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Westchester County Now 1 Million Strong According to 2020 Census



By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Population:

2020: 1,004,457
2010: 949,113
2000: 923,459
1990: 874,866
1980: 866,599

As of April 1, 2020 Westchester County had 1,004,457 people living in its borders according to the 2020 Census. The new resident population of 1,004,457 is the highest it has ever been in Westchester County according to Census data.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "I always knew we were a big County, big in culture, big in business, big in life and now also big in population. I want to thank Westchester residents for making Westchester count. No one is fleeing this county – they are coming here to be part of Westchester. This Census news continues a trend of good news for Westchester County. Our economy is thriving, businesses both small and large are growing, crime is down, and our vaccination rate is among the highest in the state."

An accurate count enables Westchester County to receive billions of dollars in state and federal funding that is allocated based on population, and can be used for our schools, infrastructure, roads, hospitals, fire departments and after school programs. The 2019 Census population estimate was 967,000, well below the 2020 population number.

On April 1, 2019, County Executive Latimer signed an Executive Order and announced the formation of the Westchester County Complete Count Committee to include geographic, ethnic and constituency representatives from many of the traditionally hard to count populations. The Complete Count Committees worked with Census advocates, community-based organizations, local municipal Complete Count committees and college students

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"The Proud Boys Came to My Hometown"

Westchester Democrats Call Out Local Republicans



members of the Proud Boys, posing for the camera outside of NY GOP fundraiser featuring former President Trump in Briarcliff Manor

By Dan Murphy

Usually, when a former U.S. President comes to a political fundraiser, the party faithful line up for a photo, which they are proud to display on Social Media.

But when former President Donald Trump came to Briarcliff Manor and his private golf club there to host an event for the NY GOP, there were very few photos posted on Facebook. Only three republican members of Congress, Lee Zeldin, who is the leading republican to run for Governor next year, and Elyse Stefanick and Nicole Maliotakis. There were also no photos of the crowd to see who was there.

Regardless, NY GOP Chair Nick Langworthy claimed that they raised over \$1 Million and called it a success.

Outside of Trump National Golf club, supporters of the former President gathered, including members of the infamous Proud Boys, a white supremacist group accused of inciting the Jan 6th insurrection at the Capitol.

We received several letters about Trump's visit and the Proud Boys. "Hey Mr. Murphy, I enjoy reading your political coverage of Westchester, and here's my take. I live in Briarcliff and have been a republican all of my life....until 2017 when I became an independent," writes Colleen McCarthy.

"I was more than surprised to see The Proud Boys in my hometown, in support of Trump. You see, my family is black and white, my husband is black and my sons and daughter are both. On the date of Trump's visit, I went to see the two sides of supporters and protestors, and I tried to speak with the Proud Boys, but they were too busy flaming the fires from their visit. Do me a favor, Proud Boys, DONT COME Back!"

Mrs. McCarthy's letter points to the conundrum that many republicans in Westchester have had since Trump's election 5 years ago. If they

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Federal Government Uses Westchester Airport to Bus, Reunify Unaccompanied Minors; County Government Has No Role in HHS Program



undocumented minors boarding buses at the Westchester County airport

By Dan Murphy

A federal government program, aimed at reunifying unaccompanied minor children crossing the U.S. Border, became a political issue in Westchester, as the Westchester Airport was used as one location to transfer young, undocumented teenagers from planes to buses and then to family members.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HHS, oversees the program, and took several days to publicly comment on the planes arriving at Westchester Airport. During those five days, three prominent Westchester republicans attempted to blame the incoming flights and undocumented children on Westchester County Executive George Latimer, despite the fact that Latimer, and County Government, has no oversight or involvement in the HHS program, and Latimer did not know about the flights until late last week.

Former County Executive and republican candidate for Governor Rob Astorino, took to his radio show on WOR AM 710 radio to discuss what limited information he knew about flights with undocumented persons coming into Westchester Airport on Friday Aug. 13.

"This is a question of public safety, of public health, and the public's right to know, I broke this story Friday on @710WOR: Hundreds of undocumented immigrants from crisis at southern border flown into Westchester Co. Airport each of last several nights. Why was this a secret? Where are they being resettled? Who is paying? Have they been tested for COVID?"

Social Media comments and misinformation began to spread over the weekend as County Executive Latimer and his administration were immediately unable to reach HHS, who was slow to respond and explain what was happening.

Finally, on Monday Aug 16, HHS stated, "Children traveling through Westchester are simply on their way to unite with relatives and sponsors -- to meet sponsors in Westchester, or just traveling through the area until they reach another destination to unite with family members or legal sponsors. Family members and other legal sponsors live across the country, so it's no surprise that children would be seen traveling through states."

"The vast majority of unaccompanied children in our care, age 12 and up, have received their first shot of a COVID-19 vaccine. While children are in our care, we follow CDC guidelines and work to protect their health and wellbeing," said an HHS spokesperson.

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Westchester Italian-Americans tell Andrew Cuomo- "That's Not How We Were Raised!"



