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# Westchester Rising

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## Westchester Goes Back to School

Senator Shelley Mayer Partners with United Way for Back-to-School Drive



State Senator Shelley B. Mayer partnered with United Way of Westchester and Putnam Counties for her annual Back-To-School supply drive for students and teachers. From July 8 until August 10, Senator Mayer and United Way collected donations at the Town of Mamaroneck Town Hall, Grinton I. Will Library in Yonkers, Pound Ridge Townhouse, and Senator Mayer's office in White Plains. Among the supplies were: backpacks, spiral notebooks, composition books, two-pocket folders, three-ring binders, pencil cases, twelve-inch

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## Stepinac HS Celebrates ESports Team's Success



Stepinac High School's ESports team celebrates its impressive 3rd place finish in its first Electronics Gaming Federal Overwatch National Championship.

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Westchester County Dept. of Health to Give Free Back to School Vaccinations for Students

WESTCHESTER COUNTY GIVES FREE
BACK TO SCHOOL VACCINES AT
YONKERS SCHOOLS AND COUNTY
CLINICS IN WHITE PLAINS AND YONKERS

Visit westchestergov.com/health or call (914) 995-5800 for more information.

The Westchester County Department of Health will book appointments now for its free back-to-school vaccine clinics to assure children have the vaccines they need to attend school this fall.

New this year, the County Health Department will bring vaccines to two Yonkers schools – the Yonkers Montessori Academy and the Enrico Fermi School – where any Yonkers student who is eligible for the state's Vaccines for Children (VFC) program can receive free immunizations. Appointments are required; for scheduling, call 914-995-5800.

The County Health Department's nurses will visit the Montessori Academy on Thursday, August 8, where they will provide Tdap, Meningitis and

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# Westchester Democrats Attend DNC Convention in Chicago



above: State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Governor Kathy Hochul and Spike Lee, as New York State casts its delegates for Kamala Harris for President

below: L-R-NYS United Teachers President Florence McCue, Samantha Rosado-Ciriello, Yonkers Federation of Teachers President, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins



By Dan Murphy

Westchester Democrats flocked to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this week to nominate Kamala Harris for President. In attendance were State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, County Executive George Latimer, State Senator Sheley Mayer, and Deputy Connty Executive Ken Jenkins. DNC Delegrates from New York included White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Westchester County Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger,

# Did "Father Paul" Steal \$600,000 of Your Charitable Donations?



Fransiscan Friar Pawel Bielecki

By Dan Murphy

The news last week that U.S. Attorney Damian Williams had indicted Paul Bielecki for wire fraud and for stealing more than \$650,000 in donations made by good Samaritans that were falsely claimed to be used for charitable purposes, could have resulted in Westcheter resident falling victim to his lies.

Bielecki, who also goes by several pseudonyms, including PAWEL BIELECKI, a/k/a "Paul Bielecki," a/k/a "Paul HRH Saxe-Coburg-Gotha," a/k/a "Dr. Phaakon Sonderburg-Glucksburg," a/k/a "Father Paul," a/k/a "Father Kowal," is a Fransiscan Friar in the Capuchin Order, a Catholic order of priests and brothers, and is a brother in a Province of St. Mary's, headquartered in White Plains.

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# First Positive West Nile Virus Cases in Westchester Changes to Real Estate Broker Compensation: Found in New Rochelle & Mount Vernon It's a New Ballgame



County Health Department Reminds Residents to Remove Standing Water and Use Repellents

A New Rochelle resident and a Mount Vernon resident have tested positive for West Nile Virus, marking the first confirmed human cases in Westchester County this year.

Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said: "These first cases of West Nile Virus are earlier than usual and should serve as a reminder to all of us to remove all standing water around your home every time after it rains. They are also a reminder to use repellents when you spend time outdoors, especially from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active."

West Nile Virus most often causes a mild or moderate flu-like illness, but can be more serious, especially for people age 65 and older, and those with underlying medical conditions. Residents who notice large areas of standing water on public property should report them to the County Health Department at (914) 813-5000.

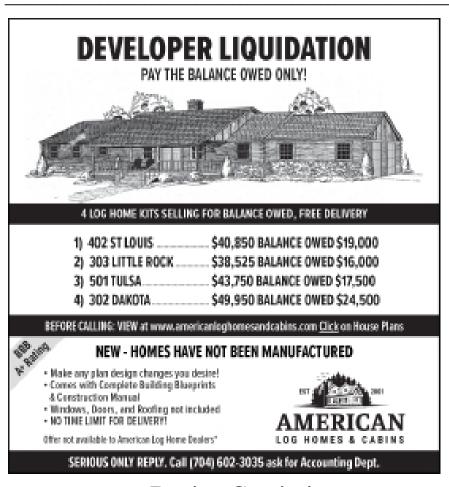
Throughout the season, the County Health Department traps and tests mosquitoes to track the presence of viruses they carry. For more information go to https://health.westchestergov.com/west-nile-virus

# In Trouble with the IRS or the NYS Tax Department?

In trouble with the IRS or the New York State Tax Department? I can help. My name is Gerald Snyder, and I am an enrolled agent and a former IRS Group Manager. I have successfully represented clients before the IRA and the NYS Tax Department for over 25 years. I resolve liens, levies, seizures, income tax and sales audits, and penalties and trust fund recovery issues. I also handle unfiled tas returns.

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Hawthorne neighborhood

By Ralph Ragetté Jr

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) just made a significant move, settling lawsuits over real estate commissions by agreeing to pay \$418 million and rolling out changes across the Multiple Listing Services (MLS) nationwide. While they're not admitting to any wrongdoing, these changes will impact how both buyers and sellers approach the market.

Here's what you need to know:

#### No More MLS-Listed Commissions for Buyers

Sellers can no longer offer compensation to buyer brokers directly through the Multiple Listing Services (MLS). They still have the option to offer compensation as part of their overall marketing strategy, but it can't be baked into the MLS listing. This means sellers will need to be more strategic about how they make their listings attractive to buyers.

#### Buyers Must Sign a Representation Agreement

If you're a buyer, don't expect to start touring homes without first signing a Buyer Representation Agreement. This agreement spells out the terms of your relationship with your agent, including what services they'll provide, how much those services will cost, and what kind of value you'll get from them. It's a step toward more transparency, ensuring you know exactly what you're getting into.

#### Broker Compensation: It's a New Ball Game

One of the big shifts is in how broker compensation works. From here on out, buyers are on the hook for paying their own broker's commission, while sellers take care of theirs. This change puts the negotiation squarely in the buyer's lap, so make sure you're having those conversations upfront. You've got three options: pay your broker directly, ask the seller to cover it, or request a closing concession.

#### What If You Can't Afford Your Broker?

Don't worry—you've got options:

Pay them directly: This is the straightforward route, where you handle the payment yourself. Ask the seller to pitch in: See if the seller is willing to cover your broker's commission.

Negotiate a concession: You can also ask for a concession at closing to help with the cost.

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# Westchester County Police Crack Down on Illegal Scooters and Mopeds



16 vehicles impounded; 54 summonses issued

Westchester County Police impounded 16 mopeds/scooters and wrote 54 summonses earlier this week to address the illegal operation of motorized or battery-powered vehicles, including on County bike paths and trail ways.

Motorized and battery-powered vehicles are prohibited from operating on these paved recreational paths, which are limited to use by bicyclists, joggers and walkers. It is also illegal to drive one on a sidewalk.

During the enforcement initiative on Wednesday, officers were deployed on the South County Trailway and Bronx River Pathway as well as at locations on adjacent streets where the pathways can be accessed.

Scooters and mopeds were impounded when their drivers were found to be operating without the required license, registration or insurance. Summonses were issued for these violations and other violations of Vehicle & Traffic Law.

"The use of unregistered and uninsured scooters and mopeds, driven by unlicensed or improperly licensed operators, poses unacceptable safety and quality-of-life issues – especially on sidewalks and bike paths," Commissioner Terrance Raynor said.

In coordination with the WCPD initiative, several other agencies conducted similar enforcement in a variety of other locations. These agencies include the Yonkers Police Department, New York State Police, Bronxville Police Department and the NYPD in the Bronx.

Raynor thanked these agencies for their collaboration in addressing a shared public safety concern. Those agencies collectively reported impounding 25 mopeds and scooters and issuing about 150 summonses.

