing PPE and giving me a Covid nasal swab, 'you make that gown look good.' I was joking. Obviously, otherwise, I wouldn't have said it on national TV. But she found it disrespectful. I take full responsibility for my actions.

"This situation and moment are not about the facts. It's not about the truth. It's not about thoughtful analysis. It's not about how do we make the system better. This is about politics and our political system today is too often driven by the extremes."

Talking about his hugging and kissing, Cuomo said, "I have done it all my life. It's who I have been since I can remember. In my mind, I have never crossed the line with anyone, but I didn't realize the extent to which the line has been redrawn," Cuomo said. "There are generational and cultural shifts that I just didn't fully appreciate – and I should have. No excuses."

"This situation by its current trajectory will generate months of political and legal controversy. That is what is going to happen. That is how the political wind is blowing. It will consume government. It will cost taxpayers millions of dollars," he added.

"I'm a New Yorker, born and bred. I'm a fighter and my instinct is to fight through this controversy because I truly believe it is politically moti-

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Several Westchester Communities Considering Opting Out of Marijuana Dispensaries, Cafes



By Dan Murphy

So far, two Westchester Towns have opted out of the upcoming legalization of the sale and consumption of marijuana in New York State, at dispensaries and cafes in local communities. The Town of Eastchester and the Town of Yorktown have both opted out, and any other Towns that wish to do so must have their local governments vote by the end of 2021.

Eastchester and Yorktown are both led by Republican town supervisors and town boards. The third Westchester community with a republican supervisor and town board is in Harrison. We recently received this letter to the editor.

"Mr. Murphy, I have been reading your Westchester Rising newspaper about the legalization of marijuana. I live in Harrison, with my children and grandchildren. I see that Eastchester and Yorktown have opted-out of allowing any stores to see marijuana or to open any type of café that allows people to buy and smoke.

"I was wondering what about Harrison? We have a republican supervisor, Mr. Belmont, and a republican majority on the town board. Why hasn't our community also opted out? It is also my understanding that Belmont is not running for re-election this fall. I would ask him to move forward and opt out before he leaves office. I don't want my grandchildren walking next to a store that sells marijuana and allows smoking inside. That's now what Harrison is all about. Please provide details if you have any," sincerely Louise DiNapoli, Harrison.

Thanks for your letter. After speaking with both republicans and democrats in Harrison, there is bi-partisan support to opt-out. As one leader in Harrison told us, "the tax revenues that we may receive are not worth it. There is no support here to allow it."

What may be surprising to some is that several Westchester communities are heading towards opting out, including the City of Rye and the Town of Mamaroneck. One sound shore leader we spoke to said, "At first I was

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COVID Numbers Back on the Rise In Westchester: No Guidance Coming From State to School Districts for Back to School



By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer took to the podium on August 9 to give his COVID update and said, "These numbers are not encouraging. I have been happy to tell you encouraging news in the past, but in the world of straightfrardness the numbers are not good, but we are not yet in a crisis situation."

The numbers, as of August 8 were that Westchester County had 1827 active COVID cases, and 51 hospitalizations. In June, Westchester had 175 cases and 26 hospitalizations. In January, the number were 11,500 cases, ten times the number of cases on Aug 8.

Westchester County also has 80.9% of their population over the age of 18 vaccinated and 70% of all residents are vaccinated, including children who can't get vaccinated. Westchester County has the highest percentage of residents vaccinated then neighboring counties, including Putnam, Rockland and the Bronx.

"The COVID crisis has come back to the top of our concern. In June we were headed in a positive direction, that has now turned around significantly," said Latimer. "Within the month, children will be going back to school in some capacity, and in October we will be going back indoors for more activities.

Latimer said that he will be speaking with all of the 44 school districts in Westchester to discuss their reopening plans. This year, New York State Department of Health will not advise school districts on re-opening, leaving the decision up to each individual school district, who will consult with the Westchester County Health Department. "There is no madate for school districts this year," said Latimer. "Vaccines and masks are at the top of the

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White Plains Police Officer Reassigned for Jan 6th Posts

The capital officers whining like a baby of what they endured Is it any less than what officers dealt with at antifa and BLM riots

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Lou Formoso

There nothing but a bunch of Glorified security guards

By Dan Murphy

White Plains Police Officer Lou Formoso posted the following Facebook post concerning the January 6 insurrection at The Capitol Building in Washington DC. "The capital officers whining like a baby of what they endured is it any less than what officers dealt with at antifa and BLM riots." and then a comment below his post from Officer Formoso "There nothing but a bunch of Glorified security guards."

These unfortunate comments caught the eye of Black Westchester Magazine, and writer Damon Jones, who wrote a story about it. Lack of Support for Capitol Police Exposes The Rise Of the MAGA COP in Westchester County White Plains Police Officer Disrespects Capitol Police, Calling Them "Glorified Security Guards."

"I support the Capitol Police and the DC Metro Police, who fought for their lives on January 6 against racist MAGA heads and even some MAGA off-duty officers. There has been no love from the law enforcement community for the family of the Capitol Police Officers.

Officer Brian Sicknick was killed responding to the riots on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. His mother had to literally beg Republicans to investigate what happen that day and to find out who killed her son. Officer Harry Dunn of the Capitol Police – one of the four officers who

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Crime Down by Double Digits in County: DA Launches New Initiative Against Gangs, Drugs

WESTCHESTER CRIME SINCE 2017

VIOLENT CRIMES
▼18.8%
VIOLENT CRIMES WITH FIREARM
▼23.3%



On August 3, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Westchester Public Safety Deputy Commissioner Terrance Raynor announced an 11% decrease in violent and serious crimes in the county since 2017.

The crime statistics from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services show that from 2017 to 2020, Westchester County has seen: –Index crimes represent a total of seven major categories of crime: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle thefts.

Index Crimes, 11% decrease
Violent Crimes, 18.8 % decrease
Property Crimes, 9.4% decrease
Violent Crimes with Firearms, 22.3 % decrease
Weapons Secured, 370% increase

Latimer, crediting the County Police Department and local police departments with a more proactive approach to preventing crime and collaborative policing strategies. Latimer said: “I commend the work of our brave men and women in making the streets of Westchester County safer than four years ago. Fighting crime is sometimes with a heavy hand, and sometimes it’s making more proactive and inclusive choices. Proactive and inclusive choices – which are hallmarks of my administration- are what we are seeing here today. All the law enforcement in this County is working to make Westchester safe and I am glad to say today that we are seeing the results of their hard work.”

Westchester County Department of Public Safety Commissioner Sheriff Thomas Gleason said: “I want to thank County Executive Latimer for his support of our brave men and women and his support of our approach to policing. Law enforcement is part of the community and it is only when we work together that we can succeed.”