Yonkers Councilmember John Rubbo, right, with his father and grandfather at the Yonkers Columbus Day Parade

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers City Councilman John Rubbo issued a statement that most New Yorkers agree with, concerning Governor Andrew Cuomo's explanation about sexual harassment allegations made against him by 11 employees, which was that his behavior was taught by his parents, coming from an Italian-American family, that it was OK to hug and kiss and embrace your friends, colleagues and co-workers.

Rubbo stated, "I am an Italian American.-I hug.-I kiss on the cheek.-I embrace friends and family. I know where the line is drawn and I would never cross it. Governor Cuomo used our heritage to defend his actions and that is simply despicable.

"I continue to condemn the Governor's inappropriate behavior. And now, Governor Cuomo has dishonored the millions of Italian Americans

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Bedford Attorney Pleads Guilty to DWI - Vehicular Homicide



Diego Trejo, right, was killed by Robert Schuster in 2019

Robert C. Schuster, a criminal defense attorney, pled guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide on Tuesday after a collision he caused in December 2019 while intoxicated which resulted in the death of a Mount Kisco man, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced.

Schuster, of Bedford, pled guilty on August 10 to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide. He faces a sentence ranging from a minimum of one to three years to a maximum of 8 1/3 to 25 years in state prison.

After leaving a holiday party on December 16, 2019, Schuster was driving eastbound on Route 172 near Darlington Road in Bedford when his car crossed over the double yellow line into oncoming traffic and crashed into the car driven by Mount Kisco resident Diego Trejo. Schuster had a blood alcohol content above the legal limit at the time of the collision.

Trejo, 22, died at the scene. Schuster was injured in the crash and transported to a nearby hospital.

“Robert Schuster’s decision to drive his car while drunk displayed a blatant disregard for human life and safety that ultimately led to the tragic death of an innocent young man,” DA Rocah said. “Drunk drivers put their own lives and those of everyone in our community at risk, and our Office will continue to aggressively prosecute these cases to help ensure the safety of our streets.”

The Bedford Police Department and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety investigated the incident.

The case is before Judge Barry Warhit in Westchester County Court and is being prosecuted by Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Nadine Nagler and Assistant District Attorney Nicholas DiCostanzo. Schuster is scheduled to be sentenced on November 30.

DiNapoli: Medicaid Fraud Cost NY State Taxpayers More Than \$1.5 B



The state Department of Health (DOH) allowed more than \$1.5 billion in improper Medicaid payments over the course of several years due to errors in its billing system and may have exposed patients to unqualified and uncredentialed health care providers, according to three reports released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

“Troubling errors like the ones routinely identified by my auditors are extremely costly. They can also put patients at risk,” DiNapoli said. “By not fixing problems with the Department of Health’s eMedNY system and other issues, hundreds of millions of dollars more in taxpayer dollars could be misspent and unqualified providers could continue to treat Medicaid patients. The department must act on our recommendations and address these shortfalls, so Medicaid recipients receive the level of care they deserve, and taxpayers’ dollars are spent effectively.”

For the state fiscal year that ended March 31, 2020, New York’s Medicaid program had approximately 7.3 million recipients and Medicaid claim costs totaled \$69.8 billion.

The Affordable Care Act and federal regulations mandate that state Medicaid agencies require all ordering and referring physicians and other professionals providing services through the Medicaid fee-for-service program to be enrolled as participating providers and their National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) to be included on Medicaid claims. This screening and provider enrollment process improves the efficiency of the health care system and helps to reduce fraud and abuse. It also helps to ensure the quality of services and protects public health by validating that providers have the appropriate credentials to provide services and are not prohibited from participating in the Medicaid program by the federal government.

In the first report, DiNapoli’s auditors found that a significant number of claims were paid even though they did not have a proper NPI to ensure the ordering, prescribing, referring, or attending provider was properly qualified or credentialed, creating a risk for patients. Processing weaknesses in eMedNY, the Medicaid claims processing and payment system, allowed \$1.5 billion in payments for Medicaid clinic and professional claims without an appropriate NPI.

For example, some claims contained NPIs of providers who were not enrolled in Medicaid, while other claims did not contain an NPI at all.

Auditors also found \$57.3 million in payments for pharmacy claims that did not contain an appropriate prescriber NPI and \$19.4 million in payments for claims that contained an NPI but, according to regulations, should not be included on Medicaid claims or that should be further reviewed by DOH due to past misconduct.

A second report found that from Jan. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2019, claims totaling \$28.5 million were paid for Medicaid recipients who were reported as discharged from a hospital, but then admitted to a different hospital less than 24 hours later. These claims raise the possibility that the first hospital wrongly recorded a patient’s transfer as a discharge, which is a red flag that the claims are at a high risk of overpayment.

Auditors recommended that the Department of Health develop a process to identify and recover Medicaid overpayments for fee-for-service inpatient claims that have a high risk of incorrect patient status codes such as those identified by the audit.

To report Medicaid Fraud, call the NYS Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. call (800) 771-7755.

Beware of Flim-Flam, Trick Scams in Westchester



You are approached or contacted by someone with an offer of service or products that is based on a fraud or lie. Often times work is promised but never completed, or fake goods are sold. Bank accounts and personal identities may be targeted.