Owners/operators of scooters and mopeds, which are designated legally as "limited use motorcycles," are reminded of the following:

- All limited-use motorcycles require valid registrations.
- · Operators must have proper licenses to operate on public roadways.
- · Mopeds and scooters are not permitted to operate on any sidewalks or bike paths.

County Legislator James Nolan thanked the police for taking action. "A few weeks ago, I posted about the increase in illegal mopeds and electric bikes in the area and the numerous emails and calls I received regarding this issue. After conducting some research, I discovered several loopholes in the laws. I made several recommendations for much-needed changes and took additional steps by reaching out to the Westchester County Police Department.

"I proposed a moped detail sweep, which was approved and successfully executed this past Wednesday night. Along with our local police department, New York State Troopers, Yonkers Police Department, and Bronxville Police Department joined forces to cover a wider area. I not only helped organize the effort but also accompanied the police on their operations.

"The moped detail was carried out on the Bronx River Parkway, the Saw Mill River Parkway, local streets in District 15, and on the South County Trail and the Bronx River Trail, where we had police on ATVs. I am committed to addressing this long-standing issue and ensuring public safety and quality of life for all constituents in District 15," said Nolan.

# ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS: Do you need a Roof, Windows, Siding and Help purying for it? Any leaking, visible demage, or age, may "qualify you! Do you need Receipt Rificient Windows & Help purying for it? Drafty windows, emergy cost too high, you may "qualify! HELP II AMELABLE EVEN P YOU COULD PAY CASH YOU MAY "QUALIFY THROUGH NEW 2024 RELIEF PROGRAMS Outlify Today: (800) 736-9629 or white NY improvement Fund, come to some Pyou "quality "furdoms is only open during a Build dies. Program, apprintment, and interference on on first come, for over during a great companies. Are distributed for the pure contraction to the Parket. Are distributed for the pure contraction to the program, apprintment, and interference of the companies over during the pure contraction. Are distributed for the pure contraction to the program.

## It's Back! New York Congestion Pricing!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Some Politicians in New York State are phonies. They think, 'We, the People' are a bunch of dummies. We are not!

What's worse? A politician who lies or a politician who doesn't tell the truth. For me, they are just as bad, and this my friends is what's going on at the state level today in New York.

Congestion pricing, one of my favorite topics, scheduled to go in effect earlier this summer, scrapped at the last minute minute by Governor Hochul based on public pressure, the New York economy and political pressure caused by elections (competitive races for Congress that could decide the Majority or Minority parties in The House and the Senate) has been brought out of the proverbial trash can and is up for discussion again.

So you ask, when will the discussion Begin. After Election Day, a busy time for many of us as we get ready for Thanksgiving and the holiday season and our minds turn to Turkey, Stuffing and Egg Nog. Time when the last thing on our minds is Congestion Pricing.

Does Governor Hochul have a calendar? Of course she does. So to play with our heads she makes a big splash putting a kibosh on Congestion Pricing, pissing off for lack of a better word her legislative colleagues and the few New Yorkers in favor of it (59 % of New Yorkers are against it) and getting a thumbs up from those against it. This is a temporary kibosh, and right before Labor Day, a time many of us are on vacation or heaven forbid watching political

Conventions (btw she got poor reviews for her prime time Democratic Convention speech) her 'unnamed Aide' says she is working with her staff on a revision of the New York Congestion Pricing Plan.

Let me remind you: The MTA Board, politicians many with limited knowledge of Public Transportation are part of this game too. They knew of the Governor's scheme, and in order for them to continue getting their 'piece of the action' have to play by Hochul rules. The MTA Board is simply a rubber stamp for the Governor. It's simple: you do what I want and I will do for you.

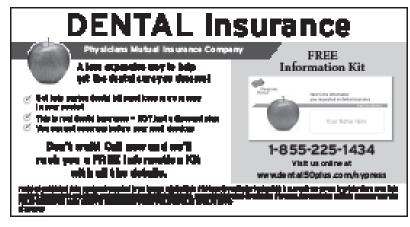
Let me just remind you that the Congestion pricing plan for New York City was poorly written. \$15 fee to enter the Congestion Zone most times of the day. Bottom line is there is no congestion at many times when a \$15 fee will be charged. They can tell from the toll monitoring currently done when Congestion Pricing should be in effect and the full amount which is ridiculously high should be charged.

Don't forget that the Congestion Pricing tax on automobiles and trucks will not put a dime into street or infrastructure repair. The pothole you see today will be there tomorrow. The money just goes for buses and subways and tunnels for trains. That is why many are against the congestion pricing plan. Let's not forget the MTA and their poor track record of spending money they have received over the years.

Friends I could go on and on. Congestion pricing in New York City today, Yonkers and White Plains tomorrow. You know the drill. This time it's more than just a political Game. A scenario was in place, we did not know about it, and everything will change after Election Day. Sad situation!

Time to call the Governor and State Legislators to put an end to this game. 'We, the People' are not dummies.

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# Courts Rule that Scout Field Cabin in Bronxville Belongs to Westchester, Not the Scouts

By Dan Murphy

A New York State Appeals Court has upheld a decision of a lower court denying the Bronxville Scout Committee, BSC, of their claim to legal title of Scout Field Cabin, located on Scout Field in Bronxville.

The courts decision means that BSC will no longer have the right to control the cabin and rent it out scout groups and others. BSC has been in control of the cabin for 100 years, and has rebuilt the cabin after two fires.

Westchester County Attorney John Nonna said: "This decision reaffirms the County's rightful ownership and ensures that our public resources are protected for the benefit of all residents not just a select few. With this concept in mind, that Scout Cabin at Scout Field belongs to all of us, we are nevertheless reaching out to the people who have wrongfully claimed ownership of the Cabin and see if we can come to a resolution for a path forward."

In the case (Index No. 67854/21), the Bronxville Scout Committee sought to assert exclusive property rights under Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law (RPAPL) Article 15, claiming ownership free of any estate, trust, or interest from the County or any other party. The Court's decision also directs the Supreme Court, Westchester County, to enter a judgment declaring that the Bronxville Scout Committee does not hold the exclusive property rights or legal title to the property, ensuring that the County's interests are protected.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "We have always been supportive of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the values they teach. And, my administration has long been committed to transparency and access to facilities and recreation – for all County residence. In regards to the matter of Scout Cabin at Scout Field we bluntly had a situation that spun out of control for decades, the Courts at trial and appellate levels, have now rectified it once and for all."

Scout Field, where Scout Cabin is located, sits within Bronxville, Mount Vernon and Yonkers, and has 22.9 acres of land that can be utilized for walking, biking, running, nature study as well as baseball fields. The park touches the Bronx River Pathway and is a scenic location to take a break and enjoy the natural world the park has to offer.

Latimer said: "We plan on making Scout Cabin at Scout Field available, at no cost, to all Westchester Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. We are prepared to work with the BSC Inc., or any group, to manage the property, under our aegis, for the benefit of all scouts. The Cabin needs to be safe and accessible – and that is the Scout's truth."

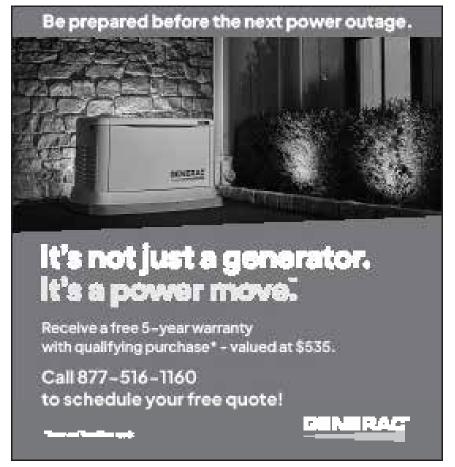
The Bronxville Scout Committee, BSC, wrote a detailed explanation this year, articulating their side of the argument.

"Early 1900s, Frank Chambers, a charitable resident of Bronxville donated his land to the Bronx Parkway Commission with a requirement of allowing the building a cabin for the scouts. Scout Cabin was subsequently built through monies raised by the community – not the County. This was one of several cabins built along the Parkway.

"In 1938 when the cabin burned to the ground, citizens rallied and had it rebuilt. After another damaging fire in 1988, the cabin was rebuilt yet again by citizens using their own donations. To our knowledge, in the 100+ years of stewardship, no County funds were ever used in the building or maintenance of the Bronxville Scout Cabin. This includes upkeep, insurance, heating costs, etc.

