

## Lawler Holds First Town Hall of 2026, with Supporters & Opponents



*Are the Lawler Town Halls Helping His Reelection or Fueling Democrats to Beat Him?*

*By Dan Murphy*

In this story, we have two completely different views about what happened at Congressman Mike Lawler's first Town Hall of 2026, held in Rockland County on Feb. 1.

We received a lengthy story from Rocklandpost.com, which painted a favorable portrait of Rep. Lawler and the Town Hall, including video clips. Here are portions of that story, which can be found on Yonkerstimes.com,

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## Help Jim Killoran Help the Homeless in Westchester This Frigid Winter



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## Hey Governor Hochul Don't Tax Nicotine Pouches!

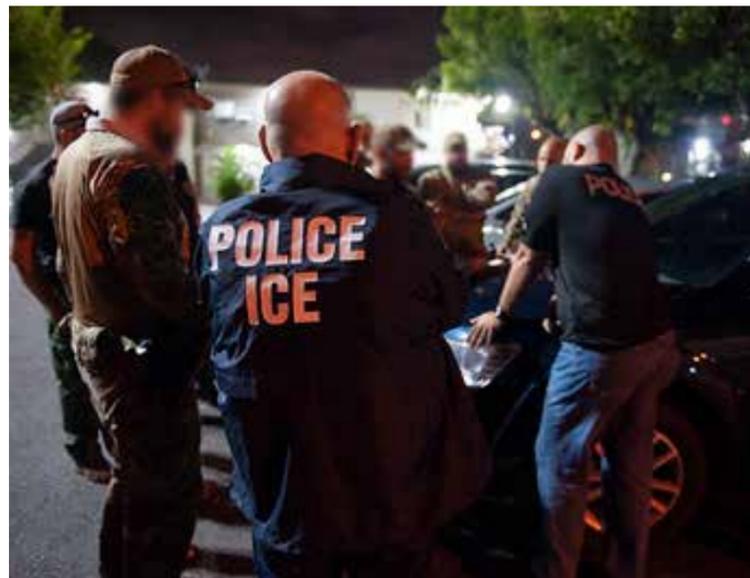
Gov. Kathy Hochul proposed a 75% excise tax on nicotine pouches (like ZYN) in the 2026-27 executive budget to align with tobacco taxes and raise an estimated \$18 million in revenue. Opponents, including business groups, argue this tax hike on smoke-free alternatives will drive sales to the black market, hurt small businesses, and hinder smoking cessation.

Key details regarding the proposal to tax nicotine pouches in New York: Proposed Tax Rate: The plan would impose a 75% tax on the wholesale price of nicotine pouches, treating them similarly to cigarettes and other tobacco products.

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## State Senator Mayer Proposes Bill to Prohibit ICE from Access to Schools without Judicial Order



*By Dan Murphy*

Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer has submitted Senate Bill # S8597, which would prohibit children from being denied access to a free public education due to citizenship or immigration status, and would deny ICE access to any NYS public school without a Judicial warrant.

Mayer recently appeared on the Susan Arbetter show on Spectrum, State of Politics.

"Our districts have done everything they should to keep enforcement activity outside of schools. Schools should be, I say, a sacred or secure place. And

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## 129 Westchester Jewish Leaders Speak out against ICE

### Love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10:19)

*By Dan Murphy*

A petition that started circulating last week among Westchester Jews has already been signed by 14 rabbis and more than 100 local Jewish residents from across the county.

It reads, We, Jews living in Westchester County, condemn the violent methods used by the Department of Homeland Security in enforcing U.S. immigration laws, particularly in Minneapolis and other communities across the country. Whether or not we fully agree on political issues like border control, immigration, political asylum and the current administration's policies, we believe this moment calls not only for concern, but also for visible moral clarity.

We wish to lift up the recent statement by the rabbinic and lay leaders of the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements and call on fellow Westchester Jews to speak out as well.

ICE and CBP agents have acted with impunity, using lethal force, mass intimidation and tactics that terrorize immigrant families, traumatize children, and destabilize entire communities. Renée Good and Alex Pretti were com-

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## Investigation Results in Prostitution Arrests and Closure of Mamaroneck Massage Parlors



*One of the busted massage parlors was located at 416 Mamaroneck Ave, brick door, along Mamaroneck's main business street-See story on pg 8-*

## DA Cacace & NYSP Announce Formation of New Traffic Safety Initiative

*No one should have to fear losing life or limb when getting on the highway. Unfortunately, a reckless driver's poor decision-making doesn't just put them at risk, it endangers all of us. Whether it's excessive speeding, swerving or driving under the influence, the roads have steadily become unsafe for the families of Westchester County. With D.A.S.H., my message to the driving public is this: Slow down, or we'll do it for you."* -District Attorney Susan Cacace

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace and New York State Police Troop K Commander Daniel P. Smith announced today the formation of a new traffic safety initiative aimed at making the highways in Westchester safer to travel.

The District Attorney's Safer Highways (D.A.S.H.) plan will, in its initial stages, focus on increased State Police patrols on the Sprain Brook Parkway and I-684. Starting today and proceeding through the end of the month, Major Smith will assign a significant number of troopers to monitor these two highways for all manner of unsafe driving, including both non-criminal and criminal violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Troopers will focus on motorists who drive at unsafe speeds; engage in reckless maneuvers; drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol; engage in road rage behavior; and drive while unable to safely do so due to physical or mental condition, among other things.

The DA's Office will assign two Assistant District Attorneys, Jamie Fair, chief of the Greenburgh Branch, and Cindy Adimari, chief of the Rye Branch, to help State Police weed out the most egregious drivers and scrutinize these cases for potential criminal infractions.

D.A.S.H. will be used as a template for future traffic safety enforcement efforts, including on other highways and during other high-traffic times of the year. DA Cacace said: "No one should have to fear losing life or limb when getting on the highway. Unfortunately, a reckless driver's poor decision-making doesn't just put them at risk, it endangers all of us. Whether it's excessive speeding, swerving or driving under the influence, the roads have steadily become unsafe for the families of Westchester County. With D.A.S.H., my message to the driving public is this: Slow down, or we'll do it for you."

Major Smith said: "As Commander of Troop K, I fully support District Attorney Cacace's D.A.S.H. — District Attorney's Safer Highways — initiative. Throughout the entire month of February, the New York State Police will maintain a highly visible enforcement presence on the Sprain Brook Parkway and Interstate 684, focused on aggressive, reckless, impaired and intoxicated driving, as well as other criminal activity on our roadways. Highway safety and the preservation of public order are core values of the New York State Police, and this initiative reflects our shared responsibility to protect law-abiding motorists while addressing the very real dangers that aggressive and reckless driving create for both the public and the Troopers who patrol these corridors every day."

Carole Sears, of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Westchester County, said: "There is absolutely no excuse for getting behind the wheel if you are either on alcohol or drugs. You are driving a two-ton missile when you get behind the wheel. If you feel that you're with someone and you have to say to that person, 'Are you okay to drive?' Then they're not."

## Two Drivers Who Refuse to Stop for Police Arrested



From the Westchester County Police:  
Well that didn't take long.

One thing about a snow storm – generally no one tries to flee from us when road conditions are treacherous. But once the roads were clear again, yet another cocky motorist learned the hard way – Flee From Us, End Up in Cuffs.

On Jan. 27, at 11:05 a.m., an officer on the northbound Saw Mill River Parkway in Yonkers observed a BMW sedan without a front license plate. The officer attempted a traffic stop for the violation but the driver fled at high speed, weaving in and out of traffic, driving on the shoulder, and generally endangering other motorists on the parkway. The officer terminated a brief pursuit for safety reasons.