BEWARE of unsolicited proposals. Always **VERIFY** legitimacy. If it's too good to be true, it's probably a **SCAM**.

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 - **HANG-UP** on suspicious phone calls.
 - **VERIFY** information before taking action; ask family members or trusted friends for help.

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Beware unsolicited offers of contractor services and more... The Yonkers Police Department is investigating several reports of flim-flam and confidence trick scams in the area.

Residents should be aware of unsolicited offers of service; especially contractor services, including driveway and paving stone repair. The scammers will often negotiate service and accept partial payment but will never start or complete the work. These same scammers may also pose as subcontractors for authorized persons or companies in an attempt to gain access to private property and commit theft. The scammers may colloquially be known as Irish Travelers; several have been identified and charged in various incidents. Residents should ALWAYS verify the legitimacy of the second party before engaging in any financial contracts.

Additionally, a second group of scammers are selling fake jewelry out of different vehicles, duping people into believing the money is needed to transport their family south; the jewelry is costume junk being sold at inflated prices. Residents are advised not to engage in street transactions with unknown parties. These individuals have been identified and are subject to a police investigation.

Residents and community members are advised to report suspicious activity to (914) 377-7900; emergencies dial 9-1-1. Thank you for supporting law enforcement and the Yonkers Police Department.

NYS Education Department Issues COVID, Back to School Guidelines



“I believe there will end up being mask mandates. I just don’t have the authority at this moment.”

— Incoming Governor Kathy Hochul

Editor’s Note: On August 9, we highlighted the fact that the NYS Department of Health would NOT be issuing any guidelines for school districts across New York State concerning COVID back to school guidelines, recommendations or mandates. NYS Education Commissioner Betsy Rosa was looking for guidance on behalf of the school districts and called on Governor Cuomo and the NYS Health Department to do so.

After not receiving any information from the NYS DOH other than to follow CDC guidelines, Rosa and the NYS Education Department released their own guidelines, which can be found at the link below:

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/back-school/nysed-health-and-safety-guide-for-the-2021-2022-school-year.pdf>

“Reopening amidst a pandemic for the second consecutive year is truly a daunting task,” Education Commissioner Betty Rosa said in a statement. “Our hope is that this guide, coupled with the input of local health officials will help the state’s education community as they prepare for September.”

Incoming Governor Kathy Hochul said, “I believe there will end up being mask mandates. I just don’t have the authority at this moment.” Hochul takes over Aug 24, but parents and students can expect to mask up in school.

The other big takeaway is that sports and extracurricular activities could be cancelled in counties that have high transmissions of COVID-19, unless all participants in the sport are vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes most indoor sports.

Among the state recommendations for K-12 schools in New York:

* Universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status and community transmission levels.

* Maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms.

* When schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining the 3-foot distances, it is important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as cohorting.

* A distance of at least 6 feet is recommended between students and teachers/staff, and between teachers/staff who are not fully vaccinated.

* The guidelines also say that “people who are fully vaccinated can refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if they are asymptomatic, facilitating continued participation in in-person learning, sports, and extracurricular activities.”

* Fully vaccinated students and staff should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they do not have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative, the guidance added.

* The report encourages students experiencing COVID symptoms to stay home and get tested.

* Practice for fall sports is scheduled to begin Aug. 23. For the fall season, football, volleyball and competitive cheer are considered “high” risk sports by the state Department of Health.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now urging people, even if they’re vaccinated, to wear masks indoors in 59 of New York’s 62 counties, including Westchester County, Putnam County, and Rockland County.

No Turkeys Here!



By Eric W. Schoen

I hate to break the bad news to you! There may be a turkey shortage, particularly in the under 16 pound category this Thanksgiving. Yes, blame it on production delays related to Covid!

Producers are struggling to keep up with demand. One turkey producer told the New York Post that the shortage was the result of “continuing to manage tight labor markets while working to keep employees safe from the impacts of Covid-19 in the communities where they operate.”

Birds weighing 16 pounds or less are more popular because they take less time to defrost and cook than heavier ones. Heavier turkeys will be more readily available. For many that means plenty of leftovers. Be prepared! Go to the butterball website, butterball.com where you will find a host of recipes for turkey leftovers.

I read in this fine newspaper last week that the City of Yonkers is seeking bids for ‘City Hall Brass Cleaning and Polishing.’ I don’t know much about brass, so I figured I would reach out to City Hall Deputy Communications Director Akeem Jamal to find out what this was all about. Having worked in City Hall for many years, I know there is a lot of brass. People use to steal the brass doorknobs from doors at City Hall that had the city seal on them.

Mr. Jamal responded quickly and thoroughly. He said, ‘The scope of the work includes, cleaning the brass exterior doors and door knobs and some interior brass banisters and handrails. There are specific materials needed to perform the work and may prove to be more cost-effective to send to bid.’

If you have experience cleaning brass, this is your opportunity to bid on a city contract, make some money and make City Hall more beautiful! So good to see that the Spano administration is trying to save Yonkers taxpayers some money! Now if only we can get the good Mayor to appear on my radio show on WVOX. So many of you have emailed me wondering why he hasn’t made a grand appearance. The invite is always open!