"As argued in the present ligation neither side has provided a deed to prove ownership of the Cabin and the land beneath it, Westchester County has not produced proof that they own the cabin either. There is the public record however, of newspaper articles and documents that span the cabin's 100+ year history that without a doubt show the Bronxville Scout Committee as owning the Scout Cabin. True, there have been successive committees/organizations that have taken over stewardship of the cabin. However, all have been affiliated with the scouts with the sole purpose of providing a venue for the scouts. In 1982 for example, the BSC was granted not-for-profit status with the express purpose of maintaining the cabin. We, the BSC, are the successor organization to the various groups who have maintained it since it was first built. We have this documentation along with IRS approval.

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# Owner of Pet Rescue Adoption Sanctuary Arrested for Animal Cruelty



photos from SPCA Westchester of Dogs found at Rescue Right -Northwind Kennels



SPCA Westchester announced that their Humane Law Enforcement Unit (HLE), under the direction of Ernest Lungaro, arrested Penny Berk of Bedford, NY and charged her with 5 counts of animal cruelty on July 17, 2024.

On October 3, 2023 SPCA Westchester officials were alerted by several witnesses to a dire situation regarding 4 sick Bernese Mountain Dog puppies who were being denied proper medical care at Rescue Right in Northwind Kennels, located in Bedford, NY. On October 4th, the SPCA's HLE Director, Medical Director, staff veterinary technician, and a NYS Health Department official visited the location and upon inspection discovered that all 4 puppies and their mom, Annabelle, were suffering and in critical condition. One of the puppies could barely breathe and was nonresponsive.

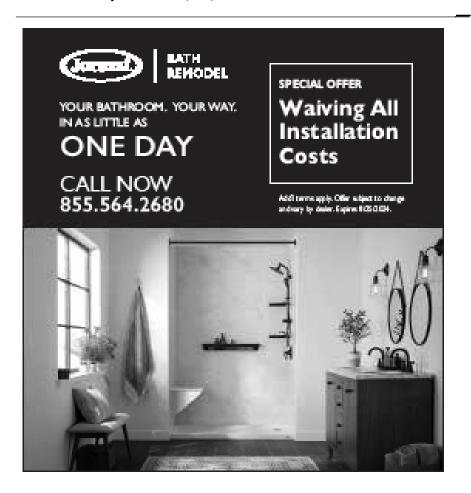
SPCA officials immediately rushed Annabelle and her babies to a private veterinary hospital where all five were diagnosed with a serious and deadly disease known as the Distemper Virus. Sadly, one of the puppies was too far gone to be saved and had to be humanely euthanized upon arrival. Over the next six days, despite round the clock veterinary care and treatment, the remaining littermates and Annabelle were euthanized to prevent further suffering.

Distemper is highly preventable with proper vaccinations and timely medical care. If the dogs had not been denied veterinary treatment, their outcome could have been very different.

Annabelle originated from an Amish Pennsylvania puppy mill and was brought to Rescue Right along with an unneutered male Bernese Mountain Dog. Sometime after their arrival at Northwind Kennels/Rescue Right the unneutered male was co-kenneled with Annabelle, who was unspayed and subsequently impregnated

Ms. Berk's next court appearance is set for August 28th.

If you witness or suspect an animal is being abused or neglected, please call the SPCA's Cruelty Hotline at (914) 941-7797.



# Letters to the Editor:

AMERICA'S "SHIP OF STATE" IS SINKING FAST !!

A leading government watchdog organization has uncovered a plan by Washington D.C. officials to allow ILLEGAL ALIENS to vote in the upcoming D.C elections.

They found that materials will be presented and/or provided at the training sessions, Communications and advertising/promoting the training, materials provided to participants/attendees after the training.

This a blatant attempt by the current administration to "swing" the election, keeping them in power, by legally stealing the citizens votes.!!

What, if anything is our "sleeping Congress" going to do about this. !!!

Joe Pettit Yorkton heights

Source: The Judicial Watch Verdict, August Edition

Dear The Yonkers Times,

I'm a teacher who is angry about the lack of action on climate.

I'm writing to urge your editorial board to endorse Kamala Harris for president - and specifically, to make the case for her as a climate champion.

President Biden did more than any other president in history to combat the climate crisis, from securing the passage of the historic Inflation Reduction Act to launching the American Climate Corps to pausing exports of super-warming LNG. But the work is not done. We still have a long way to go to halve our emissions by 2030 and eliminate them by 2050 - the hard-and-fast targets science demands in order to stabilize our climate.

This is perhaps the single biggest reason we must elect Kamala Harris this November: so that she can FINISH THE JOB on climate.

Kamala Harris has a proven track record on climate. She will build on Biden's climate legacy and fight for a livable future for our children and grandchildren. Trump, on the other hand, is a proven Planet-Destroyer-In-Chief who will reverse all that Biden accomplished and "Drill, Baby, Drill".

Your readers need to understand that this is the stark choice we face. Please use your editorial power to make the case for Kamala Harris as the climate president we desperately need.

Sincerely, Jen Horowitz New Rochelle

Dear The Yonkers Times,

I'm a mother who grieves the loss of the natural world.

I am writing to urge you to cover the significant differences in climate policy between the 2024 Democratic and Republican party platforms. Having informed voters is crucial for a healthy democracy, and as a leading news source, you have the power to share this critical information.

The 2024 Republican Party Platform notably lacks any mention of climate change. Instead, it promotes increased production of oil, gas, and coal.

In contrast, the draft 2024 Democratic Party Platform outlines a robust climate strategy, including scaling up solar, wind, and geothermal projects via the Inflation Reduction Act and investing in clean energy R&D. President Biden aims to expand the clean energy workforce, triple the American Climate Corps by the decade's end, and ensure clean energy jobs are accessible to marginalized communities.

Reporting on these stark differences will help voters make informed decisions about the future of our nation's climate policy.

Thank you for considering this important topic.

Sincerely, Rhonda Miller Eastchester



Send us your letters, announcements, opinions, photos and story ideas to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

## Lafayette Returns To Mamaroneck Celebration



Virginie Lafayette & Lafayette portrayer

On August 18th, the Village of Mamaroneck celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the triumphant return of American Revolutionary War hero-Frenchman Lafayette to Mamaroneck. Lafayette is the most decorated foreigner in American History, given Honorary American Citizenship by an act of Congress in 2002.

The event took place on the grounds of the Old School House in Harbor Island Park. The highlight was the welcoming of Virginie de Pusy Lafayette, descendant of the Marquis, a Lafayette actor and members of the American Friends of Lafayette. They were met by Westchester County Executive George Latimer and other community leaders. A proclamation from the Village of Mamaroneck was presented by Deputy Mayor Nora Lucas. Proclamations from Westchester County, the Town of Mamaroneck and the Village of Larchmont were also on display.

The 3-hour event also featured re-enactors (soldier, tailor & candlestick maker), story tellers and musicians demonstrating life during the period. The School House was open throughout for an exhibit and talks about Mamaroneck in that era. The event concluded with a 19-gun salute by the Mamaroneck American Legion Post 90.

The event was emceed by Marie Moreno, Vice President of the LM Lions and covered by LMC Media (video link-https://youtu.be/ls1aD-8glTA)

We thank the Mamaroneck Library for hosting an August 8th talk by John Pritts, from the Mamaroneck Historical Society, on Lafayette and Mamaroneck at the time of his 1824 return and for their exhibition on books & media about Lafayette.

Participants included the Girl Scouts, The Daughters & Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion Post 90, Friends of Lafayette, The French American School, LMC Media, the Mamaroneck Historical Society and the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions.







TOWN OF EASTCHESTER EASTCHESTER/TUCKAHOE SCHOOL TAXES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED THE WARRANT TO COLLECT THE SCHOOL TAXES FOR 2024-2025 FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025 EASTCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT MY OFFICE Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, N.Y. OFFICE HOURS 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. OFFICE CLOSED ON SATURDAYS TAXES DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

TO AVOID PENALTY, the first half must be received by Sept. 30, 2024. The second half school taxes are payable by January 31, 2025.