The vehicle traveled on some local roads in Ardsley and Greenburgh and apparently entered the Sprain Brook Parkway. An officer from the Conditions Unit located it on the Taconic Parkway in Mount Pleasant but the driver fled at high speed and drove recklessly.

Once again, this guy looked in the rear view mirror and saw an officer terminate a pursuit. Probably figured that was the end of it. But that's not how these things go.

Even though the BMW's rear plate came back to another make and model vehicle, additional investigation determined the vehicle was apparently registered in Carmel. Two officers went there to canvass for the suspect vehicle with assistance from the New York State Police. A trooper spotted the car, and the driver tried once again to flee. But this time he ended up going down a dead-end street.

Game over.

WCPD officers took a 22-year-old Ossining man into custody, impounded his car and brought him back to headquarters. He was charged with Fleeing an Officer in a Motor Vehicle and Reckless Driving, misdemeanors. He also was issued a boatload of summonses, including Speeding, Driving on Slopes and Shoulders, Unsafe Lane Change, Failure to Signal, Passing on the Right and Having a Single License Plate.

In other words, he turned a single violation into two criminal charges and enough tickets to send his car insurance premiums into the stratosphere.

Our followers already know the moral of the story:

Flee From Us, End Up in Cuffs.

And from the Carmel Police Department:  
Caught!

On Jan. 28, the Westchester County Police Department's Westchester/Putnam Real Time Crime Center notified Carmel PD of a vehicle that fled a traffic stop from Yorktown Police Department Officers on Route 6 in Shrub Oak. With the chase continuing eastbound on Route 6 entering into Putnam County, Carmel PD and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office coordinated the response with the New York State Police – Somers Barracks to mitigate the pursuit safely.

Carmel PD Detectives set up a Tire Deflation Device (commonly known as a "stop stick") to stop the vehicle. Attempting to avoid this as they approached Union Valley Road, the fleeing suspects drove into the Route 6 Mart gas station where they got stuck behind another vehicle. One suspect was taken into custody at the scene and the other was apprehended by Carmel PD Officers on Buckshollow Road after a short foot chase.

The two suspects were turned over to Yorktown PD without further incident for additional investigation and charges related to the incident. While these types of vehicle pursuits are always a concern for law enforcement, this is a great example of the coordination between all the agencies involved to apprehend those responsible for these dangerous acts and keep the community safe.

Great teamwork everyone!

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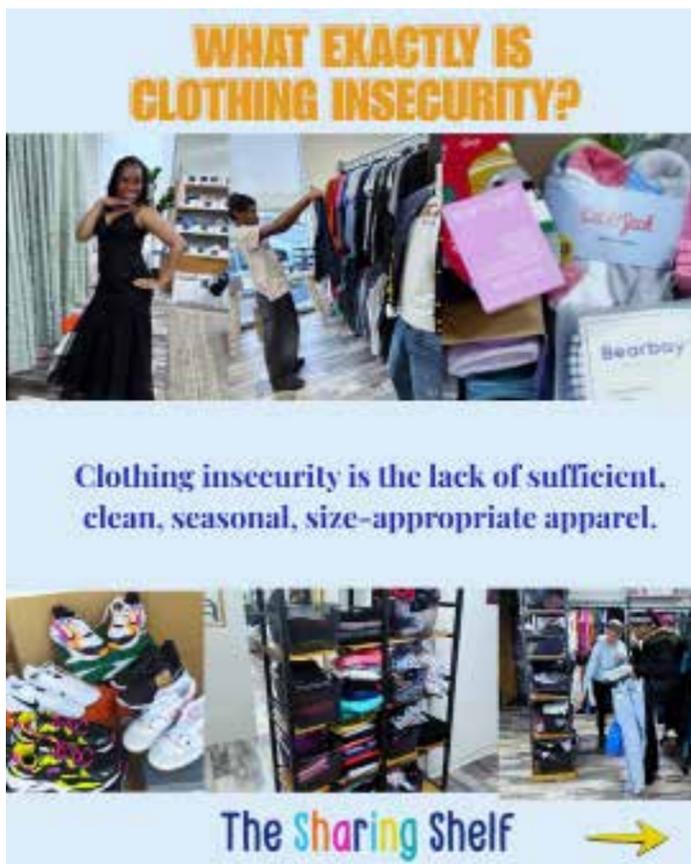
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## The Sharing Shelf Issues A New Measure of Poverty in Westchester



The Sharing Shelf, the nonprofit clothing bank serving children and teens in need in Westchester County, unveiled a new measure of poverty in the county. The “Clothing Insecurity Update” initially reveals trends for the full year 2025. It will be updated quarterly to show developments in real time.

While the Clothing Insecurity Update covers a single county, it provides insights of far broader significance, because of The Sharing Shelf’s reach. In 2025, The Sharing Shelf fulfilled requests from 145 nonprofits, schools, and government agencies, fielding clothing requests for 9,134 children and teens. The Update thus offers a real-time glimpse into how poverty impacts those organizations and the families they serve.

This “Clothing Insecurity Update for 2025” provides the following measures and insights:

- Requests for clothing grew 25% from 2024 to 2025. They have grown 88% in three years.
- Demand for clothing is highest in three peak times of the year: preparing for winter (October-November); back to school (August-September), and preparing for summer (May-June).
- The need was greatest for children under one-year-old (8.7% of total requests). It was next greatest among teens: 16-year-olds (6.2%); 17-year-olds (5.8%), and 15-year-olds (5.5%).
- The vast majority (83.2%) of the children and teens served live at home with a parent or guardian, but 13.4% live in a shelter or unstable housing.

The complete, fully designed “Clothing Insecurity Update” is available at <https://sharingshelf.org/clothing-insecurity-update>.

Clothing insecurity is best described as the lack of sufficient, clean, seasonal, and size-appropriate apparel, and it has implications for the nation and beyond. An estimated two out of every five children in the United States are clothing insecure, according to Nonprofit Quarterly. Clothing insecurity is often overlooked, on the theory that as long as one has some kind of clothes, there’s no problem, but for students to perform well in school – and stay in school – they need to have clothes that are the right size, that are appropriate to the season, that reflect their personality, and they need enough of them to be clean. Clothing insecurity should be tackled in conjunction with the better-recognized food insecurity and housing insecurity.

“The Sharing Shelf’s ‘Clothing Insecurity Update’ is intended to elevate understanding of clothing insecurity in Westchester County and to contribute to broader understanding, statewide and nationwide,” said Deborah Blatt, Founder and Executive Director of The Sharing Shelf. “Our hope is that it by generating greater understanding it will lead to increased action to address the growing challenge.”

While Westchester is among the nation’s wealthiest counties, over 67,000 children and teens live in poverty or a low-income home.

For more informaton, visit [sharingshelf.org](https://sharingshelf.org).