Can you believe the arrogance of outgoing Governor Andrew Cuomo. On Friday, timed just so he thought no one would read it (Saturday papers are by far the least read) Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie announced the suspension of the New York State Assembly’s probe of Governor Cuomo.

Cuomo’s response: ‘I’m not gonna drag the state through the mud, through a three month, four month impeachment, and then win, and have made the State Legislature and the State government look like a ship of fools.’ That’s our Andrew! Fortunately as we go to press the Assembly has changed course and will issue a report of the finding of its impeachment probe of Governor Cuomo.

Glad to see that the Assembly reacted to public pressure and will continue with their work. Some feel Cuomo is positioning himself for another run for office. As I have said before, his fate if he decides to make a comeback is in the hands of ‘We the People’ who make our voice heard at the ballot box!

The Delta variant has restaurants closing their seating areas and bathrooms. Now aren’t we supposed to be frequently washing our hands? I recently saw a 94 year old man be told that he couldn’t sit at a table at the McDonald’s in Mount Vernon to enjoy his Big Mac. The manager at the McDonalds on Sanford Boulevard should be ashamed of herself. I was buying a cup of coffee and wandered upon this. I sent a video of this incident to McDonald’s corporate offices via Twitter.

I, too was scolded for using the bathroom on a hot, sunny day at the McDonalds on Central Avenue in Hartsdale/White Plains while I was picking up a 200 calorie vanilla ice cream cone to cool down. The employees reaction to me using the facilities was like I was robbing the place. If they are so worried about their bathrooms spreading the coronavirus, then they really need to close the restaurant.

Starbucks, too has closed some bathrooms telling customers ‘the bathroom is out of service’ or closed. It use to be you could always rely on Star-

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Bronx River Parkway-Wrong Way Taskforce Back to Work -Examining Entrances and Exits



members of the wrong way task force with County Executive George Latimer and members of the Westcheter County Police

The "Wrong Way Task Force" made its first trek along the southbound Bronx River Parkway, after a brief pause during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Made up of Westchester citizens and elected officials, the group began at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla and made their way to Yonkers reviewing the signage and messaging along the County owned and patrolled Bronx River Parkway.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "This task force is charged with taking inventory of potential problem zones. We know not everyone traveling the parkway is familiar with the area, so we want the signs to be clear and visible for motorists to safely get to their destination."

The "Wrong Way Task Force" stopped at every exit, taking notes on recommendations, including trimming brush where signs were obscured. So far this year, 104 new signs were installed along the Bronx River Parkway and additional pavement arrows were placed on dozens of exit ramps.

In 2020, there were 35 wrong way driver emergency calls along the entire County parkway system (Hutchinson River Parkway, Bronx River Parkway, Saw Mill River Parkway and Cross County Parkway), and 7 motor vehicle accidents resulting from a wrong way driver.

In 2021, there have been 26 wrong-way driver calls throughout the County parkway system, resulting in 4 motor vehicle accidents. On the Bronx River Parkway this year, there have been three wrong-way incidents, none of which resulted in an accident.

Department of Public Works and Transportation Commissioner Hugh Greechan said: "I am delighted to have a fresh perspective from the Bronx River Parkway Wrong Way Task Force to supplement the extensive sign and pavement marking improvements my Department has implemented over the past year."

Department of Environmental Facilities Deputy Commissioner Erin O'Shea chairs the task force and said: "These recommendations could potentially lead to changes in the way we continue operating, maintaining and patrolling the Bronx River Parkway. We want drivers to feel safe and informed behind the wheel as they travel through Westchester County. Their safety is of the utmost priority of this task force."

The next meeting of the task force is in September where the group will travel northbound on the Bronx River Parkway to examine exit and entrance ramps.

Hudson River Audubon Society Upcoming Events

Beverly Smith Memorial Butterfly Walk
Saturday, August 28, 2021, 10:00 AM
Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers 10701
We will walk up to the garden that Beverly started and look for butterflies as well as eggs, caterpillars and chrysalis. Learn about the Monarch Butterfly's remarkable migration to and from Mexico.
Email hrasbirder@gmail.com to preregister.
<https://www.hras.org/>

Walter Chadwick Memorial Nature Walk
Saturday, September 11, 2021, 8:00 AM
Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers 10701
We will look for birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and nature, ending up at our hawk watch site at 10 AM in front of the mansion.
Email hrasbirder@gmail.com to preregister.
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Mt. Vernon Baseball Coach Charged With Sex Acts With Minors



Robert Pope, left, is believed to have committed sex crimes with underage girls in addition to those charged in his recent arrest. Any additional victims of Pope are encouraged to call Westcheter DA Rocah's hotline at 914-995-8477

Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah has charged a Mount Vernon man who coached local youth sports teams and who engaged in sexual acts with a minor on June 16 in Mount Vernon City Court.

Robert Pope, 30, of Mount Vernon, was arraigned and charged with three counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree. He is alleged to have engaged in sexual acts with a 16-year-old on two separate occasions in recent months. Pope is a volunteer coach at Mount Vernon High School and also coached other youth sports teams in the Mount Vernon area.