Latimer said: “We cannot predict the future, but we are committed to monitoring crime statistics and providing resources where and when they might be needed.”

The County Executive also commends the work of Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah who is working to improve the safety of our County. Also last week, DA Rocah joined with Federal, local and county law enforcement to announce a new initiative to combat gun crimes and gang violence.

The goal of this initiative is to prevent violent crime utilizing a precision policing and precision prosecution model targeting repeat violent offenders through short-term and long-term violent crime investigations. Together we will focus on using all available investigable tools and techniques to build cases against violent offenders and their enablers. We will prosecute those cases at the State and Federal level, wherever it makes sense from a public safety standpoint of ending the violence.

“This partnership at the federal, county and local level is exactly how law enforcement works best – collaboratively and proactively,” DA Rocah said. “Violent crime has dramatically spiked in other parts of the state, including New York City, and all of the partners in this initiative recognize the need to be proactive and prevent violent crime from escalating further here in Westchester. Every homicide due to gun or gang violence is one too many and every shooting makes entire communities feel vulnerable. That is why law enforcement in Westchester County is committed to conducting cooperative law enforcement operations to stop violent crime before it starts.”

The DA’s office appreciates the commitment of County Executive George Latimer and Mayors Mike Spano of Yonkers, Noam Bramson of New Rochelle and Shawyn Patterson-Howard of Mount Vernon, for authorizing the full cooperation of their departments in working as an integral part of this initiative. As well as the leadership and partnership of the NY FBI and the Department of Justice Southern District of New York.

Yonkers Police Commissioner John J. Mueller stated, “The Yonkers Police Department is grateful to all of the agencies that are contained within this partnership. We are always better together, working collaboratively with our federal, state, county and local partners to identify, arrest, prosecute and incarcerate our most violent offenders. With many jurisdictions in NYS facing an unacceptable increase in violent crime, now more than ever, we need to work together. The very nature of the success of a collaboration brings the unique skillsets of each partner with the ultimate goal of keeping the overwhelming number of hardworking, law abiding community members safe from those who would commit violent crime.”

This model allows for each law enforcement entity to share resources and information about cross-border criminal activity more effectively and efficiently, and provide more coordinated enforcement efforts and collaborative decisions about state, federal or joint prosecutions.

This enhanced partnership will further permit law enforcement to not only handle individual criminal cases in their jurisdictions, but also focus their partners on the inter-connectivity of criminal actors in their various jurisdictions. By staying ahead of the curve, targeting repeat violent offenders, and working collaboratively, we will add to the efforts of our hard-working police departments to keep our communities safe.

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Westchester Housing Market Boom Continues in 2Q: New White Plains Condos Sell Out in 6 Weeks



the quick sale of condos at The Centrale in White Plains, points to Westchester’s booming housing market

Sales of homes in Westchester County continued booming in 2021. The flourishing sales in Westchester County is leading to thriving statistics across the Hudson Valley with numbers higher than compared to the past three years according to Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (HGAR).

County Executive George Latimer said: “We have long known that Westchester County is a desirable place to live. No one is fleeing Westchester County – and anyone who says that is just pushing rhetoric. We have urban, suburban and even rural settings, we have an excellent mass transit system and a top class educational system. Business, small and large, is booming here in Westchester and our housing market reflects all of this and more.”

According to HGAR, Q2 2021 continued the trends seen in the first quarter – strong buyer demand and low inventory in most market segments, coupled with low interest rates, drove multiple offers for above asking price on many properties.

Single-Family Median Sales Price increased 17.7 percent to \$835,500, compared to \$710,000 in second-quarter 2020 and \$702,500 in the same period of 2019

In May, the National Association of REALTORS® reported that the median sales price of existing homes rose by 24% over the previous year – the highest increase since 1999.

- Single-Family Closed Sales were up 54.4 percent to 1,828.
- Condos Closed Sales were up 95.6 percent to 401.
- Co-ops Closed Sales were up 47.1 percent to 509.
- Condos Median Sales Price increased 3.8 percent to \$405,000.
- Co-ops Median Sales Price held steady at \$190,000.

CEO Hudson Gateway Association of REALTORS® (HGAR) Richard Haggerty said: “Residential home sales in Westchester County for the second quarter of 2021 continued a remarkable recovery from the depths of the Covid-19 crisis a year ago, with strong gains both in the number of sales as well as increased median sales prices, and at this juncture these trends show no signs of abating.”

For information on programs to assist with homeownership, click here: <https://homes.westchestergov.com/homeownership>

In White Plains, The Centrale Condominium, a former rental property that was offered as condos by RockFarmer Properties, sold out in six weeks. “Following the onset of the pandemic, we realized White Plains and The Centrale offered an incredible value play for residents looking for more space in a fully amenitized building,” said George Michelis, Principal of RockFarmer Properties. “We are honored and humbled by the incredible interest in the project and thank everyone involved for helping execute such an impressive renovation and sellout.”

Located at 257 Central Avenue in White Plains, The Centrale features 30 pristine 1,200- to 1,600-square-foot two-bedroom homes that blend contemporary elegance with traditional comfort. On-site amenities include private parking; a fitness center with an attached sauna; an outdoor children’s playground; a sun-drenched sky lounge; and a spacious rooftop terrace with 360-degree views and built-in dining sets.

RockFarmer, which purchased 22 of the building’s 30 residences in 2012 and maintained the units as rentals before embarking on a complete renovation and capital improvement of the asset beginning in November of 2020. Upgrades made by RockFarmer included new appliances, vanities and fixtures, as well as a complete renovation of the building’s common areas, lobby, gym, resident’s lounge and rooftop spaces.

Nest Seekers Development Marketing handled the sales and marketing on behalf of RockFarmer Properties “The Centrale presented a really unique offering for buyers in today’s market—spacious layouts, high end finishes and an unbeatable location,” said Bianca D’Alessio, Director of New Development at Nest Seekers International. “We are thrilled to have successfully sold the building out in a matter of weeks—we even had several bidding wars from professionals and young families on the hunt for more space without sacrificing on conveniences.”

Each home at The Centrale boasts a private outdoor space and high-end finishes throughout. Asking prices at the luxury property started at \$450,000. The Centrale is located within two Westchester staples – Main Street in White Plains and the iconic Central Ave. Residents can walk to the White Plains Metro North stop in under 15 minutes, and they can get to Manhattan in 35 minutes by car.

“As interest in suburban markets grew nationwide following the pandemic, we realized that now would be the time to upgrade the units and sell them as condos. It’s great to see the market respond so strongly,” said Steve Boudourkis, Asset Manager of RockFarmer Properties.