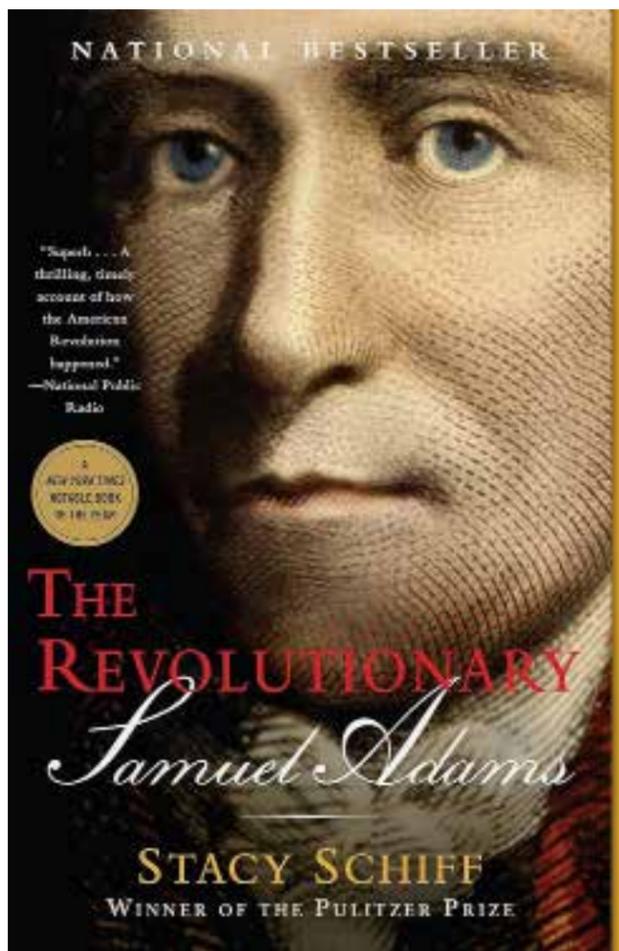
### First Precinct Community Council Meeting

Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 7 PM  
 Meeting Held at First Precinct  
 730 Grassy Sprain Road, Yonkers, NY  
 Guest Speaker James Maisano  
 Westchester County Consumer Protection Dept  
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## To celebrate USA 250, all 38 Westchester Libraries will read: The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams



The John C. Hart Memorial Library will participate in the first One County, One Read initiative, a Westchester-wide literary event designed to foster community through a shared reading experience.

In honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, all 38 public libraries in Westchester County will encourage residents to read the same book: *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stacy Schiff. The acclaimed biography explores the political brilliance of Samuel Adams, providing a detailed look at the strategic maneuvers that birthed the revolutionary era.

“I can’t think of a more appropriate way to recognize our country’s 250th anniversary than to join together to read about one of the most influential founding fathers of our nation,” said Hart library director Yvonne Cech, chair of the One County, One Read committee.

One County, One Read’s highlights include:

**Book Giveaway:** Starting in February, the John C. Hart Library will give away 50 free copies of *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*. Visit the library website: [yorktownlibrary.org](http://yorktownlibrary.org) for details for a chance to win.

**Meet The Author:** On April 25 at 3:00 p.m., Schiff will appear in person at the Grinton I. Will Library in Yonkers during an event sponsored by the Westchester Library System. Mary Calvi, a 14-time Emmy Award-winning anchor and historical novelist, will join Schiff in conversation.

**Book Signing:** Both Schiff and Calvi will be available to sign books following the discussion.

While admission to the April 25 event is free, tickets are required and can be reserved online. The Hart Library will host various Revolutionary War-themed programs throughout the year to continue the celebration of America’s independence.

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Letter to the Editor:

Lawler Funds ICE — Not Healthcare

**Letter to the Editor:**

Congressman Lawler is killing us on all fronts.

Lawler says he supports “humane” immigration enforcement, yet his record tells a far harsher story. Lawler voted for the Republicans’ so-called “One Big Beautiful Bill”. This was a deliberate effort to send a tidal wave of new money to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Under this deficit raising bill, ICE’s annual budget exploded from roughly \$10 billion to nearly \$85 billion, making it one of the most heavily funded law enforcement agencies in the country. Those billions now fuel mass deportation operations like “Operation Metro Surge and Midway Blitz” which sound like violent movie titles. It’s sick! But it’s now reality TV where masked federal agents sweep through cities and suburbs, tearing apart families, frightening law-abiding immigrants, arresting reporters, and killing American citizens.

Meanwhile, that same bill gutted public health coverage for seniors, children, and low-income families, and it will leave 1.5 million New Yorkers uninsured. And the reduction in public health coverage results in increased premiums for nearly all other insurance policy holders like seniors with Medicare.

Lawler defends these priorities as “keeping our communities safe and reducing fraud”. But according to The Brennan Center for Justice, substantial research consistently shows that immigration is not linked to higher levels of crime but rather the opposite. And with cuts to the FBI and IRS there’s even less effort to investigate fraud.

Lawler must know that there is nothing safe or moral about stripping health coverage from New York State residents. Now Lawler has been proposing stopgap measures to help rural hospitals and ACA policy holders. First he breaks the ACA, then he acts like others broke it and he’s here to fix it.

This is cruelty by choice.

If Lawler truly wants to “rebuild trust and act in America’s common interest,” he can start by standing up for our healthcare. Lawler can stop feeding ICE’s endless appetite for Lawless power and money.

New Yorkers deserve a representative who invests in our health, not in fear.

**Mark A. Lieberman, Yorktown, NY**

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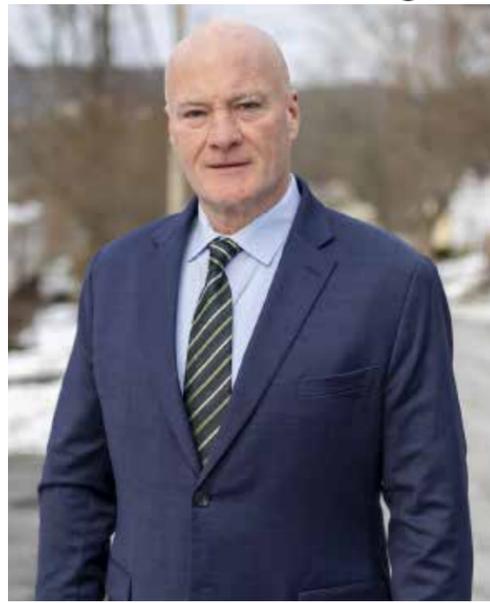
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Barry McGoey Announces Candidacy for Greenburgh Town Supervisor



**Barry McGoey**

Barry McGoey, a longtime Greenburgh resident, attorney, and public servant, has announced that he is running for Greenburgh Town Supervisor, citing the urgent need for competent, collaborative leadership and renewed accountability in Town government.

McGoey said he made his final decision to enter the race following the Town’s handling of a recent water main break, which left hundreds—if not thousands—of residents without water.

“The lack of clear leadership, communication, and coordination during this crisis was unacceptable,” McGoey said. “Residents were left without answers and without basic services. That moment raised serious concerns about how Town government is functioning.”

McGoey said those concerns were further reinforced by the recent release of reports showing that nearly \$30 million in taxes were not collected by the Town, pointing to significant failures in oversight and fiscal management.

“When residents are learning that tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue went uncollected, it’s deeply troubling,” McGoey said. “Combined with what we’ve seen during recent emergencies, it’s clear that a new set of eyes is needed at Town Hall.”

McGoey emphasized that the water main failure and the financial reporting issues are not isolated incidents, but symptoms of broader problems with management, accountability, and planning.

“As Supervisor, I will bring a fresh, responsible approach to how Town government operates,” McGoey said. “That means restoring fiscal stability, strengthening oversight, and ensuring that taxpayer dollars are managed competently and transparently.”

A central priority of McGoey’s campaign will be addressing flooding and infrastructure challenges that residents have raised for years.

“Flood mitigation has been ignored for far too long,” McGoey said. “We need real planning, long-term solutions, and leadership that treats infrastructure as a priority, not an afterthought.”