"We will not tolerate adults engaging in sexual acts with minors, and we encourage any other victims of Robert Pope to come forward," DA Rocah said. "This matter came to light because the mother of the victim became concerned about material that she found on her child's phone, and I encourage all parents to remain vigilant about their children's activities and interactions with others."

Individuals who are victims of Pope or have other information regarding this matter can call the DA's Office Hotline: 914-995-TIPS (914-995-8477).

The matter was investigated by the Mount Vernon Police Department. The defendant was arraigned before Judge Lyndon Williams in Mount Vernon City Court, and is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Marissa Wynn.

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Blaze: Hudson Valley will run for a record 59 nights from September 17 through November 21. New displays this year at Blaze: Hudson Valley include a New York City streetscape and an immersive river walk-through experience.

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Iona Student, Yonkers Native, Spreads Smiles and Awareness on Cross-US Bike Trek



Aidan Connolly

Aidan Connolly initially doubted what he and his fraternity brothers could accomplish by biking across the United States to raise money for disabled people.

The possibilities dawned on the Iona junior as he cycles from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., as part of the Journey of Hope—The Ability Experience. After sharing meals and good times with disabled people across the country, he now understands that their 62-day trek is about more than the \$175,000 he and his 25 teammates have raised so far.

“This is way, way bigger than just me. We’re cycling because we’re trying to bring hope and celebrate the abilities of all people,” said Connolly, 20, who is pursuing a dual degree in economics and business administration in entrepreneurship.

Connolly, a Yonkers native, learned about Journey of Hope through his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, which launched the ride in 1988 as a philanthropic initiative. The Journey of Hope’s goal is to establish volunteer relationships with facilities that serve people with disabilities.

Connolly and his fraternity brothers from throughout the United States expect to arrive in Washington, D.C. on August 14 via two routes. Connolly is on the northern route, and he typically rides all day, stopping at centers that host him and his brothers for overnight visits. Collectively, the riders on the north and south routes have raised more than \$300,000.

While at the hosting sites, the bicyclists participate in activities with disabled people from the local communities; often there are parties at the friendship visits.

“At one of our first visits we had participants waiting for us at an Elks Lodge. We do dance parties, bring a smile to someone’s face, and create a memory. Sometimes we play games with them or dine together,” said Connolly during a rest stop in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Along the way, Connolly has learned lessons about biking and his body’s limits. He got food poisoning in Colorado and viral tonsillitis, both unusual ailments for the Journey of Hope crews.

“Cycling on flat ground in New York didn’t prepare me to climb mountains like the Rockies,” he said of the first third of his journey.

Connolly also learned about the transformative power that every individual possesses.

“One person can make a difference,” he said. “Life is really too short to take things for granted, to complain. You should really try to stay positive and count your blessings every day because you never know what tomorrow will bring.”

Once in the District of Columbia, Connolly will take a long break from biking, but he’s not giving up long-distance adventures.

“Moving forward I know that I and a lot of the guys here are thinking of riding our bikes across Japan or across Europe and continue our efforts to raise money and awareness for people with disabilities and to celebrate people of all abilities,” he said. “This trip has truly taught me that anything is possible with a glimmer of hope.”

Aidan’s crew raised almost \$175,000. Congratulations!

NYS Department of Health Orders Hospital and Long-Term Care Facility Employees To Be Vaccinated and Authorizes Third Dose for Immunocompromised New Yorkers

All healthcare workers in New York State, including staff at hospitals and long-term care facilities [LTCF] (Nursing homes, adult care, and other congregate care settings) will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Monday, September 27. The State Department of Health will issue orders requiring all such facilities to develop and implement a policy mandating employee vaccinations, with limited exceptions for those with religious or medical reasons. State employees who choose to remain unvaccinated will be required to undergo weekly COVID testing.

The Department of Health has authorized a third COVID-19 vaccine dose for New Yorkers with compromised immune systems, following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommendation last week. Eligible New Yorkers can receive their third dose 28 days after the completion of their two-dose vaccine series. New Yorkers should contact their healthcare provider about whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them at this time.

To date, 75% of the state’s ~450,000 hospital workers, 74% of the state’s ~30,000 adult care facility workers, and 68% of the state’s ~145,500 nursing home workers have completed their vaccine series.

Vivien Salmon Elected Mt. Vernon Public Library Board President



Dr. Vivien Salmon

On July 29, 2021, the Mount Vernon Public Library held their yearly re-organizational meeting and voted to appoint Vivien Salmon as the President of the Mount Vernon Public Library Trustee Board.

Dr. Vivien L. Salmon has more than two decades of experience in healthcare and has led a wide range of engagements as an executive leader. Her experience extends across acute care and mental health facilities that are publicly recognized as level I and level II trauma centers. Under her leadership, she has led a combination of modernization projects to improve patient care, patient experience, and revenue cycle initiatives to improve financial outcomes.