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County Exec. Latimer Announces Termination of Affordable Housing Settlement

County concludes Federal Civil Rights Case over Housing Segregation and Exclusionary Zoning

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced on August 4 that, "After 12 long years, Westchester County is finally able to close the book on the Affordable Housing Settlement. We recently received notification from U.S. District Judge Denise Cote that Westchester County was in substantial compliance with the Consent Decree, and a federal housing monitor was no longer needed. We did not do this alone, and we have to thank our non-profit housing organizations, the local municipalities and the many developers for all that they did to help get us here.

"I do not attempt to take credit for all of the affordable housing that was developed over the past 12 years. It was a long road, and much of it was traveled before I walked in the door as County Executive. But, I think we have proven time and again that fair and affordable housing is something that we believe in. We consistently put significant money aside, we conducted a Housing Needs Study, and we understand fully how great that need is. More than 11,000 units are needed to satisfy the demand for young families and seniors on fixed incomes, and we want to see these projects come to fruition all across Westchester.

"We know that we have a long way to go, but I want to thank the Department of Justice for recognizing our commitment to this cause. We made every effort to satisfy the terms of the case, and I am thrilled that we are able to put it behind us."

In 2006, the Anti-Discrimination Center filed a lawsuit against Westchester County over the lack of affordable housing in many of the smaller, wealthier communities in the county.

This resulted in a settlement between HUD, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Westchester County government, and former County Executive Andy Spano in 2009. The settlement called for the County to build 750 units of affordable housing spread out across the small towns and village in Westchester.

Former County Executive Rob Astorino allowed the affordable units to be built, while pushing back on some of the other demands of the Federal monitor appointed to oversee the settlement.

Northern Westchester Hospital Offers Healthy Living Classes

In August, Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH) and the Center for Healthy Living offer a variety of virtual events for new and future moms including courses on child safety, and newborn care. Other free, virtual events to help people feel better, get healthier, and have more fun include chair yoga, smoking cessation, and a Wellness Wednesday on preparing for a weather emergency.

Located next to the Whole Foods Market at Chappaqua Crossing, the Center for Healthy Living supports health and wellness through education, health resources, diverse programming and referrals. For a full list of upcoming free events and registration, visit Eventbrite.com. All programs are currently offered virtually.

Chair Yoga

Mondays, August 16, 23, and 30, 11 am – Noon, live over Zoom. Cost: Free Chair Yoga is one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, adapting poses through the creative use of a chair. Emphasis will be on breathing, balance, and taking things at your own pace. This workshop is led by Toni Russo, MS, RN AHN-BC, RYT-220, a leader on NWH's Integrative Medicine Team.

Smoking Cessation

Tuesdays, August, 17, and 24, 6 – 7 pm, live over Microsoft Teams Cost: Free. Cigarettes are one of the leading causes of preventable death in the United States. We know it's challenging to quit – we are here to help. This support group is facilitated by a NWH respiratory therapist. For more information, contact NWHSmokingCessation@northwell.edu or call (914) 666-1868.

Virtual Infant/Child Safety Class

Monday, August 16, 6 – 8 pm, live over Microsoft Teams. Cost: \$50 This class for anyone living with or caring for infants will teach you how to respond to a choking baby and other safety concerns. Topics include car seat safety, poison control, and home safety. This class will be facilitated through Microsoft Teams. You must register on Eventbrite in advance.

Wellness Wednesdays – How to Prepare for a Weather Emergency

Wednesday, August 25, 11 - 11:30 am, by phone. Cost: Free This month's Wellness Wednesday will focus on How to Prepare for a Weather Emergency with Tim Lanigan, Director of Emergency Management at Northern Westchester Hospital. Topics include best practices for workplace and household emergency preparedness, reviewing simple actions to prepare your family should disaster strike and how crisis management is continually evolving in a post Covid-19 world.

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The Lights Are Back on Broadway!



By Eric W. Schoen

A Note: Things lately just seem to be breaking as I approach the deadline for filing my column. Andrew Cuomo has resigned. His resignation is for the good of New York. But he must be held accountable for the things that he did. And the lives that were lost and the people he hurt. Without this, his resignation is meaningless!

But Let's think positive this week. I had a great weekend last weekend. On Friday night I attended the magnificent wedding of a family friend, postponed a year by the pandemic. Mazel Tov to Mariel and Jared, and in particular long time friend Wendy, mother of the bride. May the couple be inscribed for a blessing in the Book of Life and share many happy years together!

Saturday night I went to see my first Broadway play in over a year and a half. The play is Pass Over. Pass Over is Antoinette Chinonye Nwandu's "powerful and provocative" (Arifa Akbar, The Guardian) new play, currently the only play open on Broadway other than Bruce Springsteen's show.

Moses and Kitch talk smack, pass the time, and hope that maybe today will be different. As they dream of their promised land, a stranger wanders into their space and disrupts their plans. Evoking heartbreak, hope, and joy, PASS OVER crafts everyday profanities into poetic and humorous riffs, illuminating the unquestionable human spirit of young men looking for a way out.

The play is in previews now. It was wonderful. So glad that the first play to open on Broadway since the theaters were closed last year is a theatrical success. When the audience was seated and the curtain was ready to go up, the announcement 'Welcome to the August Wilson Theater' brought massive applause. Yes friends, the 'Lights are back on Broadway!' I hope you get the opportunity to see the play during its 9 week run.

But my purpose in discussing the play is not only to tell you how great it was but to comment on the whole experience of attending the theater as we continue to be in the midst of a pandemic. Hopefully I will encourage you to attend this play and the many that will open in September and following months.

First, the staff at the August Wilson Theater was truly welcoming and could not have been nicer as we lined up to enter the show. You could tell that they too were excited to be there. Their welcome was so refreshing as many people are nervous about attending large scale events.

Everyone entering lined up. Now this is a phenomenon that has only existed I would say for the last 10 years pre-pandemic. There use to be a mob of people in front of the theater and they would trickle in as curtain time approached. But now people queue up. I think it makes out of town folks feel more comfortable.

But lining up is now even more critical to the theatrical experience. The theater staff is checking your proof of vaccination, identification and the fact that you are masked. Many people had their laminated vaccination cards with them (Staples and other retailers were laminating the vaccination cards at one point free of charge.) Others showed the New York State Excelsior App on *the*

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15 Westchester Police Departments Partner With Hope Not Handcuffs



Police Chiefs from 15 Westchester Police Departments, with members of Hope Not Handcuffs

At a press conference, 15 municipal police forces in Westchester County gathered with not-for-profit Hope Not Handcuffs to announce a partnership that offers resources and support to those battling addiction.

“As law enforcement, we often become aware of situations that involve addiction and have repeatedly seen that many individuals and their families are unsure where to turn when seeking support,” said Pleasantville Police Chief Erik Grutzner. “Hope Not Handcuffs has shown they have the experience, resources and compassion to partner with law enforcement to offer assistance.”