McGoey pledged to lead collaboratively, working closely with the entire Town Board, Town staff, and residents.

“I believe in collaborative, competent leadership,” he said. “The Supervisor’s role is to bring people together, work constructively with the Town Board, and lead with integrity. I will be a prepared, effective leader for the Town of Greenburgh.”

McGoey brings decades of experience in government operations, budgeting, labor relations, and public service. He currently serves as an elected Trustee in the Village of Ardsley.

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## Serial Sexual Assailant Sentenced to 45 Years in State Prison for Sex Abuse with a Minor



**Eleuterio Duran,**  
left, with attorney

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Eleuterio Duran, 38, of Yonkers, was sentenced on Tuesday to 45 years total in state prison. In December, Duran was convicted of numerous felonies in relation to his violent, sexual abuse of two individuals, one of whom is a minor. The breakdown of the sentence is 25 years in state prison for offenses committed against the minor child victim and 20 years for the offense committed against the second victim. These sentences will run consecutively.

Duran, who was sentenced by Judge Robert Prisco, was further sentenced to 20 years of post-release supervision. "You believed that they would remain silent, allow it to continue, and that your criminal offenses against them would remain hidden. Clearly, you underestimated their courage and strength. These brave young women relived the abuse that you subjected them to in front of a jury box full of strangers and in front of you, their abuser, and they did so credibly and with poise and fortitude," said Judge Prisco.

DA Cacace said: "We are pleased with the substantial prison sentence given to Eleuterio Duran. We hope that this sentence will offer some relief to the victims in this case, both of whom testified courageously in this trial. They will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

"The hard work and determination of the investigators and prosecutors in this case have not gone unnoticed. I am extremely grateful for their efforts."

Between 2020 and 2023, Duran repeatedly sexually abused raped an underage victim. Between 2012 and 2013, Duran also raped another victim who was incapacitated.

The investigation was conducted by the Yonkers Police Department and the Special Prosecutions Division. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Baehr and former Senior Assistant District Attorney Charlotte Gudis, of the Special Prosecutions Division.

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## 31 New Firefighters Graduate from Westchester County Firefighters Academy

Will go to work for nine fire departments in Westchester and five others in the region

Thirty-one recruits from 14 fire departments in Westchester and beyond graduated Jan. 30 from the Westchester County Career Fire Chiefs Firefighters Academy.

The new firefighters are going to work for nine departments in Westchester, three in Dutchess, one in Orange and one in Nassau. They were awarded their certificates before a packed house at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center in New Castle.

County Executive Ken Jenkins congratulated the graduates for successfully completing the rigorous academic and physical demands of their Academy training. He noted that firefighters need a broad range of skills to handle incidents ranging from building fires to hazardous materials to rescue and recovery efforts following severe storms.

Jenkins said, "Firefighters are also called upon to come to the aid of the people in all kinds of conditions and at all hours of the day and night. The major winter storm we experienced last weekend is a fresh reminder of that reality. I am sure there are many in this room who made their way to and from work during the storm, and responded in whiteout conditions to fires, vehicle accidents and other calls. I am grateful to all of you, and to your fellow firefighters, for the service you rendered in those treacherous conditions."

He thanked the career chiefs, Academy commanding officers, instructors and staff from the Department of Emergency Services for preparing the new firefighters for the challenges ahead.

Other speakers who lauded the graduates were DES Commissioner Susan Spear; Deputy County Executive Richard G. Wishnie; Peekskill Fire Chief James Seymour, president of the Westchester Career Chiefs Association; and Eastchester Fire Department Lt. Dominick DiRienzo, who served as the Academy's commanding officer along with New Fire Rochelle Fire Department Deputy Chief Joseph Sinatra.

The graduates and their departments are:

- Eastchester: Nicholas DiBrino, Kevin Donovan, Giovanni Ruffolo.
- Fairview: Tyler Loccisano.
- Harrison: Daniel Cochrane.
- LaGrange: Kyle Lewis, Phillip Scarano, Owen Thomas
- Long Beach: Michael Skudin
- Mount Vernon: Taj Bridgers, Daniel Brooks, Christopher Cargill, Matthew Doria, Lennie Graham, RayQuan Hyatt, Damon Reynolds, Julius Runcie, Akeem Vereen.
- Newburgh: Michael Hernandez.
- Peekskill: Dominick Marinello.
- Pelham Manor: Leonard Esposito, Santino Esposito.
- Pleasant Valley: Spence Simoni
- Poughkeepsie: James Boyles, Michael Ross.
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## Peekskill Community Rallies for 'Bucks for Boilers' Clean Energy Bill



On Jan. 29, dozens of activists and concerned community members gathered in Peekskill today to call for the State Senate to prioritize funding for Bucks for Boilers (S3476A), a groundbreaking bill introduced by Senator Rivera that will fund the transition away from fossil fuels in buildings. Groups including Food & Water Watch and New York Communities for Change, and representatives from State Senator Pete Harkham and Assembly Member Dana Levenberg's offices were present and spoke at the rally at the Brown Plaza Gazebo.

Buildings are the largest source of carbon emissions in New York, and funding for energy-efficient renewable heating systems instead of dirty, expensive oil and gas is a priority for many across the region and state. Bucks for Boilers will create a fund to subsidize the cost of switching aging boiler systems to energy efficient heat pumps, which is needed in order to lower energy bills and meet the state's climate goals.

"Many of my constituents still rely on delivered fuels because of our older housing stock and the enormous expense of transitioning to cleaner options in such homes. It is a double-edged sword; the high cost of transitioning locks many people into the high cost of oil. We need Bucks for Boilers to help New Yorkers make the switch to energy-efficient, cost-effective heating and cooling equipment. I am proud to co-sponsor this legislation and to stand with my colleagues who are pushing to get it included in the budget," said Assemblymember Dana Levenberg.

"The Bucks for Boilers program delivers energy-efficient heating systems to low-income communities to offer real financial relief to residents facing rising energy costs while improving air quality and upgrading aging infrastructure," said Senator Pete Harkham.

## Talk on Black Loyalists During the Revolutionary War at Philipse Manor



Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are proud to present "Freedom Behind British Lines: Black Loyalists in New York," a talk about those who sought freedom with the British military during the Revolutionary War by Sarah Wassberg Johnson. This event will take place in-person and online via YouTube Live on February 11th at 7: PM at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site at 29 Warburton Avenue in Yonkers. In-person admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, while virtual access is free.

People of color fought on both sides of the American Revolution. But for some enslaved people, the British Army offered a unique opportunity for freedom. Learn about the three British proclamations enslaved people used to find freedom behind British lines, the lives of formerly enslaved individuals from Westchester County, New York, and New Jersey who fought for and worked with the British Army, and what happened to the Black Loyalists after the war.

Registration is recommended for this event. To reserve your spot call 914-965-4027 or email [philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov](mailto:philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov). Virtual access is free and open to everyone. Access at [www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events](http://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events)

Sarah Wassberg Johnson is the education and programs manager at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. She has an MA in public history from the University at Albany. She has spent the last several years researching the American Revolution in New York, especially Westchester County and connections to Philipse Manor Hall. You can read her previous research into the Philipsburg Proclamation and Black Loyalists here: [www.philipsemanorhall.com/blog](http://www.philipsemanorhall.com/blog)

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## Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins Hosts Black History Month Reception



**L-R- African American Advisory Board Chair Barbara Edwards, County Executive Ken Jenkins, Reverend Kymberly Mcnair**

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins hosted the County’s annual Black History Month Reception at the Michaelian Office Building, welcoming residents, community leaders and elected officials from across Westchester to recognize the enduring contributions of Black Americans to the County’s history and culture.