IMPORTANT: Official U.S. Postal Service postmarks are accepted to secure a penalty-free payment if postmarked on or before the due date. FedEx UPS, and DHL mailed to 40 Mill Road, Eastchester can also be accepted as timely if showing a mailing on or before the due date. However, metered mail postmarks (such as Pitney-Bowes or Quadient/Neopost, for example) are NOT acceptable for this purpose under the NYS Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), and neither are foreign postmarks. An envelope without any postmark-- or an illegible postmark-- is deemed under the law to have been made on the date of delivery to the collecting officer. If the due date is not met, the following Penalties prescribed by tax law for deferred payment apply:

#### Rates of Penalties SECTION 550-A WESTCHESTER COUNTY TAX LAW PENATLY SCHEDULE

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	First Half Due Sept 1st	Second Half Due Jan 1st
During SEPTEMBER (Taxes payable without penalty on or before September 30, 2024)	NONE	
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During OCTOBER	2 Percent	-
During NOVEMBER	5 Percent	-
<b>During DECEMBER and JANUARY</b>	7 Percent	-
During FEBRUARY and MARCH	10 Percent	10 Percent
During APRIL	12 Percent	12 Percent
During MAY	13 Percent	13 Percent
During JUNE	14 Percent	14 Percent

July 1st-2025, Delinquent taxes will be filed with the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

In addition, 1% per month thereafter until completion of IN-REM foreclosure.

ROCCO N. CACCIOLA RECEIVER OF TAXES

Dated August 22, 2024

Notice of Formation of NERVE Media LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/11/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 224 W 35TH St Ste 500, #825 New York, NY, 10001. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF KD CONSULTANTS GROUP LLC AS AN AUTHORIZED FOREIGN LLC. APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY FILED WITH THE SSNY 07/16/24. OFFICE LOCATION - WESTCHESTER COUNTY. PRINCIPAL BUSINESS LOCATION: 208 BENNET RD, FREEHOLD, NJ 07728. THE SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS TO DOROTHY G. VASTOLA, 208 BENNET RD., FREEHOLD, NJ 07728. THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WERE FILED ON 07/13/2021 WITH THE NJ SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPT OF TREASURY, PO BOX 002, TRENTON, NJ 08625 FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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#### Help & Guides

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Search for and check out titles.

Read and listen to your titles from your computer.

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#### Android (phone & tablet) Instructions

Download the Libby App from the Play Store!

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Tap on the Add Your Card to register. Type in your library card number and tap Sign in.

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Once a book is borrowed, click on Shelf (to the right of the Libby icon) to view your items and to start reading/listening! Tap Library (to the left of the Libby icon) to return to the collection.

Read on another device! Open the menu settings and select Download Settings. Select I Read on Another Device to edit your device preferences.

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## Burned Body Found in Yonkers Identified



Lutalo Henderson

A burned body found in Yonkers on Aug 5 has now been identified. Aziza Monique posted the following. "I did I want to be the person that would ever have to post something like this on Facebook. But before you all hear the confirmation on the news, you're going to hear it from me first.

'Unfortunately, my brother, Lutalo Henderson, is the person that was found in Yonkers two weeks ago. I'm sure some of you have already seen it on the news. This is a very disturbing situation. I would not wish this on my worst enemy. So please give us time to process this.

'I'm not OK but I'm staying strong for my family. I love my brother dearly. Part of me feels missing and I'm angry. I pray they find the person who did this to him. May God have mercy on their soul.

'My brother was a cool dude, and he did not deserve this. No one deserves something like this to ever happen to any of their family members. Right now, my brother's closest friends and I will work on putting together a homecoming service for my brother. When those arrangements are made, I will definitely share them with you all.

"In the meantime, please share with your family members how much you love them how much they mean to you stay safe and God bless"

Yonkers Police and Fire personel responded to a fire and discovered the body. The case was turned over to the NYPD, who used video camera surveilance to find a person walking with a shopping cart and the body on Rogers Place in the Bronx.

The investigation continues and no arrests have yet been made.

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# Mr. Stop & Shake, Shakes Down Yonkers for \$50,000



Hector Santiago being escorted out of the Council chambers by police in 2022

#### By Dan Murphy

Hector Santiago, better know for his role in creating and operating the Stop & Shake initiative in Yonkers, which aims to better relations between the community and the police, settled a lawsuit that he filed against the City and the Yonkers Police Department after an incident that he claimed resulted in his injury at the hands of a cop.

We have to go back to the City Council meeting held in Nov. of 2022. The Council was debating and voting on the extension of term limits. Emotions were extremely high on both sides of the issue. Ron Matten correctly dubbed it Yonkersmania.

Several Yonkers police officers were in the packed chambers, with more offices outside. There is video tape of the council meeting.

Santiago got involved with an officer in the council chambers after he was asked to leave. As he was leaving, a confrontation ensued with police officer Russell Killgore. Kilgore says that Santiago lunged at him and missed, resulting in Kilgore striking Santiago and placing him under arrest. Santiago said that Kilgore assaulted him.

There is no video clearly showing what really happened. Santiago was placed under arrest for resisting arrest and spent the night in jail. Santiago sued the City, YPD and officer Kilgore, for false arrest and imprisonment, and settled recently for \$50k.

There are mixed opinions about the settlement. Most understand that municipal governments look to settle cases for a smaller amount all of the time. If the case went to trial, Santiago's attorneys would have argued that this is a case of police brutality, even though there is no proof of that.

One person is law enforcement told us, "It's \$50,000. After the attorney takes a third, what will Hector come home with?"

Others are not happy that Santiago got anything from the City, and its taxpayers. "I watched the video. He was asked to leave numerous times and refused. Eventually, he had to be let out of the chambers. That seems reasonable to me. I'm more concerned about the sex abuse settlements from the 1970's that we are paying. I wish you would cover that and total that up," said a Yonkers homeowner.

We wrote two stories about the incident, and our relationship with Santiago. I appreciated the work that he did with the police and Stop & Shake, and was happy to report on his good community work.

But I was disturbed by what I saw on the video. The Council chambers that evening was getting a little crazy. Councilmembers and the public started getting into heated exchanges, and that tension is also related to what happened between Santiago and a few Yonkers cops. '

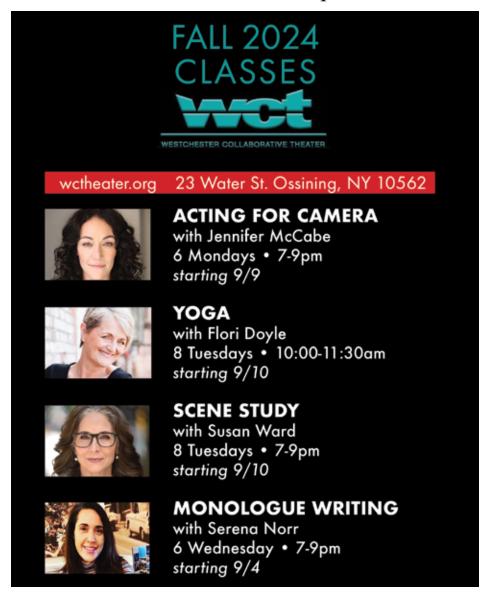
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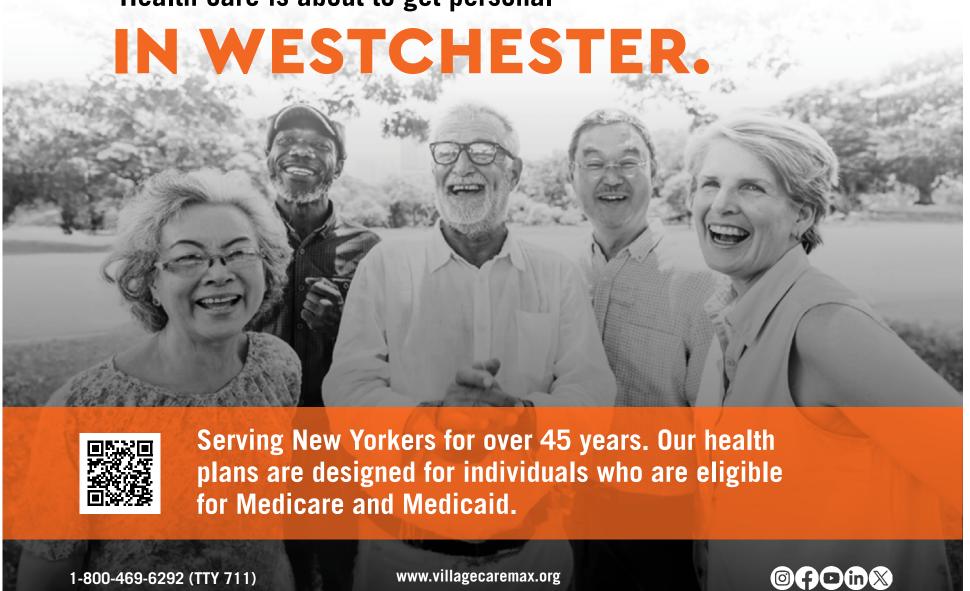


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## Purple Heart Parade Held in Mt. Pleasant



State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins joined with Veterans across Westchester to the Town of Mount Pleasant for their annual Purple Heart Parade.