Police departments in Westchester County, who have long sought additional resources to assist citizens dealing with addiction, have committed to an established program that seeks to find viable treatment options for individuals and their families who are seeking help. (A full list of participating departments can be found below.)

“This program is for people who are struggling with addiction who really have nowhere else to turn,” said Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble, whose department was the first in Westchester County to partner with Hope Not Handcuffs in March 2020. “They need to know that there’s a place of safety for everybody in our community, and that’s your police department.”

Approximately two million New Yorkers have a substance abuse problem[1] with recent data indicating that the number of those suffering has increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Hope Not Handcuffs is a compassionate solution to addiction that does not stigmatize people who are struggling to escape a toxic situation. They need support, not judgment,” said Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater.

Could Netflix Save us From Superbugs?

Antibiotic Development: Subscribing to New Ideas

By Francesca Tomasi, Kevin Ma, and Megan McCurry

With multiple highly effective vaccines against COVID-19, we have begun to round a corner on the current pandemic. But another crisis looms.

Bacteria and fungi are mutating to resist our current antibiotics. Soon, the world may have no effective antibiotics left to fight certain infections.

Already, strains of totally drug resistant tuberculosis and gonorrhea have been isolated from patients. The continued emergence and spread of such strains could result in a deadly pandemic of drug-resistant superbugs, which could kill millions of people a year by 2050.

To win the race against superbugs, we need more interventions, including antibiotics. However, accomplishing this in a lab is difficult, time-consuming, and expensive. And because of their relatively short shelf life compared to drugs used to treat chronic illnesses, many drug companies have opted out of antibiotic research.

A proposal currently working its way through Congress offers a bold new solution.

An estimated 160,000 Americans die from antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections annually.

As PhD student-researchers studying antibiotic resistance in a variety of bacteria, we know this number will rise as antibiotics grow ever-less effective.

In our labs, we work to develop new ways to treat infections. But even if we invented the prototype for a wildly effective antibiotic tomorrow, it may never reach pharmacy shelves. That’s because Medicare, Medicaid, the VA and private insurers all encourage doctors to prescribe inexpensive, older antibiotics -- even though many types of bacteria and fungi are largely resistant to them. And since the typical cost of bringing a new drug to market ranges from \$314 million to \$2.8 billion, it would be extremely financially risky for most companies to invest in an experimental antibiotic that wouldn’t be widely sold, even if it secures FDA approval.

The federal government and non-profit organizations have tried to combat this problem through increased funding for creative research initiatives. Still, most major drug manufacturers have closed their antibiotic research divisions, because the economics simply don’t make sense.

But by changing how companies are reimbursed for antibiotics, the federal government may help generate a sustainable antibiotic development pipeline.

One option is for the government to pay for the right to access an unlimited amount of antibiotics, rather than paying for individual doses. It’s essentially a Netflix subscription, but for life-saving drugs.

By providing drug makers a steady stream of income from their antibiotics, a subscription system would incentivize antibiotics R&D while reducing the overuse of current drugs that fuel antibiotic resistance.

A new bipartisan bill in Congress has adopted this approach. If the legislation, known as the Pioneering Antimicrobial Subscriptions to End Upsurging Resistance (PASTEUR) Act, passes, the federal government would contract with drug makers to develop and supply new antibiotics. Any beneficiary of a federal insurance program -- including Americans covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and the VA -- would be able to access these drugs as needed.

While we work to defeat antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections in the lab, we can’t do it alone.

It’s time for Congress to act on the superbug crisis. There’s not a moment to waste.

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County Completes Glen Island Seawall Rehab



Glen Island seawall, pavilions and sidewalks that were damaged from Superstorm Sandy have been fully restored. The 7.9-million dollar capital project began in 2015 with design work and construction began in 2018. The project was reimbursed by FEMA.

As with any capital project, the first phase consists of a lot of planning and design work and this particular project included an extra layer of planning and coordination with FEMA, as they provided additional insight regarding the damage and how to fix it.

The seawall is important to the preservation of the land as it prevents erosion from waves and serves as an armor to the land. The vertical walls around the Harbor Club and the walkway along the seawall were hit the hardest. The rehabilitation of the seawall along with its bulkheads required major construction in order for it to get back to a place where it can do its job protecting the land properly. In addition to the seawall and the surrounding sidewalks, two pavilions, located on each side of the beach were severely damaged and are now completely repaired.

The project paused in 2020 due to the pandemic and the turning over of Glen Island to the state to become a drive-thru testing facility. It picked back up in time for the reopening of Glen Island earlier this summer.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, “The impact Superstorm Sandy left on Glen Island Park was devastating. The years of hard work and labor that were put into its rehabilitation were necessary not only to see the park flourish again but to protect the land. I’m thrilled that it has been completed in time for the park’s reopening and for the summer months for residents to enjoy.”

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O’Connor said, “I’m excited to see the rehabilitation of the seawall complete and residents using the pavilions again. It has been a long road to recovery and it couldn’t have come at a better time.

Feiner: Wear Your Helmets for Bicycle Sundays

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner wrote the following: Many cyclists not wearing bicycle helmets on Bicycle Sundays--county needs to promote helmet wearing during Bicycle Sundays

Today, while cycling on the Bronx River Parkway Bicycle Sunday, I noticed that a significant minority of cyclists were not cycling with helmets. Over the years I have met many people who told me sad stories about their family members or friends who suffered significant brain injuries because they fell off their bicycle and weren’t wearing helmets.

Although the county only recommends that adult bicyclists wear helmets I think that the sponsors and Westchester County could do more to encourage riding with bicycle helmets. Some suggestions:

1) The county and sponsors of Bicycle Sunday could place signs along the parkway highlighting the danger of cycling without helmets. The signs could share info with cyclists showing cyclists what happened to others who did not wear helmets.

2) Having the county police stop cyclists who are riding without helmets --providing them with a brochure about brain injuries. A friendly reminder to cycle safer could cause some cyclists to be more careful in the future.

3) Organize a bicycle helmet give away day once a year for cyclists who don’t have helmets. Bicycle helmet giveaway days are sponsored around the country. The Ohio Champter of American Academy of Pediatrics mentioned that in 2017 the “number of people injured by not wearing a bike helmet was 51,000.” The National Transportation Safety Board is recommending bike helmets to stemp an increase in bicycle deaths on US roadways..

In 1974 I served as a member of former County Executive Al Del Bello’s Bikeway Committee which recommended the closing of the Bronx River Parkway for cyclists. In 2006 I cycled to Washington DC from Hartsdale to raise funds for a former Hartsdale volunteer firefighter who was paralyzed from the head down as a result of a bicycle accident.

If an educational effort to encourage cyclists to wear helmets would result in one life being saved - an educational outreach effort would be worth it, Paul Feiner, Greenburgh Town Supervisor.