The reception highlighted Westchester’s longstanding role in Black history, including its place along the Underground Railroad and its legacy of Black leadership in all sectors of our local economy. Attendees reflected on the progress made while acknowledging the work that remains to ensure opportunity and inclusion across every community in the County.

Jenkins said: “Black History Month gives us the opportunity to pause and recognize the people whose contributions helped define Westchester and strengthen our communities. The achievements we celebrate today were built through perseverance, sacrifice and leadership. Honoring that legacy means continuing to work toward a County where opportunity is real and accessible for everyone.”

African American Advisory Board Chair Barbara Edwards said: “This reception brings our community together to honor a history that is deeply woven into Westchester’s identity. Black history lives in our schools, neighborhoods, houses of worship and civic life. I am grateful for the County’s continued commitment to recognizing that legacy and ensuring it is preserved and celebrated.”

The Black History Month Reception served as both a celebration and a call to action, encouraging residents to attend local Black History Month events, visit historical sites and support local black-owned businesses. Westchester County remains committed to honoring Black history throughout the year and ensuring its lessons continue to guide the County’s progress.

## Muscoot’s Henrietta Predicts an Early Spring We Hope She is Right!



**Muscoot Farm Director Jonathon Benjamin, with Henrietta**

### Warmer weather is on its way in Westchester County!

Egg-citing news out of Muscoot Farm: Cluxatawney Henrietta is predicting an early spring as she laid an egg this morning!

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, “Groundhog Day with Cluxatawney Henrietta is a beloved Westchester County celebration that brings families and neighbors together at Muscoot Farm. The event celebrates community, curiosity, and the changing seasons. It stands as a reminder of how county traditions continue to bring people together year after year.”

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O’Connor said: “Westchester County Parks is proud to offer engaging, high-quality programming throughout the year, and Muscoot Farm plays an important role in that mission. Events like Groundhog Day reflect our commitment to creating meaningful experiences that educate, entertain, and bring the community together.”

Muscoot Farm Director Jonathon Benjamin said: “Groundhog Day has become one of the most anticipated events of the year at the farm, thanks to Cluxatawney Henrietta. It’s always a joy to see visitors of all ages come together to support her and celebrate the occasion.”

Now in its eighth year, Muscoot Farm’s Groundhog Day celebration puts a playful twist on a classic tradition. Visitors enjoyed kid-friendly activities, tasty treats and plenty of farmyard fun while cheering on one of Muscoot’s most beloved residents as she delivered her much-anticipated prediction.

Teens, Adults | Black History Month | Riverfront Library

Yonkers' First Negro "Cop" Who is Now "Breaking In" On Force Here

Second Negro Appointment is Made In Safety Department Police Bureau

Devlin Names Third Negro Cop To Force

Thomas Brooks, April 1925 | James Martin, August 1928 | Stewart L. Freeman, November 1928

### History of African Americans in the Yonkers Police Department

**Thursday, February 19**  
6 pm,  
Yonkers Room

Join Yonkers native and veteran Yonkers Police Detective Ken Davis and learn about the first three African American patrol officers serving the City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Police Department: Thomas P. Brooks (1925-1959), James F. Martin (1928-1940), and Stewart L. Freeman (1928 - 1954).



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**Lakisha Collins-Bellamy**  
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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*A Century of Black History Commemoration*

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40 SOUTH BROADWAY, YONKERS, NY 10701

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY

## \$8 Million Jury Verdict Against City of Yonkers for DPW Truck Hitting A Driver in Parked Car

National trial law firm Napoli Shkolnik announced a significant \$8 million jury verdict against the City of Yonkers after a municipal truck hit a driver, resulting in severe injuries.

The incident occurred when the plaintiff was parked, and a City of Yonkers truck turned onto Ashburton Avenue, striking the plaintiff.

The collision resulted in injuries to the plaintiff's neck, left shoulder, lower back, and left knee, and has altered his quality of life and ability to participate in the community activities he loved.

"This case exemplifies our firm's commitment to fighting for those who have been injured and securing the justice they deserve," said Joseph Napoli, partner at Napoli Shkolnik. "It was clear there was negligence in this case, and we were able to secure an \$8 million verdict that will provide our client with the resources he needs for his healing and future care."

Stephen J. Maloney, Jr., junior partner at Napoli Shkolnik, shared: "Our client was an active member of his community and an avid soccer player before the accident. This verdict ensures he will have the resources necessary for his ongoing recovery and the medical care he will require to regain his quality of life."

### Verdict Breakdown

The jury awarded:

\$2 million for past pain and suffering

\$4.5 million for future pain and suffering

\$1.5 million for future medical expenses

After a \$35,000 pre-trial offer, our trial team Partner Joseph Napoli, and Junior Partner Stephen J. Maloney, Jr. tried the case—and delivered this multi-million-dollar verdict.

## Joint Task Force Investigation Results in Prostitution Arrests and the Closure of 3 Illegal Massage Parlors in Mamaroneck

The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department, in coordination with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, New York State Police, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department, conducted a joint task force operation on January 29th, 2026, focusing on illegal massage parlors and prostitution related activity within the Village of Mamaroneck. The investigation was initiated after receiving a complaint and culminated in enforcement actions at 3 locations: 437 Ward Ave., 416 Mamaroneck Ave., and 172 E Boston Post Rd. Investigators conducted on-site investigations that resulted in multiple arrests for prostitution related offences and unauthorized practice of a profession. At 4:37 Ward Avenue, 2 individuals were arrested after investigators determined that massages were being provided without proper licensing, and an offer of a sexual act was made in exchange for money. Both individuals were taken into custody without incident, and the establishment was subsequently closed by the Village of Mamaroneck Building Department. At 416 Mamaroneck Ave., a woman offered sexual intercourse for money to an investigator and was arrested and charged with prostitution. The business was also closed by the building department. At the final location, 172 E Boston Post Rd., sexual services were offered to an investigator after a massage. Two individuals were arrested at that location and transported to police headquarters for processing. That business was shut down by the building department. All arrested individuals were charged with the felony offense of unauthorized practice of a profession. Three of the five were charged with prostitution, and one of the five was charged with promoting prostitution, both misdemeanors. All parties were issued desk appearance tickets and are scheduled to appear in the Village of Mamaroneck Court on February 12th, 2026.

## Documenting Black and LGBTQ+ History in Yonkers



**Dennis Richmond Jr.**  
with personal photos.  
Photo by  
Hortena Richmond

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

This month, my family's history is officially on display at the Grinton I. Will Branch of the Yonkers Public Library, and it feels magical. To walk into a public institution and see my own family represented—our pictures, names, and stories—is a powerful reminder that Black American families are history too.

For so long, history has been something we've been taught to search for in textbooks, museums, or distant archives. But this display challenges that idea. It shows that history lives in our living rooms, in our grandparents' memories, in church records, census documents, family Bibles, photographs tucked into drawers, and stories passed down at dinner tables. My family's story—rooted in South Carolina, Connecticut, and New York, stretching back generations—is not exceptional because it is famous, but because it is real.

The goal of this display is simple: to make history feel accessible. I want people in Yonkers and across Westchester County to see themselves reflected in the past and to realize that their own families are worthy of preservation, documentation, and celebration. Too often, especially for Black folk, our histories are fragmented by migration, enslavement, segregation, name changes, and lost records. This small display is my way of showing that even with gaps, we can still reconstruct meaningful narratives about where we come from.