"Today is National Purple Heart Day, a day set aside to honor all of our Purple Heart recipients, those wounded or killed in action. As some know, Mount Pleasant is a registered Purple Heart Town and we are forever grateful to our, and all Purple Heart recipients," said Carl Fulgenzi.

"Today, we commemorate Purple Heart Day. On this day and every day, we honor Purple Heart Recipients and their families for their sacrifices and commitment to our country. It was an honor to recognize these heroes at the Mt. Pleasant Medal of Honor Purple Heart Day Parade.

This day is especially meaningful for my own family, because my father received a Purple Heart for his service in World War II. We are forever grateful to all veterans for their unwavering dedication and service," said Sen. Stewart-Cousins.

President and General George Washington said, "Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the purple heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen."



## Indian Flag Raising at Yonkers City Hall





Above: Assemblyman Nader Sayegh with members of the Indian-American community.

Below: Councilman Anthony Merante at the Indian Flag Raising with Harry Singh and members of the Indian-American community in Yonkers



The City of Yonkers recently celebrated the 78th Anniversary of Indian Independence Day, with a flag raising of the Indian Flag at City Hall. Mayor Spano hosted a flag raising to celebrate the perseverance, ingenuity, and unwavering spirit of the Indian American community. "We recognize the invaluable role they play in shaping the future of the country. From pioneering innovations in technology and medicine to enriching the cultural landscape through the arts, Indian Americans have left an indelible mark," said Mayor Spano.

City Councilman Anthony Merante said, "We saluted our great Yonkers Indian American community with a flag raising ceremony at City Hall's Unity Fountain. The master of ceremonies was my friend Harry Singh. The invocation was by Arun Bhagirath of the Hindu Temple of Tri-State and Rev. John Philip of St. Thomas Mar Thomas Church . The guest speaker was Jagdish Mitter, President of the Indian American Council of Westchester."

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh was also in attendance. On August 15, 1947, Indian declared its independence from the United Kingdom.



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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290. Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. The beach is open Fridays through Sundays through Monday, Sept. 2; weather permitting; no admittance after 6 p.m.; parking and beach admission fees apply. Westchester residency is not required. Get details https://parks.westchestergov.com/pools-and-beaches

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Naturalist Hike, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Join the preserve staff for a 2-mile hike to see what's happening out on the trails. Hiking shoes are recommended.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. For anyone interested in bird watching, this is a great way to learn some basics. Bring binoculars and your love of birds! It will be led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday through November. Get details and register https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-08-24/

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Patterns In Nature Exhibition, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Explore the mesmerizing tapestry of patterns that can be found everywhere in this interactive exhibit and flower show. Saturdays and Sundays until August 31. Get details and tickets https://www.lasdonpark.org/patterns-in-nature/

Saxon Woods Park Pool, White Plains: (914) 995-4480. DJ Day, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Come for a swim and enjoy music at the pool! Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply. Westchester County residency is required; weather permitting. Get details https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Naturalist's Choice Hike, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Join us for a walk through the trails at Marshlands to discover the wonders that nature is showing us today.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. South Pond East to West, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy the rebuilt South Pond boardwalk during a guided hike by the preserve's curator.

Glen Island Park, New Rochelle: (914) 813-6720. WPH Screenings Under the Stars, 7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Migration (rated: PG 2023). The movie begins at sundown. Admission and parking are free. Westchester residency is required. Get details https://parks.westchestergov.com/screenings-under-the-stars

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Our market, which supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, features more than 25 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 17. Get details https://www.muscootfarm.org/programs-events/event/2024/08/25/1724596200/farmers-market/479750

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-08-25/

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Walking Tour of Late-Summer Plants, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Discover plants that add color and interest to a late-summer garden. The tour meets at the Green Entrance gate of the upper-level parking lot. Free; registration isn't required. Get details https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/walking-tour-of-late-summer-plants/

Tibbetts Brook Park Pool, Yonkers: (914) 231-2870. DJ Day, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Go for a swim and enjoy music at the pool! Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply. Westchester County residency is required; weather permitting. Get details https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033. Muslim Heritage Festival, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Get details https://parks.westchestergov.com/heritage-festivals

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Sip, Nibble and Craft: Succulent Globe Terrarium with Macramé Hanger, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Experience the ancient craft of weaving with a 21st-century twist. Weave a pair of artisan pierced earrings with a matching woven pendant. Must be 21 or older. \$35 per person. Pre-register https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/sip-nibble-craft-succulent-globe-terrarium-with-macrame-hanger/

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Outstanding in the Field, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. This event aims to connect diners to the origins of their food while celebrating the hardworking hands that feed us: chefs, farmers, cheesemakers, vintners, brewers and culinary artisans. \$395 per person. Register https://shop.outstandinginthefield.com/products/august-25-2024-hilltop-hanover-farm

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#### Police Settlement, continued from pg 7-

The police report from that night includes- "While at scene the room was filled City matters for 3 minutes at a time. While City council members were addressing the room several arguments began to erupt between the occupants of the stipend of approximately \$250 for personal expenses. chamber. The City Council President (Lakeisha Collins Bellamy) on several ocunruly, they would be asked to leave.

"An argument began to escalate in my proximity between a male Hispanic memo line. (later identified as Hector Santiago S1) and several males. Mr. Santiago(S1) was also standing up and yelling at the City Council members. Mr. Santiago was cupping his hands around his mouth to amplify his voice which continued to disrupt 150 checks totaling more than \$230,000. In addition to the checks and bank donathe proceedings. As Mr. Santiago continued to yell at the city council, the City tions, Bielecki created a Crowdfuding campaign that raised \$78,000. Council President again asked for order several times referring to the crowd.

again cupping his mouth and directing his words at the city council causing the card companies to pay for personal expenses, including proceedings to cease and numerous people to redirect their attention away from the meeting and towards his actions.

"The assigned Detective then approached Mr. Santiago with the intent to speak plastic surgery. with him and defuse the situation. With a low even tone I asked Mr. Santiago to lower his voice. Mr. Santiago then shouted at me stating "Fuck That Tell that shit lance and medical supplies for victims in Lebanon, telling donors that he had to these guys" pointing in the direction of other members of the chamber.

"I again advised Mr. Santiago to lower his voice to which he responded, "I don't have to do shit!" I then advised Mr. Santiago that if he did not cease his that he needed more money for. "I used all the help for ambulance and medical actions, I would have to escort him out of the chamber in order to allow the pro-supplies," said Bielecki. ceedings to continue peacefully. Mr. Santiago then turned towards me in an argumentative manner and shouted "I ain't going nowhere!" causing several people tisements on a particular local New York radio show ("Radio Program-1"). Durto turn and look to see what was going on. I then advised Mr. Santiago that due ing these appearances and advertisements, BIELECKI repeatedly represented to his actions he had to leave the Chamber.

of the exit by placing my hand at the small of his back. Mr. Santiago continued to yell, causing several people in the chamber to respond to our side of the room to see what was happening and again redirect their attention away from the meeting.

"Mr. Santiago was then escorted out of the chambers. As the assigned Detecback. At this time the assigned quickly reacted and struck Mr. Santiago once with in Beirut, Lebanon. a closed fist in the face in order to stop his actions and to place him under arrest.

hold of his upper torso. As he continued to actively resist by turning away from operate any medical clinics in Lebanon. me and refusing to comply, numerous Officers then grabbed hold of Mr. Santiago Santiago under arrest without further incident," end of report.

sitting in the benches, nor was I attempting to "resist" .. I have been working in 2020-2023. the field long enough to know how that plays out .. However, I now understand how "Stop Resisting" is used to gaslight audience.

"After being manhandled by police out of the city council chambers, I was victims trying to help those in need. struck in the face and tackled to the ground while in a cast & sling from shoulder

"The 8 years that I put in for Stop & Shake is gone. I know the routine, but officer. I had surgery on my rotator cuff and was not involved in any fight. One sentence of 20 years in prison. Yonkers police officer recognized me and helped me get into the lobby. City Hall with obstructing justice, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Santiago said that he believes the video of the Council meeting shows a highly (https://youtu.be/WcXO-HUtDiY).