Excluded Workers Rally, Say They Can't Access \$2.1 B Relief Fund



Many of our readers may not know that New York State passed a \$2.1 Billion fund for excluded workers and undocumented residents who have not received any government relief or assistance during the pandemic. On July 30, excluded workers and elected officials—including NY State Senators Mayor and Harkham, and Assemblymember Burdick—rallied outside of the Dept. of Labor’s White Plains office to demand Governor Cuomo and the Dept. of Labor ensure that more of New York’s excluded workers can access much needed relief to ensure their family’s health and recovery.

When the Excluded Workers Fund was passed into law it was meant to provide financial relief to New Yorkers who have suffered income loss during the pandemic and were left out of the various federal relief programs, including unemployment and pandemic benefits.

The workers, who have received no government support during the more than 16 months of the pandemic, allies and electeds were responding to the recently released regulations regarding eligibility from New York State’s Department of Labor. The regulations will block thousands of workers from accessing any kind of relief from the \$2.1 Billion fund.

The Fund Excluded Workers Coalition (FEW) and elected officials raised key concerns about the DOL regulations, including

- 1) a requirement that workers must attest to a 50 percent income loss to qualify—a threshold more restrictive than other government relief programs like unemployment insurance, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and stimulus checks;
- 2) onerous employment documentation requirements that will likely leave workers in the cash economy with less ability to access either benefit tier or with minimal benefits; and
- 3) an overly narrow set of documents for proving prior employment, identity and residency.

The coalition urged the Cuomo administration to use all the policy tools at its disposal to ensure workers have full access to the fund, especially by expanding the list of qualifying work-related, identity, and residency documents and assigning higher point values to documents workers more readily have.

“I am pleased to stand with workers who were excluded from relief during the most difficult days of the pandemic and continue to struggle. My colleagues and I worked hard to pass this legislation, and we call on the Department of Labor to work to ensure as many eligible workers receive the benefits to which they are entitled,” said State Senator Shelley Mayer

“I proudly supported the State Senate’s Excluded Workers Fund in the state budget, and now I am adamant that the money be distributed to the workers and their families immediately. It is unconscionable to keep adding requirements and making our essential workers, who braved the pandemic to keep our country moving forward, wait one extra day for the money they deserve. Moreover, this is money that will help landlords, small businesses and local communities get back on track. They should not have to wait a day longer either,” said State Senator Peter Harkham.

“Thank you to the advocates for their tireless work in providing support for the most comprehensive program in the country for workers excluded from other forms of pandemic relief. This program is vital not only for the Excluded Workers themselves but also for the New York State economy. The New York state legislature intended for the program to provide verifiable eligibility but also multiple methods by which eligibility could be established. I’m very concerned that regulations of the department of labor are too restrictive for providing for such eligibility. While it is essential that eligibility be verified, it also is essential that multiple manners of eligibility be available. I am hopeful that the department of labor will act to provide a fair and verifiable program,” said Assemblymember Chris Burdick.

“Let’s give our full support to these workers and their families, who become so important to and deeply imbedded in our local economy and in our communities,” said Westchester County Legislator Damon Maher.

“The point of the long awaited Essential Workers Relief Fund was to provide the workers who had previously been overlooked for Covid Relief with financial support, along the lines of what was provided to other workers in New York State. So the fact that many of those same essential workers are now ineligible for the relief that they fought for is untenable. These workers put their lives and their families’ lives on the line so the rest of us could stay safely at home. We cannot and will not turn our backs on them now,” said Westchester County Legislator Nancy Barr.

“It’s utterly shameful and immoral that hundreds of thousands of immigrant New Yorkers and essential workers continue to be shut out of all relief --- and shut out of the very fund they helped create. At a time when so many families are struggling to pay their bills and feed their families, Governor Cuomo should be prioritizing the health and well-being of every New York family by ensuring all excluded workers have access to the funds they need to get through these difficult times. Our families have waited over a year for help and can’t wait any longer. We urge Governor Cuomo and the Department of Labor to act quickly to rectify this wrong, expand accessibility to the Excluded Worker Fund and get New York back on the road to recovery,” said Vanessa Agudelo, Manager of Member Engagement, Hudson Valley, New York Immigration Coalition and Peekskill Council member.

“The DOL’s Excluded Worker Fund eligibility requirements restrict our ability (Day Laborers) to apply for these critical funds. We urge DOL to revisit the eligibility criteria to help reach the essential and excluded workers,” Obreros Unidos de Yonkers Day Laborers.

Town of Mamaroneck Takes Leadership Role to Bring Benefits of Solar Energy to Residents



Solar panels at the Town of Mamaronecks Hommocks Park Ice Rink

As a leader in climate action and to further its goals of creating a healthy, vibrant community, the Town of Mamaroneck is opening a significant community solar installation on its Hommocks Park Ice Rink at 140 Hommocks Road. The solar array on the Ice Rink is large enough to serve 75 to 100 local residents - renters and homeowners - and other eligible electric account holders such as houses of worship, local businesses, property managers, and nonprofits.

This opportunity is made possible in partnership with Sustainable Westchester, a nonprofit consortium of Westchester County municipalities. Sustainable Westchester’s Community Solar program expands access to the benefits of solar energy to all Westchester residents – both renters and homeowners. Community Solar allows subscribers to enjoy savings of up to 10% on their electricity bills without the upfront expense of installing solar on their own homes.

In a first for Westchester County, the Town of Mamaroneck ensured that benefits of the Hommocks Community Solar farm were offered first to low- and moderate- income residents of the Town living in Hommocks Park Apartments and housing operated by the Washingtonville Housing Alliance. Participants in the Town of Mamaroneck’s Housing Voucher program are also eligible to join the Community Solar Program. The Town is now opening enrollment to all eligible residents and organizations in the Town of Mamaroneck and Villages of Mamaroneck and Larchmont.

Town Supervisor Nancy Seligson noted, “This project is a great example of a creative sustainability effort resulting in energy savings for residents, revenue for the Town from leasing the Ice Rink roof, and tax benefits for the solar developer. Everyone benefits!”

Bill Zachary, partner at SunLight General Capital, the project’s solar developer said, “We’re here to support, execute and finance the Town’s decision to be renewable energy advocates and build solar on the roof of the Hommocks Park Ice Rink.”

Sustainable Westchester’s Executive Director Nina Orville noted, “We are proud to partner with the Town of Mamaroneck, a valued member of our organization, and with Sunlight General Capital on this initiative. We’re thrilled with the focus on providing community solar benefits to renters who have previously been excluded from participating in solar energy programs. Our proven outreach strategies deployed for other successful community solar projects will ensure that the Town meets its sustainability and community development objectives.”