In partnership with the Grinton I. Will Branch, I am also hosting two community events this month that build directly on that mission: a Genealogy 101 workshop and a Black LGBTQ+ history program.

On Wednesday, February 18th, I will lead Genealogy 101: How to Trace Your Roots, a workshop for teens and adults focused on practical tools for beginning family research. Participants will learn how to use census records, birth, marriage, and death certificates, military files, church archives, and online databases to start building their own family trees. More importantly, the program emphasizes that genealogy is not about perfection—it is about curiosity, patience, and learning how to ask the right questions.

Later in the month, on Saturday, February 28th, I will present Black LGBTQ+ History: From 1926 to 2026, a community discussion tracing a century of Black LGBTQ+ life, culture, and preservation. As the LGBTQ+ community continues to make social and political strides, it is imperative that our history is not only told, but actively protected. Too often, Black LGBTQ+ people exist in the margins of both Black history and LGBTQ+ history, leaving our stories erased, hidden, or treated as footnotes.

This program centers Black LGBTQ+ voices—with a twist. It weaves together ballroom culture, personal family histories, and community memory, with a focus on how Black LGBTQ+ folk document their lives. History is not just about the past—it is about memory, survival, and legacy.

Together, these programs reflect what this library display represents for me: that history is communal. It is something we build together, share together, and pass down together. Libraries are not just places for books; they are living archives of people's lives.

If my family's story can inspire even one person to ask their grandmother a question, search their last name, or feel seen in a historical space, then this display has already done exactly what it was meant to do.

Happy Black History Month.

**Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz)** is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.

### Don't Tax, continued from pg 1-

Revenue Goals: State finance officials project the tax would generate \$18 million in the first year, potentially scaling up to \$50 million.

Arguments Against (Don't Tax):

Black Market Risk: Opponents warn that high taxes will drive users to illegal, unregulated street sales rather than authorized retailers.

Public Health Impact: Critics argue it makes a "grave mistake" by not distinguishing between lower-risk, tobacco-free products and combustible cigarettes.

Economic Impact: Businesses argue this will reduce sales for legitimate retailers.

Arguments For Taxing:

Addiction and Safety: The Hochul administration argues that nicotine pouches are addictive and harmful, making them equivalent to other tobacco products, regardless of whether they contain tobacco leaf.

Youth Usage: The tax aims to deter youth from using popular nicotine pouches.

The proposal is currently under debate, with some lawmakers, such as Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, expressing opposition to using new taxes as the primary method for regulation.

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*Lawler Town Hall, continued from pg 1-*

The major difference in the people being asked to leave is that no one had to be carried out. One person did have to have the sheriff come to his seat to escort him out after being warned twice by Lawler about his disruptions and cursing.

A statement by Tina Traster in the Rockland County Business Journal, that said Congressman Mike Lawler faced an angry rattled crowd... made it sound like all of the people there were angry and against Lawler. The only people there who were angry and rattled were those who were against Lawler because he was not giving them the answers they wanted to hear to the questions they asked. This is why, according to her headline on the story she wrote about this event he failed to satisfy the rattled audience.

They tried to bait him into losing his cool. He did not bite. Even when they were yelling, booing, calling ICE murderers, calling him a liar and other names, he calmly answered questions and when the angry people got too loud, he told them he would wait until they were ready to hear what he was saying. Those who were pro Lawler were respectful and gave people and Lawler the chance to ask and answer questions.

To watch him handle the audience, you would see that he does not feel vulnerable in this election season. He does say that his seat is one of the 35 out of 435 that is contested but there was no indication of hesitation or nervousness in his voice or mannerisms.

He said that he was proud of what they have been able to accomplish legislatively. He pointed to the fact that he passed a lot of bills through the House that have become law on major issues from foreign policy to lifting the cap on SALT which was my number one promise, and he was proud of the fact that they delivered. They got a 4x increase, a quadrupling of the SALT cap from \$10,000 to \$40,000, and it takes effect immediately.

"So, when you go to file your taxes this year. You're going to see a massive tax cut. The average New Yorker, the average New Yorker will see a \$4000 tax cut, in large measure because of the work that was done in the Working Families tax cut bill mind you, that is not for the billionaires. That is for the working-class, middle-class families all across this state and country. Whether you talk about no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, lifting the salt cap, doubling the standard deduction, expanding the child tax credit. These were all major wins that helped working class and middle-class families who have been suffocating under the cost of living here in New York State."

If Lawler was, as Traster claimed, walking a ginger balancing act along a tightrope where on one side the vulnerable politician is hoping to keep his seat in the November 2026 midterm elections, while at the same time maintaining good favor with regional and national Republicans, he would not be taking stances that go against what many Republicans feel about ICE. He is of the opinion that ICE should not be wearing masks, a highly debated situation in which many Republicans disagree with him on.

"I am opposed to any effort to make Rockland County a sanctuary county. The fact is, that Westchester County has this exact law that is being proposed and in Westchester County they are not allowed to engage ICE or federal law enforcement for the purpose of immigration if somebody commits a state crime. They're not allowed." (a number of people yelled yes they are)

Unrattled, he continued, "The only way they are allowed to engage ICE is if there is a federal judicial warrant, That is it. For instance, when an individual commits a crime in Westchester County and it is a felony state crime. Westchester County is not allowed." (again, a number of people yelled yes they are)

"Number 1, the border is effectively secure. Over the last 9 straight months, we have had net zero illegal border. "He thought everybody would agree that that is a positive and that we should not want people coming into the country illegally.

"But some of you seem to be OK with it. By the way, how many of you would prefer we go back to how Joe Biden was engaging border security?" A number of people cheered that.

"Now, the third part of this... Listen, sir, this isn't a back and forth, all right, so if you can't control yourself, you're welcome to leave." This was Lawler's second warning to the person who was later carried out.

"I fundamentally believe That if you have been in this country 5, 10, 15, 20 years, and you have not committed a crime, and you are participating in the workforce, and your children or your grandchildren may be American citizens, we should create a legal pathway forward. That does not mean citizenship. But it does mean that they come out of the shadows and that they can participate in our economy and in our community without fear of being deported. That is something that I believe we can get bipartisan support for."

After the removal of the first person it seems that two other people, later identified as Maureen Morrissey (co-founder of Fight Lawler) were also asked to leave." End of Rocklandpost.com story.

The democratic response to the Lawler Town Hall included:

THIS JUST IN: MIKEY LAWLER (my Republican representative, NY-17) SELF-IMMOLATES AT TOWN HALL; OUTRAGED CONSTITUENTS RAIN F-

BOMBS; SHERIFF FALCO'S OFFICERS GO FULL GESTAPO ON VETERANS DARING TO EXERCISE THEIR 1A RIGHTS.

Were some audience members disruptive? No doubt. Sorry, New Yorkers, especially those who proudly served their country, refuse to be Good Germans. Maybe we've gotten used to this Freedom of Speech thing. Or maybe our bullshit meters have a hair trigger.

In one video, a gentleman claiming to be a Navy veteran with six years of service is dragged from the auditorium, presumably for demanding Lawler answer his question. (Sound familiar? Read news accounts of Emily Feiner's eviction from the previous town hall.) Someone can be heard telling him, or someone else, to "stop filming because they're breaking the law." At one point, one of Lawler's apparatchiks, onstage, tells the crowd some audience members "aren't comfortable" being filmed, so everyone must stop recording.