Multi-tasking are one of her many positive attributes. Vivien has made significant changes in a complex healthcare environment and has a proven track record of leadership, results, mentorship, and strong presentation skills. Vivien has presented vital subject matters in healthcare on a national platform. These accomplishments have awarded Vivien numerous accolades, tributes, and recognition. Vivien’s educational accomplishments include an earned Ph.D., Master of Science both in Healthcare Administration, and Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

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bucks for a clean bathroom. Again, people want to wash their hands as our mothers taught us before we eat. We learned to do this way before Covid! A tip. CVS, Walgreens and other pharmacy chains usually have clean, open restrooms for you to use.

I love dogs. Never had one, but if you invite me to your house your dog will be my best friend. Dogs in grocery stores or places that serve or prepare food. A big no no unless it is a service dog. Emotional support dogs? New York State law precludes them from entering food establishments.

Now most dog owners know the law. I was at a supermarket recently and a cute fluffy dog was sitting in the part of the grocery cart where a child usually sits. With nothing underneath it. The dogs owner had 3 kids with him so I doubt it was a service dog. It had no markings that it was a service dog. And how cruel could the owner of the dog be to have him/her rest on the metal gratings in the grocery cart. Unsanitary for the dog and the next person who would use the cart and might not wipe it down with cart wipes that were on the scene way before Covid.

I sent this message via Twitter to the corporate office for the grocery store chain. To their credit, at the entrance doors to the supermarket they posted signs that say 'Service Dogs Only.' Twitter is a powerful device that all of us need to learn. It gives you a direct line to America's corporations, the majority of which will respond to your concerns.

The 911 system in WESTCHESTER is still broken. I saw an emergency at a store in Pelham Manor which is in WESTCHESTER County, dialed 911 and got connected to New York City 911. Don't blame it on my phone which has a 914 WESTCHESTER area code. The system is broken and needs to be fixed.

After playing games on the phone with rude New York City 911 operators I got through to the Pelham Manor Fire Department. They were grateful that I had called as they have been dealing with this emergency for a long time and it is yet to be corrected. Nice when you are dealing with a municipality in an emergency situation and they treat you with respect!

Speaking of Pelham Manor, the village could be the first one in Westchester County with Red Lights Cameras. Friends you know my feelings about Red Light Cameras. They are money making devices for the municipalities where they exist. With the crazy drivers out there speeding As roads are less clogged due to the pandemic we need Speed Cameras not Red Light Cameras.

Interesting that there have been no incidents at in intersection Pelham Manor wants to place the Red Light Cameras. According to a Journal News report the Town of Rye and Greenburgh are looking at Red Light Cameras. These cameras cause more accidents than solve problems. And of course are big moneymakers wherever they are located.

Live in Yonkers, Mount Vernon or White Plains. At least in Yonkers the locations of the cameras are listed on the city website. Make a review of the locations part of your summer reading.

Well, no turkeys here. Just some good solid advice for these final days of summer. Enjoy it while you can. Labor Day is two weeks from Monday. That's also when Rosh Hashanah begins. Get out there, take a walk in our beautiful county parks or a swim or day of fun at the crystal clear WESTCHESTER County pools. Get that summer glow, but don't forget proper sunscreen! Enjoy!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@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 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.

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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.

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to get the word out about the importance of a full and complete count for the 2020 Census.

Included in the County's efforts to promote the 2020 Census was a robust public awareness campaign in both English and in Spanish, which included advertising on billboards, County buses and bus shelters, bookmarks and stickers, and more. Latimer also rolled out a series of seven public service announcements, each one focused on a different target audience for the Census from youth to clergy to business leaders.

The Census portal opened on March 12, 2020 while the County was beginning to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused the County to pivot activities and outreach efforts accommodating a lockdown and social distancing.

Commissioner of Planning Norma Drummond said: "The County's role in the 2020 Census was unprecedented compared to previous Census events. We took hold of this challenge and didn't leave the work to the Census Bureau and municipalities. Westchester's success in achieving a higher percentage of self-response was partly due to the work done well in advance of 2020 to ensure the Census Bureau had more accurate addresses to reach out to. The results of the County's efforts show the hard work paid off."

Latimer said: "We kicked off a robust awareness campaign a full year before Census was set to begin, establishing a Complete Count Committee that put a great focus on ensuring all sectors of the County are participating. I want to thank Carola Bracco, who chaired the Complete Count Committee, for her dedication and outstanding work. I also want to thank all the County departments who stepped up and helped us get an accurate count of Westchester."

Westchester Community Foundation awarded the County two grants for a total amount of \$100,000 to support the work of the Westchester County Complete Count Committee through the hiring of a coordinator for the Committee. Latimer introduced Heriberto Contreras as the County's Census Coordinator assisting the County Planning Department. The County thanks Contreras for his work on this important topic.

Westchester County also now has the 3rd largest City in New York State, with Yonkers moving up from #4 to #3. "During a global pandemic, we made sure to get the message out that every voice counts. Because of your willingness to participate in the 2020 Census and community organizing efforts, we claimed the title as New York's third-largest city. Yonkers outpaced every other big city in the State, including New York City growing at an 8% rate. I couldn't be prouder to be Mayor of New York's third-largest city," said Mayor Mike Spano.

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embrace Trump, they may lose independent voters and rally democrats. Perhaps that is why there is no record, photos or releases on what elected officials from Westchester attended the event.