All eligible Town of Mamaroneck, Village of Mamaroneck, and Village of Larchmont residents may enroll in this community solar project online: <https://account.powermarket.io/hommocks.html> or by contacting Sustainable Westchester at communitysolar@sustainablewestchester.org or 914-242-4725 ext. 112 (ext. 105 for Spanish speakers)

How Does Community Solar work? Community Solar enables people to subscribe to a large solar installation located in their utility area. Energy produced from the solar farm is sent to the electric grid and reported to the utility. The utility lowers each subscriber’s bill by placing a credit on it for that household’s share of the value of the solar energy. Subscribers then pay the owner of the solar farm a discounted amount for that solar credit.

The New York State Public Service Commission regulates community solar to ensure consumer protection. Community Solar is an important component of New York State’s environmental and climate justice mandates.

Subscribers to other successful Community Solar projects have been pleased with the benefits provided. Subscriber Sarah Suskin said, “We considered installing solar panels but due to our roof’s condition and heavy tree cover on our property, it was not the best option. The sign-up for community solar was quick and straightforward. The monthly savings is exactly what was projected and is a bonus on top of supporting renewable energy.”

Signing up takes just a few minutes and requires setting up automated payment for the solar credits.

Letter to the Editor:

For those who think that our Governor Andrew Cuomo resigned in the hopes that he will some day run for office and win, I have a bridge to sell you in Brooklyn. Cuomo’s political career is now officially over.

I do agree that he did not want to get impeached by the Assembly and Senate, and as a result he would have been barred from running for office ever again. Perhaps he has that thought still in his mind.

But for all of the women who watched his behavior and his performances in three different videos over the past week, he never admitted guilt. He said he was sorry that the women misinterpreted what he was saying and doing. That simply won’t cut it in today’s Democratic party in the State of New York, and if Cuomo does try to run again, I will be first in line to make sure he never gets our parties nomination.

I also agree with your newspapers reporting on Charlotte Bennett, a Westcheter resident who has stepped up for women everywhere.

-Laura Levine, Ossining

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Notice of Formation of Joyful Ventures LLC. Filed with the SSNY on 06/07/2021. 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, 145 Valentine Lane apt#4E, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SUHANA HOLDINGS LLC. Filed with the SSNY On 05/10/2021. Office location: Westcheter 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, 27 Ravine Avenue, Apt. 2B, Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

telephones. Others had taken pictures of their vaccination cards and were pulling them up from the photos section of their smartphones.

Everyone attending the show had to be vaccinated and have proof of it. That will be standard procedure for the time being on Broadway. Frankly, no one was complaining.

Staff were also checking for masks. Now I have decorative masks as you do but if I were you, going into an environment with a large group of people you don't know, I would mask up with the 3 ply surgical masks or a KN95 mask. It's for your safety and the safety of those around you. (By the way and I am no doctor, even if you are vaccinated I would mask up when going into a CVS, Walgreens, a drug store or a place where you know sick people may be.)

Wearing the mask during the show was no big deal. Most of the Broadway theaters are old, and they have installed sophisticated ventilation systems for your safety. These systems allow air to circulate better in the theater. I noticed the theater was a bit colder than usual. I suggest that ladies bring a sweater or a wrap and men wear a long sleeve shirt when attending a show. These new ventilation systems do a super job with air circulation, but just to be on the safe side make sure you have something to put on in case it gets cold.

It was such a pleasant experience to see the hustle and bustle on 52nd street where the August Wilson Theater is located. It reminded me of the good old pre-Pandemic days. I've had the occasion over the last year and a half to be in the theater district and the area was eerily quiet.

Sadly, some restaurants where I would go for a quick lite bite to eat prior to the theater (I hate going to the theater after eating a big meal) have shuttered. Many Starbucks in New York, the place where you would meet your friends for coffee prior to the theater close their doors at 7:00 p.m. But there are still plenty of restaurants at all price ranges that are open before and after the theater for a good New York meal.

My advice on dressing warm for the theater applies to movie theaters too. There is nothing better than going to the movies and seeing a flick in the company of an enthusiastic audience. Gets you out of the house too, something we all need to do.

Another thing about the movies. If you are planning on eating at the theater (frankfurters, chicken fingers, movie noshes, etc.) make sure that the concession stand at the movie theater you are going to is open and serving food. Many movie theaters have limited menus, and you don't want to be surprised and have to fill up on candy and other non nutritional offerings.

The Lights are Back on Broadway! If you see me please say hello. I might even buy you a drink, or of course you can buy me a drink and we can celebrate together!

HOT TOPICS: Shame on the Governor and State Health Commissioner for their refusal to give local school districts guidance on reopening. The local school districts do not have the resources the state has at its disposal. Kudos to the State Education Commissioner for calling the New York State Health Department out for their refusal to offer guidance.

What rocket scientist came up with the idea of changing all the exit numbers on the Hutchinson River Parkway without telling anybody and barely no notification. Aligning the numbers with mile markers makes sense, but do you see mile marker signs along the Hutch as you do along the New Jersey Turnpike and other area roadways? I'm sure someone got paid big bucks to come up with this idea but sadly no one thought about its implementation.

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

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Notice of formation of 475 Sierra Vista Lane, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 07/23/2021. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Skywood Court, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 394 Sierra Vista Lane, LLC. Arts. of Org filed on 07/23/2021. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 Skywood Court, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of We R.I.S.E. New York, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/3/21. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 309 North Broadway, #3C, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Public Real Estate Auction
City of Yonkers, New York

Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the "City") of the public auction of the surplus City properties listed below (the "Properties"). All Properties are located in Yonkers, NY.

The public auction will be held Friday, September 10th, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am in the Community Room AB of the Yonkers Riverfront Library located at One Larkin Center, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, NY.

The auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with certain terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions"); by participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to the Terms and Conditions. The Properties may be offered for sale subject to certain express terms, conditions or restrictions imposed by the City, which will be disclosed prior to the auction. The Terms and Conditions, will be available prior to the auction at www.williamsauction.com/Yonkers.

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SECTION	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
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1	6050	371	70 Sweetfield Cir
2	6050	65	78 Sweetfield Cir
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2	3215	25	17 Suffolk Trl
2	3215	23	21 Suffolk Trl
2	3270	192	1212 Saw Mill River Rd
2	211	110	240 Oak Street
1	461	76	146 Oak Street
2	2089	2	43 St Josephs

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vated, I believe it is unfair and it is untruthful and I believe it demonizes behavior that is unsustainable for society,” he said.

Cuomo continued: “New York tough means New York loving, and I love New York, and I love you. I would never want to be unhelpful in any way.”