Posted-Mark Dery

Democratic congressional candidate Peter Chatzky posted, "Last night, I watched Mike Lawler's Town Hall in person, from my fourth row seat. Our current congressman failed to show NY-17 that he is a leader we can believe in. He lied, dodged questions and silenced constituents, kicking people out simply for passionately demanding an answer to a constituent question. Like ICE facing an angry crowd, Lawler was more concerned with control than accountability. What Mikey made clear last night is that he is scared - and he should be."

Indivisible Yorktown Dems posted

We mentioned in our earlier post that NY-17 Congressman Mike Lawler's town hall at Rockland Community College yesterday evening didn't go very well for him. Mikey continued his habits of dissembling, gaslighting, and straight up lying to his constituents. He refused to answer whether there exists a red line that the current Republican president could cross to lose Mikey's support. When constituents demanded that he actually answer their questions, they were removed by Rockland County Sheriff's deputies.

Mikey doesn't think the first amendment applies to constituents he disagrees with. Mikey doesn't think we have the right to hold him accountable for his horrendous actions. He talks a big game about being "bipartisan," but has made it very obvious that his allegiance lies more with the current administration and their billionaire donors than it does with his constituents. Let's show him how wrong he is, and VOTE HIM OUT in November!

In his column in LoHud.com, Matt Richter, "Finally, Lawler had to stop the q-and-a to have two men removed because they screamed "F--- you!" at Lawler. No one should tolerate that kind of abuse. We can't accept the decline of our political rhetoric."

I agree but wonder if the Lawler Town Halls should continue. I ask if these events are benefitting Lawler and his reelection, or fueling democratic opposition to Lawler and Trump?

## Free Square Dancing Fun Nights



The Friendly Squares Dance Club. is having 2 Free Square Dancing Fun Nights on Monday, February 2nd and Monday, February 9th from 7:00-8:30pm at Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Rd, Katonah, NY.

Modern Western Square dancing is a lot of fun, great exercise for both the body and mind and an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. The attire is casual and no experience is necessary. This event is open to singles, couples and families.

Our website is [www.friendlysquares.org](http://www.friendlysquares.org).

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Against

Ismael Vargas; Morel Carmen; Sonya Quintana

Defendant(s)

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*Help Jim Killoran Help the Homeless in Westchester This Frigid Winter*

**By Dan Murphy**

While most of us are bundled up in our homes here in Westchester watching TV, Jim Killoran is “fighting the fight” to get sweatshirts, hats, gloves, and socks to the homeless population in Westchester.

“I see people who are struggling and trying to stay warm. It’s an honor for me to know a homeless person. They are as good as the President to me, even better,” said Killoran, the CEO of the Fuller Center for Housing in greater NYC, who has spent most of his life serving others, building housing for those who can’t afford to buy a home in Westchester, or helping seniors trying to stay in their homes in Westchester, or helping hurricane victims across our area.

As the unofficial Angel of Westchester, Killoran travels around his home base of New Rochelle looking for someone to help and to serve. Often, it is the police who call him to alert him to someone who is without the essentials to survive another winter storm.

“No one should be homeless, but the reality is that those who are could use a little help, with a sweatshirt, hat, socks, or a coat, or a cup of soup, anything can help save a life,” said Killoran.

On one of his many Facebook videos, Killoran posted, “Hey. Good morning. Blessings on this cold day. I just picked up a bunch of masks, sweatshirts, ninja masks, coats, and different things that can go to people on the street. So it’s cold out. But you know what? We’re blessed. And if you see this, you have a phone. You’re alive.

“And so I know where a lot of the homeless are, so stay tuned. Say a prayer. I can get all this stuff out. I got a van full of stuff to bring out to the people on this. So if you need help, if I can be of help, and I promise nothing. (914) 406-3357, we always appreciate donations. So if you want to buy a pack of hats like the one I’m wearing or any jackets, drop them off at our headquarters at 21 Huguenot Street.

“You know, God blesses us so much with people like you who watch us, who join us, and, uh. So stay warm, be safe. We’ll get through this together. And God has blessed us to be alive another day with gratitude and with you. So thank you. God bless you.”

Another great part of the work that Killoran does through the Fuller Center for Housing of Greater NY is that he connects with young adults in Westchester and gets them “off their computers and outdoors building houses.”

Recently, members of the Eastchester High School Fuller Club dropped off coats and sweatshirts to help us assist those in need.

“Our clubs help us help so many...today they helped me help the homeless.”

We would ask our readers to help Jim Killoran “fight the fight” and help the homeless through a tough winter.

Make a contribution as I did; it’s the least we can do, and you can rest assured that your donations get to the homeless.

Visit <https://www.fullercenterny.org/> to donate.

**Below: Students from the Eastchester High School Fuller Center club brought donations for the homeless**



29. Craig Charney, Dobbs Ferry
30. Evan Kingsley, Pleasantville
31. Patricia Goldstick, Hastings on Hudson
32. Leslie Mack, Tarrytown
33. Sue McAnanama, Yonkers
34. Jon Mermelstein, Scarsdale
35. Eugenie Rosenthal, Scarsdale
36. Joe Cohen, Ossining
37. Adrian Strizhak, Yonkers
38. Leslie Lieman, Hastings-on-Hudson
39. Dave Saphra, East Irvington
40. Ellen Shapiro, Irvington
41. Phyllis Solar, Ossining
42. Amanda Ascher, Ardsley
43. Rosanne Silverman, Baltimore
44. Rachel Izes, Katonah
45. Marcy Gray, Ossining
46. Judith Mizrahi, Dobbs Ferry
47. Judith Leipzig, Hastings on Hudson
48. Marianne Makman, New Rochelle

49. Leslie Prusnofsky MD, Somers
50. Greta Parnes, Yonkers
51. Ellen Flaks, Elmsford
52. Suzanne Burger, White Plains
53. Howard Horowitz, New Rochelle
54. Adam Auslander, Croton on Hudson
55. Sheryl Rosenberg, Irvington
56. Phyllis Saphra, Irvington
57. Jill Becker, Bedford
58. Judy Shulman, Goldens Bridge
59. Elana Shneyer, Goldens Bridge
60. David Benattar, North Salem
61. Joe Siegel, Hastings on Hudson
62. Sharon Kivowitz, Hastings on Hudson
63. Tobie Stanger, Hartsdale
64. Bruce Soloway, White Plains
65. Joel Laitman, White Plains
66. Danielle Levine, Tarrytown

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community members using non-violent tactics to protect their vulnerable neighbors and protest their treatment. That they have been posthumously labeled “domestic terrorists,” while the agents responsible for their deaths face no accountability, represents a profound moral inversion. The practice of detaining children during these operations exhibits a level of cruelty that corrodes the moral core of our cherished multi-ethnic democratic society. When state power is exercised without accountability anywhere, safety erodes everywhere. We are living in a moment of rising, open antisemitism, and our safety is bound up with the safety of all of our neighbors. It has never been separable from the rule of law or from the refusal to allow any group to be treated as disposable.

Dehumanization spreads when fear replaces law and silence replaces responsibility. Democracies do not collapse all at once. They erode when violence is normalized and accountability disappears.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught us by example that indifference in the face of injustice is itself a moral failure. Faith, he insisted, must be lived publicly.

By signing this statement, we commit to doing our part to come together across differences, to build coalitions with our neighbors and to nurture community partners rooted in our shared core values. We choose relationship over isolation, and responsibility over silence, and call on local Jewish leaders, representatives and community members to speak out.

We invite you to add your name and stand with Jews in Westchester who believe that defending human dignity, due process, and democratic norms is inseparable from Jewish memory, moral responsibility and the shared destiny of all who cherish freedom and democracy.