The Westchester County Democratic Committee issued the following statement. "In light of the gathering earlier this month outside the Trump National Golf Course in Briarcliff Manor NY, not coincidentally on the evening of the NYS GOP fundraiser, it's important to state on this page what I trust is apparent to all residents:

"Westchester County is home to a diverse population with many ideologies and we are stronger for that reason. Last week, President Trump's followers arrived for a New York State GOP Fundraiser, and the ultra-nationalist white supremacist 'Proud Boys' joined them acting as security. The Southern Poverty Law Center has designated the Proud Boys as a hate group. Proud Boys members are being charged with crimes against our country stemming from the January 6 riot in Washington and are actively working to sow chaos and advance their twisted ideals here in our community

"Westchester Democrats call on Westchester GOP Chairman Doug Colety and other members of the Westchester GOP to commit to working against the efforts of the Proud Boys and other white nationalists groups here in Westchester County.

"Every Westchester resident must decide if their party and candidates for office stand with or against hate groups. The people of Westchester deserve to know."

We spoke to County Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger, who said that this post on Social Media "was well read and shared, and had the most views since I became Chair, and all of the responses were positive.

"I think its important that if someone knocks on your door asking for your vote that you ask and know where they stand."

"I haven't heard from any republican in Westchester when we challenged them on the Proud Boys and standing together against hate. And I think that there silence is informative," said Berger.

At the event in Briarcliff, members of the Proud Boys stood for a photo wearing T-Shirts that read "Free all Political Prisoners 1/6/21" and chanting "Free the Boys!"

Joining the Proud Boys in support of Trump were 50 Chinese Americans who supported Trump's stance against the Chinese Community Party.

On the other side of the street were Westchester democrats and members of Westchester Indivisible, holding signs that read "Lock Him Up." According to several accounts, the event, "had both sides shouting accusations at each other for more than three hours." Congratulations to the Briarcliff Manor Police for keeping both sides apart and without violence or incident.

The protest came the day after a demonstration outside the Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck that was honoring Trump, who is a member of the club.

Shannon Powell, co-founder of Indivisible Westchester called it "a sad day for the United States." "It's interesting that the Proud Boys were embolden enough to show up and flash the white power sign and pose for pictures but they hid behind masks and were either too ashamed or scared to show their true identity. That's not proud, that's pathetic."

"I'm also not surprised that we don't hear from any republicans to disavow hate speech and what the Proud Boys stand for. The Proud Boys are doing the dirty work of the GOP and trying to re write the history of January 6. They're terrorists, but they are well funded." said Powell.

Several unanswered questions about this event remain, which we hope to answer and report on in the weeks to come.

1-Were any of the Proud Boys at the Briarcliff Event from Westchester?

2-Were the Proud Boys given permission to rally in Briarcliff Manor?

3-Were the Proud Boys "Hired" to provide protection for the Chinese-American supporters of Trump at this event? And if yes, who funded it?

4-Who is the leader of the Proud Boys, or the former leader as he likes to proclaim, who lives in an exclusive home in Westchester?

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Astorino, who is trailing Long Island Congressman Lee Zeldin in his quest to get the republican nomination for Governor next year, held a press conference at the County Airport with Christine Sculti, republican candidate for Westchester County Executive, to highlight the arrivals

"George Latimer finally admitted that he was notified at least two days ago that the federal government would begin flying persons who entered the United States illegally into Westchester County Airport. George Latimer's preposterous claim that he only knew about the flights for 48 hours is completely implausible and defies common sense. Worse are his attempts to claim the valid concerns of residents are driven by ideology and politics. Our concerns are driven by public safety and public health," said Sculti.

Republican Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater also commented. "There are many questions and concerns about this relocation program and the lack of information shared with county and municipal officials, With local COVID-19 cases again surging, HHS officials must tell local officials about the details of their program, the participants and their vaccination status."

To answer the questions of Astorino, Sculti and Slater, we found:

1-The young teenagers arriving on HHS flights into Westchester airport are not staying there. They are placed on a bus and then taken to a family member or a legal sponsor.

2-Most of these young adults have been vaccinated.

3-There is no connection, or correlation, to Westchester County governments Immigrant Protection Act, (IPA), and the flights into Westchester Airport. The IPA was passed to codify the apprehension of undocumented residents in Westchester by ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the interaction between ICE and Westchester law enforcement.

4-Even if County Executive Latimer knew about the flights coming into Westchester, (which we do not believe because why lie about something like this?) he would not have been able to change Federal policy or affect the arrival of children on flights coming into Westchester Airport from the HHS.

The issue of immigration and controlling our border is a controversial topic, but it is not under the purview of the leader of Westchester County government.

Westchester democrats and republicans we spoke to are split on this issue. "Why do I think that some of these children getting off the plane will end up in Yonkers, and in the Yonkers Public Schools?" asked one republican. While I understand that there is nothing that county government can do about, at least we are entitled to know about it."

Democrats have a completely different view. "The sights of these children getting off the planes makes me wonder how bad their situation must be in the countries that they had to leave, and for their mothers to have them cross the border by themselves. We have a new President, and a new policy towards children crossing the border. I think its time for some of our republican neighbors to deal with that."