New York Lieutenant Gov. Kathy Hochul, 62, will soon become the state’s first female governor, replacing Gov. Andrew Cuomo. A Buffalo native, she was first elected lieutenant governor of New York in 2014 as Cuomo’s running mate and won reelection alongside him in 2018. Hochul served in Congress for two years, 2011-2013.

“I agree with Governor Cuomo’s decision to step down. It is the right thing to do and in the best interest of New Yorkers. As someone who has served at all levels of government and is next in the line of succession, I am prepared to lead as New York State’s 57th Governor,” said Hochul.

There has been some confusion about what role State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins will play in the days ahead, after the announcement on August 10 that NY Governor Andrew Cuomo will resign.

We reached out to Senator Stewart-Cousins office and were told, “After Kathy Hochul becomes Governor, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins will remain the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate but will also take on the duties of Lieutenant Governor, until the time when the Governor appoints a new Lieutenant Governor.”

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins commented on the Governor’s resignation, stating “Today is a somber day for the state of New York, but one that demonstrates our ability to build a more accountable system of government. Governor Cuomo’s resignation opens the door to a restorative future. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the courageous women who came forward and helped pave the way for safer and more inclusive work spaces.”

“Working with Governor Kathy Hochul, the first woman Governor of New York State, we will continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic, rebuild our economy and face our challenges standing together. Governor Hochul is a dedicated leader, and united, we will get the people’s work done.”

State Senator Shelley Mayer, “Governor Cuomo made the right decision in the best interest of the people of New York today when he announced his resignation. New York State remains in a difficult and perilous moment given the ongoing challenges of COVID and economic recovery. I look forward to working closely with Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul as she takes leadership of our state and I have full confidence in her.”

Assembly member Amy Paulin said, “Governor Cuomo’s decision to resign is for the good of New York. Over the past decade, the work done by Governor Cuomo has in many ways improved the lives of New Yorkers, but the evidence has made it clear that he cannot continue in office. The Governor’s resignation is a necessary step that will allow the State government to function effectively, and it sets the precedent that sexual harassment will not be tolerated at any level.

“This ends a sordid chapter in New York’s history, but I hope it opens a new one, in which people in positions of power finally understand that sexual harassment is not okay and has profound consequences. What Andrew Cuomo did to 11 women is still happening in our society. So if this resignation leads to more abusers thinking twice, and to more victims deciding to fight back, then New York will be the better for it. I would like to thank the women who came forward and shared their stories. Their bravery will not be forgotten. When she is sworn in, Kathy Hochul will be the first woman to hold the office of Governor of New York. She is capable and prepared to take the position, and I look forward to working with her office to help the people of this State,” said Paulin.

State Senator Allesandra Biaggi, “Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo has finally put New Yorkers first and announced his resignation. I am forever grateful for the eleven women who risked everything to speak out about their experience of sexual misconduct. New York will be a better and safer place because of them. While further accountability is necessary, this moment reflects the hard work of survivors who have been striving for an end to workplace harassment for decades. New York State can now move forward and address the needs of the people we were elected to serve. I look forward to working under Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul’s leadership. Let this next chapter for New York be one of integrity, optimism, and progress.”

Westchester County Executive George Latimer, “Westchester County, and my administration, stand ready to work with incoming Governor Kathy Hochul when she assumes the governorship later this month. For years, incoming Governor Hochul has been a welcomed presence in Westchester County. She is well qualified to lead New York State in this immediate crisis. Also, for all New Yorkers, let us recognize this historic moment – that New York will for the first time in our history have a female Governor. Times have changed – as they should. We welcome incoming Governor Hochul, and look forward to cooperation between Westchester County and New York State in moving together in the right direction.”

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Virtual Newborn Care Class

Wednesday, August 25, 6 – 8 pm, live over Microsoft Teams Cost: \$30
This class for anyone living with a newborns will teach you the fundamentals of newborn care. Topics include feeding patterns, common concerns of parents, and the role of a pediatrician during your baby’s stay at the Hospital. Upon availability, a pediatrician will join the end of our class for a Q&A session. This class will be facilitated through Microsoft Teams. You must register on Eventbrite in advance. For more information, please call our Mother-Baby Navigator Office at 914-666-1840.

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Westchester Department of Public Safety Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said, “The Real Time Crime Center, where we gathered this morning, is another example of this initiative model in action. Every municipal police department in our County is represented in the intelligence center. We share information, even as crimes are in progress or have just occurred, and the results have been tremendous since RTC was created four years ago. County police detectives also serve in joint collaboration with the FBI, DEA and U.S. Marshals Service. We welcome this newest initiative because we know from experience that cooperation and collaboration is a critical way we keep Westchester safe. We are grateful to County Executive Latimer for his support of our Department and to District Attorney Rocah for her partnership in this newest initiative.”

Mount Vernon Police Commissioner Glenn Scott said, “The criminal element is not confined to borders. Law enforcement must share intelligence, staff and resources in order to combat this surge of gun violence that is sweeping our nation. The MVPD looks to further expand our partnerships by joining this initiative.”

New Rochelle Police Commissioner Robert Gazzola said, “The City of New Rochelle is not immune to the issues of gang and gun violence, and their harmful impact upon our community. The New Rochelle Police Department looks forward to collaborating with our local, county and federal law enforcement partners to help address this issue and improve the quality of life for our citizens.”

WP Cop, Facebook posts, continued from pg 1-

testified Tuesday before the House select committee investigating the riot – told the panel a rioter had screamed at him, prompting a crowd to turn on him with shouts of “Boo! Fucking n-word

Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell said he was beaten with a flagpole and soaked with chemical spray while defending the Capitol. As a result of his injuries, he said had surgery on his right foot, would need surgery on his left shoulder, and will need further rehab for possibly more than a year.

But after all this testimony, Lou Formoso, a local White Plains Police Officer took to Facebook, disrespecting the heroic efforts of the Capitol Police and DC Metro Police Officers, having the unmitigated gal to say that “Capital Police are Glorified Security Guards.” and comparign them to Antifa and BLM attacks that other police officers have endured–

Wait! He’s a White Plains Cop, we must ask how many times has actually been in a drawn out fight or out numbered in an altercation even close to January 6?

These officers and organizations are quick to condemn protest about immigration and civil rights but their silence has been deafening of their majorly white comrades who illegally stormed the US Capitol Building to hang the Vice President, killed a officer and endured countless other Capitol and DC Metro Police Officers. White is always right and these cops should have known better not to speak out against it.

They’re nothing but hypocrites hiding their MAGA Badges and should not be patrolling our streets. I hope this serves as a lesson to elected officials across the nation and especially in Westchester. A racial sensitivity class once a year does not cleanse the mind of being a racist, bigot, or insensitive to the community’s needs.