With resolve and moral clarity,

Members of the Jewish Community of Westchester County

1. Rabbi Shoshana Leis, Dobbs Ferry
2. Rabbi Howard Goldsmith, Rye
3. Rabbi Dina Rosenberg, Briarcliff Manor
4. Rabbi Ben Newman, Dobbs Ferry
5. Rabbi Michael Goldman, White Plains
6. Rabbi Akiva Nelson, White Plains
7. Rabbi Bob Gluck, Chappaqua
8. Rabbi Lester Bronstein, White Plains
9. Rabbi Joshua Strom, White Plains
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102. Paula Gilbert, Hastings-on-Hudson
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OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS

#5900 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq., on behalf of WAG America LLC, on premises known as 38 Hunt Ave, Block:3137, Lot:16 (B0035424) Zone: S-50

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#5790 – Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co.,

owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, (B30132)

Zone: BR \*Adjourned

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#5910 – Area Variances – Mark Blanchard, on behalf of Hudson Pointe, LLC., on premises known as 1205 Warburton Ave., Block: 3570, Lot: 1 (B0037131) Zone: MG.

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#5912 – Area Variances – Andrew Romano, on behalf of Centro Cristiano Jehova es Mi Bandera, Inc. on premises known as 27 Glenwood Ave., Block: 2121, Lot: 30 (B0035776) Zone: M.

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#5913 – Area Variance – Janet Giris, on behalf of Morris Westchester Upper Site Associates, LLC., on premises known as 79 Austin Ave., Block: 3285, Lot: 210 (B0034334) Zone: CM.

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#5914 – Area Variances – Stephen A. Veneruso, on behalf of AVL Homes, LLC., on premises known as 69 Spruce St., Block: 430, Lot: 58 (B0036935) Zone: A. \*Adjourned

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#5494 & 5667 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of 581 Development Corp, owner, on premises know as 581 Saw Mill River Road, Block:3100, Lot: 200, (B0011017) Zone: I

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#5915 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E on behalf of Ian Kim Ramos owner of 66 Pembroke Drive , Block:4468, Lot: 10 (B202406280) Zone: S-60

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#5916 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, on behalf of Tameshwar Kallicharan owner of 25 (aka 27) Hyatt Avenue, Block: 6245, Lot:25.26 (B0036837) Zone: T

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#5917 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, on behalf of Constantinos D. Kavvas, owner of 26 Hyatt Avenue, Block: 6417, Lot: # 60 (B0037471) Zone: T

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#5918 & 5074 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates,P.C., on 264 Nepperhan Ave LLC, owner of 264 (aka 270) Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 2051, Lot: 5 (B0000970) Zone: I

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#5919 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of 231 Lockwood Ave LLC c/o Jagdish Mitter, owner of 139 Mile Square Road (aka 231 Lockwood Ave), Block: 2290, Lot: 20.25 (B0037342) Zone: T

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NEW HEARINGS

#5918 & 5074 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates,P.C., on 264 Nepperhan Ave LLC, owner of 264 (aka 270) Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 2051, Lot: 5 (B0000970) Zone: I

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#5920 – Area Variance—Leo K. Napior on behalf of Gasoline & Car Wash Corp. of Yonkers, owner, on premises known as 360 Nepperhan Avenue (aka 364 Nepperhan Avenue), Block: 2067, Lot: 69 (B0037256) Zone: I, Industry

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#5921 (5895)—Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, on behalf of Pjeter Vukajs, owner of 9 Abner Place, Block: 6163, Lot: 32.34 (A0000269) Zone: T

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our schools have done a good job so far.

“However, we see what happened in Minneapolis. And we see what happens in schools outside of Minneapolis, in the suburbs, where there are 20% of students who are immigrants children. Parents are keeping their children home because things are happening around schools.

“That little boy was picked up with his father walking home from school, the five year old boy with the hat. These are transformative events.

“Not only in that child’s life and their parents, but in the life of the school, and we have to prepare for it and take every step we can to prepare not only students, but teachers and staff.”

“My bill makes clear that schools have to have a consistent policy that’s filed with the state education department, and it has to have certain things in it. In order to come into a school, you must have a judicial warrant. And it has to be reviewed by someone with authority.

“My bill also includes that every kid is entitled to enroll in a NY public school regardless of their immigration status or their parents status. We are also saying that school activities athletics or a play is covered by the same rules.

“We want parents to be able to say, ‘ I want to see my kid play basketball. In the story about the Minneapolis suburbs, you look at the picture of how many kids and parents came to the high school basketball game. The inside of the stadium is almost empty. As someone who knows how important these things are to kids and parents, that’s what we face if we don’t do everything within our power.”

“We are drilling down to what is constitutional and that protects our families and is the most we can do right now. I’m so thankful for our leader (Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins) that we are going to do something,” said Mayer on the show, (<https://nystateofpolitics.com/state-of-politics/new-york/politics/2026/02/02/n-y-senator-eyes-bill-to-prohibit-ice-from-accessing-schools-to-discuss-her-bill>)

After the show, Mayer posted, “Happy to sit down with Susan Arbetter at Capital Tonight to discuss my legislation (S8597/A10021), which affirms that every child has a right to a free public education in New York, regardless of immigration status, requires schools to have procedures for reviewing requests from immigration enforcement, and to prohibit schools from admitting immigration enforcement to school property without a valid judicial warrant or subpoena. We also spoke about the Governor’s proposed education plans in the executive budget.”

Senate Bill # S8597 states,

Prohibits children from being denied access to a free public education due to citizenship or immigration status.

This bill would affirm the right of every child to receive a free public education, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, prohibit schools from admitting immigration enforcement to school property or a school function without a valid judicial warrant or subpoena, and require schools to take steps to protect students.

Subdivision 3 prohibits schools from threatening to disclose information about a student’s actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status or the status of a person associated with them, or disclosing such information to immigration authorities or another entity if they do not have direct knowledge of the student’s actual status, and prohibits schools from disclosing anything related to the records or information about the immigration status or a student or someone associated with them unless required by law.

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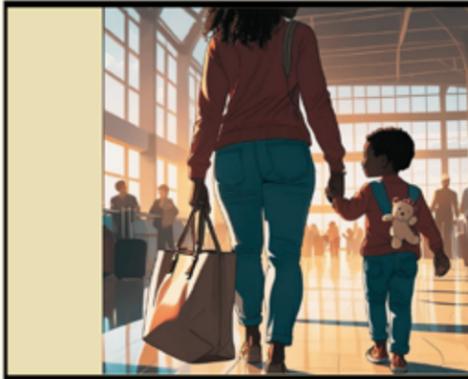
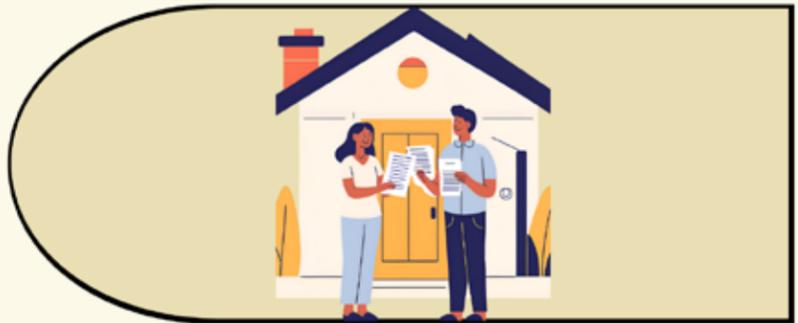


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