The City Council has to approve any settlement made by the City's Corporation Counsel and Law Department. This settlement will be on a Council agenda chin Franciscan Friars are a worldwide order of Catholic priests and brothers, and in September. Usually the council rubber stamps settlements after being advised we firmly believe that no one should violate the public trust -- first and foremost, a by Corporation Counsel that this is the best legal option for the city and the tax- member of the Church. This is why our Province reported Fr. Paul's suspicious bepayers.

There are some who believe that Santiago was simply expressing his constitutionally protected free speech in the council chambers and the police are at fault.

Yonkers resident Eileen O'Connor, posted two years about her recollections of the council meeting that night." I witnessed this event at Yonkers City Hall at the City Council meeting, and it made me sick and angry. Hector was standing in back of me telling Tasha Diaz to "stop talking and Vote".. He repeated that several times, then was surrounded by Black shirts who told him they wanted to talk with him outside. No IDs as cops; couldn't tell who they were. They force walked him outside the Chamber to the hall and that's where I lost sight of him.

"The Black shirts triggered this incident. Hector Santiago, founder of Stop and Shake, was a casualty of police/black shirt violence. Despicable. The Yonkers underbelly was on full view both nights. I see this as a call to all decent minded people to stand up to this mob/goon mindset. The Yonkers City Council needs to stand up and start showing leadership here. The statements made by the YCP president and Councilwoman Tasha Diaz set the stage for this. It all seemed or- did not exist, and used our headquarters and our other offices as conduits chestrated."

"The key to the future of the world, is finding the optimistic stories and letting them be known."— Pete Seeger

#### Friar Charged with Fraud, continued from pg 1-

To become a Capuchin friar, Bielecki took a vow of poverty that requires him to capacity and tensions began to escalate as speakers from the public discussed to renounce and not to hold any property or bank accounts in his name for his personal benefit. The Province provides friars, including Bielecki, with a monthly

From at least November 2016 through at least July 2019, BIELECKI directed casions advised the patrons in the room that if any individual continues to be victims to make out checks to the Province of St. Mary, headquartered in White Plains, NY, with "Fr. Paul Bielecki's Mission" or a similar endorsement on the

> BIELECKI maintained multiple credit or debit card accounts and multiple bank accounts. Over a 7 year period, (2017-2024), Bielecki received more than

Despite taking a vow of poverty, Bielecki has withdrawn almost \$50,000 in "As the crowd began to settle, Mr. Santiago continued to amplify his voice by cash from his bank accounts and transferred more than \$600,000 to two credit

> membership at a luxury gym chain, and paying for multiple trips to the Hamptons and numerous meals at high-end restaurants, and if you can believe it, for

> Bielecki lied to donors, saying that he was using the money to buy an ambualready used the ambulance to assist a "few villages with medical help" and that "[p]eople were crying," and that the people in the villages needed a generator

From 2015 -2023, BIELECKI repeatedly appeared as a guest or through adverthat he was a Catholic priest and physician living in Lebanon and running medi-"The assigned Detective then attempted to guide Mr. Santiago in the direction cal clinics there, with the goal of assisting Christians living in the Middle East.

> In these radio and media appearances, BIELECKI falsely represented, that he was a physician, vascular surgeon, cardiac surgeon, and/or general surgeon, and he has also earned multiple Ph.D. degrees;

That he runs two medical clinics in Lebanon and is raising money for medicine, tive began to guide Mr. Santiago towards the stairway area, Mr. Santiago yelled medical equipment, baby incubators, food, and an ambulance for his clinics in "Get the Fuck Off of me!" and struck the assigned Detective in the chest and neck Lebanon; And that he was physically present in Lebanon, and he was badly inarea with his left elbow and forearm with an upward motion forcefully jolting me jured and his clinics badly damaged by a widely reported August 2020 explosion

These representations were false. In fact, BIELECKI is not a physician or sur-"The assigned Detective then attempted to detain Mr. Santiago by grabbing a geon of any kind, he has not also earned multiple Ph.D. degrees, and he does not

In March of 2022, Bielecki receieved an "aesthetic plastic surgery procedure," and took him to the ground. Detective Specialist Licht was then able to place Mr. at a cost of \$15,000, and all the time asserting that he was in Lebanon "doing our best to keep surgeries running" and continuing to "[v]isit villages." After his Santiago denies almost everything in the Police report and has a different ver- plastic surgery, Bielecki made a \$1,000 cash withdrawl to pay for clothes at a sion of events. "For clarification, There was no fight, I did not argue with anyone high end men's story in NYC. One victim was scammed out of \$84,000 between

> The Province of St. Mary's finally conducted an internal investigation of Bielecki, but not before he stole hundreds of thousdands of dollars to innocent

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "As alleged, Pawel Bielecki exploited surgery I just got. This ordeal has put my healing journey in real jeopardy. I was his position as a friar to gain the trust of victims across the country and steal hunaccused & arrested by a plain clothed New Rochelle detective but was taken to dreds of thousands of dollars from them. Bielecki is now facing federal charges for allegedly illegally profiteering on the trust his victims placed in him."

BIELECKI, 48, of New York, New York, is charged with one count of wire when I got to the hallway I was assaulted and arrested by a New Rochelle police fraud and one count of mail fraud, each of which carries a maximum potential

There may be more victims of this alleged conduct. If you have information to has no cameras. I thought that the council chambers would be a safe place for me report, contact Special Agent Sean Smyth, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southto be," said Santiago, in several interviews with us 2 years ago. He was charged ern District of New York, at (914) 993-1900 or by following the instructions available at https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/report-crime.

Editor's Note: We received the following statement from Fr. Robert Abcharged police officer strike at him. Here is the video link so you can decide. batiello, OFM Cap., The Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order "Fr. Paul Bielecki, a Capuchin friar, was arrested on Saturday, August 17, and has

been charged with one count of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud. The Capuhavior to the U.S. Attorney's office and is continuing to fully cooperate with them.

"Here is the history: In 1994, Fr. Paul Bielecki entered the Ca-Krakow, Poland, joining the Capuchin puchin kow Province. He was ordained as a priest in Krakow in 2001.

"Beginning in 2011, at the request of the Capuchin Krakow Province, Fr. Paul became a guest of the Province of St. Mary, which covers New York and New England. He came here to pursue an advanced degree at NYU. He became a member of the Province of St. Mary in 2019 and has resided in New York since 2011.

"Until recently, there was no reason to suspect the veracity of his credentials. Effective the spring of 2023, the Province of St. Mary instructed Fr. Paul to resign an external non-religious employment position that the Province was unable to verify. Then, the Province conducted a vigorous internal investigation which revealed Fr. Paul was not who he represented himself to be, misrepresented his background and academic credentials, had been making false representations to raise money for overseas charitable projects that for some of the funds raised. After discovering this, we reported our findings to the U.S. Attorney, and we continue to fully cooperate with them. The Province did not participate in fundraising for these nonexistent overseas charitable projects, and since the spring of 2023, the Province has not given Fr. Paul any ministerial assignment. Our Capuchin Friars will continue to pray for Fr. Paul, and for those affected by Fr. Paul's activities.

As there is a criminal investigation ongoing, we cannot comment further

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# New Rochelle Massage Parlor Named in Indictment for Sex Services



Four individuals have been charged with operating a series of illicit massage parlors in New Jersey and New York, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today.

Zhejun Piao, 37, a Chinese national, Miyeon Choi, 37, a South Korean national, Shangxian Cui, 36, Chinese national, and Meixiang Jin, 34, of Palisades Park, New Jersey, are charged by complaint with one count of conspiracy to commit interstate travel or transportation in aid of a racketeering enterprise. All four defendants were arrested on Aug. 8, 2024 and made their initial appearances today before U.S. Magistrate Judge James B. Clark III in Newark federal court. They were all released.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

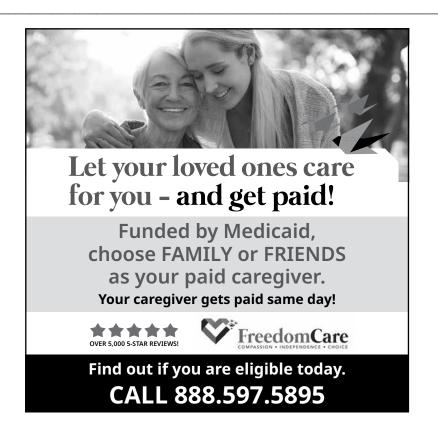
From at least May 2017, the defendants owned, operated, and derived money from illicit massage parlors or spas in New Jersey and New York that, as the defendants knew, had been offering sexual services in exchange for money. The New Jersey spas include Coco Spa in Paterson, Gold Spa in Passaic, 785 Spa in Passaic, Bergen Acupressure in Fairview, Queen Spa in Edgewater, Hawaii Spa in Edgewater, Good Day Spa in East Brunswick, and Spa Wellness in Toms River. The New York spa includes New Soothing Day Spa in New Rochelle.