Andrew Cuomo, Italian-Americans, continued from pg 1-

who made New York the Empire State. I look forward to the breath of fresh air brought by Lt. Governor Hochul. All I ask of her is that she sets Education as a priority and helps districts like Yonkers meet their full potential," said Rubbo.

The explanation by Andrew Cuomo also tarnishes the reputation of his father, former Governor Mario Cuomo and his mother Matilda.

Governor Mario Cuomo was never accused of touching a female state trooper inappropriately, or groping a staff member in the Governor's Mansion, or asking most of the 11 female accusers whether they thought age made a difference in romantic relationships, and whether they were open to relationships with a man in his 60's.

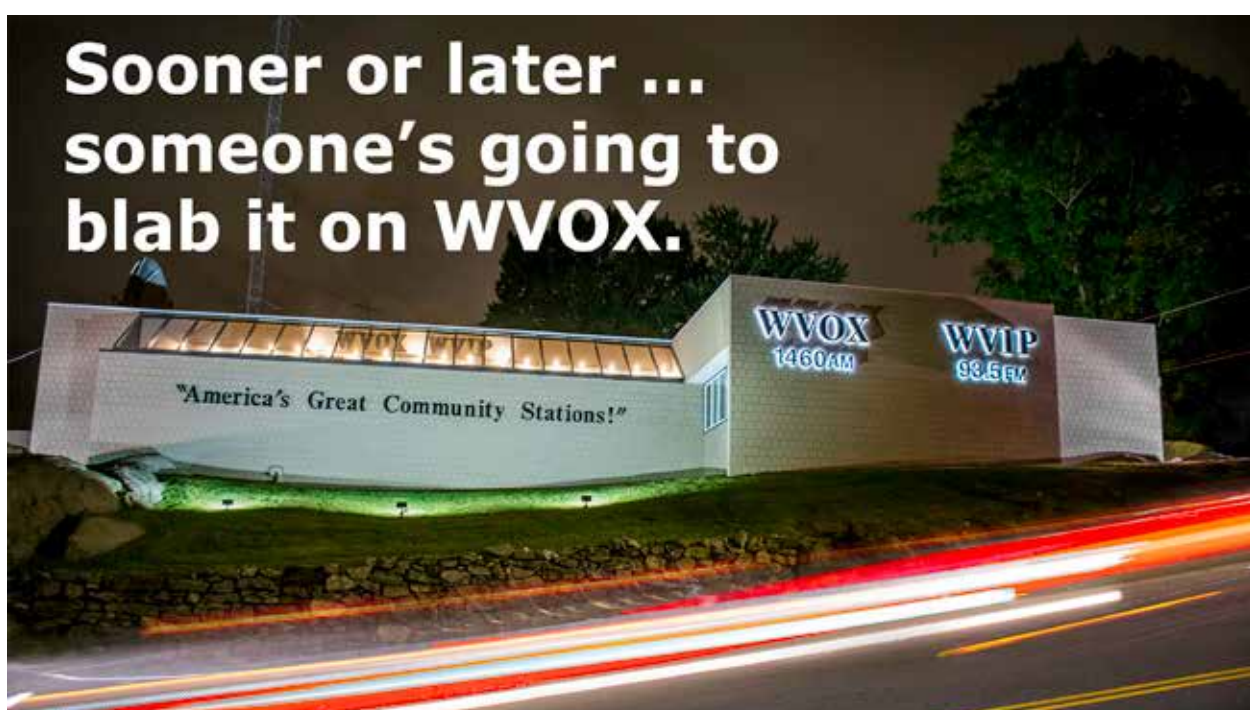
One of Andrew Cuomo's accusers, Charlotte Bennett, from Westchester, has said again and again that Andrew was trying to sleep with her. His attempts to link those inappropriate comments to his parents and his upbringing, is as Councilman Rubbo stated, "simply despicable."

Other opinions and Op-Eds, like Rubbo, are critical of Andrew Cuomo's attempts at explanations. "The photomontage that displays political hugs from other politicians, including his late father and former New York governor Mario Cuomo, also shows Andrew Cuomo's readiness to sacrifice anyone and everyone to his cause. Putting Joe Biden in the photo mix did the president no favors; it's a reminder that he, too, has been accused of inappropriate touching," wrote Joan Vennoch, in the Boston Globe. "None of his conduct is meant "to convey warmth," as Cuomo tried to frame it. It conveys power and intimidation — and in the workplace, it's sexual harassment."

Some thought that Cuomo was trying to deflect attention from the crimes that he committed. "Cuomo's bizarre photo montage was just that: weird and wacky enough to dominate the day's headlines, the online jokes, and the conversations and text messages, but also recognizable. It shouldn't be, nor should the familiarity now of men exploiting their positions of power to harass women who are just trying to do their jobs. With his photos and grandfatherly defense, Cuomo is trying to distract you. Don't let him," wrote Jeva Lange, in The Week.

Now there is an effort to rename again the Mario Cuomo Bridge back to the Tappan Zee Bridge. More on that next week.

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