If you hire racists, they will remain racist. If you employ a bigot, they will stay a bigot. Some might pull back because of the social-political climate. Unfortunately, Trump’s MAGA rhetoric has emboldened racists and bigots, especially those that wear a uniform and badge,” wrote Damon Jones.

The story caught the eye of County Legislator Damon Maher who wrote, Every American needs to find 15 minutes to watch the full, heart-rending testimony of Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn about the events of January 6th:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=officer+harry+dunn+testimony+video&docid=13836721212072&mid=CC6BF2B647B54C09A6F3CC6BF2B647B54C09A6F3&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

“In addition to the fellow officer for him he dedicated a brief moment of silence, there are now four Metro DC police officers who were there trying to stop the infamous, treasonous insurrection on that and who have now taken their own lives. Now, Black Westchester Magazine tells us that a person claiming to be a White Plains cop has denigrated brothers officers at the Capitol as “whiners” [insert link to that item from BW] on Facebook and so BW asks the question: Have our local police unions denounced the WP officer’s comments? Have they issued a statement in general, unequivocal support of those dedicated and courageous officers at the Capitol? And against all those riotous traitors for beating up those officers as part of their clearly apparent mission to undermine law and order at its most fundamental level?” wrote Legislator Maher.

Black Westchester emailed their story to White Plains Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson, who” immediately shared our story on her Facebook and expressed her concern to the WPPD. She also confirmed that Formoso has since been removed from patrol duties and is now assigned to the records room,” wrote Black Westchester in a follow up story.

A quick check of Officer Formoso’s Facebook page finds nothing, all posts have been cleared out.

As a son of a law enforcement officer, I find it unfortunate that Police Officer Formoso posted these comments. The attacks on The Capitol on Jan. 6th were nothing short of a terrorist attack on our country. And those officers who tried to fight back the mob were understaffed but did there best to hold the line. In my mind, and in the minds of the majority of Americans, they were heroes.

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list of decisions to make.”

Latimer also explained that the County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler, and the County Department of Health, have the power to mandate COVID policy for residents, but right now, Westcheter County government is waiting to see what the next few weeks data provides. “We are looking at an increase in infection rates but we are only at one-tenth of prior peaks. We know that any mandate will have a pushback and some people don’t want to be told what to do. We are not looking to create conflict in people’s lives but there are times when individual rights have to be subordinated to others rights. We are not talking about lockdowns but the power does exist with with County Health Commissioner. If we see infections rise, then all options are on the table,” said Latimer.

Opting Out Legal Pot, continued from pg 1-

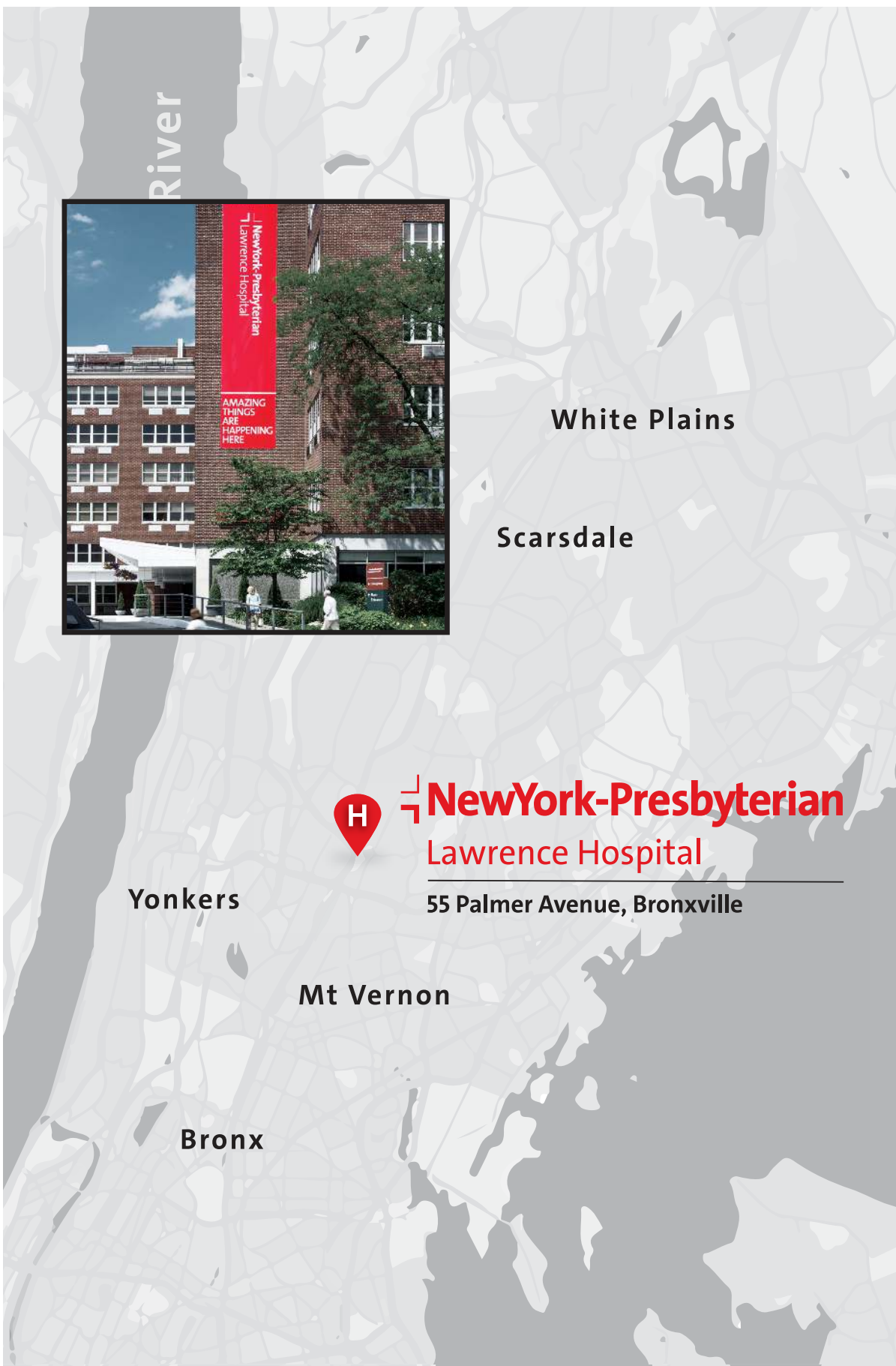
marijuana is the law in New York State. And some residents in those communities would be surprised home many of their neighbors and friends are using marijuana for health reasons but also to relax, just like having a glass of wine.”

If a Town government opts out by the end of the year, then supporters of allowing marijuana in their town can petition for a referendum vote of the public to determine the final outcome. All of that will happen in 2022, with the actual sale and storefronts selling legal pot to come probably in 2023, as State regulations, licensing and boards of review slow to being formed in Albany.

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