Each of the spas allegedly advertised sexual services on various online platforms by posting images of the female sex workers and describing the sexual services offered. Law enforcement obtained evidence demonstrating each of the defendants' personal knowledge of, and involvement in, the illegal operation. For example, emails obtained by law enforcement show that Choi received what appear to be draft advertisements for the spas, and other emails and records show Choi and Piao transferred cryptocurrency to an online advertisement company. Law enforcement also observed Cui transport supplies, including mouthwash and paper towels, to the spas, make suspected cash pickups, and deposit over \$50,000 of cash with Jin to a bank account.

The charge of conspiracy to commit interstate travel or transportation in aid of a racketeering enterprise carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

U.S. Attorney Sellinger credited special agents of Homeland Security Investigations Newark, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge William S. Walker; the U.S. State Department, Diplomatic Security Service; and the New Jersey State Police, under the direction of Col. Patrick J. Callahan, with the investigation. He also thanked HSI New York, Hudson Valley Office; Customs and Border Protection; the Passaic County Prosecutors Office; Passaic County Sheriff; Bergen County Prosecutor's Office; Bergen County Sheriff; Edgewater Police Department; Fairview Police Department; Paterson Police Department; East Brunswick Police Department; New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice; South Toms River Police Department; Edison Police Department; South Toms River Police Department; County Prosecutor's Office; Ocean County Prosecutor's Office; New Rochelle Police Department; Westchester District Attorney's Office; Federal Air Marshals; New York State Police; ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations; and the Palisades Park Police Department

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Casey S. Smith and Javon Henry of the General Crimes Unit in Newark. The charges and allegations contained in the complaint are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.



# White Plains Man Charged in Connection With Bike Path Assault



Part of the Bronx River Parkway bike path

Westchester County Police have arrested a White Plains man and charged him with assaulting a woman during a dispute last month on the bike path in Eastchester.

Dmitriy Nazaryev, 47, of Marine Avenue was charged with Assault 3rd Degree, a misdemeanor. He was arraigned in Eastchester Town Court and released on his own recognizance.

On July 26, Nazaryev was riding his bicycle on the Bronx River Pathway south of Harney Road when the handlebars of his bicycle made contact with a female jogger running in the opposite direction. The two argued and then separated. Nazaryev is accused of riding back to where the woman was standing and punching her in the face.

Detectives from the General Investigations Unit obtained video of a possible suspect and posted flyers about the incident along the bike path. Following additional investigation, Nazaryez was arrested on Aug. 7.

He is due back in court in September.

#### Vaccinations, continued from pg 1-

Hepatitis B vaccines. On Friday, September 13, County Health Department nurses will give vaccines at the Enrico Fermi School.

The County Health Department is also expanding its vaccine appointments for all VFC eligible Westchester County students from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as follows:

- · Mondays in the White Plains clinic;
- · Fridays in the Yonkers clinic; and
- Thursdays, starting August 29, in the Yonkers clinic.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Yonkers schools have done a lot to encourage families to vaccinate their children, so we are pleased to support Yonkers parents by bringing free, convenient vaccines to their schools. Now is the right time for all parents to schedule vaccine visits for their children. If your child is eligible for Child Health Plus, Medicaid or has no insurance, we can help. You can also call your child's healthcare provider."

Children attending day care and Pre-K through 12th grade in New York State must receive all required doses of vaccines on the recommended schedule to attend or remain in school. Visit School Immunization Requirements to learn what vaccines your child needs.

The Westchester County Health Department Health Navigators can help families and individuals sign up for the health insurance they need. Those without a regular doctor can learn where to go for ongoing primary care. For more information, call (914) 995-6350.

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#### Briefs:

One local supermarket that is open to 12 Midnight closes their Customer Service Counter at 7 p.m. Very inconvenient for the public and those going shopping after work.

My mail service has not improved since I wrote about it several weeks ago. At least I am not being told that the mail is lost. But I can't believe I am not getting charity donation letters which are usually plentiful this time of year.

I hate when I buy a new product put out by a company I have supported for many years, the product is lousy, I call Customer Service to complain and they refuse to send a coupon for a replacement. The replacement encourages me to purchase more of their product I like!

Will you be receiving Spirits by Mail which will soon be legal in New York State? Is it a good idea or will it just encourage more people to consume alcohol? Let's just hope they don't drive!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!



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#### Will Seller Commission Rates Drop?

Maybe. Some sellers will keep offering the same commission rates to attract buyer brokers, but others might take a different approach. Instead of setting a fixed commission, they might choose to evaluate it along with other terms in the purchase offer. This could lead to savings but will also make the negotiation process even more critical.

#### What About Home Prices?

Despite these changes, home values aren't likely to take a hit from shifting commission structures. Prices are still driven by market factors like supply and demand, location, and the overall economy. So, don't expect to see a direct correlation between commission adjustments and home price trends.

#### Picking the Right Agent Is More Important Than Ever

With these new rules in play, the agent you choose matters more than ever. Focus on finding someone with experience, local expertise, and a solid track record. Communication and trust are key—your agent should get what you're looking for and know how to get you there. And with commissions now up for negotiation, you'll want an agent who can really fight for your interests.

#### Ralph Ragetté's Take

This isn't just a shake-up; it's a whole new way of doing business in real estate. The new Buyer Representation Agreements mean that you'll have a clear understanding of your relationship with your broker, including what you'll need to pay. But remember, financing a commission through your mortgage isn't practical—it's seen as a personal loan, which brings higher interest rates and tougher mortgage qualifications. Most buyers will likely ask the seller to cover the commission or negotiate a concession at closing.

Who you work with can make or break your deal, especially now. Make sure you're aligning yourself with an agent who has the skills and know-how to navigate these changes and secure the best outcome for you.

Ralph Ragetté Jr has made a name for himself as one of Westchester County's most innovative and top-producing agents since joining his family's real estate firm in 2003. Visit www.Ragette.com, for more information.

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

-Thomas Jefferson

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 58236/2023 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A Plaintiff, vs WILLIAM D. NYE AKA WILLIAM NYE, DEBORAH A. NYE AKA DEBBIE NYE, BARBARA A. MCEVOY, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NA, SOUND SHORE MED CTR OF WESTCHESTER, CITIBANK SOUTH DAKOTA NA, PAULA JACKSON AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, HEATHER J. ARMINIO AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, DENISE J. MACDONALD AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMIT-TEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WID-OWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, JPM-ORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS PURCHASER OF THE LOANS AND OTHER ASSETS OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA (THE "SAVINGS BANK"), FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE DIME SAVINGS BANK OF NEW YORK, FSB, FORMERLY KNOWN AS UNION SAVINGS BANK OF NEW YORK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE UNION SAVINGS BANK OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, ACTING AS RECEIVER FOR THE SAVINGS BANK AND PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT, 12 U.S.C. SEC. 1821 D, BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 31, 1992-B, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 11 Winans Street Larchmont, NY 10538 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Patricia F. Haviland AKA Patricia H Sayles Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by William D. Nye AKA William Nye and Deborah A. Nye AKA Debbie Nye dated the February 26, 2008, to secure the sum of \$102,041.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 480850572 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on April 3, 2008. The property in question is described as follows: 11 Winans Street, Larchmont, NY 10538 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 8, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82085

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Scout Field Cabin, continued from pg 4

"The BSC is an IRS approved non-profit. The sole purpose of the BSC is to maintain the cabin in support of scouting. The \$600K referred to by the County Attorney and the County Executive is an endowment which was created due to generous donors who left bequests and from annual fund raising drives raised from the community – not the County. The endowment was created to provide a cushion for major capital expenditures. The BSC runs the cabin as close to a break even capacity as possible. No one on BSC is collecting salary or any compensation. They are volunteers. The money the cabin generates from renting to the public for events and the per scout yearly membership fee all goes to cover heating, maintenance, insurance, etc. To reiterate, Westchester County has never contributed to the Scout Cabin.

"In 1982, the Westchester Council was going to abandon the cabin due to the inability to pay for the upkeep. This is when the BSC moved to create a legal entity and framework to transfer ownership and maintain the cabin for scouting. This was done by current and former scout leaders.

"Are the people on the BSC board associated with BSA and the local council? Yes. Are the board members associated with Troops and Packs? Yes.

"The BSC also acts as the sponsoring organization for the Troops and Packs. Every unit has to have a sponsor to be affiliated with BSA. There was discussion in the Board of Legislators Parks Committee meeting about claiming the endowment for the County. To reiterate, the endowment was not generated by so-called rental profits; the endowment is a result of privately raised monies and monies that have been bequeathed. Everyone on the BSC is a Scouter.

We have a CO from the City of Yonkers. We have regular inspections by the Yonkers Fire Department and are up to date. Our maintenance chair and Troop 1 leader is a professional firefighter. Our cabin is connected to the sewer system.

BSC has been an excellent steward of the cabin and surrounding property, and intend to continue such stewardship until Scouting is no longer of interest to the community. Further, prior to the litigation there was never any mention of improvements or a plan to improve the facilities by the County. On September 20, 2022, the County served BSC with thirty (30) days notice of ejection and directed that we vacate the Scout Cabin and surrounding property.

We have 3 Troops and 2 Packs, currently over 300 kids. The kids participating come from Bronxville, Mt. Vernon, Yonkers, Bronx, Crestwood, Tuckahoe, East-chester, Hartsdale, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, and New Rochelle. We rent out to families from around Westchester for private parties.

Just to reiterate the history of Scouting among the BSC, the current members are:

Howard Rakov – Member of Troop 4 Troop Committee from 1962 – 1965, 57 years as Scoutmaster of Troop 4, Charter member of BSC, Member of prior unincorporated Cabin committee since 1966, lived in Yonkers since 1946.

Howard Sklar – Den leader Pack 32 Yonkers 4 years, Committee Chairman Pack 32 Yonkers 3+ years, Assistant Cubmaster 3 years, Troop 2 Bronxville Assistant Scoutmaster 3+ years, Scoutmaster 10+ years, BSC Cabin member 30 years, BSC Treasurer 10+ years, lived in Yonkers since 1984.

Joe Stineman – Currently President Emeritus of BSC after 32 years as President. Current executive chairman of Pack 353 and committee member of Pack 5. Prior Cubmaster of Pack 5, Scoutmaster of Troop 2 and on the executive committee of the Westchester-Putnam Council, lived in Bronxville since 1978.

Martin Rego – Currently Secretary of the Bronxville Scout Committee, he has served the Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster since 1995, lived in Mt. Vernon for almost his entire life. According to their website, scoutcabin.org, the cabin can be rented for \$550 for private events and gatherings.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 69679/2023 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs PAUL MCGRATH IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINIS-TRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PER-SONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRA-TORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, KATHLEEN OAKES-MCGRATH IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UN-KNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROP-ERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WID-OWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDI-TORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 23 Tatomuck Road Pound Ridge, NY 10576 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Paul McGrath, Kathleen Oakes-McGrath Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Paul McGrath and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath dated the August 26, 2006, to secure the sum of \$405,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 462830253 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on December 21, 2006. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed May 27, 2008 and recorded on June 30, 2008, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 481720016. Plaintiff is also holder of a mortgage dated April 24, 2008 executed by Paul McGrath by the attorney in fact and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath to secure the sum of \$19,653.77 and recorded at Instrument Number 41720024 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on June 30, 2008. Said mortgage was consolidated with the mortgage referred to at Instrument No: 462830253 by a Consolidation, Extension and Modification Agreement executed by Paul McGrath by the attorney in fact and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath dated April 24, 2008 and recorded June 30, 2008 at Instrument Number 481720032 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk to form a single lien in the amount of \$417,000.00. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 5, 2012 and recorded on June 15, 2012, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 521643051. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 9, 2015 and recorded on March 6, 2015, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 550483378. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 18, 2019 and recorded on July 19, 2019, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 592003133. The property in question is described as follows: 23 Tatomuck Road, Pound Ridge, NY 10576 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN AT-TORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND AS-SISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 9, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82100

#### Senator Mayer, United Way, continued from pg 1-

rulers, safety scissors, #2 pencils, ballpoint pens, colored pencils, crayons, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, highlighters, pink erasers, sticky notes, white board markers, little bins, white board erasers, magic markers, and tape.

Senator Shelley Mayer said, "I am so grateful to live in a community that comes together to ensure our neighbors have all they need to thrive. Each new school year is an exciting time for students and teachers, but for many families, school supplies are too expensive. I am continually overwhelmed by the generosity of our community and I thank everyone who donated. I would also like to thank the Mamaroneck Town Center, the Grinton I. Will Library, and the Pound Ridge Town House for providing drop-off locations. The people of Pound Ridge deserve a special mention for being a small community with a very big heart. Lastly, thank you to United Way of Westchester and Putnam for your commitment to our community and for partnering with me once again to ensure everyone is able to start the school year off strong."

Tom Gabriel, United Way of Westchester and Putnam President and CEO, said, "We are so appreciative of the support from Senator Mayer and the community for assisting us in helping our neighbors."



# BOL Allocates \$4.9 Million for Affordable Housing Projects in Yonkers & White Plains

The "Land Acquisition Act" and the "New Homes Land Acquisition Bond Act," are focused on providing long-term, stable affordable housing options. These initiatives ensure that both new and redeveloped units remain accessible for at least 50 years. Land Acquisition Act and New Homes Land Acquisition Bond Act (NHLA Bond Act)

The Board of Legislators approved:

Fund the acquisition of 1.71 acres at 21-23 Park Avenue, Yonkers

Development of 82 affordable units (studios, one- and two-bedroom apartments)

Supported by \$4.9 million in bonds and tax credits

Winbrook Public Housing Complex Redevelopment:

Approved through two Acts and an inter-municipal agreement (IMA) with the City of White Plains

New building to offer 174 affordable rental units

Targeted for households earning between 30% and 90% of the County's median income

Amenities include: community room, outdoor seating, fitness center, game room, rooftop terrace, on-site laundry, 63 parking spaces

Housing and Planning Chair, Legislator Shanae Williams (Yonkers) and Majority Leader Tyrae Woodson Samuels (Mount Vernon) said, "Our ongoing efforts to expand affordable housing are crucial for building stronger communities. By providing stable, affordable homes, we give families the foundation they need to thrive and ensure our region's growth benefits everyone."

#### Stepinac Esports, continued from pg 1-

Stepinac High School's Esports team, which was established three years ago, celebrated its impressive third-place finish in its first Electronics Gaming Federal Overwatch National Championship held recently in Orlando.

The outstanding electronic game players of the renowned all-boys Catholic high school were Riley Colon, Dylan Fox and Anthony LeBlanc of Yonkers; Chris Nugent of Hartsdale and Michael Robles of the Bronx

The team, known as the Crusaders, earned the distinction to represent Stepinac for the top honors in the national competition by winning the inaugural CHSAA League Championship Title. A sixth member of the Stepinac team, Tyler Dobeck of Yonkers, contributed to the CHSAA victory.

Established in 2021, Stepinac's Esports Club provides students with the opportunity to casually play and compete in their favorite games. They also learn crucial skills such as: prioritizing tasks, leading a team, collaborating with others, planning strategically and communicating effectively with others.

The rapid rise of Esports in high schools throughout the U.S. has generated opportunities for college scholarships and certification and degrees in Esports team management. Several Crusaders team members have already won college scholarships as a result of their notable competitive achievements this year.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE Index #: 71686/2023 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Plaintiff, vs William J Rudy, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of William J Rudy Sr. Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Rita J. Rudy, Unknown Heirs Of William J. Rudy, Sr. If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS, United States Of America On Behalf Of The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development "John Doe #1" through "John Doe #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 1 Oakhill Road Ardsley, NY 10502 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of William J. Rudy, SR. Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Rita J. Rudy (who died on November 1, 2022, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) and William J. Rudy, Sr. (who died on June 19, 2023, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$675,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 513253555 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on November 28, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 22, 2018 and recorded on February 13, 2018, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 580433468. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 17, 2021 and recorded on September 24, 2021, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 612673299. The property in question is described as follows: 1 Oakhill Road, Ardsley, NY 10502 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 9, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82120

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